

Town of Mt. Tabor  
P.O. Box 245  
Mt. Tabor, VT 05739

Town Meeting  
March 5, 2018  
7:30 p.m.

Voting  
March 6, 2018  
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



2016 JULY 1

2016 Mt. Tabor,  
Vermont

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TOWN  
REPORT

JUNE 30

## MOUNT TABOR, VERMONT

**TOWN OFFICE PHONE** 293-5282  
**TOWN OFFICE FAX** 293-5287  
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**TOWN CLERK**  
William Basso 293-5020

**FIRE WARDEN**  
Wendell Davison Jr. 293-5335

**ASST. FIRE WARDEN**  
Mark Audy 293-5628

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS**  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Appointments as necessary.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
Select Thursdays as needed all year at Mt. Tabor town office at 5:00 p.m.

**SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS**  
Second Tuesday of each month at Mt. Tabor town office 7:00 p.m.

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS - RECYCLE - RECYCLE - RECYCLE**  
Tuesday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Check rates with waste disposal attendant for disposal of  
tires/toxic waste/appliances/furniture/electronics.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SCHEDULE**  
May 19 Danby/Mt. Tabor at Danby TS 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
June 2 Gleason Road HHW Depot 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
July 7 Gleason Road HHW Depot 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
July 28 Danby/Mt. Tabor at Danby TS 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
August 4 Gleason Road HHW Depot 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Sept. 1 Gleason Road HHW Depot 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Sept. 15 Danby/Mt. Tabor at Danby TS 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## EMERGENCY CALLS - Quick and Best Response 911

**NORTHSHIRE RESCUE SQUAD**  
**DANBY/MT. TABOR VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**

**VERMONT STATE POLICE.....773-9101**  
**POISON CONTROL CENTER .....658-3456**  
**RABIES HOT LINE .....1-800-472-2437**

Town Meeting and Voting will take place at the Town Clerk's Office, Mt. Tabor, VT.  
Voting information is posted at the Town Office,  
Mt. Tabor Market, Mt. Tabor-Danby Post Office.

## TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS 2017

<b>Moderator, Town</b>	Robert Gasperetti	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Moderator, School</b>	Robert Gasperetti	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	Wendell O. Davison, Jr.	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	Mark Audy	Term expires 2020
<b>Select Board</b>	Seth Beauregard	Term expires 2019
<b>Town Clerk</b>	William Basso II	Term expires 2020
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	William Basso II	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Tax Collector</b>	William Basso II	Term expires 2019
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	William Basso II	Term expires 2019
<b>Auditor</b>	Adele Eichel	Term expires 2019
<b>Auditor - APPOINTED</b>	Alice Gilborn	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Auditor</b>	Sheila Carr	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Lister</b>	Adele Eichel	Term expires 2020
<b>Lister</b>	Michael Caporale	Term expires 2019
<b>Lister</b>	William Basso II	<b>Term Expires 2018</b>
<b>Grand Juror</b>	Herbert Ogden	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Town Agent</b>	Herbert Ogden	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Trustee of Public Funds</b>	Robert Gasperetti	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Justice of the Peace</b>	William Beauregard	Term expires 2019
	Phillippa Cully	Term expires 2019
	William Gaiotti	Term expires 2019
	Robert Gasperetti	Term expires 2019
	Herbert Ogden	Term expires 2019
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<b>Town School Director</b>	Sarah Donner	Term expires 2020
<b>Town School Director</b>	Jane Crawford	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Town School Director</b>	Jane Crawford	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Union District #23 Director</b>	Herbert Ogden	Term expires 2019

<b>Road Commissioners</b>	Select Board	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Town Service Agent</b>	Nelson Tift	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Town Health Officer</b>	Nelson Tift	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Robert Gasperetti	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
	William Gaiotti	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
	Wayne King	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
	Robert Gasperetti	<b>Term expires 2018</b>

<b>Weigher of Coal</b>	Robert Gasperetti	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Inspector of Wood, Lumber and Shingles</b>	Mark Audy	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Tree Warden</b>	Select Board	
<b>Solid Waste Advisor</b>	Wendell O. Davison, Jr.	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Deputy Registrars</b>	Joseph Bernhart (Aldous)	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
	George Hopp (Aldous)	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
	Jon W. French (Brewster)	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Truant Officer</b>	William Basso II	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>1st Constable</b>	William Basso II	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>2nd Constable</b>	Wendell O. Davison, Jr.	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>Dog Warden</b>	Seth Beauregard	<b>Term expires 2018</b>
<b>911 Coordinator</b>	Wendell O. Davison, Jr.	

# **Mt. Tabor 2017**

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## **TOWN OF MT. TABOR**

### **WARNING - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters in the Town of Mount Tabor, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Office on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 PM and Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM to act on the following:

#### **TO BE VOTED ON MARCH 5, 2018 at 7:30 PM:**

- ARTICLE 1.** Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of **\$2,014** to support the **Manchester Rescue Squad**?
- ARTICLE 2.** Shall the town vote to allocate a sum of **\$2,107** to support the **Manchester Rescue Squad Ambulance Fund**?
- ARTICLE 3.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum equal to **\$100** for the support of mentor recruitment and training for **The Mentor Connector** to provide services to residents of the Town?
- ARTICLE 4.** Shall the town vote a sum of money to join the **Vermont League of Cities and Towns**?
- ARTICLE 5.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$770** to support the **Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice** in Fiscal Year 2018: **\$330** to support **Rutland Area Hospice** and **\$440** to support **RAVNAH Home & Community Health Services**?
- ARTICLE 6.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$200** for the support of **Rutland Mental Health Services (formerly) Rutland Area Community Services** so that these services can be maintained?
- ARTICLE 7.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the work of the **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** with Mt. Tabor elders?
- ARTICLE 8.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$100** to help support the **Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter**?
- ARTICLE 9.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$200** to support the programs and services of **BROC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)**?
- ARTICLE 10.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$55** to support the **Vermont Center of Independent Living**?
- ARTICLE 11.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$100** to support the **Neighborworks of Western Vermont? (formerly Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc)**
- ARTICLE 12.** Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of **\$100** to support the **Rutland County Humane Society**?
- ARTICLE 13.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$400** to support the **Child First Advocacy Center**?
- ARTICLE 14.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the **Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District**?

- ARTICLE 15.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the **American Red Cross of Vermont and the New Hampshire Valley**?
- ARTICLE 16.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$7105** for operating funds for the **Danby-Mt Tabor Volunteer Fire Department**?
- ARTICLE 17.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$300** to support the **Rutland County Parent-Child Center**?
- ARTICLE 18.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor, vote to appropriate **\$500** to support **The Mount Tabor-Danby Historical Society** to provide services to the residents of the Town?
- ARTICLE 19.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$925** for dues to join the **Rutland Regional Planning Commission**?
- ARTICLE 20.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$50** to support **Green Up Vermont**?
- ARTICLE 21.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$100** to support the **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force**?
- ARTICLE 22.** Shall the town vote a proposed budget to **meet the expenses** of the town for the year **2018-2019** and authorize the Select Board to **set a tax rate** sufficient to provide the same?
- ARTICLE 23.** Shall the town vote to print a **Town Report** for the year ending **June 30, 2018**?
- ARTICLE 24.** Shall the town vote to accept the **Report of the Town Officers** for the year ending **June 30, 2017**?
- ARTICLE 25.** **To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.**

**TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT, MARCH 6, 2018 FROM 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

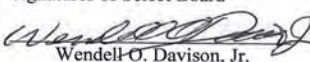
**ARTICLE 26. To elect the following town officers for the ensuing term of office:**

Moderator — Town for 1 year term  
 Moderator — School for 1 year term  
 Town Treasurer for 3 year term  
 Select Board for 3 year term  
 Auditor for 2 year term  
 Auditor for 3 year term

Lister for 3 year term  
 Town Agent for 1 year term  
 Town Grand Juror for 1 year term  
 Trustee of Public Funds for 1 year term  
 Mount Tabor School Director for 3 year term  
 Union District #23 School Board for 3 year term

Dated the 31<sup>st</sup> day of JANUARY, 2018

Signatures of Select Board

  
 Wendell O. Davison, Jr.

  
 Mark Audy

  
 Seth Beauregard

Received for recording this 31<sup>st</sup> day of JANUARY, 2018.

Attest: Wm G Basso II Town Clerk  
 William G Basso II  
 Mount Tabor, Vermont

## FIRST ANNUAL TACONIC AND GREEN TOWN REPORT NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your 2017 local town report includes the following information:

- Town School District Warning
- FY17 Actual Budget for reference purposes (Note - the FY18 anticipated and FY19 Budget is available in the Taconic and Green Annual Report)

- Superintendent, Audit and Enrollment Report
- Board/Principal Reports for Districts operating a school: Dorset, Manchester and Sunderland

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

## **MOUNT TABOR TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

The legal voters of the Mount Tabor Town School District, Mount Tabor, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned that the District will hold an annual meeting which will commence at the Mount Tabor Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. to transact any business which may legally come before the voters.

The meeting will then adjourn until Tuesday, March 6, 2018 on which date the polls will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. at the Mount Tabor Town Clerk's Office to vote on the following articles by Australian ballot:

**Article 1:** To elect one school director for the Mt. Tabor 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 December 20, 2016.

**Article 2:** To elect one school director for the UD#23 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 December 20, 2016.

Absentee voting will be permitted on all matters to be voted upon by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Dated this 11th day of January 2018.

MOUNT TABOR BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Herb Ogden, Chair  
Sarah Donner, Clerk  
William Beauregard

Mt. Tabor School District FY17 Year End Summary

EXPENDITURES

Secondary Program					
General Administration/Board					
Office of the Superintendent					
Fiscal Services					
Transportation					
Special Education					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED					

REVENUE

Local/Miscellaneous					
Interest					
Prior Year Adjustments					
State/Federal					
Transportation Reimbursement					
Special Ed Block Grant					
Special Ed Reimbursement					
Forest Revenue					



Revenue Subtotal	\$100,028	\$100,926	\$54,934	(\$45,094)	(\$45,992)
Education Spending	<u>144,351</u>	<u>144,351</u>	<u>144,351</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Revenues Received</b>	<b>\$244,379</b>	<b><u>\$245,277</u></b>	<b><u>\$199,285</u></b>	<b><u>(\$45,094)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$45,992)</u></b>
Surplus Used/(Deficit) Raised/Reserve Transfers	11,573				
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$255,952</u></b>				
<b>Overall Anticipated to Actual Unfavorable Variance</b>					
<b><u>(\$57,275)</u></b>					

**FUND BALANCES**

	General Fund	Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund
<b>Balance June 30, 2016</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$305,662</u></b>
Actual Revenue FY17	\$199,285	\$0
Actual Expenditures FY17	(213,455)	0
Transfer from Reserves - Budgeted	<u>11,573</u>	<u>(11,573)</u>
<b>Balance June 30, 2017</b>	<b><u>(\$2,597)</u></b>	<b><u>\$294,089</u></b>

The district anticipated a surplus of \$54,678 at the end of FY17 and ended the year with a deficit of \$2,597, an unfavorable variance of \$57,275, due mainly to increased secondary enrollment and decreased federal forest revenue.

# **Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

Jacquelyne Wilson

January 2018

This year has been a year of transition for the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU). Last March, voters from nine of our communities (Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, Weston) voted overwhelming to merge their school districts and form the Taconic and Green Regional School District. Since July, the Taconic and Green School Board, chaired by Herb Ogden, has worked tirelessly to meet the go live deadline of July 1, 2018. On July 1, 2018, the town school districts will cease to exist and the Taconic and Green will serve as the governing body.

It has been a pleasure for me to work with Taconic and Green Board to create a new school district. They are a dedicated, visionary Board and their actions demonstrate commitment to all our children. I have every expectation that in future years we will be able to offer more program opportunities for our learners, without increasing cost. For example, we have talked about the possibility of creating innovative programs that students across schools could assess via in-district school choice. With year one of transition almost behind us, the Board will turn its attention to educational policy. Next fall, the Board will be seeking engagement from parents and community members to inform their policy development. We hope that many of you will choose to participate in this exciting work.

While the Taconic and Green Regional School District is somewhat sheltered from significant tax increases throughout the merger incentive phase, which expires in FY23, we are planning for the future by taking a close look at our student to staff ratios. Vermont spends a lot to educate its students and over time we have come to accept micro classroom sizes as the norm. The Taconic and Green Board has agreed to use staff attrition to move away from micro class sizes and strive for small classroom sizes of 15-18 in grades K-3 and 18-24 students in grades 4-8. Communities can expect to see more multiage classrooms in the future. For the past five years the BRSU has been focusing on developing a personalized approach to learning, where every child has the opportunity to learn at their level and at their speed. Multiage classrooms foster a personalized approach while enabling the school to better use its resources.

The Pawlet and Rupert communities have also been focused on merger work this year. It has been a very challenging journey for these two communities as they wrestle with moving away from their longstanding practice of designation to New York schools for students in grades 7-12 to offering choice. This past November, the communities of Pawlet and Rupert did vote to merge and offer choice to grades 7-12 students but this was a close vote. In December, some Rupert citizens petitioned for reconsideration of the vote and this vote will occur in February. Given the uncertainty regarding who the governing body will be in FY19, we were not able to produce a budget. After the reconsideration vote, we will begin the budgeting process and bring a budget forth for approval in April.

The Winhall School District continues to be open to merging with other K-12 non-operating districts but this has proven to be a challenge for them. At one point

they were part of a merger study committee with Sandgate and Stratton but this committee dissolved. The dissolution was largely due to the fact that Winhall has a high tax rate and this has made merging with them unattractive to other districts. Winhall's tax woes are the result of an unusual number of new students. This year, the Board budgeted for 10 additional students but instead 29 enrolled. In a choice district, every additional student results in an additional tuition payment, hence the dramatic impact on the budget. Winhall's merger future is unknown at this time. They have filed the required Section 9 proposal with the Vermont Agency of Education, which outlines their merger work thus far, and will await a decision from the Agency and State Board of Education regarding their future. If there are no viable partners for them, it is possible that they will be allowed to remain as a stand-alone in the BRSU but there are no guarantees.

In addition to all of the merger work, this year we also negotiated and implemented new health care plans for all our employees in the BRSU. The new health plans are ACA (Affordable Care Act) compliant and have much larger out of pocket deductibles than our previously offered plans. The health care negotiation process was very positive and I believe that all parties are satisfied with the end result and we have been able to reduce costs.

In July, two key positions were filled by educators from within the BRSU. Sarah Reed, previously the Asst. Principal at the Flood Brook School, was hired in July as the Director of Curriculum. Sarah has been working non-stop with principals and teachers to revise curriculum, analyze performance data, and put systems in place to support personalized learning. The BRSU will be moving towards a proficiency-based system of learning and reporting out and much of Sarah's work has been focused on this initiative. Over the next year we will be sharing this work with you as it develops. Randi Kulis stepped into the role of Asst. Superintendent. Randi was previously the Director of Student Services for the BRSU. Randi still oversees special education, but she also provides instructional leadership to all the principals and does some governance work.

My sincere thanks to all the Board members who have served on all our boards. It has been a complicated year and you have been incredibly supportive and flexible.

I look forward to FY19 and hopefully getting on the other side of Act 46 and merger work. While it has been a great learning experience, I'm ready to give more time to educational leadership and less time to governance.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT  
MT TABOR TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 1, 2017**

**Currier Memorial School**

Town	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Danby	-	12	6	12	13	9	13	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	74
Mt Tabor	-	1	1	4	1	0	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Total	-	13	7	16	14	9	15	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	86

**Mt. Tabor Enrollment**

School	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Burr & Burton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	5
Currier School	-	1	1	4	1	0	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Manchester	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Mill River	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	3	6
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Total	0	1	1	4	1	0	2	3	1	3	1	0	6	4	27

**MT TABOR SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT**

The Mt. Tabor Board of School Directors engaged RHR Smith & Company, CPA's, Buxton, Maine, to conduct an audit of its FY17 financial statements. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection at [www.brsu.org](http://www.brsu.org) or by calling the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union at 362-2452.

**VITAL STATISTICS CALENDAR YEAR 2017**

**BIRTHS**

**DEATHS**

Walter R. Kent

Edward J. Howarth

Robert E. Alexander, Sr.

**MARRIAGES**

Kyle Michael Brisson & Lindsay Sarah Pogash

**TOWN OF MOUNT TABOR WARNING SUPPLEMENT  
NOTICE TO VOTERS**

**TOWN MEETING:** Monday, March 5, 2018 at **7:30PM**

**AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 **10:00AM - 7:00PM**

**BEFORE ELECTION DAY.....**

**CHECKLIST POSTED: February 4, 2018**

**MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE CHECKLIST. IF IT IS NOT, SEE BELOW.**

**REGISTER TO VOTE:**

**WHEN:** No later than **7:00PM on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.**

**WHERE:** Town Clerk's Office – **10:00 AM - 7:00PM.**

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** Upon request. No reason needed.

**WHERE:** Town Clerk's Office.

**HOW:** Voters, family members, authorized persons or health care providers.

**WAYS OF VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:**

1. Vote in Town Clerk's Office
2. Have ballot mailed to you, and mail it back to clerk's office
3. Have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home before the day of Australian Ballot voting.

**SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**REPORT OF DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR  
MT. TABOR, VERMONT  
YEAR REPORTING AS OF JUNE 30, 2017**

**TAX RATES FY 2017**

Homestead tax rate school.....	\$1.2752
Non-Residential School .....	\$1.4685
Municipal .....	\$0.07
Highway .....	\$0.03

**2015 DELINQUENT TAXES**

Griffith Jr., John..... **\$ 41.83**

**2016 DELINQUENT TAXES**

Griffith Jr., John..... **\$ 38.97**

Secoy, William..... **\$ 249.69**

**Grand Total .....** **\$ 330.49**



William G. Basso II, Delinquent Tax Collector

SELECTBOARD ORDERS	EXPENDITURES JULY 01, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017				
	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
AMERICAN RED CROSS					250.00
BROC					200.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION					7105.00
FIRE TRUCK PAYMENT					6000.00
CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER					400.00
GREEN UP VERMONT					50.00
RURAL VERMONT FIRE PROTECTION					100.00
MENTOR CONNECTOR					100.00
EARLY ED ENHANCEMENT					
RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY					100.00
NORTHSHIRE RESCUE SQUAD					900.00
NORTHSHIRE RESCUE AMBULANCE FUND					1494.00
NEIGHBORHOOD WORKS OF W.VT.					100.00
RUTLAND VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE					770.00
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH					200.00
RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT-CHILD					300.00
NEW STORY CENTER					100.00
SOUTHWEST VT COUNCIL ON AGING					250.00
VT CENTER FOR IND LIVING					55.00
DANBY/MT. TABOR "NOW"	250.00				
MT.TABOR-DANBY HISTORICAL SOC.					500.00
<b>TOWN OFFICIALS</b>					
TOWN CLERK	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
ASST. TOWN CLERK					
TREASURER	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
ASST. TREASURER					
AUDITORS		180.00		50.00	70.00
LISTERS	132.00	48.00	48.00		132.00
SELECT BOARD CLERK	75.00	60.00	195.00	60.00	60.00
POLICE DEPT. CLERK	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
ELECTION SERVICES		441.00			489.00
SELECT BOARD SERVICES					
SOLID WASTE ATTENDANT	775.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
POLICE OFFICER SERVICES	1751.04	1696.32	1723.68	1737.36	1764.72
POLICE OFFICER MILEAGE	1363.50	1309.50	1341.90	1352.70	1385.10
ANIMAL CONTROL WARDEN					
TAX COLLECTORS FEE 1%				2759.36	76.56
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>					
ANIMAL TAGS & FORMS			76.49		
ATTORNEYS FEES					
TOWN OFFICE/SCHOOL BLDG. MAINT.		14030.75			
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE					
COMPUTER MAINT./NEMRC SUPPORT		30.00		1336.85	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE					215.00
COPIER MAINT.				124.00	201.00
DOG LICENSE FEE TO CLERK					
DOG LICENSE FEE TO STATE				5.00	
ELECTRIC	64.44	132.20		183.06	220.50
FURNITURE & FIXTURES					
OFFICE & CEMETERY MOWING					
LEGAL & ADVERTISING					
LAND RECORDS RESTORATION					
MARRIAGE LIC. FEE TO CLERK					
MARRIAGE LIC. FEE TO STATE				50.00	
CURRIER SCHOOL DISTRICT					124159.88
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT					143138.03
OFFICE EQUIPMENT					
OFFICE SUPPLIES	60.73				97.52
PAYROLL TAXES FICA/MEDI	363.91	337.23	335.88	456.73	367.90
VT.UNEMPLOYMENT TAX				87.70	
PETTY CASH		100.00			
POLICE DEPT. DUES / TRAINING					
POLICE DEPT. EXPENSES					492.54
POSTAL BOX RENT		84.00			
POSTAGE	60.63	94.00			
PREP. OF W2'S & 1099'S					
PUNCH CARDS			25.00		
PROPERTY TAX OVERPAY REFUND				295.86	

DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTALS
							250.00
							200.00
							7105.00
							6000.00
							400.00
							50.00
							100.00
							100.00
						350.00	350.00
							100.00
							900.00
							1494.00
							100.00
							770.00
							200.00
							300.00
							100.00
							250.00
							55.00
							250.00
							500.00
1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	12000.00
				204.00	144.00	144.00	492.00
1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	12000.00
							0.00
282.00	361.00		122.00		72.00		1137.00
60.00	156.00	156.00	516.00	240.00	288.00	48.00	1824.00
75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	90.00	90.00	60.00	990.00
36.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	48.00	36.00	36.00	348.00
			525.00			61.40	1516.40
900.00							900.00
400.00	500.00	400.00	475.00	400.00	400.00	430.00	5380.00
1764.72	1778.40	1682.64	1682.64	1614.24	1463.76	1641.60	20301.12
1355.40	1355.55	1278.65	1278.65	1214.45	1126.18	1265.28	15626.86
							0.00
							2835.92
							76.49
							0.00
		510.70			200.10	170.00	14911.55
							0.00
137.35					408.50		1912.70
							215.00
							325.00
							0.00
	20.00						25.00
	121.88	114.93	138.88	128.82	87.74	97.39	1289.84
							0.00
		955.00					955.00
							0.00
4.50							4.50
							0.00
							50.00
							124159.88
							143138.03
							0.00
			102.02	39.99			300.26
424.00	366.77	331.83	374.44	353.92		438.50	4151.11
77.32				83.44		83.74	332.20
							100.00
			40.00				40.00
	277.00		58.39				827.93
						196.00	280.00
	64.53		49.00		73.23		341.39
	90.00						90.00
55.00							80.00
							295.86

SELECTBOARD ORDERS	EXPENDITURES JULY 01, 2016- JUNE 30, 2017 continued				
	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	1721.83				
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	577.30	385.15	584.65		1110.50
SOLID WASTE MAINTENANCE		285.00			140.00
SURETY BOND					
TELEPHONE / DSL	111.88	111.99	111.45	112.11	111.55
TOWN MAPPING				1987.50	
TOWN OFFICERS CONFERENCES					
TOWN OFFICERS DUES / VMCTA		50.00			
TOWN OFFICIALS MILEAGE			27.00		
TOWN REPORT PRINTING & LAYOUT					
TOWN REPORT POSTAGE					
VALA DUES		50.00			
VLCT DUES	1153.00				
VLCT INSURANCE					
HIGHWAY CLASS 2 EXPENSE	877.50	146.52		150.00	11798.40
HIGHWAY CLASS 3 EXPENSE					
WINTER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE					1814.04
<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>	<b>11,361.76</b>	<b>21,995.66</b>	<b>6,893.05</b>	<b>13,172.23</b>	<b>307,178.20</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					

#### TOWN TREASURER'S REVENUE REPORT 2016-2017

Balance on hand 07/01/2016 **169,746.13**

DOG LICENCES	289.00
CURRENT TAX	275,985.71
CIVIL FINES	113,422.01
DELINQUENT TAXES	12,743.67
DUMP LOT LEASE	250.00
EARLY ED ELEC REIMBURSEMENT	1,289.84
FISH & WILDLIFE PILOT	7,655.58
GENERAL FUND INTEREST	131.68
GRAND LIST PARCEL PAYMENT	0.00
GRAVEL PIT INCOME	280.00
HIGHWAY AID	14,010.18
HIGHWAY PERMITS	55.00
JUDICIAL REFUND	8,910.46
LIQUOR LICENCE	70.00
LISTERS EDUCATION	421.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES	120.00
PUNCH CARD RECEIPTS	50,828.00
MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	27.75
RAILROAD TAX	32.89
SALT REIMBURSEMENT	5,396.52
SCHOOL DIST REFUND	3,694.72
PD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	492.54

**TOTAL REVENUES** **496,106.55**

Total on hand **665,852.68**

**EXPENDITURES 06-30-2017** **481,854.31**

Checks Outstanding 35,598.67

Transfers to/from Sub-Accounts 104,774.36

**BALANCE ON HAND 06-30-2017** **43,625.34**



DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTALS
							<u>1721.83</u>
602.50	597.25		615.10	621.40	618.25	619.30	<b>6331.40</b>
				30.00	4857.20		<b>5312.20</b>
	100.00						<b>100.00</b>
104.76	111.80	110.94	113.78	110.81	110.66	110.57	<b>1332.30</b>
							<b>1987.50</b>
		135.00	135.00	50.00			<b>320.00</b>
				20.00			<b>70.00</b>
		2.40	23.54	68.67	12.31		<b>133.92</b>
		1404.00					<b>1404.00</b>
		126.49					<b>126.49</b>
							<b>50.00</b>
							<b>1153.00</b>
9061.00				36.00			<b>9097.00</b>
						29692.70	<b>42665.12</b>
							<b>0.00</b>
4949.75	1821.31	9722.41		2915.00			<b>21222.51</b>
<b>22,289.30</b>	<b>7,999.18</b>	<b>9,307.58</b>	<b>8,348.44</b>	<b>7,353.74</b>	<b>11,987.93</b>	<b>37,444.48</b>	
							<b>\$481,854.31</b>

#### OTHER ASSETS - Sub-Accounts 2016 - 2017

Civil Fines	113,555.25
Delos Bromley Trust	1,160.55
Glebe Lot	1,268.09
Highway Reserve	99,923.67
Highway Account	77,522.59
Listers/Hold Harmless	6,099.90
K.T.Griffith Trust	2,923.78
Police Dept. Reserve	6,185.98
Records Restoration	1,818.04
S.L. Griffith Fund	442.70
Reappraisal Fund	21,673.58
Town Mapping	803.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$333,377.39</b>

#### HIGHWAY EXPENSES

	Budget final 2016-2017	Budget actual 2016-2017	Budget proposed 2017-2018	Budget final 2017-2018	Budget proposed 2018-2019
Class 2 Expense	5,000.00	42,665.12	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Class 3 Expense	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Winter Maintinance	17,000.00	21,222.51	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
<b>Total Hwy Expense</b>	<b>22,500.00</b>	<b>63,887.63</b>	<b>22,500.00</b>	<b>22,500.00</b>	<b>22,500.00</b>
Highway State Aid		-14,010.18			
Salt Reimbursement		-5,396.52			
<b>Actual Town Expense</b>		<b>44,480.93</b>			

#### School Expenditures 2016-2017

Homestead taxes to Mt. Tabor School District	51,344.17
Non-residential taxes to Mt. Tabor School District	<u>89,763.72</u>
<b>Total to Mt. Tabor School District</b>	<b>141,107.89</b>
Homestead taxes to Currier Memorial	44,536.64
Non-residential taxes to Currier Memorial	<u>77,862.28</u>
<b>Total to Currier Memorial</b>	<b>122,398.92</b>
<b>Total education tax dollars sent to School District by Mt. Tabor</b>	<b>\$263,506.81</b>

## SELECT BOARD BUDGET 2016-2019

	2016-2017 FINAL	2016-2017 ACTUAL	2017-2018 PROPOSED	2017-2018 FINAL	2018-2019 PROPOSED
TAX COLLECTOR 1%	3000.00	2835.92	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
TOWN CLERK	12000.00	12000.00	12000.00	12000.00	12000.00
ASS'T TOWN CLERK	750.00	492.00	750.00	1000.00	1000.00
TOWN TREASURER	12000.00	12000.00	12000.00	12000.00	12000.00
AUDITORS	1500.00	1137.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
SELECT BOARD SERVICES	1800.00	900.00	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00
ELECTION OFFICIALS	1500.00	1516.40	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
TOWN CONSTABLES/DUES/TRAIN	100.00	40.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
LISTER SERVICES	2000.00	1824.00	2000.00	2500.00	2500.00
POLICE OFFICER SERVICES	20000.00	20301.12	20000.00	20000.00	20000.00
ASS'T TREASURER	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
SELECT BOARD CLERK	750.00	990.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
REAPPRAISAL FUND	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
POLICE DEPT. EXPENSES	200.00	827.93	200.00	200.00	200.00
POLICE DEPT CLERK	350.00	348.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
ATTORNEYS FEES	1000.00	0.00	600.00	1000.00	600.00
PREP OF W2'S & 1099'S	100.00	90.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
TOWN OFFICE & SCHOOL BLDG. MAINT.	12000.00	14911.55	500.00	1500.00	1500.00
CEMETARY MAINTAINANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OFFICE / CEMETERY MOWING	1000.00	955.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
COPIER MAINTENANCE	350.00	325.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
COMPUTER MAINT./NEMRC SUPPORT	1800.00	1912.70	1900.00	4400.00	4400.00
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	500.00	215.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
LEGAL ADVERTISING	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
TOWN OFFICERS CONFERENCES	500.00	320.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
TAX REFUND OVERPAYMENT	0.00	295.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	600.00	300.26	500.00	600.00	600.00
POSTAGE	200.00	341.39	200.00	400.00	400.00
P. O. BOX RENT	100.00	280.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
FURN. & FIXTURES	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
RECORDS BOOKS(restoration)	500.00	4.50	500.00	500.00	500.00
PETTY CASH	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
TELEPHONE / INTERNET	1200.00	1332.30	1200.00	1300.00	1300.00
ELECTRIC	0.00	1289.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
HEAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ANIMAL TAGS & FORMS	75.00	76.49	100.00	100.00	100.00
DOG LICENSE FEES TO STATE	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DOG LICENSE FEES TO CLERK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
TOWN MAPPING	2000.00	1987.50	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
PAYROLL TAXES FED/STATE (FICA/MEDI)	4500.00	4151.11	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
VT UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	250.00	332.20	300.00	300.00	300.00
TOWN REPORT PRINTING & LAYOUT	1300.00	1404.00	1300.00	1550.00	1550.00
TOWN REPORT MAILING	200.00	126.49	200.00	200.00	200.00
VLCT INSURANCE	9000.00	9097.00	9500.00	9001.00	9001.00
VLCT DUES	1200.00	1153.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00
FIRE TRUCK PAYMENT	6000.00	6000.00	6000.00	6000.00	6000.00
DANBY-MT TABOR FIRE DEPT APPROP.	7200.00	7105.00	7200.00	7200.00	7200.00
SURETY BOND	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	1800.00	1721.83	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00
TOWN OFFICERS DUES / VMCTA	50.00	70.00	50.00	100.00	100.00
VALA ANNUAL DUES	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
CLERK MARRIAGE LICENCE FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STATE MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT MILEAGE	16000.00	15626.86	16000.00	16000.00	16000.00
TOWN OFFICIALS MILEAGE	350.00	133.92	350.00	350.00	350.00

## SELECT BOARD BUDGET 2016-2019 - continued

	2016-2017 FINAL	2016-2017 ACTUAL	2017-2018 PROPOSED	2017-2018 FINAL	2018-2019 PROPOSED
SOLID WASTE ATTENDANT	4800.00	5380.00	5000.00	5500.00	5500.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	8000.00	6331.40	8000.00	7000.00	7000.00
SOLID WASTE MAINTENANCE	0.00	5312.20	100.00	500.00	500.00
SOLID WASTE PUNCH CARDS	75.00	80.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
CURRIER SCHOOL DISTRICT PAYMENT	0.00	124159.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
CURRIER SCHOOL DISTRICT PAYMENT	0.00	143138.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY (Winter Maint)	17000.00	21222.51	17000.00	17000.00	17000.00
HIGHWAY CLASS 2 EXPENSE	5000.00	42665.12	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
HIGHWAY CLASS 3 EXPENSE	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
NORTHSHIRE RESCUE SQUAD	900.00	900.00	1700.00	2200.00	2200.00
NORTHSHIRE RESCUE AMBULANCE	1500.00	1494.00	2200.00	1500.00	1500.00
SW VT COUNCIL ON AGING	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
RUTLAND VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE	770.00	770.00	770.00	770.00	770.00
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
NEW STORY CENTER	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
RUTL COUNTY HUMANE SOC.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
BROC	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
EARLY ED ENRICHMENT	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VT CENTER FOR IND LIVING	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00
NEIGHBOR WORKS OF W. VT	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
MT TABOR-DANBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
RED CROSS OF VT & NH	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
THE MENTOR CONNECTOR	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
GREEN UP VERMONT	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
VT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
DANBY-MT TABOR "NOW" (Veteran Memorial)	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>170,025.00</b>	<b>481,854.31</b>	<b>160,775.00</b>	<b>174,326.00</b>	<b>174,326.00</b>

**\$00.00 = 2016-2019 non budget items**

**GRAND LIST 2017      \$ 23,172,949**

### REPORT OF THE GRAND JUROR

Town Grand Jurors are elected officials whose duty is to either report violations of the law or prosecute them. I am still working to eliminate an illegal junkyard on Route 7. I have met with the owner several times over the last seven years. In 2017, for the first time in several years, State officials also contacted him. He still has at least twice the legal limit of three unregistered vehicles. I believe junkyards reduce neighborhood property values and make tourists want to go elsewhere, so I will keep working on this.

Herbert G. Ogden  
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# GRAND LIST EVALUATIONS 2017

		Real	Equipment
ABBOTT CHARLES F		2,700	
ABBOTT KENNETH G	ABBOTT MARJORIE L	1,300	
ABBOTT KENNETH G	ABBOTT MARJORIE L	197,700	
ABBOTT KENNETH G	ABBOTT MARJORIE L	270,200	
ABBOTT KENNETH G	ABBOTT MARJORIE L	141,900	
AHLBORG MARCIA		384,300	
ALEXANDER RICHARD		57,000	
AMERIGAS	THE ALBANO GROUP LLC	0	1,568
ANDERSON KURT B	ANDERSON CATHERINE M	184,400	
ANZIVINO LEONARD	(NELSON WILLIAMS)	14,600	
AT&T MOBILITY LLC	ATTN: PROPERTY TAX DEPT	0	23,549
AUDY MARK	AUDY LAURIE	222,100	
BAKER RANDY	BAKER ELAINE	167,400	
BAKER RANDY	BAKER ELAINE	4,500	
BAKER RONALD	BAKER FRANCES	96,700	
BASSO II WILLIAM G		127,200	
BEAUREGARD WILLIAM	BEAUREGARD NANCY	239,600	
BEAUREGARD WILLIAM	BEAUREGARD NANCY	62,000	
BEAYOU COLLEEN E	BEAYON RONALD P	293,100	
BRETON LINDA J		112,300	
BRYAN REBBECCA DEFORGE	CATHERINE C/O E. CROSBY	38,200	
BURDEN LONNA	BURDEN WILLIAM	300	
CAPORALE MICHAEL A.	CAPORALE CLAUDIA	349,000	
CARR SHEILA H		264,600	
CEBO SEBASTIAN	CEBO MALGORZATA	181,900	
CHAMBERLAIN TERRY	CHAMBERLAIN LORETTA	325,500	
CHAMPLAIN OIL COMPANY		0	4,000
COLEMAN MARTIN JR		231,800	
COMCAST (RUTLAND)	ATTN: PROPERTY TAX DEPT	0	26,406
CRAWFORD NED	CRAWFORD JANE	223,900	
CROSBY E C & SONS		74,600	
CROSBY E C & SONS		297,900	
CROSBY E C & SONS		0	2,938
CROSBY ELBERT	CROSBY SUZANNE	140,800	
CROSBY ELBERT	CROSBY SUZANNE	113,600	
CROSBY MARY E	MORRISON FELICIA J	187,500	
CULLY JOHN F.	CULLY PHILIPPA E.	408,600	
CURTIS LAURENCE		800	
DAVENPORT, BARBARA	HALLIDAY SHANNA B.	247,100	
DAVISON WENDELL O	DAVISON LINDA W	127,900	
DEBRUIN JOHANNES		201,700	
DEVINE JAMES L.		68,000	
DICKSON JACK		247,800	
DIRECTV LLC	ATTN: PROPERTY TAX DEPT	0	96
DISH NETWORK LLC	ATTN: TAX DEPT	0	1,380
DONNER SARAH		135,100	
DUNBAR STEVEN CHARLES	DUNBAR LISA ANN	181,100	
DUPONT DANIEL		19,300	
DWORKIN ADAM	GERIAK KAREN	348,300	
EICHEL ADELE R	EICHEL JAMES R & DANA R	227,400	

FALZO EDWARD M		78,000	
FALZO EDWARD M		8,800	
FALZO THOMAS L		54,400	
FARO ROBERT C	FARO TAMMY L	423,500	
FORD EVAN	FORD NEDALEEN	52,600	
FULLER TOM	FULLER PAM	2,700	
GAIOTTI WILLIAM	GAIOTTI HELAINE	471,900	
GAIOTTI EDWARD F	GAIOTTI LINDA W.	426,200	
GAIOTTI THOMAS R	GAIOTTI PRISCILLA	199,700	
GALLAGHER JAMES	GALLAGHER DEBORAH	60,200	
GARBARINO SERAFINO		15,500	
GARBARINO SERAFINO	CURTIS LAURENCE	67,600	
GASPARETTI ROBERT	FURNITURE MAKER	0	13,700
GASPERETTI CHERYL ANN		277,700	
GASPERETTI ROBERT M		370,800	
GAWET PHILIP J		26,500	
GELCO CORPORATION		0	285
GERVAIS DANIEL C	GERVAIS TERRY LYNN	400	
GIORDANO MARY T	BARBER PETER G	299,400	
GOODELL JR RICHARD		194,100	
GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER	ATTN: PROPERTY TAX ADMIN	0	1,562
GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER	ATTN: PROPERTY TAX ADMIN	258,800	
GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER	ATTN: PROPERTY TAX ADMIN	0	3,347
GREENE DAVID ALLEN		174,200	
GREENE PEARL		145,800	
GRIFFITH EDWARD D & DOROTHY A. - NICHOLS, JENNIFER			
	(46,400 Land Use Exempt 25,100)	21,300	
GRIFFITH JR. JOHN	40 RAICHES CROSSROAD	2,100	
GRIFFITH LESTER	GRIFFITH CHERYL	115,000	
GROSS MARIA ELIZA		148,900	
GROSS MARIA ELIZA		42,900	
HALL ANNE JONES		300	
HALLIGAN INGRID	HALLIGAN WILLIAM CARL	10,100	
HANSEN ODD E	HANSEN JENNIFER L	479,900	
HART MONTIE H	HART CAROL E	200,400	
HASKINS GAS SERVICE		0	200
HOSLEY DAVID J	HOSLEY FAIE S	21,200	
HOWARD DOROTHY J		631,800	
HOWARD SUSAN B		262,200	
HOWARTH EDWARD J	HOWARTH BEVERLY T	274,000	
JONES JACQUELYN, O. & EUGENE K. TRUSTEES		128,700	
JULIANO SUSANNE		175,500	
KASK JOSEPH A	KASK LOU ANN T	268,200	
KENMAR INC.	D/B/A MT TABOR CNTRY STORE	0	9,273
KENT JR. ALBERT F	KENT MARSHA	110,500	
KENT LUCAS	KENT JENNIFER	87,200	
KENT RICKY W		170,200	
KING WAYNE C	KING NELLIE N	161,900	
LABATT GEORGA		5,500	
LACAILLADE CLARKE		149,600	
LANDON LENA A		143,900	
LANDON LENA ET AL		2,000	

LANGSETT DAVID	LANGSETT STEPHANIE	139,500	
LAPPOS BARBARA		275,200	
MAJOWICZ ADAM		125,000	
MARYMART LLC	C/O MARY HOMER	127,700	
MASCOLA CHARLES J.	MASCOLA MARCELLA A.	230,000	
MCGARRY AMY	MCGARRY THOMAS	130,400	
MCLELLAN BONNIE	LAMAY KAREN	43,300	
MCLELLAN DAVID		34,400	
MCLELLAN DAVID	MCLELLAN EILEEN	161,400	
MCLELLAN DAVID		204,600	
MCLELLAN DAVID		232,200	
MCLELLAN GARAGE	C/O DAVID MCLELLAN	0	13,500
MCLELLAN MARK E		200,100	
MCLELLAN MARK E		84,700	
MCLELLAN MARK		78,200	
MERROW EDWARD T JR	MERROW GLORIA JEAN		
	(232,400 Vet Exempt 20,000)	212,400	
METCALFE DANIELLE	GUERTIN MARK	71,700	
MILLARD CARLTON & JOY	MILLARD TIMOTHY	288,300	
MILLER BLANCHE		73,400	
MILLER DAVID K		7,300	
MITCHELL ANNE		197,100	
MORRISON FELICIA J	CROSBY MARY E	260,800	
MORRISON FELICIA J	CROSBY MARY E	132,000	
MORSE CELIA		0	36,000
MORSE CELIA L		353,200	
MORT COLN	MORT SARAH	258,400	
NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION			
	(346,800 Land Use Exempt 307,800)	39,000	
NICHOLS JOHN N		9,300	
OGDEN HERBERT G	THOMAS CATHERINE L	391,000	
OMYA INC	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	308,000	
RFD SERVICES INC		0	1,000
ROMANELLI THOMAS		151,800	
SCARCHUK PAUL		272,100	
SECOY CHAD W.	SECOY DIANNA SWEET	148,100	
SECOY WILLIAM	C/O SECOY, LISA KOSMALKSI	13,700	
SENDRA HELEN C		118,100	
SENDRA LANNY	SENDRA CLAUDIA	128,700	
SEWARD CHARLES A	SEWARD MICHAEL D	92,600	
SH & L INC.		44,600	
SHORES DAVID	SHORES PEGGY	176,700	
SHORES, PEGGY LEE		39,000	
SIEGAL BRIAN A		145,500	
SILENT HEAT INC	TUCCI MARK	63,300	
SOUTH END ROAD LLC	ROBERTA HENDERSON	282,300	
SPITKO RANDOLPH A		177,300	
STEVENS MICHAEL		55,200	
SUBURBAN PROPANE INC	TAX DEPT	0	233
SUMNER SANDY	SUMNER STEPHANIE	198,600	
TAFT S, WAIBEL D, BEAUREGARD W			
	C/O IDA BEAUREGARD	129,800	

TOMS WILLIAM	TOMS MARY BETH	353,900	
TOWNE KATHLEEN J		55,600	
TURGEON GAETAN		48,400	
VERIZON WIRELESS	C/O DUFF & PHELPS	265,400	
VERIZON WIRELESS	C/O DUFF & PHELPS	267,500	
VERIZON WIRELESS	C/O DUFF & PHELPS	0	40,968
VERIZON WIRELESS	C/O DUFF & PHELPS	0	50,944
WELLS LEO	WELLS CLARA	44,200	
WHITE LAWRENCE		23,200	
WHITE MILTON	WHITE VALERIE	229,000	
WILKINS C KENNETH JR		143,600	
		<b>22,942,000</b>	<b>230,949</b>

#### **TOTAL REAL ESTATE & EQUIPMENT**

**23,172,949**

#### **STATE WILDLIFE LAND IN MT. TABOR**

	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>T0 SCHOOL</b>
Agency of Natural Resources	1,035.55 acres	7,656	0
Green Mtn. Forest Lands			
in Mt. Tabor	24,919 acres	0	10,449
Town of Mt. Tabor Land	164.70 acres = 248,193 EXEMPT	0	0



*Veterans Memorial - Phase 2 completed in 2017  
The marble plaza and benches were installed  
using marble from Danby's marble quarry.  
Plantings to be installed in the spring with  
an additional bit of decorative fencing.  
[www.dmtnow.org](http://www.dmtnow.org)*



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

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

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

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

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

We thank you for your support and partnership.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mark H. Tashjian  
Headmaster

  
Seth Bongartz  
Chair, Board of Trustees



January 2018



**LONG TRAIL**  
SCHOOL

Dear Residents of Danby/Mt Tabor,

We raise heroes. We expect our students to shape the arts, sciences and commerce of tomorrow, to build families and communities, and to make a difference. We here at Long Trail School, as students, faculty, staff, families and volunteers, look at ourselves not only as members of a school family but as stewards of the future.

For more than four decades, we have offered our students opportunities to self-challenge, learn and grow. Today we educate nearly 200 students from over 43 towns and 5 countries. Families seek us out for our unparalleled creative and intellectual challenges and embrace our respectful learning environment. A plurality of our students will be the first in the family to attend college.

As Vermont's first IB World School, we work to help all students embrace the world as learners who are:

- Inquirers
- Principled
- Risk-takers
- Knowledgeable
- Open-minded
- Balanced
- Thinkers
- Caring
- Reflective
- Communicators

These qualities and skills will serve our students – and our communities - as they move beyond our campus. We strive every day to imbue students with a sense of purpose and place. In this regard, student organizations work with local agencies and faith groups to assist others. Fundraising for particular causes supplements volunteer hours to clean roadsides, spread holiday cheer and connect with town members. Our students team with community leaders to make a difference. They are becoming meaningful world citizens.

Thank you for caring about our students and school. We invite you to visit our campus. Please email Irene Goyette ([igoyette@longtrailschool.org](mailto:igoyette@longtrailschool.org)) to set up a convenient time for you. You are welcome to reach me directly at [slinfield@longtrailschool.org](mailto:slinfield@longtrailschool.org) or 802.867.5717.

Grateful for the commitment of tuition funding from area towns, we remain committed to the children of this region who benefit greatly from the compelling educational experiences we offer. Your investment in a Long Trail education is an investment in the future of our communities and in the children of our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Seth Linfield, Head of School

Tami Blanchard, Board of Trustees, Chair





*Alvin Sterns in his  
blacksmith shop in  
Mt. Tabor 1898*

*Mt. Tabor Railroad Depot  
in its prosperous days  
carrying over 13 cars of  
marble daily along with  
lumber and charcoal.  
Passenger service  
flourished from  
approx. 1851 - but  
dissolved in 1953.*



*1946 Ford truck*

*Jamboree at  
Lake Griffith  
in Mt. Tabor -  
August 27, 1898*





*This year our Early Ed Appropriation enabled approximately ten children from our neighbor, the Early Ed Program, ages 3-5, to enjoy two enrichment outings.*

- 1. The Fun Center to play miniature golf, indoor games and pizza*
- 2. A visit to the apple orchard - here is the group and two champion pickers. Names are unable to be shared for security reasons.*



## DANBY-MT. TABOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

This year the Department responded to **57** calls. Structure/Chimney Fires **5**, Grass/Wood Fires **2**, Vehicle Fires/Accidents **10**, Rescue Assists **11**, Carbon Monoxide Alarms **11**, and Miscellaneous **6**. Additionally there were **12** Mutual Aid calls. The Department has put in approximately 3,000 hours between fires, drills, administration and fund raisers to keep the department able to give services for the townspeople.

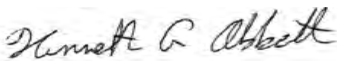
Again this year, Meg Mancheski and Marge Abbott have been able to donate \$1,700 through the calendar sales. We also received from Vermont Country Store donations for all the hours Meg put in on the calendar. We have received a number of donations from individuals, these have enabled us to keep our requests the same for 2018.

The project we have been able to accomplish is a land swap between the Hosley Farm and the Fire Department before the farm was sold. This will give us more road frontage and access with a driveway to the new addition we will be starting this coming year.

We had great weather for both nights this summer for the Annual Carnival. We also had a great turnout for our Tractor Pull, which seems to be becoming more successful every year.

One of our new projects mandated by the State of Vermont is to update some of our gear and our breathing apparatus. This is going to be very costly. We are working on some grants to help us achieve this goal in order to keep our budget down.

Thank you for your support.



Kenneth G. Abbott, Chief

### OPEN BURN Residents of Mount Tabor

For some of you in Town, the information here will be a reminder. For others, it will be new.

Open burning is the burning of materials in the open air, where smoke and by-products do not pass through a chimney, stack, or flue. The only material that may be burned is clean, natural wood. **Clean, natural wood, unpainted and untreated with any chemicals.** Plywood, chipboard, or pressure treated lumber is **not** natural wood.

All open burning requires a permit year round and may be obtained from the Town Fire Wardens. Burning hours are generally daylight to dark; Monday through Saturday. All permitted fires are subject to conditions given at the time they are issued.

The burning of any solid wastes, such as papers, cardboard, or household garbage is prohibited; no permits will be issued for these materials. The use of approved incinerators is allowed; however only clean, natural wood may be burned in them.

The backyard practice of burning household refuse and solid waste in burning barrels is illegal in the State of Vermont and Mount Tabor.

Anyone needing more information about these issues please feel free to contact us. Thank you.

Wendell O. Davison, Jr. - Fire Warden 293-5335

Mark Audy - Assistant Fire Warden 293-5628

**DANBY-MT. TABOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Beginning Balance .....\$172,602.54**

**INCOME**

Fund Raising Events .....	\$10,412.43
Town of Danby .....	28,425.00
Town of Danby truck payment .....	25,000.00
Town of Mt. Tabor .....	7,105.00
Town of Mt. Tabor truck payment .....	6,000.00
Donations.....	5,948.00
Interest .....	1,206.17
Refunds .....	108.65

**Total Income..... \$84,205.25**

**EXPENSES**

Phone & Internet .....	\$2,187.91
Electricity .....	1,724.68
Insurance .....	9,933.00
Vehicle operation .....	1,650.48
Equipment purchase/maint. ....	10,294.68
Building operations .....	5,986.26
Fund raising .....	2,914.66
FF Support, Dues, Training.....	1,139.61
Office Supplies .....	649.47
Radios/communications.....	3,219.21
Note payment, Pumper II .....	31,000.00
Donations.....	390.17

**Total expenses ..... \$71,090.13**

**INCOME LESS EXPENSES .....\$13,115.12**

**CASH ON HAND**

Operating account.....	\$100,313.86
Apparatus Fund .....	31,000.00
Stafford Fund .....	54,403.80

The Stafford fund is a trust in which the  
principle must remain intact until 2020.

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE.....\$185,717.66**

**NORTHSHIRE RESCUE SQUAD**  
**Phone 802-362-1995 Fax 802-362-8175**  
**Email: NorthshireRescue@gmail.com**

In an attempt to better represent the communities we serve the Manchester Rescue Squad, Inc. will be operating under the name Northshire Rescue Squad (NRS). We are still the same private non-profit organization that provides primary EMS coverage to Manchester, Dorset, Danby, Mt. Tabor and parts of Winhall as well as mutual aid coverage to neighboring EMS services.

We still provide the communities we serve with paramedic level service and strive to keep abreast of the ever changing medical technology available for the pre-hospital setting. NRS prides itself with having the most technologically advanced equipment available.

In addition to providing emergency medical coverage, mutual aid to neighboring EMS services and scheduled medically necessary transfers when available, NRS also provides education to the community in the form of CPR, AED (Automated External Defibrillation) and First Aid courses.

Call per town fiscal year 2016-2017

Manchester	784	Bennington	8	Pawlet	2
Dorset	108	Londonderry	3	East Dorset	45
Danby	92	Arlington	13	Rupert	2
Mt. Tabor	18	Winhall	7	Rutland	1
Peru	6	Granville	1	Bondville	12
Stratton	1				
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1054</b>	

**MOUNT TABOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

P. O. Box 245 • 522 Brooklyn Road • Mount Tabor, VT 05739

The end of 2017 has completed the tenth year of operation of the Mount Tabor Police Department. With its two Police Officers participating in training offered at the Vermont Police Academy, the benefits continue to be recognized. This fall, we again received from the Judiciary Court, a refund of \$8,910.46 which helps offset the cost of maintenance and purchased equipment for the Mount Tabor Police Department.

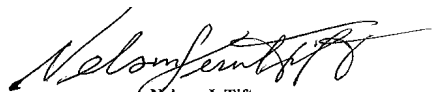
The effectiveness of any Police Department is significantly impacted by the support of the community. Through you, the citizens of Mount Tabor, the Mount Tabor Police Department will continue to provide and improve upon the level of professional law enforcement services provided.

In case of an EMERGENCY, call 911

Respectfully submitted,



Wendell O. Davison, Jr.  
Chief of Police



Nelson J. Tift  
1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant

**MUNICIPAL DOG & WOLF-HYBRID LICENSES & FEES 01/01/17- 12/31/17**

	On or before <u>April 1</u>	<u>State Fee</u>	Late Fee as <u>of April 1</u>
Neutered male	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$4.00
Spayed female	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$4.00
Unneutered male	\$9.00	\$5.00	\$4.00
Unspayed female	\$9.00	\$5.00	\$4.00

**DOG ACCOUNT**

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Neutered/Spayed	22
Unneutered male/female	16
Total number of dogs	<b>38</b>

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS.....</b>	<b>\$526.00</b>
Less State Fees @ \$5.00 .....	<u>190.00</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$336.00</b>

**VT. SPAY AND NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM ("Love is in the Air")**

He searched for her for days, intent in his mission despite the dangers he faced. Her scent drifted in the air and he, as did other males, follow her with no regard for safety.

On the other end of town, she reluctantly went home after wandering the neighborhood, crying. It was still winter. Usually she preferred to be curled up by the fire, but this year was different. She felt drawn to wander outside at dark. Their sweet Kathleen, nicknamed 'Kit' seemed to have transformed overnight. She had moments resembling the sweet, loving, playful 'Kit' they had known since birth, but now she was a teenager.

Outside he caught her scent and called out. Finally, he saw her inside - his new love! She seemed to be singing a mournful song. He wanted in.

To her family at first her behavior was unusual. After a while, it became disturbing. It was up to them to 'fix' this situation before it was too late.

In the morning their veterinarian was called to schedule an appointment to spay Kit, who was only four months old. They learned that her heat would always continue and the chance of mammary cancer increased as she got older if left unspayed. (The same applies to female dogs).

They made an appointment for her admirer, too, as he had taken up residence near their home. Just one male will impregnate dozens of cats, resulting in hundreds of kittens. The likelihood of developing testicular cancer increased if he wasn't neutered, (that also applies to male dogs). The cats soon became best friends.

For low income Vermonters, the solution may be the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program, "VSNIP". Participating veterinarian offices throughout Vermont are the heroes of this wonderful program!

For applications send a S.A.S.E. to VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034, or download and print: VSNIP.VT.GOV or VVSAHS.org. Cost per cat/dog is \$27.00, including a rabies vaccination and one distemper series. The balance is paid through a designated fund, collected by a nominal fee of \$4.00 added to the registration of dogs. REGISTER and tag your dog by April 1st, to identify your dog in event of loss, and to be sure that animals (and people) are protected from rabies.

Sue Skaskiw, 802-672-5302 Director, VT Volunteer Services for Animals H.S./Administrator, VSNIP



## THE MT. TABOR-DANBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In addition to our monthly meetings, the Historical Society led a cemetery tour to forgotten graveyards and a hike to Greeley Mills, both in Mt. Tabor.



Three other major events took place in 2017:

**Acquisitions** - The Society passed a motion to authorize the purchase of furniture and fixtures from the Silas Griffith house being offered at auction. Ellen Strass Boer, kindly offered to reimburse the Society for the items purchased. We acquired K. T. Griffith's birds eye maple medicine cabinet, a corner piece which hung in her bathroom for over 100 years; her manicure set; the annunciator which hung in the kitchen summoning help to the front door, master bedrooms, dining room etc. and the original telephone which was once part of Silas Griffith's private and first extensive phone system in the state connecting his mills, office, house and lodge with over 60 miles of copper line.

**Tree planting** - In May the Society continued with phase II of it's Caring For Canopy Project by planting more October Blaze maple trees along streets in Mt. Tabor and Danby to replace those that had died with age and been removed. This won the recognition of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The Society was presented with the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. Attending the August ceremony in the capitol building's Cedar Room were Ernest B. Latham III whose matching gift made the project possible, David Langsett, one of the tree planters, Blake Loshen, who for the second year in a row helped water the young trees, and Bradley J. Bender.

**Donations** - The Society was presented with a Samuel Morison spinning wheel which was deaccessioned from the now defunct American Textile Museum in Lowell, MA. Members Nora Rubenstein, Shelley Taylor and Lauren Dever are leading a committee to discover more of Morison's spinning wheels in our area so they may be catalogued. At least one has already been identified. Morison, a Quaker, was a wheelright who lived in Danby and South Wallingford in the mid 1800s.

Nathaniel Crispe has been unearthing many interesting items with his metal detector and has donated a number of these to the Society, including a sterling silver serving spoon with the Otis family monogram.

The Society's website, [mtdhistoricalsociety.org](http://mtdhistoricalsociety.org) has grown and now contains many biographies of past residents. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, April through October at 6:30pm in our conference room at the S. L. Griffith Library. New members are welcome and interested people are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bradley J. Bender, President



## **RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**

### **Annual Report to the Town of Mount Tabor for 2017**

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

RCHS acts as the coordinator for animal cruelty cases in Rutland County and works to provide relief for victims of animal neglect and abuse. We provide information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,400 animals in 2016 and is expected to be about the same for 2017.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. We thank those who support our operations, including the Town of Mount Tabor.

During the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, the Rutland County Humane Society took in (2) animals from Mt. Tabor.

Please call us at 483-9171 if you would like further information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

## **RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT-CHILD CENTER**

The Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a private community based non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC's mission is "to nurture Children and Families through Supportive, and Positive Educational Experiences that enhance their Success in our Community". RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of child care, which is minimal for lower income families.

We provide childcare services at childcare centers in Brandon and Rutland. Additionally, the RCPCC provides family centered services to families and children birth to five years, such as:

- Literacy based playgroups
- Early intervention programs for birth to three with developmental delays
- A teen parent education program enabling young parents to complete their high school diplomas while learning parenting and life skills
- Support for young families on public assistance
- Parent education classes and referrals services
- Transitional housing for pregnant and parenting teens (POISE)
- Some of these programs serve families of all socio-economic levels, but as a priority, RCPCC seeks out those in need to bring services into their homes and communities. In 2017, we served 3 members of the Mt. Tabor community.

Contact us with questions or for further information.  
(802)-775-9711 Mary Zigman, Executive Director

## **SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Mt. Tabor from Oct. 1, 2016 through Sept. 30, 2017:

### ***Senior Meals:***

SVCOA is available to provide meals to be delivered to homes of elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. We also supply “Blizzard Bags” containing “shel stable” meals to isolated elders during a weather related emergency.

### ***Case Management Assistance:***

Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, such as “Choices for Care”. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

### ***Other Services and Support:***

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

## NEWSTORY CENTER ANNUAL REPORT 2017

What a year it has been! The Board and Staff are proud to announce that the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter is now known as **NewStory Center**. Our new name signifies a renewed commitment to supporting survivors and ending domestic and sexual violence in our community. New StoryCenter continues to provide the same comprehensive services but we now have a bigger and brighter future ahead of us.

For 38 years NewStory Center has helped families in Rutland County with services that range from emergency shelter to legal advocacy. We partner with many in our community to help our neighbors and friends break the cycle of abuse.

Over the last year, NewStory Center has served a record number of individuals. During FY17, 924 women, men, and children were supported through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Mt. Tabor for their support of our agency and mission. Our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

**Business (802) 775-3232 Crisis (802) 775-6788**

## CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER

The Child First Advocacy Center of Rutland County is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment to assist victims and their families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence.

CFAC, a fully accredited member of the National Children's Alliance, serves victims and their non-offending family members with the structure of a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse cases can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC coordinates a multidisciplinary team approach allowing for a comprehensive and consistent response to abuse investigations and subsequent services to the victim and non-offending family members. CFAC sustains the essential connections between the diverse professions that seek to address child abuse. Collaboration between law enforcement, victim advocacy, child protective services, prosecution, medical and therapeutic disciplines, is essential in the reduction of trauma to victims and successful prosecution of perpetrators.

In 2017, The Child First Advocacy Center served 245 children and families in Rutland County. We were able to provide wrap around services and support to 3 families in Mt. Tabor as they began their recovery from the effects of child abuse.

Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of their ability to pay.

Contact CFAC with questions, or if you need further information.

Wendy Loomis Exec. Dir. (802)-747-0200



## AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross of Vermont and the New Hampshire Upper Valley is on call to help our communities 24/7. A local Red Cross volunteer is often the first “neighbor on the scene” after a disaster strikes offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm blanket and a glimmer of hope to those in need. Supported primarily by volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses. Whether we are helping one family recover from a devastating home fire, providing emergency shelter and supplies to hundreds of families after a major disaster, or food and water for first responders, we have historically been a vital part of the local community.

Fiscal year 2017 was busy across our region and the Red Cross was there providing vital services throughout the region.

- Responded to **254** local disasters, helping over **1,139** people in their dire need.
- Collected **92,469** units of life-saving blood and held **3,269** blood drives.
- Taught lifesaving skills, including First Aid and CPR, to **29,482** people in our various health and safety courses.
- Installed more than **2,200** smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.

We currently have over **1,100** volunteers throughout the two states. We rely on individuals, businesses and local communities to support our efforts in helping to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. We thank you for your support in helping us continue our humanitarian work. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if it happens

**If you or someone you know experiences a fire, flood or other disaster and needs assistance, please call toll free in VT (800) 660-9130 or [www.redcross.org/vermont](http://www.redcross.org/vermont).**

# **GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST**

## **2016 - 2017 Town Meeting Report**

The Forest would like to thank you and your community for the support and interest you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF. Several million outdoor recreation enthusiasts visit annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to the local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Below is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest this past year:

### **Land Acquisition**

The Forest grew by 378.84 acres through the acquisition of lands in the towns of Stamford and Pownal. Through this acquisition an additional mile of the Appalachian Trail and Long Trail was protected.

### **Heritage Program**

The Heritage program was presented with some challenges last year when it was announced Andrew Triplett as of November 2017, will assume the duties of Forest Archeologist. Retired Forest Service personnel and volunteers visited a number of cemeteries within the Forest to maintain and preserve them.

Ongoing partner projects included artifact analysis conducted by the University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program. This multi-year collaboration involved the analysis of thousands of artifacts collected at the Homerstone Quartzite Quarry Project near Little Rock Pond.

#### **Other highlights include:**

- The Forest Archaeologist Technician has been working with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation staff to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA). It is anticipated that the (PA) will soon be implemented as a result of these efforts.

### **Road, Dam, & Facility Construction & Maintenance**

In cooperation with federal, state and local governments, private contractors, and non-profit organizations, the GMNF Engineering staff repaired and maintained many roads, bridges, trails, and other facilities throughout the Forest. Some highlights are as follows:

**Middlebury Office Complex:** Officials announced in September that after 51 years of operations the Middlebury District Office would be officially be closed. The agency has worked with the Addison County Chamber of Commerce to develop a partnership so that Forest Service staff can continue to have a presence with available services to the public in the Middlebury area.

**Forest Facility Improvements & Maintenance:** Completed on-going routine maintenance and repairs of Forest buildings and other infrastructure. Completed the second phase of the energy retrofit for the Manchester Ranger District Office.

**Forest Road Maintenance:** Maintained 82.5 miles of National Forest System roads in many towns including, Mount Tabor, Peru, Winhall, and Wallingford. This work included grading, ditching, culvert cleaning and replacement, mowing, brushing, stabilization of embankments, pavement sealing of parking lots, repairing storm damage, and resurfacing of roads. Completed an Aquatic Organism Passage project in the

town of Chittenden.

## **Recreation Programs**

The following accomplishments highlight 2017 Recreation and Trail Program successes in acknowledgement of the outstanding collaborative effort exhibited between Forest Service employees, partner organizations, volunteers, State and local government representatives, and local businesses. The Forest Service relies on a community of collaboration and wishes to thank all of our partners, such as: Vermont Backcountry Alliance (VTBC), Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST), VYCC, Rochester Area Sports Trail Alliance (RASTA), Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA), Green Mountain Club (GMC), Catamount Trail Association (CTA), Counseling Service of Addison County, Middlebury High School Diversified Occupations Program, Moosalamoo Association, Manchester and the Mountains Bike Club (MMBC), Vermont Trail Trotters (VTT), Vermont Horse Council, and many more.

**Forest-wide:** Working in partnership with numerous organizations, funding for projects totaled \$103,000 in grant dollars to increase and/or improve recreation opportunities!

**Local Efforts:** Killington: Funding for the Sherburne Trail Network, a multi-use trail system designed for hiking and mountain biking was secured through public and private donations, Forest Service funding and a State of Vermont grant. The first 3.6 trail miles and a trailhead parking lot have been constructed.

Leicester: Improvements at Silver Lake Campground included the designation of an equestrian site with new infrastructure installed with the support of the Vermont Horse Council.

Wallingford: General Electric (GE) of Rutland assisted with maintenance and pre-season clean-up at White Rocks Picnic Area for the 26th consecutive year! This year it included a permanent kiosk information panel. A new 38' snowmobile bridge was constructed on the Homerstone Meadow Trail. In partnership with GMC, a caretaker hosted visitors and maintained the Little Rock Pond Shelter and surrounding tenting area and maintained surrounding trails.

Mt. Tabor: A new trailhead kiosk was installed at the Little Rock Pond trailhead. A temporary snowmobile bridge was built on the Ten Kilns trail at the fourth bridge site after the former bridge collapsed in November of 2016. Plans are underway to replace it with a designed structure in 2018.

Peru: Northshire Area Trails worked along with a crew to maintain and harden sections of the Utely Brook trail to provide additional biking opportunities in the area. In cooperation with GMC and the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, the East Dorset trail was completed providing another hiking opportunity from the Appalachian / Long Trail providing connectivity to East Dorset along the scenic Mad Tom Brook.

Manchester: Celebrating Manchester's official Appalachian/Long Trail Community designation, Smokey Bear made an appearance at the first ever Vermont Trails Fest.

Winhall: New signs were installed at the Appalachian Trail/Long Trail trailhead on Route 11/30. This high use site will now be easier to find. Volunteers from the Brattleboro section replaced puncheon making the trail safe and enjoyable again. GMC's Volunteer Long Trail patrol relocated over ½ mile of the Branch Pond trail away from Bourn Brook putting the trail in a sustainable location and minimizing impacts to the local watershed.

## **Botany Program**

Staff and volunteers monitored 90 populations of 36 species of rare plants Forest-wide, including some populations just off National Forest lands. One new rare plant population was found in these inventories.

- Staff inventoried approximately 203 acres in 5 towns. Nine new rare plant populations were found in these inventories.
- 1,115 acres were inventoried in another 5 towns, four new rare plant populations were found, and five previously documented populations were relocated.
- One wildflower walk was provided by the GMC at Little Rock Pond in Wallingford. Presentations were also offered on botany and pollinators to students from Horace Mann School for the Deaf. Outreach and education through the non- native Cooperative Invasive Species Management Association included hiring a coordinator through AmeriCorps to plan and implement a variety of inventory, control and outreach / education events in 2017 and 2018, then developing materials for Early Detection Rapid Response volunteers and writing educational articles that reach many Vt. Towns.
- Many small infestations were controlled by staff, contractors, partner organizations, Wilderness interns from GMC, VYCC and Appalachian Trail Conference. A total of over 200 acres of 10 species in and around 16 towns were controlled.

## **Forest Vegetation Management**

Below is a list of accomplishments for calendar year 2017:

- The Forest awarded four Timber Contracts to meet goals related to forest health, wildlife habitat, and timber production.
- Approximately 10,319 CCF of saw timber and pulpwood volume were sold in support of Vermont's forest products industry and associated employment. This volume was sold in contracts and permits, roughly equal to about 6 million board feet.
- The Forest awarded and administered contracts to prepare sites for reforestation on 392 acres and for timber stand improvement on 104 acres of young forest.
- Our staff cooperated with Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation in the maintenance of Butternut Seed Orchards. Seedlings were cultured from disease resistant trees found on State, private, and National Forest locations and were cross pollinated to further research and to develop disease resistance.
- The Forest provided maple tapping opportunities to six permit and contract holders for 8,732 taps in the towns of Lincoln, Stockbridge, Pomfret, Wilmington and Mount Tabor.
- Permits were sold for approximately 242 cords of firewood, 552 Christmas trees, 840 lbs. of wild apples and 600 pounds of wild mushrooms for public consumption.
- Staff continued work in restoring native trees (including butternut, American chestnut and beech) with research partners.
- Staff coordinated invasive insect surveys and control efforts through a "Don't Move" firewood program in cooperation with the forest health experts from the State and Private Forestry Branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## **Environmental Planning**

A major accomplishment in 2016 was the completion of our monitoring program to comply with the 2012 Forest Service land management planning rule. The rule requires that our existing monitoring program must address eight specific monitor-



ing elements. This will inform us of how well we are achieving our Forest Plan goals, objectives and desired future conditions. As required by the planning rule, we will now prepare a monitoring and evaluation report every two years. The next report covering our monitoring efforts from 2014 to 2016 will be compiled and shared with the public by the end of 2017. This was delayed due to other forest management priorities. The report covering our management activities from 2014-2016 is now scheduled for completion by September 2018.

### **Watershed Improvement**

Biologists and Technicians monitored fish populations throughout the GMNF in 2017 as part of a long term data collection effort to understand Forest fish populations. These projects were located in several towns across the Forest.

- Partnered with Trout Unlimited, Poultney-Mettawee NRCD, U.S. Fish & Wildlife and Town of Dorset to complete four Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) projects in 2017(control structures to allow aquatic organism passage) crossing the Mettawee River. The project made 13.5 miles of valuable upstream habitat.

- The GMNF piloted the Nature Watch Freshwater Snorkeling program at a Forest Service CCC Camp. Over a two week period in June, approximately 240 students spent a full day exploring aquatic insects on land and viewing native fish underwater developing a sense of connection to their National Forest, the importance of watershed health and diversity for aquatic life.

- Fish stocking to support recreational fishing in the following area ponds: Griffith and Big Mud in Mt. Tabor, Little Rock in Wallingford, Hapgood in Peru and others. In cooperation with Vermont Fish and Wildlife continued the arial stocking of native eastern brook trout in high mountain wilderness ponds in the towns of Wallingford, Mt.Tabor, Stratton and Sunderland. These ponds are desirable as a brook trout fishery, providing a unique experience in remote wilderness areas and could help in establishing viable fish populations.

### **Wildlife Habitat Improvement**

Wildlife habitat was improved and maintained through the creation and maintenance of early successional habitat important to many species. More than 600 acres of permanent upland openings were maintained by prescribed fire, mowing, or mastication in many towns including Mount Tabor, Manchester, East Dorset, Winhall and Peru. In addition, Apple trees, which are a high-value wildlife food, were “released” by cutting competing vegetation from around old orchards.

Wildlife Biologists and Technicians continued to monitor for bats in many towns to evaluate population recovery from White Nose Syndrome.

Although Peregrine falcons were removed from the Endangered Species list a few years ago, nest sites in the GMNF in Wallingford, Goshen, and Salisbury continue to be monitored.

The GMNF staff partnered a cooperative effort with the Forest Service State & Private Forestry, to monitor pollinators (bees, beetles, butterflies) in upland openings to collect baseline data. Our objective is to begin to understand how pollinators use National Forest habitats and which management activities are most beneficial to sustaining populations within and near the Forest.

The GMNF staff also worked with the United States Geological Survey on a na-



tionwide sampling effort to detect the salamander chytrid fungus. Staff worked with the USGS to identify wetlands in the Forest that harbored eastern newts and then assisted with data collection in the field. Eastern newts were sampled in wetlands locations including Wallingford, Mount Tabor, Peru, Winhall, Stratton, and Sunderland.

The GMNF staff assisted the Vermont Center for Ecosystem studies with their long-term breeding bird monitoring programs. Surveys were conducted twice during the breeding season.

Along with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department and Central Connecticut State University, the GMNF staff assisted in deploying camera traps at several sites within the Manchester Ranger District to determine the presence of the American marten, which was reintroduced to the Forest in the early 1990s after it was believed extirpated. In another partnership GMNF has instituted a long-term program to monitor the federally-threatened Canada lynx through the use of camera traps. This program began in response to two confirmed lynx sightings in 2016 near GMNF lands. The goal is to determine if a breeding population occurs on the GMNF while also collecting data on other carnivores. Camera traps were established in many locations including Manchester, Mount Holly, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Stratton, Sunderland, Wallingford and Weston.

The GMNF staff worked closely with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department on a black bear study in the vicinity of the Deerfield Wind Project site. The goal of this long-term effort is to determine how the project will impact black bears and their habitats.

### **Soil Monitoring**

Soil samples were collected back in 2012, and the vegetation inventoried. The project objective is to measure change in key ecosystem parameters such as, soil chemistry and vegetative community composition. This monitoring will provide insight into the long-term changes occurring in relatively undisturbed forest ecosystems in response to environmental factors including atmospheric deposition and climate change. The project will also provide insight into the storage of carbon in soil on the GMNF. These plots were monitored in 2017.

### **Wildfire & Prescribed Fire Activities**

Fire management personnel on the GMNF were very active this past season accomplishing eleven prescribed fires while suppressing or assisting in the suppression of three GMNF wildfires. Prescribed fire and mechanical treatment objectives were focused on reducing forest fuels, improving wildlife habitat and reinvigorating native blueberry patches.

In addition to the work that was done here in Vermont, 22 individuals were involved with providing support directly or indirectly for wildfire season here in Vermont and Nationally. These 22 individuals collectively spent approximately 565 days in this effort.

The fire management staff would like to thank the dedicated firemen and women from the Volunteer and Municipal fire departments that responded to and assisted in the suppression of the wildfires that occurred this past year on the GMNF.

### **Conservation Education**

Smokey Bear was invited to attend the 2017 Addison County Fair and Field Days, where he challenged each passerby to a game of Ash Borer style bean bag toss to

raise awareness about Vermont's "Don't Move Firewood" effort and to help the public identify the emerald ash borer and the potentially devastating effect it could have on our Vermont landscape. Winners of each game received a Smokey Bear bracelet and a water bottle.

Each year, the Forestry Building at the Vermont State Fair in Rutland houses exhibits from the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation, the GMNF, Vermont Audubon Society and many other entities. During 2017, Smokey met his new friend, Gizmo, the new Forestry Building's mascot. Smokey, his handler and Gizmo were often seen fielding questions surrounding forestry and fire safety topics in the state of Vermont. A total of 236 Smokey supporters stopped by to color a maple, beech or ash tree leaf to place on the Kid's Forest Tree.

Several GMNF staff provided the Junior Ranger Program to students in the northern part of our state. Over a six week period these students learned about a variety of topics from orienteering and map reading to ecosystem management. They also offer a Junior Snow Ranger Program which includes outdoor activities such as snowshoeing, search and rescue, building a fire in winter conditions dressing to stay warm and much more.

#### Forest Service Offices in Vermont:

Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

**John Sinclair, Forest Supervisor—Rutland Office—802-747-6700**

**David Francomb, District Ranger—Manchester Ranger District—802-362-2307**

Visit our website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl>.

## **GREEN UP VERMONT**

### **Annual report – Green Up Day, May 6, 2017**

Green Up Day marked its 47th Anniversary in 2017 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 their Vermont 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. 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 and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) or reach us at (800)-974-3259.

Support from cities and towns has been an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 16 percent of the budget. Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education and services of two part-time employees.

**Mark your calendar for the next Green Up Day, May 5, 2018, 48 years of tradition! Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.**

## **Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD)**

We are a non-profit organization servicing the Upper Otter Creek watershed. We are dedicated to providing on-the-ground conservation assistance as well as promoting public awareness and appreciation for the value of conserving our natural resources.

Programs/projects the District was involved in during 2016/2017:

**Vermont Envirothon** – The District promotes this program through visits to area high school science departments to encourage student participation. Teams of students are challenged to answer questions about conservation issues. Scores are calculated to determine the winning team. The District sponsored three teams from two high schools in the statewide competition.

### **Green Stormwater Infrastructure -**

- Installed stormwater practices (bioretention basin) in the city of Rutland
- Installed a stormwater swirl separator at the outfall of an existing 36" drainage pipe, in the Adams Street right-of-way in the city of Rutland
- Secured funding to install green stormwater practices at Rutland Town School
- Secured funding to hire Consultants to design green stormwater practices at Rutland High School and on Easterly Ave. in the city of Rutland
- Secured funding to hire Consultants to develop Stormwater Master Plans in the town of Wallingford and the Moon Brook in the city of Rutland

**River Corridor Planning** – The District secured funding to remove a berm and easement in the Cold River Watershed in Clarendon which will restore floodplain function.

**Stream Team** – The District coordinated a Summer Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program and a stream cleanup in the city of Rutland.

**We would greatly appreciate your support. Please contact us at the RNRCD office at 775-8034 ext.117 or [nannci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net](mailto:nannci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net) with any questions or concerns or visit our website at [www.vacd.org/rcd](http://www.vacd.org/rcd)**

## **VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE** **1998-2017 Rural Fire Protection Grant Program**

### **Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)**

**PO Box 566, Waitsfield, VT 05673-0566 [www.vacd.org](http://www.vacd.org)**

Troy Dare, Rural Fire Protection Program Manager

(802) 828-4582 or [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com)

The mission of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is to improve the safety and welfare of Vermont communities by assisting local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources.

## RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Rutland Regional Planning Commission is a resource for towns; is a platform for ideas; and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional growth for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

We enjoyed working with the Town of Mount Tabor in 2017.

Our Emergency Management division: assisted the town with communicating and coordinating town information to state officials after three weather events impacted the town; hosted five Emergency Management Director and Coordinator roundtables to which town officials were invited; and mapped all known reported Tier II sites in town complete with buffer distances for use in case of emergency.

RRPC also assisted the town with energy planning maps and created a GIS database of all State Register Historic Districts in town.

Here's more about how RRPC assisted your town and other towns in the region in 2017:

RRPC provided resources for land use planning and community engagement, from assistance with grant applications and mapping; town plan assistance on new water quality requirements and energy planning elements; traffic counts, and culvert studies; to shaping a regional vision for economic growth and walkable communities through the development of the Regional Plan.

RRPC also provided opportunities for collaboration via monthly road commissioner meetings, local emergency management round tables, and water quality convenings.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your community and, in 2017, celebrating with us our 50th year in the Rutland region.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community; or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call; we'd love to hear from you!

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*Inspired by old photos of tree lined streets in town, Mt. Tabor Danby Historical Society embarked on a project to restore trees in the two towns. Working with town officials, landowners, and a local nursery, 12 trees were planted in 2016, 8 in Mt. Tabor with 40 more planned for the next two years between the two towns. David Lansett planting a Red Blaze maple shade tree at our town office.*

## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With 12 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 behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diet that lead to the chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and lung disease resulting in more than 50% of deaths in Rutland 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 chronic diseases in our state.

**Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families:** We served 1,829 pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). 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 37 cases of infectious disease in Rutland County and distributed \$1,2926,352 worth of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases.

**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, reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In Rutland County, prescription drug take back locations were expanded to include Rutland Regional Medical Center's Pharmacy. Local law enforcement agencies have also been collaborating across the county on proactive efforts around underage drinking and binge drinking. With community partners, we are promoting that parents are the #1 influence on kids (ParentUpVT.org).

**Your Health Department district office** is in Rutland at 300 Asa Bloomer State Office Building, 802-786-5811 or toll free 888-253-8802.

## RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

In the year 2017, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Mount Tabor assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services - and - Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2017, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 18 hours of services to 5 Mount Tabor residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Mount Tabor in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support. Reach us at (802) 775-2381.

## RUTLAND AREA VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE

In 2017, Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year, RAVNAH's dedicated staff made more than 142,884 visits to 3,459 patients. In the town of Mount Tabor, we provided 324 visits to 3 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services. Reach us at (800)-244-0568.

## BROC

### Community Action in Southwestern Vermont

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Mount Tabor who have supported our agency through the balloting process over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of individuals seeking our programs and services each day.

**Over the past year, BROC helped meet the basic needs of 1 individual in the Town of Mount Tabor.** Most years this number has been much higher. Our services include food at our Community Food Shelf, fuel assistance, case management and counseling, forms assistance for benefits, and budget counseling through our Community Service department.

Despite the significant outcomes BROC has achieved over the past year, there is still more work to do. People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation can provide for families who are suffering and help ease the struggle of living in poverty and provide a path forward.

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

Sincerely, Thomas Donahue, CEO

**Reach us at (802) 775-0878.**

## **THE MENTOR CONNECTOR**

The Mentor Connector provides young people in Rutland County aged 5-18, with a Mentor to support them. Increasing school performance, life skills, and 98% reported improved self- esteem and self- worth. A child with a mentor is less likely to skip school, and 85% less likely to use drugs and begin drinking alcohol. A recent survey showed that over 1/3 of Vermont youth, (over 4,500 Rutland County youth), lack a natural mentor.

A mentor empowers a young person to see a possible future, and believe it can be obtained. It opens their eyes to possibilities. All children benefit from the influence of a caring and trusted mentor.

We connected and supported 10 youth from the town of Mt Tabor in 2017.

Mentors need extensive background checks, training and ongoing support to be most effective. This has proven to be effective in creating matches that go on for years; the longer the match, the more exciting the result is to kids and a rewarding experience for mentors. We actively work with many community members, businesses, local organizations, banks, and schools to advocate for and support mentoring.

We want to help kids by giving them an adult role model to help them become contributing citizens one day. With your support Mentor Connector can continue to support Rutland Youth.

[www.mentorconnector.com](http://www.mentorconnector.com) Chris Hultquist, Exec. Director- (802)-775-3434

## **VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

### **Town of Mount Tabor Summary Report**

Your generous allocation enables VCIL staff to continue to work to accomplish our mission of supporting and empowering Vermonters with disabilities.

This appropriation will be utilized by VCIL for programs and services in your community. Our services include information, referral and assistance, individual and systems advocacy, peer counseling and independent living resources that include Home Access Modifications, Meals on Wheels (for Vermonters with disabilities under 60), FY'17, three residents of Mt. Tabor received services from our programs, meals on wheels and the Sue Williams Freedom Fund (for assistive technology).

With this allocation we will be able to reach even more Vermont citizens with disabilities. With over 37 years of support and advocacy, we are helping to build a society where we can all live with dignity, independence and our full civil rights. We sincerely appreciate the Town of Mt. Tabor's continued support.

You may reach us at (800)-639-1522 or on the web at [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)



# RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

## Calendar Year 2017

The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our seventeen member municipalities. Some services are also available to non-District communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate information is now available on our web site, [www.rcswd.com](http://www.rcswd.com).

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The District complied with all the ACT 148 requirements and was able to have their SWIP Plan approved of in August of 2015. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five year period.

The District started to contact local businesses informing them about recycling composting and hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues over the next few years.

**Waste Disposal:** During 2017, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 34,000 tons of municipal solid waste; nearly all of this was through the District's master disposal contract with Casella Waste Management. The cost of disposal, handling and transportation from the District Transfer Station at Gleason Road to the landfill was \$83.13 per ton. State taxes, district surcharge and the Rutland City Host Community Fee totaled \$26.97, for a final disposal cost of \$110.10 per ton.

**Recycling:** The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts seventeen recyclable commodities from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 35,000 tons of recyclables a year. The MRF had switched over to zero-sort in November of 2011. The equipment is designed to handle up to 15 tons an hour with the capability of expansion overtime. As part of this process, the facility can now take plastics #3 through #7.

**Household Hazardous Waste:** Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility, and scheduled collections at twenty town transfer stations through the spring, summer and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials, anti-freeze, pesticides, used motor oil, asbestos, and fluorescent tubes. In 2017 we shipped out 26,570 gallons of HHW. The District also collects electronic waste and in 2017 we shipped out 301,546 pounds.

In July of 2014 the District started accepting latex paint as per the new Paint Care Recycling Program. Several local paint stores and hardware stores started accepting it as well. This has been very popular through 2017.

**Other Programs:** The District also offered other waste management, education and reduction programs, including construction and demolition waste, clean



wood and composting. The District is continuing with its “Merry Mulch” program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working with and providing recycling materials or information to various local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener’s Club, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women’s Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society and the College of St. Josephs specifically on composting programs.

In 2017 the District also sponsored the Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery with the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) and assisted in promoting their seedling tree and bush planting program.

James O’Gorman  
District Manager

## NEIGHBORWORKS OF WESTERN VERMONT

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, a non profit, is a one-stop-shop providing all the answers and support homebuyer and owners need---homebuyer education, budget and credit coaching, realty lending, home repair loans and project management, NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad for comfort and energy savings, reverse mortgage counseling, and foreclosure prevention.

Our mission is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe efficient and sustainable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance and financial services in Rutland, Addison, and Bennington counties.

**2017** has been a productive year for NeighborWorks of Western Vermont:

**418** low-cost, comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits were completed on buildings.

**139** Home energy-improvement projects were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont

**79** Energy loans were issued, a total of \$1,209,730, were made to help homeowners make energy improvements.

**49** Down Payment Assistance Loans, a total of \$1,226,373 were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier (a 200% increase over 2016).

**35** Rehab Loans, a total of \$710,446, were made to make health and safety upgrades to their homes.

**\$42,500** was granted to landlords to bring 10 healthy, safe, and affordable rental units onto the market in Bennington.

**19** households assisted with finding their dream home with our Realty Works service.

**291** homebuyers attended our Homebuyer Education Course (a 150% increase over 2016).

All of our programs are always available to Mount Tabor residents. We are only a phone call (802)-438-2303 or mouse click away. Visit our website [nwwvt.org](http://nwwvt.org)

We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Stop by our office at 110 Marble Street in West Rutland.

Respectfully, Lucy Biddle, Executive Director

## Directory of Services

### Mt. Tabor & Surrounding Areas

Antique/Gifts	Carr's Antiques & Consignment	293-5222
	The Barn Antiques and Welding Art	293-5400
Asphalt/Asphalt Products	Pike Industries	293-5712
	Tom Fuller	293-5700
Attorney	Herb Ogden Law Office	293-2693
Auto Body Repair	B&H Auto	293-5427
Auto Repair/Sales/Towing/Gas	McLellan Garage & Sales	293-5233
Camping/Lodging/LP Gas Fills	Otter Creek Campground	293-5041
Car Museum (Dep-Swedish)	Johannes Debruin (by appt.)	293-5541
Concrete/Brick/Stone Work/Tile	Martin Coleman	293-5474
Construction/Excavating/Roads	Ken Abbott	293-5052
Contractors/Renovation/Restoration	Jack Dickson	293-2241
	Harold Sendra	293-5423
	L. Ovitt Builders, Inc.	293-5747
Electrician	William Beauregard	293-5151
Fine Furniture	Robert Gasparetti	293-5195
Firewood/Snow Removal	Jeff Burden	293-5383
Grocery Stores/Deli's	Mt Tabor Country Store	293-5641
	Whites Fuel, Gas, Deli & ATM	293-5804
	Nichols Store - Butcher, Deli, Grocery	293-5154
Horseback Riding	Chipman Stables	293-5242
Landscaping Design/Maint	Garden Arts	293-3064
Logging Svcs/Forest Mgmt	Mark Audy	293-5628
Maple Syrup & Candy	Edward Merrow	293-5378
Mower, Chain Saw, Sales, Service, Repair	Gerald White	293-5409
Mowing and Plowing	Sean Johnson	735-8875
Mt.Tabor/Danby Historical Society	Bradley Bender	293-5160
Painting	Lanny Sendra	293-5012
	Bob Brown	236-9460
Storage	Otter Creek Storage	1-888-688-3725
	Mt Tabor Country Store	293-5641
Wallpapering	Bradley Bender	293-5160
Town Services	Danby, Mt. Tabor Fire Dept	911
	S.L. Griffith Memorial Library	293-5106
	Early Ed. Program/Preschool	293-6421
	Danby, Mt. Tabor Post Office	293-5105
	Currier Memorial School / K-8	293-5191