

Annual Report  
Town and Town School District  
**BARNARD, VERMONT**  
**TOWN MEETING 2020**



**YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

## Barnard Town Report Dedications

The 2020 Barnard Town Report is dedicated to two people this year:

### Tyler James William Webster



The Barnard community and surrounding towns were shocked and saddened with the news that on October 4, 2019, Tyler suffered a fatal accident in his logging truck at the young age of 32. Outside of his logging business, he was a Barnard firefighter and an avid hunter. Barnard Fire and Rescue and firefighters established the first ever “buck pool” as a fundraiser for Tyler’s family. A memorial gathering was held at the Barnard Fire Department building and grounds on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> with over 100 people attending to remember him. Tyler will be remembered as a hard-working young man who was dedicated to his family, his community, and his passion for hunting.

### Virginia Lee Glass Schlabach



Virginia and her husband Abner moved to Barnard in 2003, quickly creating a home of hospitality for neighbors, community volunteers, AT hikers and other travelers. Throughout their lives in Virginia, Pennsylvania, London and Vermont, they gave support to families who had lost young children. They also raised their son Fred (wife Janet North) and daughter Sue (husband Ryan Newswanger), and doted on her grandchildren Micah North Schlabach and Lowry Newswanger, all of East Barnard. Virginia was active in the East Barnard Church, a member of the Delectable Mountain Quilters, and the editor of the *East Barnard Crier* – a regular e-newsletter that linked villagers throughout the year. Virginia was also a regular contributor to *The Barnard Bulletin*. She is sadly missed and forever admired.

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*The Auditors for Barnard would like to acknowledge and thank Preston Bristow for his kind and patient assistance in the creation of this year's Annual Town Report.*

December 23, 2019

The Select Board  
Town of Barnard, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Barnard, Vermont, for the year ended June 30, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information previously through our engagement letter dated April 25, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

*Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town of Barnard, Vermont are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2019. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate that all receivables were collectible and therefore an allowance for uncollectible accounts was not recorded in the financial statements to offset any future uncollectible accounts.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

The disclosure of the presentation of fund balance categories is significant to financial statement users because this communicates the level of constraints placed on assets in a particular fund.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

*Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

*Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The material misstatements corrected by management are shown in the accompanying listing of adjusting journal entries. There were no misstatements not corrected by management.

*Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 4, 2019.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the schedule of revenues and expenditures budget and actual General Fund, schedule of revenues and expenditures budget and actual Highway Fund, schedule of the proportionate share of the net pension liability and the schedule of pension contributions, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the balance sheet and schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the Nonmajor Governmental Funds, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

*Management Comments*

We would like to thank Diane and Alice for their help and assistance through the audit process. Additionally, we recognize their diligent efforts in overseeing the financial records of the Town including maintaining well organized deposits, vendor invoices, warrants, bank statement reconciliations and effectively using outside financial consultants such as NEMRC.

Restrictions on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Select Board and management of the Town of Barnard, VT and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

*Pace & Hawley, LLC*

Berlin, VT

**ELECTED AUDITORS REPORT**

To the best of our knowledge the Town of Barnard's statement of accounts and appointed independent Auditor's statement of accounts represent the conditions of the finances of the town.

The 2019 independent Auditor's report by Pace and Hawley, LLC., Certified Public Accountants is available at the Town Clerk's office.

The financial records of the school district for the year ending June 30, 2019 have been audited and a copy of the audit report is available from the offices of the business manager of Supervisory Union #51 upon request.

Linda Caruso  
Beth Finlayson  
Tom Morse  
*Auditors*

## WARNING

### TOWN OF BARNARD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Barnard are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Barnard Town Hall, 115 North Road in the Town of Barnard, Vermont on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business from the floor:

#### ARTICLES

1. To elect a Town Moderator.
2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.
3. To elect the following Town Officers by ballot: one Selectman for three years, one Lister for three years, one Auditor for three years, a Town Clerk for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, a Delinquent Tax Collector for one year, a First Constable for one year, a Second Constable for one year, and to elect all other officers as made necessary by law.
4. To authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes.
5. To see how the Town will have its property taxes collected and to set the due date.
6. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to reconcile the FY19 General Fund and Highway surplus or deficit, and in the event of a surplus, the amount is to be carried forward to the next fiscal year.
7. To vote a FY21 Highway budget of \$918,720.00 of which \$734,720.00 shall be raised by taxes, and a FY21 General Fund budget of \$855,701.69 of which \$575,701.69 shall be raised by taxes.
8. Shall the Town make an additional principal payment of \$250,000.00 from accumulated budget surpluses as of June 30, 2019 in the General Fund as a prepayment on the Promissory Note held by Mascoma Savings Bank for construction of the emergency services building?
9. Shall the Town raise \$11,193.93 as the Town's portion for a Regional Energy Coordinator?

To do any other business which may come legally before this meeting.

Eligible residents can register to vote at the town clerk's office during normal business hours prior to town meeting, and at the town hall during town meeting. Early or absentee ballots are not available for votes "from the floor" at town meeting. Voters must be present to be counted.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.  
Barnard Selectboard

  
Rock Webster, Chair

  
Timothy Johnson

  
Robert Edmunds

## SELECTBOARD REPORT 2019

The year started with the Selectboard voting to join the lawsuit of *Athens School District et al vs State Board of Education* and ended with a town-wide vote to merge the Barnard School District into the Windsor Central Unified Union School District. The Selectboard engaged attorney Mark Oettinger to represent the Barnard School District through this process and we believe having this representation was worth the investment.

A spring snow melt brought flooding that damaged 16 town roads. Our thanks to the town road crew and local contractors who quickly brought us back to normal. Many towns were hit harder than Barnard. Because the Vermont April 15, 2019 Flood Event was declared a National Emergency, the town should receive \$117,588 in compensation for these road repairs.

This was a summer of paving. Between the Paving/Resurfacing Fund which you approved at last year's town meeting and a state paving grant, we are now fully caught up with paving on North and Stage Roads. Our goal for the Paving/Resurfacing Fund is to keep up with our paving and not fall behind. We plan to repave the aprons for Masterson, Rhoades and West Roads where they intersect with VT Route 12 in 2020.

Then came the shock in August that our property tax bills would jump an astonishing 16%! This was the result of the state formula that sets the education tax rate. The best answer we can get is that the bulk of that jump was due to the Common Level of Appraisal, or CLA, which is determined by recent real estate sales and which can flutter in a small town like Barnard with a wide range in property values. Where did that extra tax money go? To the state Education Fund Sharing Pool (some call it the "shark pool") and redistributed to towns treated kindlier by the formula.

This year's budget raises 9% less in taxes than last year. Unfortunately, the municipal budget is only about one-quarter of your tax bill (the rest is state education taxes).

You will see a special article to make a \$250,000 prepayment from accumulated budget surpluses toward the Fire & Rescue Building loan. We believe this will save taxpayers more in the long run than a one-year offset to reduce property taxes.

You will also see a special article for Barnard to join with six other towns and appropriate \$11,193.33 as our town's one-year share to hire a Regional Energy Coordinator. We believe this is a prudent investment in Barnard's energy future.

With your approval at last year's town meeting we added a 4<sup>th</sup> road crew worker. We thank Jeff Tracy (foreman), Delmar Balch, Eric Withington and now Edge Cole for their good work in maintaining our roads. Preston Bristow is in his fifth year as a part-time assistant to the Selectboard and continues to be a big help.

Rock Webster (Chair), Tim Johnson and Bob Edmunds

Minutes of a meeting of a public body should not attempt to be a transcript of the meeting or a complete restatement of all public discussion at the meeting. 1 V.S.A. #312(b) provides a list of what must be included in minutes. In summary: Record all motions whether adopted or defeated, name of the maker of the motion, number of votes on each side in a motion, names of board members present, names of active participants in the meeting. Do not record discussion or expressions of personal opinion. Do not try to capture individual statements except for motions made.

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF BARNARD  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2019**

Moderator Paul Doton called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Salute to the flag.

**ARTICLES:**

**1. To elect a Town Moderator.** Doug Martin nominated Paul Doton. Richard Lancaster made the motion that nominations cease and the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Paul Doton. Alice Rydjeski seconded the motion. **Voice vote passes article.**

Randall Szott presents resolution honoring Floyd Van Alstyne. Rising round of applause.

**2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.** Tom Morse makes motion to accept reports; second by Carin Park. No discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

Moderator Paul Doton reviews procedures to be following during town meeting.

**3. To elect the following Town Officers by ballot: one Selectman for three years, one Lister for three years, one Auditor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, a Delinquent Tax Collector for one year, a First Constable for one year, a Second Constable for one year, and to elect all officers as made necessary by law.** (Except as noted, all nominations were moved and a seconding motion made that nominations cease and the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk cast one ballot for the person nominated. The first person named in parentheses nominated the person for office, the 2nd person moved nominations cease and the 3rd person seconded the motion; all passed by voice vote.) **Selectman for three years: Tim Johnson** (Michele Johnson, Richard Lancaster, Alice Rydjeski); **one Lister for three years: Lois Resseguie** (Richard Lancaster, Carin Park, Beth Finlayson); **one Auditor for three years: Tom Morse** (Diane Rainey, Mike Johnson, Wes Hennig); **a Tax Collector for one year: Diane Rainey** (Doug Martin, Andi Cole, Del Balch); **a Delinquent Tax Collector for one year: Diane Rainey** (Doug Martin, Richard Lancaster, Del Balch); **a First Constable for one year: Wes Hennig** (Rob Tracy, Doug Martin, Leslie Welch); **a Second Constable for one year: Christopher Campbell** (Virginia Schlabach, Richard Lancaster, Wes Hennig); **a Town Agent for one year: Lee Resseguie** (Richard Lancaster, Andi Cole, Chris Campbell); **a Trustee of Public Funds for three years: Tom Morse** (Bob Edmunds, Rob Tracy, Beth Finlayson); **a Library Trustee for five years: Ellen Miles Margaret Edwards, Judy Maynes, Andi Cole); a Cemetery Commissioner for five years: Sue Lewis** (Bob Edmunds, Doug Martin, Fran Carbino). Jay Caruso swears in newly elected officers: Tim Johnson, Tom Morse, Diane Rainey, Wes Hennig, Chris Campbell and Sue Lewis.

**4. To authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes.** Carol Mosher makes the motion; second by Leslie Welch. No discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

**5. To see how the Town will have its property taxes collected and to set the due date.** Alice Rydjeski makes the motion to have taxes collected in two installments, the first due date to be on or after August 21, 2019, with such date being set by the Treasurer, the second due date to be February 12, 2020, with interest and penalties as allowed by State law on past due accounts. Payments must be legibly postmarked and payable on or before the due date; second by Richard Lancaster. No discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

**6. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to reconcile the FY18 General Fund and Highway surplus or deficit, and in the event of a surplus, the amount is to be carried forward to the next fiscal year.** Tom Morse makes the motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to reconcile the FY18 General Fund and Highway surplus as follows, of the \$272,543.00 general fund surplus, carry forward \$150,000.00 for the general fund operating expenses and the remaining \$122,543.00 to be used to offset taxes. The \$132,544.00 Highway surplus to be carried forward in Highway as required by state law. Second by Steve Smith. Discussion. **Voice vote passes motion.**

**7. To vote a FY20 Highway budget of \$1,252,205.00 of which \$853,465.00 shall be raised by taxes, and a FY20 General Fund budget of \$822,284.00 of which \$585,984.96 shall be raised by taxes.** Sue Lewis makes motion; second by Richard Lancaster. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

**8. To establish a “Paving/Resurfacing Fund” as a reserve (dedicated) fund which may be carried forward from year to year, and to transfer \$75,000.00 from the FY19 highway budget, a \$92,891.11 Irene closeout payment received in FY19, and \$75,000.00 from the FY20 highway budget (a total of \$242,899.11) into that reserve fund. Motion made by Tom Morse; second by David Green. No discussion. Voice vote passes article.**

**9. To do any other business which may come legally before this meeting. Sue Lewis makes motion to have Selectmen consider all offices to be for three-year terms – that is, increase 1-year terms to 3-year terms. Motion seconded by Paige Gibbs. Discussion. Voice vote passes motion. Jean Johnson expresses thanks for dedication to Moroni Johnson. Steve Smith voices appreciation for Diane Rainey, Treasurer, and Alice Rydjieski, Assistant Treasurer for praise in external auditors’ report. Rock Webster would also like to thank Carin Park and Pamela Fraser for all their work concerning the school and Act 46. Doug Martin makes motion to adjourn; second by Fran Carbino. Voice vote passes motion. Meeting adjourns at 10:51 A.M.**

A true record of the March 5, 2019 Annual Town Meeting, to the best of our ability.

Attest: Diane L. Rainey, Town Clerk    Paul Doton, Moderator    Rock Webster, Selectmen

## GENERAL INFORMATION FY19

Taxable Grand List:	\$ 2,879,641.38	
Tax Rate:	Municipal (set by the Barnard Board of Selectmen):	\$ 0.1990
	Highway (set by the Barnard Board of Selectmen):	0.2558
	School (set by the VT Dept. of Taxes):	TOTALS
	Homestead	\$ 1.4870    \$ 1.9418
	Non-Residential	\$ 1.3891    \$ 1.8439
Population:		958
Acres:		311360
Altitude:		1334 ft.
Zip Code:		05031
Barnard Volunteer Fire Department:	--EMERGENCY 911--	
Chief: Scott Mills		234-9073
Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Department:	--EMERGENCY 911--	
Chief: Patrick Kell		392-4149
Emergency		911
Fire Wardens: Scott Mills		234-9073
Rob Tracy		234-9785
Constables/Dog Wardens Chris Campbell		234-5462
Wes Hennig		234-5152
Health Officer: Tom Morse		234-5256
Listers' Office: Wednesday 9-11 AM or by appointment		234-9576
Selectmen: Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 7 PM, Town Office		
Rock Webster (Rock@Rockwebsterconstruction.com)		234-9391
Robert Edmunds (bobedmunds.barnardVT@gmail.com)		234-9401
Tim Johnson (mtjhson@aol.com)		234-6827
Town Garage: Jeff Tracy, Foreman		234-6961
Town Office Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00 – 3:30		
Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector Diane Rainey		234-9211 ext. 1
Transfer Station: Saturday 8-4 (during summer also Wed 4-8)		
Zoning Administrator: Preston Bristow		234-9211 ext.2

## TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator: (1-year term)	Paul Doton	2020
Town Clerk: (3 year term)	Diane L. Rainey	2020
Selectmen: (3 year terms)	Robert Edmunds	2021
	Tim Johnson	2022
	Rock Webster	2020
	Richard Lancaster	2021
Listers: (3 year terms)	Lois Resseguie	2022
	Virginia Nix	2020
	Diane L. Rainey	2020
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Treasurer/Current Tax Collector: (3 year term)	Beth Finlayson	2021
Delinquent Tax Collector: (1 year term)	Tom Morse	2022
Auditors: (3 year terms)	Linda Caruso	2020
	Wes Hennig	2020
Constable, First: (1 year term)	Christopher Campbell	2020
Constable, Second: (1 year term)	Lee Resseguie	2020
Town Agent: (1 year term)	Lee Resseguie	2021
Trustees of Public Funds: (3 year terms)	Tom Morse	2022
	Diane L. Rainey	2020
	Susan Hickey	2023
	Margaret Edwards	2021
Library Trustees: (5 year terms)	Edythe Wright	2020
	Judy Maynes	2022
	Ellen Miles	2024
	Phil Lewis	2023
Cemetery Commissioners: (5 year terms)	Sue Lewis	2024
	Robert Edmunds	2020
	Rodney Croft	2021
	Joseph Tokarski	2022
Barnard Academy Directors: (3 year terms)	Amelia Lennon	2021
	Carin Park	2022
	Rebecca Ward	2020
	Bryce Sammel	2021
Windsor Central MUUD School District Director (3 year Term)	Pamela Fraser	2022
Justices of the Peace: (Nov. elections for 2 year terms)	Jay Caruso	2020
	Linda Caruso	2020
	Paul Doton	2020
	Elizabeth Finlayson	2020
	Tom Morse	2020

## TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED

(1-year terms unless otherwise noted)

<b>Conservation Commission: (3-year term)</b>			
Callee Simpson	2021	Dean Edmunds	2022
Gerald Fredrickson	2021	Steve Killam	2022
Douglas Blain	2021	Tom Platner	2021
Arlana Ruch	2020		
<b>Development Review Board: (3-year term)</b>			
Doreen Hurley	2021	Kurt Lessard	2022
Susan Hickey	2021	Randall Szott	2020
Teo Zagar	2022	Alternate: Greg Boulbol	2020
Alternate: Justin Park	2020	Alternate: Edythe Wright	2020
<b>East Ctr VT Telecomm. Dist. – delegate</b>		Dan Leavitt	4/30/2020
- Alternate		Richard Lancaster	4/30/2020
- Alternate		Patrick Kell	4/30/2020
<b>E-911-Cordinator: Preston Bristow</b>	2020		
<b>Energy Committee:</b>			
Elizabeth Ferry	2020	Jason Cayer	2020
Karen Thorkilsen	2020	two vacancies	
<b>Fire Wardens:</b>			
		Scott Mills	2020
		Rob Tracy	2020
<b>Green up VT:</b>		Helping Hands – Mary Blanton	2020
<b>Health Officer:</b>		Tom Morse	2020
<b>Librarians:</b>		Margaret Edwards	2020
<b>Emergency Mgt Director/Coordinator:</b>		Mike Manning	2020
<b>Ottauquechee Planning Commission:</b>		Gerald Fredrickson	2020
		Alternate: Steve Cota	2020
<b>Planning Commission: (3-year term)</b>			
Randall Szott	2021	Steve Cota	2020
Carin Ewing	2021	Robert Tracy II	2020
Gerald Fredrickson	2022	Greyling VanAlstyne	2021
Steve Johnson	2022		
<b>Pound Keeper: Wes Hennig</b>	2020		
<b>Recreation Committee:</b>			
Dean Edmunds	2020	Bryce Sammel	2020
Eben Farinas	2020	Lucas Coogan	2020
Tammy Gerdes	2020		
<b>Road Foreman:</b>		Jeff Tracy	2020
<b>Selectmen's Assistant:</b>		Preston Bristow	2020
<b>Service Officer:</b>		Position repealed by Vt Legislature -- call 211	
<b>Solid Waste Supervisor:</b>		Robert Edmunds	2020
<b>Solid Waste Attendant</b>		Wes Hennig	2020
<b>State Police Advisory Bd</b>		Mike Manning	2020
<b>State Police Liaison:</b>		Mike Manning	2020
<b>Town Hall Supervisor</b>		Preston Bristow	2020
<b>Transportation Advisory Comm.</b>		Gerald Fredrickson	2020
<b>Tree Warden:</b>		Tim Johnson	2020
<b>White River Valley Ambulance:</b>		Lynne Tracy	2020
<b>Zoning Administrator:</b>		Preston Bristow	2021
<b>Barnard Academy Study Committee:</b>			
Building and Land (Voted at Town Meeting 2018)			
(School Board & Selectmen)			

	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Actual FY20 up to 12/31/2019	Budget FY21
<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>HIGHWAY DEPT.</b>					
<b>Highway Revenue to be Raised in Taxes</b>	<b>736,638.26</b>	<b>736,638.26</b>	<b>853,465.00</b>	<b>426,732.50</b>	<b>734,720.00</b>
Transfer from Gen'l Fund Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Projects and Grants</b>					
Aid Pilot Project	0.00	8,428.40	17,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Better Back Roads	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
Bridge 34 Rehab	0.00	87,196.00	124,740.00	82.73	0.00
Broad Brook Culvert	175,000.00	124,019.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flood - Irene 8/28/11	0.00	58,798.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lime Pond Rd Culvert	0.00	0.00	120,000.00	0.00	0.00
7/2017 FEMA Storm	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,157.43	0.00
Stage Road	0.00	9,447.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Materials Reimbursement	0.00	125.00	0.00	11.91	0.00
State Aid	129,000.00	128,912.76	129,000.00	65,608.44	129,000.00
<b>TOTAL, HIGHWAY REVENUES</b>	<b>1,040,638.26</b>	<b>1,153,565.01</b>	<b>1,252,205.00</b>	<b>498,593.01</b>	<b>918,720.00</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL</b>					
<b>Munic. Revenue to be Raised in Taxes</b>	<b>573,169.00</b>	<b>527,310.29</b>	<b>585,984.96</b>	<b>683,247.19</b>	<b>575,701.69</b>
Delinquent Prop. Taxes to be Collected	0.00	51,157.94	0.00	47,212.86	0.00
Interest	6,000.00	17,573.09	6,000.00	6,689.70	6,000.00
Penalties	2,500.00	12,686.40	2,500.00	3,119.97	2,500.00
Tax Sale Expenses Reimbursed	100.00	100.00	100.00	25.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL, MUNICIPAL TAXES</b>	<b>581,769.00</b>	<b>608,827.72</b>	<b>594,584.96</b>	<b>740,294.72</b>	<b>584,301.69</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
Bank Interest	1,000.00	21,519.50	15,000.00	7,857.95	12,000.00
Property Ins. Reimbursements	0.00	15,340.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL, MISC. REVENUE</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>36,860.48</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>7,857.95</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>STATE OF VERMONT</b>					
Current Use Reimbursement	120,000.00	153,960.00	120,000.00	0.00	140,000.00
Judicial Fines	10,000.00	14,398.76	15,000.00	5,838.16	15,000.00
PILOT Prog/ Lease Land	25,000.00	26,257.51	25,000.00	23,044.80	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL, STATE OF VT</b>	<b>155,000.00</b>	<b>194,616.27</b>	<b>160,000.00</b>	<b>28,882.96</b>	<b>180,000.00</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>					
Town Office Fees	15,000.00	14,917.38	16,000.00	8,143.00	15,000.00
Liquor Licenses	500.00	1,245.00	750.00	0.00	1,200.00
Town Hall Rental	2,000.00	3,075.00	3,000.00	2,225.00	3,500.00
Zoning/Planning Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,400.00
Zoning Permits	500.00	810.00	750.00	720.00	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL, TOWN OFFICE</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>20,047.38</b>	<b>20,500.00</b>	<b>11,088.00</b>	<b>47,100.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION FEES</b>					
Recyclables	500.00	1,491.57	2,000.00	827.66	2,000.00
Station Sales	28,000.00	29,788.05	30,000.00	13,478.00	30,000.00
Town Office Sales	300.00	330.00	200.00	418.00	300.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	FY19	FY19	FY20	FY20	FY21
				up to 12/31/2019	
TOTAL TRANSFER STATION	28,800.00	31,609.62	32,200.00	14,723.66	32,300.00
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL REVENUES</b>	<b>784,569.00</b>	<b>891,961.47</b>	<b>822,284.96</b>	<b>802,847.29</b>	<b>855,701.69</b>
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	1,040,638.26	1,153,565.01	1,252,205.00	498,593.01	918,720.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,825,207.26</b>	<b>2,045,526.48</b>	<b>2,074,489.96</b>	<b>1,301,440.30</b>	<b>1,774,421.69</b>
<b>SPENDING</b>					
<b>HIGHWAY</b>					
<b>EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS</b>					
Fuels	40,000.00	53,344.91	45,000.00	20,837.27	50,000.00
Insurance	6,000.00	4,933.43	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
Maintenance: Excavator	1,500.00	372.28	1,000.00	343.91	1,000.00
Maintenance: One-Ton Trucks	1,500.00	4,945.10	2,000.00	1,664.78	2,000.00
Maintenance: Grader	5,000.00	15,919.15	5,000.00	2,493.00	5,000.00
Maintenance: Loader	5,000.00	1,505.05	5,000.00	878.00	1,000.00
Maintenance: Misc. Equip.	2,500.00	879.28	2,000.00	1,755.03	2,000.00
Maintenance: Dump Trucks	12,000.00	11,182.13	8,000.00	10,215.23	8,000.00
New Equipment	0.00	7,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL, EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>73,500.00</b>	<b>100,381.33</b>	<b>75,000.00</b>	<b>38,187.22</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>
<b>GARAGE OPERATIONS</b>					
Insurance	5,000.00	4,019.17	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs	5,000.00	1,234.21	5,000.00	1,520.00	5,000.00
Supplies & Tools	5,000.00	3,567.56	5,000.00	1,645.62	2,500.00
Utilities	3,500.00	1,879.42	2,500.00	740.03	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL, GARAGE OPERATIONS</b>	<b>18,500.00</b>	<b>10,700.36</b>	<b>17,500.00</b>	<b>3,905.65</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>
<b>MATERIALS</b>					
Chloride	7,000.00	7,012.00	7,000.00	3,767.40	7,000.00
Culverts	7,000.00	7,174.29	7,000.00	10,719.69	7,000.00
Gravel & Hardpack	95,000.00	116,896.79	95,000.00	78,360.39	95,000.00
Guardrails & Signs	7,000.00	1,534.68	5,000.00	38.90	3,000.00
Heavy stone	5,000.00	4,235.59	3,500.00	6,407.80	3,000.00
Misc. supplies	500.00	557.38	500.00	686.66	500.00
Paving	1,500.00	830.00	1,500.00	1,327.82	1,500.00
Salt	35,000.00	30,440.16	35,000.00	8,369.68	35,000.00
Sand	50,000.00	46,681.75	50,000.00	21,063.00	45,000.00
<b>TOTAL, MATERIALS</b>	<b>208,000.00</b>	<b>215,362.64</b>	<b>204,500.00</b>	<b>130,741.34</b>	<b>197,000.00</b>
<b>PROJECTS AND GRANTS*</b>					
Better Back Roads	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
Bridge 34 Rehab	0.00	96,883.95	137,100.00	0.00	0.00
Bridge 35 Turn-around	30,000.00	38,299.50	50,000.00	64,380.23	0.00
Road Inventory	0.00	2,037.58	0.00	7,767.42	0.00
Broad Brook Culvert	192,500.00	150,643.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
East Barnard Bankslide	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,891.20	75,000.00
Lime Pond Culvert	0.00	13,921.16	150,000.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Grants – Town Share	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00

	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Actual FY20 up to 12/31/2019	Budget FY21
Mun.Rd.Gen.Perm.	0.00	1,750.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Highway Projects	3,000.00	4,875.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
Engineering Services	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
TH39 Bankslide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stage Road	0.00	3,566.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
Paving/Resurfacing	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	move to approps
<b>TOTAL, PROJECTS &amp; GRANTS</b>	<b>309,000.00</b>	<b>386,977.73</b>	<b>452,600.00</b>	<b>154,038.85</b>	<b>102,000.00</b>
<b>ROAD CREW</b>					
Health Benefits	54,900.00	59,064.47	77,450.00	38,146.76	98,150.00
Disability Insurance	1,401.00	357.90	1,500.00	792.10	1,600.00
Insurance - Unemploy & Work.Comp.	14,000.00	11,673.67	16,000.00	1.00	18,000.00
Retirement Funding	8,990.00	9,119.19	12,300.00	5,413.92	12,720.00
Social Security Taxes	12,200.00	12,095.31	16,335.00	6,899.48	16,250.00
Uniforms	6,000.00	5,785.88	6,500.00	3,443.13	7,500.00
Wages: Crew Overtime	11,000.00	11,290.77	12,000.00	3,010.51	12,000.00
Wages: Crew	88,920.00	91,659.32	140,000.00	63,710.00	140,000.00
Wages: Foreman Overtime	6,000.00	7,743.75	5,000.00	1,606.51	5,000.00
Wages: Foreman	49,920.00	51,424.00	52,520.00	25,480.00	55,000.00
Wages: Extra Help	4,000.00	290.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD CREW</b>	<b>257,331.00</b>	<b>260,504.26</b>	<b>339,605.00</b>	<b>148,503.41</b>	<b>366,220.00</b>
<b>SUB-CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>					
Equipment Rental	1,000.00	990.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Roadside Mowing	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mower Lease - Principal	8,888.13	8,887.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mower Lease - Interest	419.13	420.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Plowing	2,000.00	665.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Tree Removal	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	900.00	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL, SUB-CONTR. SERV.</b>	<b>24,307.26</b>	<b>10,962.31</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>
<b>UNBUDGETED</b>					
Garage Generator	0.00	20.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spring Flood 2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,160.49	0.00
Irene Flood	0.00	0.00	0.00	369.44	0.00
<b>TOTAL, UNBUDGETED</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,529.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
Equipment Replacement Fund	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	75,000.00
Emergency Highway Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Paving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
<b>TOTAL, HIGHWAY APPROP.</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY SPENDING</b>	<b>1,040,638.26</b>	<b>1,134,908.90</b>	<b>1,252,205.00</b>	<b>636,806.40</b>	<b>918,720.00</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL</b>					
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
Art Bus	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Barnard Academy-Rent Emerg Shelter	43,100.00	43,100.00	44,035.00	22,017.50	45,000.00
Barnard Cemetery Comm.	25,000.00	25,000.00	30,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00
Barnard Historical Society	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	FY19	FY19	FY20	FY20	FY21
				up to 12/31/2019	
Barnard Vol. Fire Dept.	48,300.00	48,300.00	48,300.00	24,150.00	62,000.00
Broad Brook Vol. Fire Dept.	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	7,500.00	15,000.00
Capstone Comm. Action (was Ctr.Vt.C.A)	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conservation Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Danforth Library	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	4,500.00	9,000.00
Green Mtn. Ec.Dev.Corp.	462.00	462.00	459.00	459.00	459.00
Green Up	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Health Care & Rehab. Serv. SE VT	975.00	975.00	975.00	975.00	975.00
Job Bank	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Ottawaquechee Health Foundation	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Pentangle	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
VT Rural Fire Protection (VACD)	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Recreation Committee	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00
Spectrum Teen Center	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
Thompson Senior Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
Two-Rivers Ott. Plan. Comm.	1,373.00	1,373.00	1,411.00	1,411.00	1,449.00
Visiting Nurses Assoc.	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00
White River Valley Ambulance	59,661.00	61,072.02	59,661.00	29,830.50	56,820.00
Windsor County Mentors	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Woodstock Library	400.00	30.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
<b>TOTAL, APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>230,871.00</b>	<b>231,912.02</b>	<b>234,291.00</b>	<b>126,043.00</b>	<b>243,403.00</b>
<b>AUDITORS' OFFICE</b>					
Auditor's Wages	250.00	123.38	250.00	0.00	250.00
Auditor's Soc. Sec. Taxes	20.00	9.44	20.00	0.00	20.00
Expenses	1,000.00	1,039.35	1,000.00	1,406.25	1,500.00
External Audit	8,000.00	8,043.74	8,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
Town Reports	6,000.00	2,901.20	6,000.00	0.00	3,500.00
<b>TOTAL, AUDITORS' OFFICE</b>	<b>15,270.00</b>	<b>12,117.11</b>	<b>15,270.00</b>	<b>1,406.25</b>	<b>14,270.00</b>
<b>BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>1,051.01</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>588.59</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>COUNTY TAXES</b>					
Courthouse Bond	7,050.00	6,510.00	7,020.00	7,020.00	7,020.00
County Taxes	12,233.00	12,233.00	13,539.00	13,539.00	14,000.00
<b>TOTAL, COUNTY TAXES</b>	<b>19,283.00</b>	<b>18,743.00</b>	<b>20,559.00</b>	<b>20,559.00</b>	<b>21,020.00</b>
<b>CURRENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>					
Collector's Salary	9,367.00	9,367.28	9,367.00	4,503.50	10,367.00
Expenses	1,500.00	1,668.64	1,500.00	557.61	2,150.00
Social Security Taxes	720.00	716.56	720.00	344.50	793.00
<b>TOTAL, CURRENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>	<b>11,587.00</b>	<b>11,752.48</b>	<b>11,587.00</b>	<b>5,405.61</b>	<b>13,310.00</b>
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>					
Collector's Salary	9,367.00	9,367.28	9,367.00	4,503.50	10,367.00
Expenses	3,000.00	1,529.11	2,000.00	554.14	2,350.00
Social Security Taxes	720.00	716.56	720.00	344.50	793.00
<b>TOTAL, DELINQ. TAX COLL.</b>	<b>13,087.00</b>	<b>11,612.95</b>	<b>12,087.00</b>	<b>5,402.14</b>	<b>13,510.00</b>

	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Actual FY20 up to 12/31/2019	Budget FY21
<b>DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD</b>					
Clerical Wages	1,000.00	0.00	750.00	561.00	750.00
Expenses & Notices	250.00	270.40	250.00	0.00	100.00
Social Security Taxes	80.00	0.00	60.00	42.91	60.00
<b>TOTAL, DEV. REV. BD.</b>	<b>1,330.00</b>	<b>270.40</b>	<b>1,060.00</b>	<b>603.91</b>	<b>910.00</b>
<b>FIRE &amp; RESCUE BUILDING</b>					
Cleaning	0.00	468.00	3,500.00	0.00	2,000.00
Insurance	3,500.00	2,379.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,500.00
Maintenance & Repair	2,000.00	2,035.77	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Social Security	0.00	35.80	0.00	0.00	153.00
Solar System - Maint. & Repair	500.00	244.71	500.00	104.20	250.00
Utilities - Electricity	0.00	552.83	200.00	142.52	250.00
Utilities - Heat	5,000.00	2,949.28	4,000.00	695.82	3,000.00
Loan repayment - principle	82,377.00	82,377.07	82,377.07	40,000.00	82,377.07
Loan repayment - interest	16,651.00	19,740.62	32,592.89	15,457.90	28,823.62
<b>TOTAL, EMERG. SERV. BLDG</b>	<b>110,028.00</b>	<b>110,783.08</b>	<b>128,169.96</b>	<b>58,400.44</b>	<b>122,353.69</b>
<b>OLD FIRE STATION</b>					
Insurance	250.00	352.00	250.00	67.00	250.00
Maintenance & Repair	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
Utilities	1,000.00	1,458.98	500.00	102.55	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL, OLD FIRE STATION</b>	<b>3,250.00</b>	<b>1,810.98</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>169.55</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>
<b>LISTERS' OFFICE</b>					
Consulting	10,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	1,200.00	14,400.00
Equipment	1,000.00	1,835.71	8,000.00	114.91	3,000.00
Expenses	13,650.00	12,422.93	2,000.00	2,238.72	6,100.00
Listers' Wages	30,000.00	25,248.25	30,400.00	14,214.00	30,400.00
Mapping	4,000.00	5,170.00	6,000.00	2,000.00	5,500.00
Social Security Taxes	2,200.00	1,931.54	2,450.00	1,087.40	2,450.00
<b>TOTAL, LISTERS' OFFICE</b>	<b>60,850.00</b>	<b>46,608.43</b>	<b>60,850.00</b>	<b>20,855.03</b>	<b>61,850.00</b>
<b>TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN</b>					
Interest	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Principle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL, TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>					
Clerical Wages	1,000.00	644.00	1,000.00	509.00	1,000.00
Consulting//Grants	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	32,400.00
Expenses & Notices	100.00	70.41	100.00	19.97	100.00
Social Security Taxes	80.00	49.26	80.00	38.94	80.00
Energy Committee	250.00	36.75	300.00	0.00	250.00
<b>TOTAL, PLANNING COMM.</b>	<b>1,430.00</b>	<b>800.42</b>	<b>7,480.00</b>	<b>567.91</b>	<b>33,830.00</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Constables' Office	750.00	447.29	750.00	0.00	500.00
COPS	24,000.00	26,455.20	25,000.00	9,541.00	25,000.00
Emerg. Shelt./Generator (School)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
911 Expenses	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL, PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>24,750.00</b>	<b>26,902.49</b>	<b>30,750.00</b>	<b>9,541.00</b>	<b>25,500.00</b>

	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Actual FY20 up to 12/31/2019	Budget FY21
<b>SELECTMEN'S OFFICE</b>					
Assistants' Salaries	25,000.00	23,298.40	25,000.00	12,702.75	25,000.00
Contingency Expense	10,000.00	5,135.74	10,000.00	350.00	10,000.00
Expenses & Supplies	5,000.00	3,217.04	2,500.00	460.14	2,500.00
Insurance: General Liability	2,200.00	1,898.90	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00
Insurance: Public Officials	1,600.00	1,076.57	1,600.00	0.00	1,400.00
Insurance: Work. Comp//Unemploy.	1,250.00	977.90	1,250.00	100.00	1,250.00
Legal Fees	10,000.00	1,720.00	10,000.00	4,877.50	10,000.00
School Merger Legal Fees	0.00	11,701.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Selectmen's Wages	5,500.00	6,327.86	6,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
Social Security Taxes	2,325.00	2,266.58	2,400.00	971.84	2,400.00
Street Lights	1,500.00	1,451.21	1,500.00	630.42	1,000.00
VT League Cities & Towns	2,103.00	2,103.00	2,156.00	2,156.00	2,244.00
Website Maintenance	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,328.00	1,500.00
Town Operations IT	1,000.00	927.01	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL, SELECTMEN'S OFFICE</b>	<b>68,978.00</b>	<b>63,101.96</b>	<b>67,106.00</b>	<b>23,576.65</b>	<b>67,494.00</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT</b>					
Alliance Fees	10,800.00	10,492.60	10,800.00	10,492.60	10,800.00
Hauling & Disposal	43,000.00	44,263.03	43,000.00	16,347.81	45,000.00
Landfill Monitoring	4,000.00	7,211.25	5,000.00	2,535.00	5,000.00
Operating Maint. & Repair	5,000.00	7,278.45	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Social Security Taxes	770.00	617.35	770.00	224.91	770.00
Utilities	1,000.00	522.85	1,000.00	275.25	500.00
VT Franchise Tax	1,000.00	659.09	1,000.00	541.35	1,000.00
Wages	10,000.00	8,070.00	10,000.00	2,940.00	10,000.00
Workmans Comp//Unemploy. Ins.	1,450.00	1,247.44	1,450.00	0.00	1,450.00
<b>TOTAL, SOLID WASTE MGT.</b>	<b>77,020.00</b>	<b>80,362.06</b>	<b>83,020.00</b>	<b>33,356.92</b>	<b>84,520.00</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE</b>					
Assistant's Wages	10,764.00	11,451.70	8,372.00	4,071.00	8,372.00
Clerk's Salary	25,712.00	25,712.44	25,712.00	12,361.75	25,712.00
Continuing Education	100.00	17.50	100.00	30.00	100.00
Equipment	2,000.00	1,356.03	2,000.00	250.42	2,000.00
Expenses & Supplies	3,000.00	2,018.88	3,000.00	1,094.74	3,650.00
Health Benefits	9,400.00	10,019.54	9,900.00	3,934.30	11,350.00
Record Restoration	15,000.00	15,279.53	15,500.00	11,442.76	15,750.00
Retirement Funding	3,800.00	3,783.52	3,990.00	1,912.54	4,156.00
Social Security Taxes	3,200.00	2,843.21	2,600.00	1,257.17	2,610.00
Telephone & Internet	500.00	443.90	500.00	234.74	500.00
<b>TOTAL, TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE</b>	<b>73,476.00</b>	<b>72,926.25</b>	<b>71,674.00</b>	<b>36,589.42</b>	<b>74,200.00</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>					
Administrator - Wages	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administrator - Soc. Sec.	0.00	258.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleaning - Wages	0.00	3,380.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Insurance	4,000.00	3,614.63	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Maintenance and Repair	16,000.00	15,831.78	15,000.00	2,297.67	15,000.00
Rental Refunds	0.00	525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	6,500.00	5,968.10	6,000.00	1,311.91	6,500.00
<b>TOTAL, TOWN HALL</b>	<b>28,500.00</b>	<b>29,578.08</b>	<b>27,000.00</b>	<b>3,609.58</b>	<b>27,500.00</b>

	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Actual FY20 up to 12/31/2019	Budget FY21
<b>TREASURER'S OFFICE</b>					
Assistant's Wages	10,764.00	11,848.45	13,156.00	5,916.75	13,156.00
Continuing Education	1,000.00	1,009.68	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00	1,546.09	1,000.00	250.42	1,000.00
Expenses & Supplies	4,000.00	3,185.63	3,000.00	980.87	3,650.00
Social Security Taxes	2,300.00	2,345.80	2,600.00	1,214.96	2,600.00
Treasurer's Salary	18,815.00	18,815.16	20,815.00	9,969.03	20,815.00
<b>TOTAL, TREASURER'S OFFICE</b>	<b>37,879.00</b>	<b>38,750.81</b>	<b>41,571.00</b>	<b>18,362.03</b>	<b>42,221.00</b>
<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Expenses	1,000.00	1,638.34	1,500.00	324.53	1,500.00
Social Security Taxes	230.00	307.89	310.00	174.66	310.00
Wages	3,000.00	4,025.00	4,000.00	2,283.00	4,000.00
<b>TOTAL, ZONING ADMIN.</b>	<b>4,230.00</b>	<b>5,971.23</b>	<b>5,810.00</b>	<b>2,782.19</b>	<b>5,810.00</b>
TRANSFER, Gen'l Surplus to Highway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>UNBUDGETED</b>					
<b>TOTAL UNBUDGETED</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL VOTED ARTICLES</b>					
<b>TOTAL, SPEC. VOTED ART.</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL, MUNICIPAL SPENDING</b>	<b>784,569.00</b>	<b>765,054.76</b>	<b>822,284.96</b>	<b>367,819.22</b>	<b>855,701.69</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY SPENDING</b>	<b>1,040,638.26</b>	<b>1,134,908.90</b>	<b>1,252,205.00</b>	<b>636,806.40</b>	<b>918,720.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL AND HIGHWAY SPENDING</b>	<b>1,825,207.26</b>	<b>1,899,963.66</b>	<b>2,074,489.96</b>	<b>1,004,625.62</b>	<b>1,774,421.69</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL AND HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>	<b>1,825,207.26</b>	<b>2,045,526.48</b>	<b>2,074,489.96</b>	<b>1,301,440.30</b>	<b>1,774,421.69</b>
	0.00	-145,562.82	0.00	-296,814.68	0.00

## DEDICATED FUNDS REPORT

		Balance at 6/30/018	Town Appropriations	Other Revenue	Expenditures	Balance at 6/30/19
*	#201 EQUIPMENT REPLAC	111,360.30	150,000.00	48,123.73	-284,623.93	24,860.10
	#202 EMERGENCY HIGHW	60,405.93	0.00	972.45	-10,240.00	51,138.38
	#203 TOWN FOREST	17,494.40	0.00	288.75	0.00	17,783.15
**	#300 LISTER REAPPRAIS/	69,433.70	0.00	8,814.88	-61,705.97	16,542.61
***	#320 PAVING FUND	0.00	75,000.00	93,449.49	0.00	168,449.49
	<b>DEDICATED FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>258,694.33</b>	<b>225,000.00</b>	<b>151,649.30</b>	<b>-356,569.90</b>	<b>278,773.73</b>
	#400 CONSERVATION CC	52,572.18	5,000.00	630.31	0.00	58,202.49

(\*sale of equip \$46200;\*\*VT \$8094;\*\*\*FEMA transfer \$92891; all remaining "other" revenue is bank interest)

## LONG TERM DEBT REPORT

		Beginning Balance	Principle Added	Principle Paid	Interest	Ending FY Balance
08 GRADER:	Dedicated// Paid FY20	48,307.57		-23,575.67	2,367.07	24,731.90
08 MOWER:	Highway Budget//Paid FY19	8,888.30		-8,888.30	419.01	0.00
14 EXCAVATOR:	Dedicated//Paid FY24	104,054.15		-16,495.08	2,081.08	87,559.07
FIRE & RESCUE BUILDING	Mascoma Bank Bond// Paid FY32	1,141,785.93		-82,377.07	19,740.62	1,059,408.86
LANDFILL CLOSURE:	Pace & Hawley Annual AJE	20,000.00				20,000.00
	<b>TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<b>1,323,035.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-131,336.12</b>		<b>1,191,699.83</b>

## TAX DOLLAR DISBURSEMENT

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	Projected FY20
Barnard Central School (pre to 6th)	964,873.00	981,405.00	1,005,967.00	1,059,442.00	1,125,914.00
Woodstock Union High Sch. (7th to 12th)	863,362.00	849,350.00	856,522.00	918,185.00	934,949.00
State of Vermont (Act 46 School)	2,201,084.24	2,148,482.24	1,753,390.40	1,719,474.85	2,097,053.68
Municipal	480,889.41	479,277.07	518,174.44	519,919.08	585,984.96
Highway	688,067.00	753,946.00	748,947.50	736,638.26	853,465.00
<b>TOTAL TAXES TURNED OVER</b>	<b>5,198,275.65</b>	<b>5,212,460.31</b>	<b>4,883,001.34</b>	<b>4,953,659.19</b>	<b>5,597,366.64</b>

## ANNUAL TAX RATES

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Emergency Services Building	0.0000	0.0350***	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Municipal	0.1500	0.1730	0.1900	0.1990	0.1697
Highway	0.2380	0.2610	0.2600	0.2558	0.3125
School Tax - Residential	1.6573	1.6347	1.4707	1.4870	1.7398
School Tax - Non-Residential	1.5207	1.5295	1.3947	1.3891	1.6264
<b>Grand List</b>	<b>2,888,247.90</b>	<b>2,886,390.12</b>	<b>2,873,958.10</b>	<b>2,879,641.38</b>	<b>2,731,173.50</b>

\*\*\* included in municipal

## VITAL STATISTICS

Recorded in the Town of Barnard during fiscal year.  
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

### BIRTHS

Aug. 1, 2018	Atlas Jones to Amelia Lennon & William Jones
Jan. 17, 2019	Alexa Cole to Ashley McKeever & Edwin Cole
April 4, 2019	Jack Campbell to Barbara Campbell & Christopher Campbell
April 12, 2019	Maggie Killoran to Nicole & Patrick Killoran

### CIVIL MARRIAGES

July 7, 2018	Maia Easton & James Botha
Aug. 25, 2018	Lindsey VanDerhoof & Ian Putnam
Dec. 8, 2018	Zachary Niles & Fanita Remy
Jan. 17, 2019	Wendy Thursby & Thomas Herche
May 14, 2019	Jeremy Zych & Kimberly Laird
June 2, 2019	Elizabeth Jao & Farhan Ladhani
June 22, 2019	Peter Kahn & Amy Anderson
June 26, 2019	Travis Cerf & Kaitlyn Sacks

### DEATHS

Sept. 15, 2018	Annette Brown, age 78
Sept. 15, 2018	Ivan Singer, age 76
Nov. 2, 2018	Darryl Blodgett, age 66
May 7, 2019	Linda Schwartz, age 68
May 21, 2019	Bruce Hull, age 63

### BURIALS or CREMATIONS

July 14, 2018	Ruth Dunning, Winward Cemetery
Aug. 17, 2018	Lillian Gilman, Methodist Cemetery
May 25, 2019	Dorothy Vaughna, East Barnard Cemetery
June 1, 2019	David Howard, Methodist Ext.
June 5, 2019	Mary Lloyd, East Barnard Cemetery
June 12, 2019	Lillian DeGiacomo, Silver Lake Cemetery

## TOWN EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

1 – 15 Peterbilt Truck	1 – 99 Chipper
1 – 15 Western Star Truck	1 – 3" Water Pump
1 – 19 Western Star Truck	1 – Plate Compactor
1 – 08 Roadside Mower	5 – Snow Plows
1 – 14 Cat Wheeled Excavator	1 – Pressure Washer
1 – 16 Ford 550	2 – Utility Trailers
1 – 19 Ford 350	1 – Leaf Vacuum
1 – 05 John Deere Loader	1 – Lap Top Computer
1 – Gosen Hay Blower	1 – Sand Screen
1 – 08 Caterpillar Grader	2 – Road Rakes & 2 Blades
9 – 2-Way Radios & 5 Portable	1 – Welder
1 – Air Compressor	Miscellaneous Garage Tools
2 – Chain Saws	Miscellaneous Town Office Equipment
2 – Generators	

## DOG LICENSE REPORT

# of Tags @	Tag \$	Collected
96 @	\$9.00	\$864.00
9 @	\$13.00	\$117.00
33 @	\$13.50	\$445.50
3 @	\$19.50	\$58.50
<b>141 Dogs</b>		<b>\$1,485.00</b>
<b>State Fees</b>		
141 @	\$1.00	\$141.00
141 @	\$4.00	\$564.00
<b>Total Fees to State</b>		<b>\$705.00</b>

## DOG LICENSE FEES

By Vermont law, a person must license his or her dog on or before April 1 of every year. The Vermont legislature has set license fees as follows with \$5.00 of each license sold going to the State of Vermont. On or before April 1:

Neutered or spayed dog that is 6 months or older \$9.00  
 Unneutered or unsprayed dog that is 6 months or older \$13.00

After April 1

Neutered or spayed dog that is 6 months or older \$13.50  
 Unneutered or unsprayed dog that is 6 months or older \$19.50

If you become the owner/keeper of a dog 6 months or older after April 1<sup>st</sup>, you have thirty (30) days to license the animal. You may license your dog(s) in person at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours. You may also do so by mail (Town of Barnard, PO Box 274, Barnard, VT, 05031): send a copy of the dog's current rabies certificate, a copy of the neuter/spay certificate and the appropriate fee (checks made payable to Town of Barnard), and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for returning dog tag.

## DELINQUENT REPORT

TAXPAYER	PARCEL	TAXPAYER	PARCEL
Barber, Leon & Mary Estate	04-0030	* Keating, Ryan	02-0132.2
* Boyer, Marcia	02-0808	* Keller, Theresa	06-0380
Brown, Sheldon Est of	04-0581	* Lewis, David	02-0437.2
* Coogan, Jared	03-0147.2	* Martel, Anthony & Lisa	06-0106
* Dean & DeBourgignon Trust	02-0193	* Martin Wm Trustee	04-0549
* Doton Dwight & Katherine	02-0209	McGuire, Peter	07-0495
* Doton et al	02-0211	* New Twin Brook Farm	06-0754
* Dulmage, John	06-0216	* Perkins, Carol	05-0613
Faila, Vincent & Summer	03-0286	Poulin, Donald	06-0595
* Helm, Jeffrey	05-0267	* Strayton, Melissa	05-0458
Johnson, Stephen & Nichols,	04-0160	* Ward, Ralph	06-0753
* Keating, Richard	01-0654		
<b>TOTAL DUE on 6/30/19</b>	<b>\$61,849.89</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE on 12/31/19</b>	<b>\$8,698.49</b>

- \* Paid in full or partial on or before 12/31/19
- Because of new confidentiality laws the VT Dept. of Property Valuation & Review and the VT League of Cities & Towns very strongly suggest that no individual delinquent amounts be posted or printed in Town Reports
- Amounts due include all Taxes, interest, penalties & expenses

## FISCAL YEAR SUMMARY OF GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

	FY17	FY18	FY19
<b>FISCAL YEAR SUMMARY OF GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>			
General Checking Account Balance - Ending Previous Year	305,239.49	386,536.79	596,678.15
ADD: Current Year Total Credits	6,362,636.23	6,615,615.21	6,031,982.31
DEDUCT: Current Year Total Debits	-6,281,338.93	-6,405,473.85	-6,072,832.78
<b>FISCAL YEAR CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE to be Reconciled</b>	<b>386,536.79</b>	<b>596,678.15</b>	<b>555,827.68</b>
Add Uncleared Deposits as of end of Fiscal Year	788.01	12,618.00	0.00
Less Uncleared Checks as of end of Fiscal Year	-30,217.32	-15,418.59	-16,634.89
Sweep Account Wire Transfers in Transit	-7,600.00		
	-37,029.31	-2,800.59	-16,634.89
<b>RECONCILED BANK BALANCE AS OF END OF FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>349,507.48</b>	<b>593,877.56</b>	<b>539,192.79</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR ENDING MONTH BANK RECONCILIATION</b>			
Bank Statement Balances as of End of Fiscal Year			
General Checking	80,051.69	596,678.15	555,827.68
Sweep Account	306,485.10	0.00	0.00
Sub Total	386,536.79	596,678.15	555,827.68
ADD: Outstanding Deposits	788.01	12,618.00	0.00
DEDUCT: Outstanding Checks	-30,217.32	-15,418.59	-16,634.89
DEDUCT: Wire Transfers in Transit	-7,600.00	0.00	0.00
	-37,029.31	-2,800.59	-16,634.89
<b>RECONCILED BANK BALANCE AS OF END OF FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>349,507.48</b>	<b>593,877.56</b>	<b>539,192.79</b>

## SURPLUS//DEFICIT REPORT

<b>MUNICIPAL</b>		<b>HIGHWAY</b>	
Ending FY10 SURPLUS	304,980.00	Ending FY10 SURPLUS	0.00
FY11 Deficit	-79,890.00	FY11 Deficit	-30,288.00
FY12 Deficit	-16,419.00	FY12 Surplus	123,291.00
FY13 Surplus	28,116.00	FY13 Surplus	395,452.00
FY14 Deficit	-66,565.00	FY14 Deficit	-739,941.00
FY15 Deficit	-13,709.00	FY15 Surplus	237,471.00
FY16 Surplus	63,822.00	FY16 Deficit	-73,456.00
FY17 Surplus	64,116.00	FY17 Surplus	133,145.00
FY18 Deficit	-11,908.00	FY18 Surplus	86,870.00
FY19 Surplus	126,906.00	FY19 Surplus	18,656.00
<b>Accumulated</b>			
Municipal Surplus/Deficit	<b>399,449.00</b>	Highway Surplus/Deficit	<b>151,200.00</b>
 <b>ACCUMULATED TOTAL DEFICIT/SURPLUS</b>			
<b>as of end of Fiscal Year on June 30th</b>			<b>550,649.00</b>

Audited results of Certified Public Accountants Pace & Hawley, LLC

# PLANNING COMMISSION

With Barnard's Town Plan approved on August 24, 2016 (good for 8 years) and with an up-to-date Unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulation adopted by town vote on November 6, 2012, the Planning Commission has fulfilled its required duties and is now meeting as needed. However, state law does require the Planning Commission to conduct a 4-year review of the Town Plan – in 2020 – to confirm that the town is “actively engaging in implementing” its town plan, so that task is in our future.

The Planning Commission applied, with the Selectboard's permission, and has been awarded a 2019 VTrans Bicycle & Pedestrian Program grant for a

## 👉 **Barnard Village Sidewalk Scoping Study** 👈

The award is for \$21,120 from the state with a \$5,280 match from the town for a total project cost of \$26,400.

As described in the application, the Barnard Village Sidewalk Project seeks to link the village center at the Barnard General Store and the “community beach” at the Silver Lake dam with Barnard Academy (the local elementary school), the Post Office, Danforth Library, the Community Church, the Town Hall, and Silver Lake State Park. The study area will include 1000 feet of VT Route 12, 1200 feet of North Road, and 400 feet of Stage Road. Highway crossings, streetlights, and other streetscape and community enhancements will be explored. Stormwater improvements that reduce runoff into Silver Lake will also be important considerations.

*Please note! This is only a scoping study. This grant will only pay for transportation planners and engineers. We are years away and much discussion and input away from actual sidewalk construction!*

The **Development Review Board (DRB)** reviews applications for conditional uses and lakeshore development and appeals of a decision of the zoning administrator. The DRB held one subdivision and three conditional use hearings in 2019. DRB members are Susan Hickey (chair), Doreen Hurley, Kurt Lessard, Randall Szott and Teo Zagar with alternates Greg Boulbol, Justin Park and Edythe Wright.

Our **Zoning Administrator**, Preston Bristow, issued 28 zoning permits in 2019 of which 5 were for new single-family dwellings. Preston is the assistant to the Selectboard as well, so he is generally in the Town Offices on Monday through Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM (802-234-9211 ex 2). If it isn't convenient for you to see him then, you may call his cell phone at (603) 359-5243 or send him an email at [zoning@barnardvt.us](mailto:zoning@barnardvt.us).

Steve Cota (Chair), Steve Johnson (Vice Chair), Jerry Fredrickson, Carin Park,  
Randall Szott, Rob Tracy and Greyling VanAlstyne.

## BARNARD RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

This past year the focus has remained on Soccer and Baseball. The soccer program stayed strong with over 60 children participating. Baseball numbers were a bit light at the older ages, so we've merged the 11 and 12 year old team with Woodstock, but still had over 30 children playing in Barnard.

The Barnard Rec held their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Soccer Jamboree for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Barnard Academy in September hosting over 100 soccer players from the area towns of Woodstock, Sharon, Williamstown, Rochester, South Royalton, and Bethel. The Barnard young soccer athletes along with neighboring teams had FUN while developing basic soccer skills with leadership, teamwork, and safety bringing many successful wins.

Besides the continuation of these programs, goals consist of installing a new basketball hoop, beginning swimming lessons at the lake, and recruiting some new Rec. board members and volunteers!



The Barnard Recreation Committee's Mission is to enhance the lives of others through quality programs and events, designed and developed so that Barnard Residents of all ages, abilities, and income levels have the chance to participate in excellent and wholesome recreational activities. Further, to promote the fundamental element of skill in sports for the Barnard Academy children, while learning respect, cooperation, determination, and hard work.

# BARNARD RECREATION DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR REPORT

		FY17		FY18		FY19	
BEGINNING BALANCE:	(From Previous FY)	3,208.27	3,208.27	6,054.54	6,054.54	3,658.59	3,658.59
RECEIPTS:							
	Bottle Returns	844.93		951.00		1,185.40	
	Soccer Program	737.00		1,670.00		1,126.50	
	Baseball Program	2,970.00		0.00		380.00	
	Town Appropriations	5,000.00		6,800.00		8,000.00	
	Bank Interest	0.00		17.21		90.08	
	Donations	1,080.00		925.00		0.00	
<b>TOTAL FY RECEIPTS:</b>			<b>10,631.93</b>		<b>10,363.21</b>		<b>10,781.98</b>
LESS ORDERS PAID:							
	Lawn Maintenance	-954.20		-1,800.00		-3,000.00	
	Office Supplies	-40.12		0.00		-50.00	
	Soccer Program	-2,374.75		-4,617.34		-3,679.20	
	Baseball Program	-4,166.59		-5,340.47		-631.00	
	Porta Potty Rental	0.00		-751.35		0.00	
	Community Events	-250.00		-250.00		0.00	
<b>TOTAL LESS FY ORDERS PAID:</b>			<b>-7,785.66</b>		<b>-12,759.16</b>		<b>-7,360.20</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>			<b>6,054.54</b>		<b>3,658.59</b>		<b>7,080.37</b>
*****							
RECONCILED BANK ACCOUNTS:							
	Year end Bank Statement	3,293.75		5,292.64		7,080.37	
	Uncleared Deposits	3,480.00		0.00		0.00	
	Uncleared Checks	-719.21		-1,634.05		0.00	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS FORWARD:</b>			<b>6,054.54</b>		<b>3,658.59</b>		<b>7,080.37</b>

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BARNARD CEMETERY COMMISSION

This year we would like to recognize the “crew” that mows the cemeteries of our Town. They not only mow, but also help with occasional other clean ups and they let the Commissioners know if they see any problems in the cemeteries. We would also like to thank all who abide by the posted rules in the cemeteries that keep our mowers safe and makes their work easier.

Mike LaDouceur has been mowing in the cemeteries since 1988. He mows the East Barnard, Village, Perkins and Ashley Ellis cemeteries. As a teenager, monies he earned mowing helped him to pay for his first car. For any who noticed the majestic display of blue violets in the Village Cemetery in the spring, we can thank Mike for leaving them intact for a period of time so we could enjoy them. He says that doing this has also allowed the display to increase over the years.

Roni Johnson has been mowing in the cemeteries for twenty-nine years. He mows the Silver Lake, South Barnard and Methodist and Methodist Extension cemeteries. Helen Watts referred Roni to the Commission when she and Tink stopped mowing. Roni is a history buff and says the cemeteries connect us to our heritage. When we spoke to him, he noted some of the very unusual epitaphs he’s read on the gravestones and also noted that Lt. Moses Belding died 7/4/1811, a year before the British returned. He also said that he remembers Hazel Davis very well and never knew that one day he would marry her granddaughter. Now he is caring for Hazel’s gavesite. He notes people’s names are not often spoken after they pass away, but he enjoys seeing them on the stones. He mentioned the thing he dislikes the most when mowing – picking glass out of his flesh after weed whacking around the stones when someone has left glass containers there.

Stuart Hull took over the mowing of the Nye Cemetery when Bucky Joy retired approximately 25 years ago. The Nye Cemetery is somewhat off the grid and the road to it presents a challenge at certain time of the year, but that never stops Stuart from maintaining it meticulously.

In May the Commissioners honored our veterans by placing new flags on graves of all known Barnard veterans. From May to October, Commissioners worked weekly, as weather permitted, to right leaning stones, remove decorations that did not comply with the cemetery rules and regulations, clean up old pots and decorations left behind and, in some cases, infringing on neighboring properties.

Commissioners have established cremation only lots at the Methodist Extension Cemetery and we have also been working to verify cemetery maps. Many fallen limbs and some trees have been removed at the Village and South Barnard Cemeteries. A new three-board fence has been installed at the Silver Lake Cemetery which includes an iron gate fashioned by Joe and Rodney.

Some Commissioners attended the Vermont Cemetery Association meeting which proved to be very informative and helpful.

All these things were made possible because of the continued support of the Barnard taxpayers.

Cemetery Commissioners

Robert Edmunds, Chair

Rodney Croft

Philip Lewis

Susan Lewis

Joseph Tokarski

## BARNARD CEMETERY FISCAL YEAR REPORT

	FY17	FY18	FY19
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (Previous years Ending):</b>			
Checking:	17052.21	11600.78	9081.99
<b>Funds:</b>			
East Barnard Fence Fund	760.00	760.00	760.00
Silver Lake Memorial Fund	400.00	400.00	400.00
<b>TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE:</b>	18212.21	12760.78	10241.99
<b>FY RECEIPTS:</b>			
Interest:	1.69	47.45	218.09
Sale of Cemetery Lots:	3200.00	1800.00	4400.00
Donations	0.00	1190.00	0.00
Town Appropriation:	15000.00	20000.00	25000.00
Transfer of CD into Checking	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL FY RECEIPTS:</b>	18201.69	23037.45	29618.09
<b>TOTAL:</b>	36413.90	35798.23	39860.08
<b>FY ORDERS PAID:</b>			
Cemetery Maintenance:			
Ashley & Ellis	-300.00	-220.00	-696.52
East Barnard & Extension	-3235.18	-4845.63	-4697.16
Methodist & Extension	-8372.36	-4424.34	-3712.38
Nye	-275.00	-759.34	-313.25
Perkins	-280.00	-289.42	-569.42
Silver Lake	-2534.50	-2361.38	-3752.73
South Barnard	-1682.36	-4833.31	-1513.59
Village	-5224.49	-5214.88	-5870.17
Windward	-1000.00	-1043.83	-1359.42
All Cemeteries	-749.23	-1564.11	-1288.99
<b>LESS FY ORDERS PAID:</b>	-23653.12	-25556.24	-23773.63
<b>ENDING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b>	12760.78	10241.99	-23773.63
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS</b>	<b>12760.78</b>	<b>10241.99</b>	<b>16086.45</b>
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<b>RECONCILED ENDING FY BANK ACCOUNTS:</b>			
Bank Statement:			
Ending Statement Balance	16970.73	13626.70	19256.45
Uncleared Deposits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncleared Checks	-1745.40	-609.08	0.00
In Transit Acct Payables	-629.76	0.00	0.00
Reconciled Bank Balance	14595.57	13017.62	19256.45
Processed after June 30th	-1834.79	-2775.63	-3170.00
	12760.78	10241.99	16086.45
CD Ending Balance	0.00		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS FORWARD:</b>	<b>12760.78</b>	<b>10241.99</b>	<b>16086.45</b>

## **Report from the Office of the Listers**

The 2019 Barnard town-wide reappraisal was completed by the Listers Office, assisted by New England Municipal Consultants, LTD (NEMC). The methods used by the State to calculate the CLA resulted in an increase of the 2019 Educational Tax Rate of about 17%, despite the net value of the 2019 Grand List having been reduced 5% over the 2018 Grand List.

The Listers used the Lister Education and Reappraisal Fund to cover most of the cost of the reappraisal. The 2019 reappraisal was completed by NEMC on budget. NEMC was contracted to assist the Listers with office procedures for \$14,400.00 annually.

There were 45 appeals at Listers grievance in 2019. There were 9 landowners who appealed their property valuations to the BCA. Only 1 landowner is appealing to the State. All Grievance Reports, Minutes and Annual Reports are available by following the links on the Listers page at [www.BarnardVT.us](http://www.BarnardVT.us).

There are 175 parcels in Barnard in the Current Use program. All Current Use issues for 2019 were resolved prior to the end of November.

An appeal of your property valuation can be made to the Listers Office at any time. However, appeals made after the close of the most recent Listers Grievance Hearing will not be decided until the next Grievance Hearing, which is usually held in late June of each year.

On March 5, 2019, Lois Resseguie was re-elected for a three-year term. As of the 2020 Town Meeting, Virginia Nix's term expires, and she will be up for re-election.

In 2019 the Listers' overall spending was under budget by \$14,241.57. In 2018, we allocated \$10,000.00 under the Consulting portion of our budget. In 2019, the Consulting portion of the 2020 budget was increased to \$12,000.00 to cover the expense of the NEMC contract we signed in October of 2019. For the 2021 budget, we have increased this expense to the contracted amount of \$14,400.00.

The Listers updated the server and a work-station last year. We do not expect the need of additional computer equipment this year and have reduced the Equipment portion of our budget accordingly.

We have also reduced the Mapping portion of our budget by \$500.00.

The Expense portion of our budget was increased to anticipate the costs of maintaining the IT infrastructure.

We have set the Listers Office portion of the 2021 Municipal Budget at \$61,850.00.

Respectfully submitted, December 04, 2019, by the Board of Listers  
Lois Resseguie, Virginia Nix, Richard Lancaster

**Listers' Portion of the Selectmen's Budget  
Fiscal Year July 2020 – June 2021**

<b>Listers Budget Category</b>	<b>Budget FY 2019</b>	<b>Actual FY 2019</b>	<b>Budget FY 2020</b>	<b>Budget FY 2021</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Consulting.</b>	\$10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$12,000.00	\$14,400.00	\$2,400.00
<b>Equipment</b>	\$1,000.00	\$1,835.71	\$8,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$(5,000.00)
<b>Expenses</b>	\$13,650.00	\$12,422.93	\$2,000.00	\$6,100.00	\$4,100.00
<b>Listers Wages</b>	\$30,000.00	\$25,248.25	\$30,400.00	\$30,400.00	\$0.00
<b>Mapping</b>	\$4,000.00	\$5,170.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$(500.00)
<b><u>Social Security Taxes</u></b>	<u>\$2,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,931.54</u>	<u>\$2,450.00</u>	<u>\$2,450.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Listers Budget Totals</b>	\$60,850.00	\$46,608.43	\$60,850.00	\$61,850.00	\$1,000.00

**The Charles B. Danforth Library Report to the Town of Barnard, Vermont,  
January 2020 Covering FY19 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)**

The Charles B. Danforth Library, serving the Barnard and East Barnard communities, is open year-round and staffed by five town-elected Library Trustees and other volunteers. Membership is free and open to full and part-time residents. The Danforth Library offers a special children's corner, free EC Fiber Wi-Fi, and a comfortable space to read, write, and meet. We offer a broad collection of fiction and non-fiction, DVDs and audio books for all ages.

Downstairs, the spacious Holway Community Room is available free for classes, meetings, and events that are open to the public. The room is equipped with two folding tables and plenty of chairs. It includes a media center with a 70-inch screen and DVD player. The Library sees regular use throughout the year by weekly yoga and meditation classes, as well as community organizations. To reserve the Holway Room, please contact Ellen Miles at 802-279-7227, or email: [ellenmiles.vt@gmail.com](mailto:ellenmiles.vt@gmail.com).

The Library thanks the LaDouceur family of Barnard for their ongoing gifts dedicated to the purchase of children's and young adult books. A special memorial bookplate is affixed in each book purchased with LaDouceur funds. The Danforth Library supports our local economy by purchasing books through Woodstock's Yankee Bookshop, which generously extends their publisher discounts to us. In Nov. 2018, the trustees signed a two-year contract with Better World Books (BWB) to participate in their Library Discards & Donations Program. At no cost to the library, BWB collects surplus books to resell online and returns a % of each sale to the library and/or to a world-wide literacy program.

Additional maintenance costs this fiscal year included Michael Bly's painting the east side outside wall on the east side of the Danforth building (August 2018).

In an important development, after much discussion and consultation, the Library Trustees voted to convey the Library property from the inactive Barnard Library Club, Inc. to the Town of Barnard. The trustees signed the warranty deed on December 12, 2018.

Trustee Edythe Wright initiated an "arts" program, which began in June 2019 with the "Color Works" show featuring local visual artists and continued in November with a dramatic reading of Barnard writer Adelaide McCracken's "The Tyler/Chadwick Letters." More such programs are planned for 2020.

Book donations are welcome during open hours. Hardcover books are preferred, but paperbacks in very good condition are accepted. No magazines, periodicals, or *Time/Life* sets please. To recommend a book for purchase, please call the library during open hours or email us at the address below. A book drop, located to the right of the front door, is available for book returns when the Library is closed. Library news and updates appear periodically in *The Barnard Bulletin* and on Barnard's community email list.

At the March 2019 Town Meeting, Ellen Miles was voted in for a five-year term as a Danforth Library Trustee (2019-2024).

**Details of the Library's finances can be found in the accompanying Financial Summary. We thank our community for its continued patronage and support.**

***Respectfully submitted by the Charles B. Danforth Library trustees:***

***Margaret Edwards, Suzy Hickey (Treasurer), Ellen Miles, Judy Maynes (Secretary), and Edythe Wright.***

**Charles B. Danforth Library**  
**FY2019 Financial Statement: 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019**

<b>OPENING BALANCE 7/1/2018</b>		
Checking	\$ 371.60	
Savings I	\$ 2,776.77	
Savings II (Stock Dividends & Gifts)	\$ 4,381.84	
CD-1-Matures 6/26/2018	\$ 2,566.35	
CD-2-Matures 6/22/2018	\$ 3,931.25	
<b>Opening Balance 7/1/2018</b>		<b>\$ 14,027.81</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dividends	\$ 442.24	
Interest	\$ 26.20	
Gifts	\$ 1,100.00	
Town of Barnard	\$ 9,000.00	
<b>Income</b>		<b>\$ 10,568.44</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Books/Media	\$ 1,102.51	
Insurance	\$ 1,741.00	
Electric	\$ 547.82	
Phone/Internet	\$ 1,167.74	
Propane	\$ 1,289.45	
Office Expense/Postage	\$ 541.97	
Security System	\$ 578.79	
Building Maintenance	\$ 2,089.41	
Librarian Stipend	\$ 800.00	
Furniture/Art	\$ -	
Casual Labor	\$ -	
Bank Charge	\$ 3.00	
Checks	\$ 32.45	
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 9,894.14</b>
<b>Opening + Income - less expense</b>		<b>\$ 14,702.11</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE 6/30/2019</b>		
Checking	\$ 268.94	
Savings I	\$ 4,005.31	
Savings II (Perry, LaDouceur)	\$ 3,907.55	
CD-1-Matures 6/26/2019	\$ 2,575.32	
CD-2-Matures 6/22/2019	\$ 3,944.99	
<b>Closing Balance 6/30/2019</b>		<b>\$ 14,702.11</b>
Susan Hickey, Treasurer  Charles B. Danforth Library, Barnard, Vermont 1/6/2020 jm		

**BARNARD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Barnard Fire Department and First Response Squad would like to thank the community for their continued support over the past year. In 2019 we responded to 80 calls. Over the past year we have worked towards replacing our 20-year-old turn out gear. Through fund raising and donations we have replaced most sets.

We have also used our building as a warming shelter during past severe storms. This was received well and used by several people. This prompted us to install a public Wi-Fi.

Just recently, we have learned that our 2001 Pumper has a cracked frame. Our truck committee has come up with a plan to reuse the body and replace the truck chassis. We have budgeted \$160,000 to do the work. Funding has been secured. Our budget for next year reflects our new loan.

We are very fortunate that the Town supports our efforts with private donations. These donations have helped to keep the cost of running and up-dating our equipment, minimal to the town. The members of the department would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

	18/19 BUDGET	18/19 ACTUAL	19/20 BUDGET	20/21 PROPOSED
INTERNET	\$ 1800	\$ 1859.73	\$ 1800	\$ 2000
TRUCK PAYMENT	\$17500	\$ 13,493.93	\$ 17500	\$ 28000
EQUIPMENT	\$ 7000	\$ 26,964.40	\$ 7000	\$ 7000
INSURANCE	\$11000	\$ 11,926.00	\$ 11000	\$ 12000
BUILDING	\$ -0-	\$ 2,926.87	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
TRUCK REPAIR	\$ 2000	\$ 18,154.73	\$ 2000	\$ 2000
EQUIP. REPAIR	\$ 1500	\$ 4,027.70	\$ 1500	\$ 2000
MISC.	\$ 2000	\$ 3,689.34	\$ 2000	\$ 2000
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 2000	\$ 3,998.73	\$ 2000	\$ 4000
TRAINING	\$ 500	\$ -0-	\$ 500	\$ 500
FIRST RESPONDER	\$2000	\$ 403.64	\$ 2000	\$ 1500
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1000	\$ 4,128.86	\$ 1000	\$ 1000
FUNDRAISING	\$ -0-	\$ 5,064.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
TOTAL	<u>\$48,300</u>	<u>\$ 96,637.93</u>	<u>\$ 48,300</u>	<u>\$ 62,000</u>

Fire Dept. Checking 8/5/19	\$ 297.84
Savings Accounts 8/5/19	\$ 54,253.52
Donations / Fundraisers	\$ 44,231.20

**Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association  
Budget Report 2020**

The Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association was founded in 1955 to provide fire protection to our neighbors in the Broad Brook watershed. The BBVFA offers and receives mutual aid from other area Fire Departments including, but not limited to, the Barnard VFD.

Officers of the firefighting crew are: Art Lewin, Fire Chief and Fred Schlabach, Deputy Chief.

The Board of Trustees are as follows: Fran Carbino, Chair, Jerry Fredrickson, Assistant Chair, Ralph Kurek, Dan Leavitt, Fred Schlabach, Clay VanAlstyne and Mike Zube. Patrick Kell is the Treasurer and Mason Overstreet is the Secretary.

It was a fairly average year for the BBVFD with only 5 calls. Thanks to all those who responded and/or helped with these incidents!

Overall, the building, utilities and equipment are in good condition. This year we will continue to evaluate communications upgrades and undertake a minor repair of the firehouse ceiling. The Tanker is due for service and we need to replace our SCBA bottles. There will also be more focus on training as we've had two new volunteers join our ranks.

The Firemen's Fun Day turned out to be another success with excellent weather and a large community turnout. We also held our 63rd annual Oyster Stew Supper, which helped to raise funds for equipment upgrades this year. We thank everyone near and far for their support and look forward to another great year. As always, we welcome all to help out, in ways big and small, for any of our events or with the department itself.

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who serve our community throughout the Upper Valley. We are truly grateful for your service.

Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association  
Proposed Budget 2020 - 2021

	15/16 Actual	16/17 Budget	16/17 Actual	17/18 Budget	17/18 Actual	18/19 Budget	18/19 Actual	19/20 Budget	19/20 Actual	20/21 Budget
<b>Insurance</b>										
Property & Auto	4706	5000	4743	4800	4614	4800	4692	4800	0	4800
Worker's Comp.	1116	1120	1116	1120	1217	1300	1217	1300	1217	1300
<b>Equipment &amp; Supplies</b>										
Fire / Rescue / Medical	1800	2600	0	2600	3269	2600	4060	3000	0	4000
Office / HW / Misc.	100	100	0	100	70	100	10	100	0	100
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repair</b>										
Building (Firehouse)	3600	1500	0	1500	931	1500	2545	1500	300	1500
Equipment / PPE / SCBA	1800	2000	0	2000	110	2000	0	2000	0	1000
Vehicles / Apparatus	2000	2000	0	2000	3597	2000	109	2000	312	2000
<b>Utilities</b>										
Communications	1100	1200	800	1200	751	1200	743	1000	373	1000
Heating Oil / Electric	1975	3000	1700	2500	1862	2500	1945	2000	812	2000
<b>Other Expenses</b>										
Training	0	600	0	600	163	600	0	600	0	600
Community Hall Use	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
<b>Totals</b>	19197	20120	9359	19420	17584	19600	16321	19300	4014	19300

*\*All 19/20 Actuals are as of 1/12/20 and subject to change by the End of Fiscal Year (7/31/20).*



Empowering children to find joy and authentic self-expression through the arts.

As the Arts Bus rolls its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we share our gratitude with Barnard! With your consistent outpouring of support, Vermont's favorite green bus has directly connected the joy of art to children over 10,000 times. You've made it possible for a 1-2 person, community-founded & funded nonprofit to thrive, providing a diverse curriculum of art education...**singing painting writing molding dancing braiding shaping folding weaving acting making rolling...**for a decade!

Though it is now 25 years old, the magic of the bus is evident each time a child climbs up the stairs and enters a classroom filled with opportunities for creative imagination. At eye-level are bins of colorful paper & pens, watercolors & canvasses, costumes & make-up, writing pads & books, scissors & tape, glue & glitter. Hand-puppets Sunny Girl & Joe Cool greet each child with giant smiles, waiting to be given a voice (with clean hands). A library of books, from fantasy to coloring to poetry, are ready to be plucked and taken home (thanks to Kimball's Friends of the Library & your donations). And, ever present is a local Artist-Educator ready to share an art lesson, offer a new skill and empower a child to find joy & authentic self-expression through the arts.

There is no charge to climb aboard the Arts Bus. Its financial vitality is dependent upon grants, donations, township appropriations, private & business sponsors, and program income from WRVSU/OnePlanet, public libraries, recreation departments and summer camps. After a decade of operations, we have recognized our mission finds us at the crossroads of limited public art education resources and ever-increasing costs of raising a family, including time, talent and financial resources. By providing a mobile art education service to Central Vermont, the Arts Bus is driven to provide a creative resource right where our communities need it.

As in years' prior, the Arts Bus is requesting \$500.00 in town appropriations from Barnard for the 2020 fiscal year to support the Arts Bus. In 2019, we made 70 stops, served over 1,500 children directly & impacted over 16,000 people with the joy of art! We made CD's into a flashy fish for a river parade float, created stick & animated puppets, painted & splashed with dry & water-based paints, used textiles to weave & braid, instruments to dance, beat & sing, took landscape photography lessons, and made galaxies appear in jars. We even squeezed the bus between the trees on Clark Farm for Feast & Field on a warm August evening of painting to the sound of live music! In 2020, the Arts Bus encourages Barnard to join us in celebrating the joy of art and thanks you for your ongoing support in township appropriations, art supply donations and your cheerful smiles & waves at the bus. Because of you, when Vermont's favorite green bus is at a public event, festival, library or fair, everyone is always welcome aboard the Arts Bus!

To learn more & see pictures of the little artists you make happen, we invite you to our Facebook page @artsbusvt or to visit our website [www.artsbusvt.org](http://www.artsbusvt.org).

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**Building Community through Art**

Winter 2020

Dear Barnard Residents,

We are excited to share with you that BarnArts is now planning its 9<sup>th</sup> season! What began as an idea in 2012 is now a thriving arts organization, in no small part due to your support. In the last few years, community support has allowed us to expand our opportunities for youth and also provide more community gathering experiences that are free of cost, such as our Community Contra Dances during the Winter and Spring and our BarnArts Chorales, which just performed at our 9<sup>th</sup> Winter Carols at the First Universalist Church on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – *to standing room only!* In 2020 we will again be producing larger scale plays which allow our youth performers and also aspiring new thespians the opportunity to act with experienced adult actors.

Support comes to BarnArts in many ways: some donate time or share facilities, materials and expertise; many donate money to help cover overhead expenses and keep our tickets affordable, assuring all can attend our events or participate in our programs. BarnArts' survival as a community-run, community-focused arts organization depends on the financial support of the community it serves, reinforcing a shared belief that art is essential to our social well-being.

One of the areas we continue to expand is our programming for youth. We will hold our 3<sup>rd</sup> free **Contra Dance** program at Barnard Academy in March, an old Vermont tradition further supported by our community dances in the evening. Local high school musicians strut their funk onstage with professional musicians at our annual **Masquerade Jazz Funk Winter Music Carnival** in March. Our highly successful **Summer Youth Theater** program, enters its 9<sup>th</sup> season with a production of the creative and irreverent **SHREK the musical** in August 2020! We continue to work with the Barnard Education Fund and the Vermont Arts Council to provide an **Artist in Residence** program at Barnard Academy. This year our set and costume designer Murray Ngoima is working directly with Barnard Academy classes through the year to create a mural in the Green Mountain Room, primarily funded by the Barnard Education Fund and the BEES.

We have many exciting events planned for the upcoming season:

### **BarnArts 2020 Season**

February 14-23 *The Seagull* by Anton Chekhov The Grange Theatre  
March 7 **8th Annual Masquerade Jazz & Funk Winter Music Carnival** Barnard Town Hall  
March 28 **Contra Dance & Community Potluck** Barnard Town Hall  
May 17 **Race Around the Lake 5k/10k fundraiser** Silver Lake State Park  
May 28-Sept 24 **Music on the Farm & Thursday Night Music Series** Feast & Field  
June 26-July 5 *Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream* Feast & Field  
July 20-Aug 9 *Shrek the Musical* – BarnArts Summer Youth Theater Barnard Town Hall  
*Plus fall 2020 events!*

Best wishes from the BarnArts Board of Directors,

Joann Ference  
Peter Kahn  
Deborah Rice  
Ted Williamson

Linda Treash, Executive Director

## BARNARD ENERGY COMMITTEE 2019 REPORT

This year, members of the committee attended numerous presentations and webinars to deepen our understanding of evolving energy issues. Here are highlights and questions stemming from what we are learning.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION

**Residential Solar:** There are now over 40 Barnard households who have installed rooftop or ground-mounted arrays on their property. Other residents have purchased shares in group net-metered arrays on land outside of Barnard.

*Question:* If an appropriate site in Barnard could be found, would 20-25 additional households be interested in joining a local group net-metered array?

**Municipal Solar:** The rooftop array on the Fire & Rescue Building is completing its second full year of operation. In the first year, it generated \$5,650 worth of solar electricity, covering all of the Town's needs plus a fraction of the School's.

**Utility-scale arrays:** Barnard currently hosts no large arrays, but TRORC's planning documents estimate that 25 acres of such arrays should be installed in the coming decades to generate Barnard's fair share of State goals.

*Question:* Does Barnard want to designate possible sites for these, and/or designate areas where they clearly should not be placed?

### NEED FOR VIGOROUS PROGRESS ON HEATING AND TRANSPORTATION

Both Statewide and in Barnard, Vermonters have made significant progress on renewable energy generation. To meet State goals though, we need to increase the momentum in this sector. Simultaneously, we need to seriously step up efficiency and conservation measures in the Heating and Transportation sectors, which together account for over 85% of Barnard's carbon footprint.

**Heating:** The committee sponsored a town-wide home weatherization campaign in 2018-2019 which was designed by Efficiency Vermont. Thirty households requested the free home walk-through assessments, but very few chose to do the actual work. The committee will continue to sponsor well-organized campaigns which offer significant incentives.

**Transportation:** Reducing emissions from transportation in rural settings is a challenge. Mud season plays a major role in our vehicle choices. Still, electric vehicles (EVs) can be part of the answer, as can car-pooling and the creation of viable public transportation "spur routes" to connect with existing bus routes.

*Questions:*

1. Does Barnard need one or more public Level 2 charging stations to draw tourism and to support patrons of Silver Lake State Park? [Note: This this year's grant money was already earmarked for Level 3 (Fast Charge) stations near highways.]
2. Would enough Barnard residents use public transportation to make the spur routes viable?

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE INITIATIVE (TCI)**

Vermonters are partnering with planners in 12 states (all of New England plus mid-Atlantic states) to design a regulatory/policy framework to gradually cap the volume of fossil fuel coming from large wholesalers while simultaneously investing in transportation infrastructure alternatives. Like its sibling, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which already influences electric utilities, the TCI would encourage a reduction in transportation carbon emissions while creating economic growth in emerging sectors. Public input on a draft of the framework will be solicited in early 2020. Program implementation is estimated to be early 2022.

## **CARBON SEQUESTERING BY FORESTS AND REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE**

There is growing awareness that rural conserved and working landscapes naturally help prevent carbon from entering the atmosphere. At the State level, efforts are underway to quantify these contributions.

*Question:* What do we consider to be key acreage of this kind in Barnard? What steps can we take to ensure that these resources become an explicit part of energy transition planning at State and Regional levels?

## **ENHANCED ENERGY PLANNING**

Barnard's Town Plan currently has a chapter devoted to energy issues. Per Act 174, there is now an additional step that towns may take to become more active and responsible partners in the energy transition that is upon us: the creation of an Enhanced Energy Plan. This document would include specific interim targets for meeting state goals, measures for tracking our actual progress toward them, and, optionally, the designation of preferred sites for utility-scale energy development. Creating the document would require coordinated effort by the Planning Commission, the Conservation Commission, the Energy Committee, and the Selectboard. Having the document in place is supposed to give the Town more say (called "substantial deference") in Public Utility Commission hearings about proposed utility-scale energy installations in our town.

## **REGIONAL ENERGY COORDINATOR**

In August 2019, Barnard's Selectboard was approached by a Thetford resident with a proposal that Barnard join six other nearby towns in hiring a full-time Energy Coordinator to assist these towns in implementing effective energy transition solutions. This is intended as a pilot program which could serve as a model for a job category needed throughout the state. The seven participating towns (Thetford, Strafford, Sharon, Pomfret, Woodstock, Norwich, and Barnard) would share the cost of the position proportionately according to the value of each town's Grand List. Barnard's contribution would be about 0.5% of the municipal portion of the budget. This proposal will be included as a separate article for Barnard voters to consider at Town Meeting.

## **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT**

The committee thanks retiring members Brenda Garsh and Jason Cayer for their service over multiple years. We are actively seeking new members to work on behalf of our energy transition.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Ferry, chair; Karen Thorkilsen

## BARNARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Barnard Historical Society presented two well attended programs in 2019. In “1800 and Froze to Death”, Howard Coffin spoke on causes and incidents of Vermont’s harsh winter weather that lasted through much of 1816. Adam Boyce delivered a program “What Say you Elder? The Life and Lore of Rev. Daniel Field”.

Several people from across the country made special visits to the Barnard Historical Society’s Village Schoolhouse-headquarters. The society also responded to postal and e-mail inquiries. Membership is open to all. You are making history.

The Barnard Historical Society is assisting the Vermont Historical Society in tracing the hunt of the “Barnard Panther”, the last mountain lion killed in Vermont.

Contact us at: [historicalbarnard1761@gmail.com](mailto:historicalbarnard1761@gmail.com)



The most keenly watched object in any classroom.

Regulator clocks, often called “schoolhouse clocks” were a feature of each school in the seventeen school districts of Barnard. There are oral histories by the students (some of whom are still alive) of the schoolhouse that is now the home of the Barnard Historical Society. To arrange a visit to the building - and its clock, either call 802 763 7407 or email [historicalbarnard1761@gmail.com](mailto:historicalbarnard1761@gmail.com)

# BETHEL/ROYALTON SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

The towns of Bethel and Royalton jointly own a 22 acre parcel of land on Waterman Rd in Royalton which has been improved to provide facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of hazardous waste materials. The site also contains the now-closed landfill which served area towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual agreement, other member towns also use the waste management program, these towns being Barnard, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Rochester, Hancock and Granville.

Administration of the program has historically been managed by staff of the town of Bethel, under the direction and oversight of the Bethel and Royalton Select Boards. In August 2013, a new Inter-local Contract was approved and endorsed by the Bethel and Royalton Select Boards. This new agreement for administration of the solid waste program shifts management accountability and oversight from Bethel to the White River Alliance Board and the Alliance Manager.

In May 2016, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation approved the programs new "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for purposes of managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with the objectives of current local/state/national priorities. The SWIP has been formally adopted by the Select Boards of all 8 member towns. The new SWIP which begins July 1, 2020 is currently being developed and when approved will run through June 2025.

Our facility operates under a license (or "Certification") which is renewed every 10years. An application to renew was submitted to the Vermont Solid Waste Management Division in February 2014, and Approval was issued May 7, 2014. The certification is valid until March 31, 2024. The former Bethel/Royalton landfill is also "operated" under a certification, which was renewed for an additional 5 year term to end November 9, 2021. This certification provides for adequate monitoring of any residual effects stemming from the landfill use.

From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 a total of 4,859.21 tons of solid waste was collected at the transfer station "tipping floor". This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in state lined landfill. Materials received for recycling totaled 910.53 tons. These materials were directed to various facilities for processing. Various special wastes are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

Collection events for **Household Hazardous Wastes** were held in July and August 2019 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station and in June and October 2019 at the Rochester Town Hall Parking lot. A total of 190 families participated in the 4 events. These events provided a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of material. Small quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants and an appointment must be made in advance. There will be 2 events in 2020. 1 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station in May and 1 in Rochester in August. This will allow access for those towns not located near the transfer station. The public is encouraged to inquire at the facility for exact dates and schedule.

We consider the solid waste program to be comprehensive in the services provided to the public, and the program staff is well trained to provide advice or assistance.

**This facility is open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7am to 3pm and Saturdays 7am to 1pm. It is closed on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.**

## ECFiber (East Central Vermont Telecommunications District)

The Town of Barnard is a member of ECFiber, Vermont's first Communications Union District.

ECFiber is owned by its 24 member municipalities, but under Vermont law the District's operations, capital expenditures, etc. cannot be subsidized from local taxes.

In December of 2019, the District completed a \$10.0 million offering of revenue bonds to cover 2019-2020 capital expenditures, to complete design and pole preparation work for the remainder of the 23 active town network and construct approximately 300 miles of fiber in 2020 (Montpelier is the 24<sup>th</sup> member, but has also joined CVFiber and is likely to receive service through that District instead of ECFiber).

As of Dec. 31 2019, ECFiber has completed over 1000 miles of active fiber-optic network in all or part of 22 member towns, serving more than 4100 customers. ECFiber added over a 1000 new customers throughout its network in 2019, including over 1500 new subscriptions, of which 51 were added in Barnard.

Unserved areas continue to be our top priority. In 2019 we built out six towns border-to-border, chosen based on town-wide signups. These were: Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Rochester and Stockbridge. Next year's build includes remaining parts of: Bethel, Chelsea, Norwich, Randolph, Reading Royalton, Tunbridge, Vershire and Woodstock. The Governing Board is also beginning a process to evaluate adding towns to the system, as several neighboring towns have expressed an interest to join. Any new towns added would be constructed after 2021 when Hartford, the last of the original 23 active towns is expected to be constructed.

The roads to be built in 2020 are highlighted in red or blue on our "zoomable" map at <https://map.ecfiber.net>. All currently serviceable areas are highlighted in green on the map.

ECFiber plans to continue to raise capital through the municipal bond market in 2020 and to complete the total 1400 miles of network covering all underserved locations in its 23 active towns by 2021.

Beginning in 2020, ECFiber is please to state it is **reducing** its cost for Basic service (25Mbps symmetrical up and download speeds) and increasing its speeds for its Standard, Ultra and Wicked Fast service levels from 50Mbps to 100, 200Mbps to 300, and 700Mbps to 800 respectively. Again, all speeds are symmetrical – upload and download. While we had to for the first time in 8 years increase our prices slightly for these services, and for our phone service, the features and service quality are improved.

ECFiber is offers reliable and the best available speeds for high speed internet, along with voice over internet protocol (VOIP) phone services. Other features of ECFiber services are:

- Simple, stable pricing with no contracts, fine print, or data caps.
- Local and personable customer service. During business hours, phones are answered by an employee without an automated queue.
- Local ownership and control: Governing Board members appointed by their Select Boards advocate for their towns' concerns and meet monthly to set District policy.
- Community services. For example, ECFiber provides its highest level of service to over 25 community anchor institutions (including the Danforth Library, the Town Offices and Garage, and the Barnard Academy) for its lowest monthly fee.

For additional information, visit the website, email or call the office, or contact Dan Leavitt, Patrick Kell or Richard Lancaster, Barnard's delegates to the ECFiber Governing Board:



## **Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation**

35 Railroad Row, Suite 101  
White River Junction, VT 05001

### **Annual Report FY2019 (7/1/18 to 6/30/19)**

- Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) is actively supporting new, growing and relocating businesses wrestling with retention, expansion, day care and other critical issues in its 30 towns. We team with the Departments of Economic Development, Labor and Education, the Vermont Workforce Development Council, 3 Regional Technical Centers and other partners to help businesses advance their performance levels through training with state and federally funded programs. This is a top priority and we devote a large portion of our time and attention to it.
- During the past 8 years, GMEDC purchased 2 commercial facilities for tenants needing assistance and this spring we completed construction of a beautiful 28,000sf facility in Randolph for LEDdynamics, a rapidly growing lighting manufacturer. This was made possible by a \$1M Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and mortgage financing from VEDA. Combined these three companies have direct employment of over 275 people and are most important to their respective towns.
- Working with DED, we provide customized and confidential assistance to out-of-state companies interested in relocating to Vermont, as well as small and large companies hoping to stay here. Businesses receive individualized attention on matters regarding site location, financing, training programs, the Vermont Economic Growth Initiative (VEGI) tax incentives and a variety of other important issues including permitting, availability of housing, and the pursuit of Federal grants.
- GMEDC helps business, organizations and community groups secure financing from Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) and other entities including USDA – Rural Development. We also manage Revolving Loan Funds for business support and disaster recovery. These provide gap financing not available elsewhere, especially following emergencies and other business interruptions.
- We facilitate forums for career and technical education, manufacturing, day care, forestry and other key sectors. We rely on resources provided by DED that are available through grants to non-profits, municipalities and community groups. Our Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC) is staffed with a Business Advisor who is an expert in helping start-ups and established companies at no charge.
- GMEDC works collaboratively with Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission to encourage appropriate land use, settlement and transportation patterns that stimulate healthy and vibrant communities, as desired by our 30 member towns. Assignments have included providing guidance and support to redevelop vacant public buildings, start a community store, and purchase real property.
- Brownfield Redevelopment of contaminated sites is an important part of our services. We assist prospective purchasers with the professional guidance and support necessary to return contaminated sites to productive use. We are willing to consider taking title as an interim owner and leverage our expertise with state and federal funding. This increases employment and improves local tax bases.



## **Green Mountain National Forest**

### **Town Meeting Report**

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The support the Forest receives helps to accomplish an extremely robust program of work. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000-acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits 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. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year.

In Barnard, the Green Mountain National Forest manages 671 acres of federally-owned land to protect the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.



**GREEN UP VERMONT**

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**Green Up Day marked its 49th Anniversary on May 4, 2019 with 22,000+ volunteers participating and over 43 tons of litter collected statewide.** Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roadways and waterways, while promoting civic pride. The tradition of Green Up Day began in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May 2020.

Green Up Vermont offers a statewide educational component for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. Please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) for full details.

Support from cities and town's is essential to our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating costs. Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 65,000 Green Up trash bags, education, and promotional outreach.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate sponsors and individual donors. Individuals can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Keep up-to-date with Green Up Vermont by joining our newsletter, liking us on Facebook (@GreenUpVermont), following us on Instagram (greenupvermont), and by visiting our website.

Join us: Green Up Day, May 2, 2020 and help Celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

## **Request for Support from the Town of Barnard**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$975.00 from the Town of Barnard at the 2020 Town Meeting to help support our Access Navigator Program. The Access Navigator Program is instrumental in ensuring that new clients are able to access services in a timely manner – working towards a same-day access model across the agency. In the year ending June 30, 2019, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,168 residents of Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community are:

***Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services:*** HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. Adult services include assessment, treatment including individual, group, couples, and family counseling, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. It is the philosophy of HCRS that people are resilient and therefore capable of overcoming difficult experiences and recovering from mental illness and substance abuse. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals and families of whom we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

***Children, Youth, and Families Program:*** The Children's Division provides a comprehensive system of care for youth experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services for youth and their families including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite and case aid services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, crisis response and emergency respite services, a mental health program specifically for young children up to six years old, and an employment assistance program for youth in transition who have significant emotional disturbances.

***Developmental Services (DS):*** The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person being served receives an individually written program to meet his or her needs. Children with a developmental disability are served through a collaboration with the Children's Division.

***Residential Services:*** Residential Services offers residential care from short term crisis stabilization, to intensive residential care, to therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals the appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs. The Residential continuum of care is comprised of a total of 38 beds spanning five individual programs.

***Emergency Services:*** The Emergency Services Team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Barnard for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.



## The Woodstock Area Job Bank

### Board of Directors

Patrick Fultz, President  
Kat Robbins, Secretary  
Ryana Bishop Treasurer  
Dawn Thomas  
Teresa Cheeks

### Staff

Beth Crowe, Director

### Location:

Woodstock Town Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
31 The Green  
Woodstock, VT 05091

802-457-3835

### Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-11:00

www.woodstockjobbank.org  
woodstockjobbank@gmail.com

## The Woodstock Area Job Bank

*"Bringing together people who need work  
with people who need workers."*

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

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

### What's happening at the Job Bank?

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

### How are we doing?

- Our requests for workers continue to grow each year. There are over 500 active job seekers on our list. In 2018 employers posted 621 jobs.
- The Job Bank serves job-seekers, volunteer-seekers and employers throughout the greater Woodstock area.

### How are we funded?

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

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

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

December 12, 2019

Spectrum Teen Center  
70 Amsden Way  
Woodstock, VT 05091



Dear Town of Barnard,

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to once again ask the Select Board to place the following annual budget appropriation request in the amount of \$750.00 in the Town Budget to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 2020.

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and make youth feel supported, welcomed and included. There is no charge to attend our program.

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to once again thank the Town of Barnard for their generous support that we received last year. We cannot express how much this helped us and how important your appropriation was to our program.

Best regards,

Heather Vonada and Joni Kennedy

Co-Directors of the Spectrum Teen Center



# The Thompson

Your resource to age well



Special events, fun exercise classes, interesting programs, tax assistance, free gently-used medical equipment, creative arts programs, and delicious meals are just a few of the things you'll find at The Thompson Senior Center. Our building, staff, and volunteers provide a welcoming and fun environment for people of many ages and backgrounds to gather. But, we're even more than what happens at The Thompson. **We have the resources and experience to assist you where you want to be, at home.**

**One number to call for any need** — Thompson staff and volunteers are happy to help with any question — from shower chairs to Medicare and everything in between.

**Vetted Service Providers** - We partner with a wide variety of businesses and individuals to bring you any service you need to AGE WELL at HOME! We check references and only suggest businesses or individuals who have happily agreed to be an Aging at Home service provider.

**Age Well Education Series and Outreach** - Monthly educational talks are presented on topics ranging from legal planning, fall prevention, funeral planning options, Smart Driver safety course, nutrition and cooking, downsizing, hospital to home transitions, advance directives, and more. Our Age Well e-newsletter provides readers with information on ways to age well at home and in their community through current and reliable information on health, lifestyle, diet, and resources.

**More than 100 Barnard residents benefited from Thompson services over the past year. The Thompson prepared and delivered more than 960 meals to Barnard homes last year.**

The senior population in our area continues to grow in size and in age, and we see the utilization of Thompson services growing as well. Meals served increased again this past year to 21,076 meals. Participation in all other programs has increased as well. Only 17% of our funding comes the Federal Older Americans Act channeled through the State of Vermont by Senior Solutions. 11% comes from the combined towns that we serve and the remaining amount of our \$600,000 annual budget comes from fundraising, grants, and donations for meals and transportation. Your continued support will help to ensure the success of this valuable community resource. Together, we truly can enrich the experience of aging in our area.

Please contact us at [info@thompsonseniorcenter.org](mailto:info@thompsonseniorcenter.org) or 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at [www.thompsonseniorcenter.org](http://www.thompsonseniorcenter.org) or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanna Jones, Executive Director  
The Woodstock Area Council on Aging, (d.b.a. The Thompson Center)

## TRORC 2019 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2019:

### Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies, and assisted towns with Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) applications.

### Water Quality

TRORC staff was involved in the development of the White River Tactical Basin Plan as well as assisting with public hearings to gain input from community members. TRORC also completed several water quality grant projects with our town and non-profit partners that focused on stormwater master planning, scoping green stormwater infrastructure projects, and promoting watershed resiliency.

### Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the Region's creative economy. Staff hosted several Cornerstone Creative Community of Vermont (3CVT) steering committee meetings, as well as informational and networking events. TRORC continued to serve as the Zone Agent for the Vermont Art Council's Creative Network, and is on the Council's statewide steering committee. TRORC also worked on public health projects, including incorporating health-related goals and policies into town plans.

### Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC conducted a statewide Hazardous Materials Flow Study to inform and update local emergency response plans. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials continued meeting the needs of our first responders. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

### Energy

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the state energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has begun working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont.

### Transportation

TRORC is managing the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, up sizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically in Barnard this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan, Grants in Aid ditching and culvert improvements on Stage Road completed, and compiled a Road Erosion Inventory.

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

*Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director  
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard*

**TRORC**  
Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee  
REGIONAL COMMISSION  
128 King Farm Rd. • Woodstock, VT 05091

**Vermont League of Cities and Towns**  
*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

**About the League**

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, [vlct.org/about/audit-reports](http://vlct.org/about/audit-reports), and show that our positive net position continues.

**Member Benefits**

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member inquiries. In 2019, VLCT continued to provide members with timely legal and technical assistance, including answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing legal compliance guidance, templates and research reports, many of which are available to our members on our website.
- **Training programs on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out the duties required by statute or are directed by town meeting mandates. The League provided training on various topics related to municipal law and governance to more than 1,000 members this past year.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, reducing carbon emissions, and ensuring water quality. Members are also represented at the federal level primarily through our partner, the National League of Cities, as well as directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust (VERB) provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs provide coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

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

**To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at [vlct.org](http://vlct.org).**



## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
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December 15, 2019

Re: **Request for Town Appropriation, Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program**

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **22+ years** of the program, over **1100 grants** totaling **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

Over the past several years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made a number of adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing RFP systems, and drafting site development are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2019 was \$154,325, of which \$63,450 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore,

we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received nearly **\$10,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

**215** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report for the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice, W-9 and tax form 990 from VACD in case they are required. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tom Maclay, Chair

Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
(802) 426-3265 | [83creameryst@fairpoint.net](mailto:83creameryst@fairpoint.net)

Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person Town Appropriation business  
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(802) 828-4582 | [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com)

Jill Arace, Executive Director  
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
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**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD  
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone  
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1  
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office  
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety  
Christine Kaiser, Stowe VT  
Lars Lund, VT Forest Parks & Recreation

**VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**  
***Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Barnard, VT***

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

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

Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 VNH made 507 homecare visits to 27 Barnard residents. This included approximately \$17,388 in unreimbursed care to Barnard residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 337 home visits to 22 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 32 home visits to 3 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 138 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

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

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

Sincerely,



*Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)*



Greetings from Silver Lake,

Fall or should I say winter is upon us and all is well at Silver Lake. It seems like just yesterday we were swimming and paddling and now there is snow on the ground and a thin layer of ice on the shoreline. It was truly a wonderful summer after a very cold and damp spring.

It is with sadness that I tell you that our long time BSLA friend and past Barnard resident Alice Aikens passed away on October 17th. Alice and her husband Cliff were committed leaders of the BSLA for many years. Her family has asked that donations may be made to the BSLA in her memory.

Now for some lake updates. We had a problem with the dam this summer, more water than normal was allowed to flow into the stream below. This resulted in lowering the lake level much below normal. The State of Vermont made a temporary fix and will do a permanent repair in the near future. The recent heavy rains have returned the lake to a normal level. We also had an abundance of Pond Weed in various spots this summer. A group of volunteers have agreed to pull this weed in the spring and summer next year should it appear in abundance again.

There has also been a lot of building and remodeling of structures on and around the lake this past year. These include a complete rebuild, as well as interior remodels in the Grove, and a new boat house on Stage Road. In monitoring these projects, it appears that everyone has been following town and state procedures to insure protection of the lake.

Our annual meeting was held on August 24th with a record attendance of around sixty people. Craig Hadden was presented with a Paddle Plaque for his years of service to the BSLA. Craig has moved out of state and will no longer be an officer in the BSLA. The Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) presentation titled "Raptor Encounter" was enjoyed by all. Representatives from the State Park reported that attendance was up 20% so far in 2019.

BSLA Officer elections were held, they are as follows; Pres: Pete Stoddard, VP: Laura Zantzing, Secretary: Sharon Jackson, and Ellen Miles as Treasurer replacing Craig Hadden.

As always, we count on your help financially to continue monitoring the lake health, maintain the Dorothy Thompson Common, and offer community activities and projects. The BSLA is a non-profit volunteer association that is funded only by donations. They can be sent to:

PO Box 142, Barnard, Vermont. 05031

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday season and a healthy year to come. Hope to see you on the lake soon!! Thank you!

Pete Stoddard, BSLA President

## Local Health Report for BARNARD

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number above. We provide a wide range of resources and services to 22 Vermont towns of the Upper Valley to promote health and wellness for all Vermonters. For example, in 2019 we:

**Supported health for everyone in the community:** We worked on a variety of projects and programs in partnership with schools, worksites, town offices, and local providers. We also served individuals and families right in our office. Our focus is on health equity because all people should have a fair and just opportunity to be healthy.

**Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families:** We served more than 900 residents of our district with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program, which provides individual nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables.

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

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** We investigated more than 90 infectious disease cases in our district. We also responded to New Hampshire's Hepatitis A outbreak by immunizing more than 125 vulnerable individuals in our region of Vermont against the disease.

**Student health and youth empowerment:** We were especially happy to see that the Barnard Academy Elementary School now has a school lunch program in a new kitchen space.

**Substance misuse and abuse:** Regional substance abuse prevention consultants worked with community groups, schools, human service agencies, hospitals, and law enforcement.

Learn more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction>

Join us on [www.facebook.com/vdhwri/](https://www.facebook.com/vdhwri/)

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

The County held the preliminary budget meeting on December 11, and the final budget meeting on January 16. The 2020-2021 budget calls for the amount to be collected from countywide property taxes to be \$455,361, a slight increase of .016 % over the current year's amount of \$448,185. The tax rate will be .0048368 per hundred dollars. Last fiscal year, the rate was .0048571 per \$100 of valuation; the year before that it was .00483684 per \$100 of valuation. So, the rate is holding steady. What changes each year is the value of the grand list in the county, and in each town in the county.

For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, expenses are slightly down from FY 19-20 \$570,137 to \$568,333. Income is projected to be slightly up from FY 19-20 \$566,841 to \$568,333.

Pursuant to Title 24, § 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two equal installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2020.

**Construction Bond Repayment**

The Windsor County Court House rehabilitation was completed in 2014. We are now in the sixth year of repayment of the bond. A rate of .00257238 is assessed to collect the total 2020 bond repayment of \$240,747. As with the county tax, towns may elect to submit this bond repayment in two payments, on or before July 5 and November 5, 2020.

**Projects completed in the Past Year**

The County completed the following projects on its properties at 12 The Green and 62 Pleasant Street:

The parking lot at the County Building was repaved and re striped;  
The courtroom lights were switched from metal halide bulbs to LED bulbs;  
We purchased and installed interior storm windows on the first and second floors of the Sheriff's office;  
The second story windows on the Court House were prepped and repainted;  
The entryway to WCTV 8 (our tenant upstairs at the County Building) was expanded and Hard packed;

In the works for the summer: a new roof membrane over the cell block in the rear of 62 Pleasant Street.

**Barnard Academy**  
**Report from the Principal and School Board Directors**  
**2018-19**

As Barnard Academy programming evolves and school governance looks towards a shift, Barnard Academy remains rooted in the life of this community: our elders, youth, and families, our welcoming and generous community spirit, and our love for this uniquely beautiful place. Barnard's children continue to receive a first class education, a supportive social environment, and opportunities to explore their natural surroundings and foster connections to their world. As always, we express deep gratitude to those who dedicate energy and resources to our children, expanding their opportunities and strengthening community ties, including the Barnard Education Fund, Twin Farms, BEES, Helping Hands, Barnard Town employees, Barnard Recreation, and the Barnard Fire Department and First Responders. We are so grateful for this continued support.

The fiscal year 2018-19 provided an opportunity for continued growth within Barnard Academy's two main initiatives: Place-Based Education and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). BA's focus on outdoor learning enriches our children's sense of connection to the natural world while providing unique opportunities for self-directed learning and cooperative problem-solving, bringing integrated STEAM concepts to life. This year more classes engaged in Forest Fridays and continued to bring energy to the Nature Trail and gardens.

Generous support from the Barnard community and the Byrne Foundation allowed BA to complete a receiving kitchen and pilot a lunch program two days per week, beginning our quest to support the nutritional needs of all our kids. Its success set the groundwork for five day/week lunch and breakfast program in FY20, securing an essential condition for learning. A Pentangle grant funded visiting artists No Strings Marionettes for a much acclaimed student-produced puppet show aligned with students' learning. The Barnard Ed Fund and BEES helped support musician Paul Boffa who guided students in writing songs and music for the performance.

New staff joining Barnard Academy for 2019-2020 are Jan McCann, School Nurse, Emily Parsons, Spanish teacher, Patrick McDonough, P.E. teacher, and John Holloway, K/1 Paraeducator. This year, exterior painting will be completed on the building, and plans for a new boiler are being explored.

As we looked towards governance merger, Barnard Academy will continue to be a leader in Place-Based Education: we are an attractive elementary campus with fruitful outdoor resources of forest, stream, and lake, and our focus is integrated into the District Strategic Plan in the form of "Stewardship." The Board encourages this community to continue to engage in the merged District conversation regarding elementary, middle, and high school education initiatives. The strength of Barnard Academy depends upon this community support and engagement, and because of this input, Barnard Academy is an exemplar of a high-achieving and fiscally-responsible small Vermont school. May the tradition continue!

## **The Barnard Education Fund, Inc.**

**The mission of the Barnard Education Fund is to support the arts, educational enrichment and special events for the children of Barnard Academy.**

Over the years, the Barnard Education Fund has provided financial support for many activities, and these continue to this day. Here are just a few of the experiences we have funded in recent years:

- \* Plays and concerts at the Lebanon Opera House and through Pentangle Arts.
- \* Field trips to the Boston Museum of Science, Minute Man National Park, the Seacoast Science Center and Fort Ticonderoga.
- \* Partnering with the Montshire Museum of Science and with VINS to bring high quality science education to our rural school.
- \* Ongoing participation in “Images,” an innovative art education program at the Hood Museum.
- \* Support for a new STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) lab at the school.
- \* Expanding foreign language instruction, partnering with Barnarts to bring Artists-in-Residence to the school, and more!

The Barnard Education Fund, Inc. was launched in 2001. Each year we receive additional contributions – large and small – from many others within the community.

**Please make your contribution – large or small - written to:**

**The Barnard Education Fund, Inc.  
PO Box 297  
Barnard, VT 05031**

*We – and the children at Barnard Academy - appreciate your continued support.*

Minutes of a meeting of a public body should not attempt to be a transcript of the meeting or a complete restatement of all public discussion at the meeting. 1 V.S.A. #312(b) provides a list of what must be included in minutes. In summary: Record all motions whether adopted or defeated, name of the maker of the motion, number of votes on each side in a motion, names of board members present, names of active participants in the meeting. Do not record discussion or expressions of personal opinion. Do not try to capture individual statements except for motions made.

**MINUTES  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
BARNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
March 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Barnard School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Barnard Town Hall, located in Barnard, Vermont, in said District, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

(Except as noted and necessary, all nominations were moved and a seconding motion made that nominations cease and the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk cast one ballot for the person nominated. The first person named in parentheses nominated the person for the office, the 2<sup>nd</sup> person moved nominations cease and the 3<sup>rd</sup> person seconded the motion; all passed by voice vote)

Town Moderator, Paul Doton calls meeting to order 11:08 AM.

**ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year. Paul Doton (Doug Martin, Richard Lancaster, Marjorie VanAlstyne). Voice vote passes article.**

**ARTICLE 2: To accept the reports of the Barnard Academy School Directors for the school accounts and take action thereon. Bryce Sammel announces there will be an amendment to the warning. Richard Lancaster makes motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Dodson. No discussion Voice vote passes article.**

**ARTICLE 3: To elect one School Director to the Barnard Academy School Board for a term of three years. Carin Park (Andi Cole, Paula Tortolano, Richard Lancaster) Voice vote passes.**

**ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Barnard Academy School District approve the school board to expend one million, three hundred eleven thousand, six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,311,625) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,991 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is .65% higher than spending for the current year. Motion by Richard Lancaster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Campbell. Discussion. Voice vote passes.**

**ARTICLE 5: To authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Motion by Richard Lancaster, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Martin. No discussion. Voice vote passes.**

**ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Bryce Sammel makes motion to elect Rebecca Ward to the Barnard Academy School Board for a term of one-year, the remainder of a three-year term. (Bryce Sammel, Andi Cole, Chloe Powell) Voice vote passes motion. Sue Lewis expresses appreciation for all the work done by Andi Cole to benefit the school. Round of applause. Discussion: school-merger situation. Doug Martin makes motion to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Dodson. Voice vote passes motion. Meeting adjourns at 11:46 A.M.**

**ARTICLES TO BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

**BARNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ARTICLE 7: To elect one School Director to the Windsor Central Unified Union School Board for a term of three years, expiring March 2022.**

**Vote for not more than one**

**Pamela Fraser: 79**

**Write-Ins:       Tim Johnson: 1**  
**Richard Lancaster: 1**

**Blanks: 5**

**WINDSOR CENTRAL MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend eighteen million, ninety-five thousand, eight hundred thirty-four dollars (\$18,095,834), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,994 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil 3% higher than spending for the current year.**

**YES: 57**

**NO: 29**

**Blank: 0**

**Barnard Checklist**

Total Registered Voters:	726
Number of voters marked off on entrance checklist:	86
Number of Absentee Voters (included in entrance checklist):	0

A true record of the March 5, 2019 Annual School Meeting, to the best of our ability.

Attest: Diane L. Rainey, Town Clerk    Paul Doton, Moderator    Rock Webster, Selectmen

## SCHOOL TREASURER'S FISCAL YEAR REPORT

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
<b>BALANCE FORWARD:</b>				
Previous FY Checking Account Ending Balance	183,048.54	187,285.67	211,783.65	201,682.09
WUSU Adjustment		503.86		
Ending FY16 Balance		186,782.01		
<b>ADD FY RECEIPTS:</b>				
Emergency Shelter Town Approp	40,700.00	41,500.00	42,330.00	43,100.00
Town Collected Taxes	1,004,013.00	981,405.00	1,005,667.00	1,059,442.00
State of VT	63,813.53	116,534.66	1,134.28	2,105.39
WUSU or High School	24,271.18	21,145.05	5,621.13	82,723.72
Students or Staff	27,358.34	13,264.68	14,470.94	10,687.30
Bank Interest	288.12	255.88	629.45	488.10
Donations	1,850.00	2,675.00	3,786.84	5,385.19
After-School Program	25,790.18	31,425.43	20,997.04	18,584.61
Refunds	2,466.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lunch Money	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.00
Tax Anticipation Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>FY TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>1,190,530.95</b>	<b>1,208,405.80</b>	<b>1,084,916.68</b>	<b>0.00 1,234,133.51</b>
<b>DEDUCT FY EXPENSES:</b>				
School Orders	-557,474.68	-527,363.04	-431,824.11	-653,518.50
Payroll	-608,809.14	-656,051.12	-673,194.13	-734,840.40
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>-1,166,283.82</b>	<b>-1,183,414.16</b>	<b>-1,105,018.24</b>	<b>0.00 -1,388,358.90</b>
<b>ENDING FY ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		<b>187,285.67</b>	<b>211,783.65</b>	<b>201,682.09 47,456.70</b>
<b>SCHOOL FY ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>				
School Checking Account	146,003.80	153,446.89	185,136.44	8,164.83
Equipment Fund	33,621.59	33,621.59	33,621.59	33,621.59
Health Fund	7,670.28	7,670.28	7,670.28	7,670.28
Uncleared Deposits	0.00	20,103.09	0.00	0.00
Uncleared Checks	0.00	-3,058.00	-5,746.22	0.00
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>		<b>187,285.67</b>	<b>211,783.65</b>	<b>201,682.09 47,456.70</b>

These numbers are based on checking account statements and signed School Board orders provided to the Barnard Treasurer from the Windsor Central Supervisory Union.

## Superintendent's Message

The 2018-2019 school year was the first operational year of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District. This first year saw both successes and challenges as the new district and Board worked through the complexities and opportunities of six towns coming together to operate as a single entity.

Board members, community members, educators, and students engaged in collaborative work sessions to define the skills and dispositions that Windsor Central students should possess upon graduation. After productive debate and compromise, our district agreed on the following five essential outcomes for students:

- Achievement of **Academic Excellence**
- Ability to successfully engage in **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving**
- Demonstrate **Skillful Communication**
- Demonstrate **Self-Direction**
- Demonstrate **Stewardship** skills

Once the targeted outcomes were established, additional citizens and educators joined the work and came together as the Strategic Planning Design Team. This group of 30+ individuals from all member communities came together to help develop and advise on a strategic plan that would provide direction and guidance for how the Portrait of a Graduate outcomes would best be attained. On June 10, 2018, the merged Board unanimously voted to adopt the end result of this collaborative work: the 2020-24 Windsor Central Strategic Plan. This plan identifies five focus areas:

- **Student Success**
- **Learning Environments**
- **Community Alliance**
- **Culture**
- **Foundational Systems**

**The full strategic plan can be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/30gv0Rf>**

The Windsor Central Strategic Plan will serve as a map to guide and prioritize the work of the district. One area of focus and concern for many of our member communities is related to Learning Environments. There is a single goal under this focus area: "Our facilities serve as an exemplar for Vermont and meet or exceed nation best practices for school design." The issue of repairing, remediating and replacing facilities was one that immediately required the Board's attention during its first year of operation. The issues surrounding the WUHSMS and TPVS

facilities are complex. So many invested people are working towards finding solutions that will serve all communities and taxpayers well.

As the district grows and evolves, the promise of a cohesive PreK-12 educational program continues to be in the forefront. Our vision is to ensure that all of our students graduate being prepared to follow their passions and interests, equipped with the needed skills and dispositions as they head down their chosen path. We continue to invite all community members to join and support this important work; *it takes a village*.

# OTTAUQUECHEE HEALTH FOUNDATION

## The Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) Supports the Health and Wellness Needs of Barnard

### Who We Are:

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation strives to improve the health and well-being of people who live in our core towns through grants, community partnerships, education opportunities and support of wellness initiatives. We believe accessible health and wellness care is a vital part of any community.

We assist in the health and wellness needs of these core towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

### Request for Support from the Town of Barnard:

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation respectfully requests support in the amount of \$1500 to be used to support our Good Neighbor Grants program for 2020.

### About OHF's Good Neighbor Grant (GNG) program

Our GNG program makes grants on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for their health and wellness needs that are not covered by health insurance such as dental care, physical therapy, counseling, hearing aids, eyeglasses, and more. Assistance is based on financial need and applicants must live in the OHF catchment area.

To date in 2019, OHF has provided 5 grants to Barnard residents totaling over \$3500. This equates to approximately 2.5% of our overall granting budget. Town support from Barnard would be invaluable to us and allow us to better serve the Barnard Community.

Additionally, OHF will continue to provide services from the our Homecare Grants Program, as well as other wellness offerings, to the Barnard Community. These programs are all part of our commitment to providing access to health and wellness services while supporting overall community health. Together we can indeed create stronger, and healthier communities.

### Our Funding Sources:

Our funding comes through bi-annual appeal donations, town appropriations, targeted program fundraising, grant writing, a modest draw from our investments, and fundraising events.

Thank you for your review and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tayo Kirchhof  
Executive Director  
OHF

802-457-4188 | [www.ohfvt.org](http://www.ohfvt.org) | [director@ohfvt.org](mailto:director@ohfvt.org)  
PO Box 784 | 30 Pleasant Street | Woodstock, VT 05091



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**Town Narrative - Barnard  
For July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

Windsor County Mentors (formerly Windsor County Partners) is in its 46<sup>th</sup> year of building healthier communities through youth mentoring. Our community-based Pals program extends across the county. Mentored youth learn life skills, provide community service and participate in cultural and athletic activities. In our surveys, 100% of the young people in our Pals mentorships report that having a mentor has made a difference in their life.

WCM creates partnerships where mentors are matched with a child. Matches are made up with children up to age 12. Since matches are renewed annually, mentored children range in age from 7 – 18. These mentoring partnerships meet for 2 hours per week for at least a year, with many partnerships continuing on for years.

In FY 2019, WCP served and supported 34 school- and community-based mentorships, with children from 12 local towns. Collectively, these mentors volunteered over 1900 hours. Our mentees were distributed among 16 Windsor County public schools. Our surveys demonstrate the positive affects of mentoring. Mentors (94%) report that their mentee is gaining social skills. Mentee parents (94%) said that they would recommend mentoring to others and mentees (89%) reported feeling hopeful about the future.

WCM has invested in three part-time regional outreach coordinators who are serving the towns in their region to increase the number of mentors recruited and the number of mentor matches.

Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families. For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website [www.wcmentors.org](http://www.wcmentors.org) or contact us at [ProgramsWC@outlook.com](mailto:ProgramsWC@outlook.com) 802-674-5101. WCM thanks the voters of Barnard for their support for the children of Windsor County.

David Sleeper  
Interim Executive Director



**U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs**

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

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.  
Associate Medical Center Director



# WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge. We depend on billing income and the municipal contributions from your communities to provide quality emergency ambulance response in our region.

White River Valley Ambulance is designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensure level the state issues. This allows us to operate with an advanced skill set, which improves the outcome of our patients in our rural communities. White River Valley Ambulance maintains two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019 White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,342 emergency calls and transfers.

Over the past year we have held an EMT and an AEMT class to help increase the number of qualified responders in our communities with First Response squads, and WRVA. We hosted school field trips throughout the year to show and explain how Emergency Medical Services operate. We have held numerous CPR and First Aid courses throughout the past year as well.

## WHAT WE DO MAY INTEREST YOU

- We are a professional ambulance service, with 10 full-time employees and multiple part-time staff.
- We staff two Paramedic level ambulance crews 24/7, 365 days a year.
- We provide primary 911 ambulance service to 10 communities, covering an area over 500 square miles in size.
- We respond to more than 1,200 calls for help every year.
- We transport patients from Gifford Medical Center to other healthcare facilities each year, often providing Critical Care level transport services. We also provide Advanced Life Support transfer to other hospitals throughout the state.
- We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont.

In 2020, we will continue to push the boundaries of what is possible in rural, pre-hospital medicine by incorporating continuous quality improvement and excellence in education. We will continue to accept more transfers from other medical facilities throughout the state. This will maintain our call volume and help control the per capita rate, which will be \$60.00. This is a decrease from \$63.00 from 2019.

Let us enter 2020 by expressing how thankful we are for the numerous first responders, and fire departments who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough.

**3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032 802-234-6800 [www.wvra.org](http://www.wvra.org)**

## **The 2020 U.S. Decennial Census begins in March and April**

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

## Barnard Helping Hands

When Carol Hurley was diagnosed with cancer in 1998, she found comfort, security and respite in the “helping hands” of her Barnard neighbors. In response to her needs, neighbors arrived with meals, provided rides and gifted her with their many skills. As her health waxed and waned over the six years that followed, she was inspired to return the generosity of her neighbors. She created and organized Helping Hands, where the generosity shown by her neighbors could grow and thrive; a place where people could use their skills and offer their resources to community members in need. In 2005, a year after Carol’s death, a small group of her friends met to honor her and to breathe new life into the organization she started.

In October 2005, we applied and received our non-profit status, and wrote our mission statement, which states that “Barnard Helping Hands is an ever-expanding circle of members of our Barnard community reaching out to connect members of our community with each other, by matching the skills of our community with its needs. Our vision is to provide support to members of our community, who are in physical, financial or emotional need.” Life is filled with challenges and we are glad that we can offer this assistance.

Though we no longer host a Firewood Fest, we still assist members of our community with their heating needs. In May we organize Green-Up Day, and in the fall, we deliver holiday food baskets and give grocery gift cards to families and individuals, to help with their Thanksgiving and Christmas celebration. Our Secret Santa tree gives members of our community the opportunity to choose an ornament and purchase a gift to help fulfill a local child’s holiday wish. We have a food shelf collection box at the BGS, and take the contents to our local food shelf, whenever it is full. We also try to offer assistance whenever it is requested. If the job is too big for us to handle, we can refer people to other available resources.

We are a volunteer organization, and we welcome community members who would like to join us. We are grateful for the financial support we receive from members and friends of the Barnard community.

Co-Chairs - Linda Beaumariage and Patty Hasson, Secretary – Joann Ference, Treasurer – Mary Blanton, Louis Ahlen, Becky Brettell, Janice Fleet-Bean, Leah Crowley

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

The legal voters of the Barnard School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Barnard Town Hall, located in Barnard, Vermont, in said District, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

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

**ARTICLE 2:** To accept the reports of the Barnard Academy School Directors for the school accounts and take action thereon.

**ARTICLE 3:** With the specific understanding that if the District merges with the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District as of July 1, 2020, the following shall be null and void and of no force and effect: shall the voters of Barnard School District elect one (1) School Director to the Board of School Directors for a term of three (3) years?

**ARTICLE 4:** With the specific understanding that if the District does not merge with the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District as of July 1, 2020, the following shall be null and void and of no force and effect: shall the voters of Barnard School District elect one (1) School Director to the Board of School Directors for a term that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist?

**ARTICLE 5:** With the specific understanding that if the District merges with the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District as of July 1, 2020, the following shall be null and void and of no force and effect: shall the voters of Barnard School District approve the school board to expend One Million, Four Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty Two Dollars (\$1,439,932), the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,440 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 8.6% higher than spending for the current year.

**ARTICLE 6:** With the specific understanding that if the District merges with the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District as of July 1, 2020, the following shall be null and void and of no force and effect: shall the voters authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

**ARTICLE 7:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2020.

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Carin Park, Chair  
Rebecca Ward  
Amelia Lennon

**Barnard School District**  
**Balance Sheet - Government Funds**  
As of June 30, 2018 (Audited)

	<b>STATEMENT C</b>		
	General Funds	Other Government Funds	Total Government Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Checking Account - Mascoma Bank	\$ 201,682	\$ -	\$ 201,682
Due From Other Government Entities	\$ 108,765	\$ -	\$ 108,765
Accounts Receivable	\$ 12,168	\$ -	\$ 12,168
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 139	\$ -	\$ 139
Due from Other Funds	\$ 34,051	\$ 131,263	\$ 165,314
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 356,805</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 131,263</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 488,068</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,766	\$ -	\$ 4,766
Accrued liabilities	\$ 6,926	\$ -	\$ 6,926
Due to other governments	\$ 139,884	\$ -	\$ 139,884
Due to other funds	\$ 131,263	\$ 34,051	\$ 165,314
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 282,839</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 34,051</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 316,890</u></b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable - prepaid items	\$ 139	\$ -	\$ 139
Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Committed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assigned	\$ 73,827	\$ 131,263	\$ 205,090
Unassigned	\$ -	\$ (34,051)	\$ (34,051)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$ 73,966</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 97,212</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 171,178</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$ 356,805</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 131,263</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 488,068</u></b>

**Barnard School District  
Revenue Report and Proposed Budget  
2020-2021 Budget Year**

	Budget 2017-2018	Actual 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020	Proposed 2020-2021
<b>Regular Instruction</b>					
Tuition from Pupils/Parents		10,000	-	-	
Pre-K Tuition VT LEAs		6,356	-	3,356	6,000
Interest Earned		629	-	-	400
Rental Income	42,330	42,330	43,175	44,039	45,000
Miscellaneous Revenue		23			-
Education Spending Grant	918,877	912,344	978,289	1,039,547	1,173,532
Small Schools Grant	85,881	87,090	86,955	96,392	95,000
State Transportation Reimb	16,624	16,680	16,624	16,624	17,000
Revenue After School	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
Prior Year Surplus Applied	67,629	67,629	62,000	2,063	-
<b>Total Regular Instruction</b>	<b>1,141,341</b>	<b>1,143,082</b>	<b>1,187,043</b>	<b>1,212,021</b>	<b>1,346,932</b>
<b>Special Education</b>					
Special Ed Block Grant		-			
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	68,406	3,539	111,590	95,104	93,000
State Student Place Reimbursement		(3,113)			-
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>68,406</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>111,590</b>	<b>95,104</b>	<b>93,000</b>
<b>Food Service</b>					
Food Service Revenue	2,000	915	2,000	2,000	-
Subgrant - Federal Special Milk	2,500	1,781	2,500	2,500	-
<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>2,696</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Grand Total - Revenue</b>	<b>1,214,247</b>	<b>1,146,203</b>	<b>1,303,133</b>	<b>1,311,625</b>	<b>1,439,932</b>

Barnard School District  
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget  
2020-2021 Budget Year

	Budget 2017-2018	Actual 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020	Proposed 2020-2021
<b>Instruction</b>					
Teachers' Salaries	335,125	334,895	351,313	387,186	392,447
Teachers' Stipend - STEAM		-	5,000	-	-
Aides' Salaries	69,749	51,234	28,739	29,457	48,831
Substitute Salaries	5,000	17,147	8,000	8,000	-
Health Insurance	97,563	62,798	50,879	61,039	-
Paymt In Lieu of Health Ins	1,000	-	1,000	-	57,494
Health Reimbursement	27,500	13,880	17,800	21,400	13,525
FICA Expense	31,355	30,387	30,068	33,485	33,758
Life Insurance	200	159	163	173	162
Municipal Retirement	2,790	2,159	1,350	1,178	2,197
New Hire VSTRS	-	3,007	-	-	2,392
Worker's Compensation Ins.	3,818	3,812	3,661	4,077	3,180
Dental Insurance	4,142	3,645	3,100	3,550	3,700
Nature's Classroom	5,000	-	3,200	-	-
Contracted Substitutes	-	-	-	-	18,000
After School Program	20,000	-	10,000	-	-
General Supplies	6,000	6,086	6,000	6,500	-
Grade 6 Play Materials	200	-	200	200	-
Pre K Supplies	300	3,808	1,000	750	1,150
Field Trips	500	-	500	500	-
Art Supplies	1,800	466	1,800	1,800	1,500
English Texts	2,000	782	2,200	-	750
Foreign Language Materials	200	75	400	400	-
Phys Ed Supplies	600	288	600	600	600
Math Texts	3,500	2,205	3,000	3,000	2,500
Music Supplies	300	443	500	500	200
Science Texts	1,000	322	-	200	400
Science Equipment	1,000	686	2,200	2,000	1,500
Social Studies Texts	1,600	648	1,800	1,000	500
Excel Supplies	-	235	-	-	-
Literacy Textbooks	-	794	-	-	4,500
Reading Texts	2,500	1,398	2,500	3,500	3,500
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>624,742</b>	<b>541,359</b>	<b>536,973</b>	<b>570,495</b>	<b>592,786</b>
<b>Pre-School</b>					
Teachers' Salaries	-	48,017	46,285	47,521	50,521
Aides' Salaries	-	203	-	-	20,529
Health Insurance	-	16,351	16,263	18,192	3,150
Health Reimbursement	-	-	4,500	4,500	3,865
FICA Expense	-	3,537	3,541	3,635	23
Life Insurance	-	26	23	23	368
Worker's Compensation Ins.	-	-	431	443	500
Dental Insurance	-	487	500	500	1,329
Tuition Pre-K	-	4,767	-	-	13,500
<b>Total Pre-School</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,388</b>	<b>71,543</b>	<b>74,814</b>	<b>93,785</b>
<b>Guidance</b>					
Counselor Salary	8,730	9,143	9,496	13,104	-
Health Insurance	500	-	400	400	-
FICA Expense	668	699	726	1,002	-
Life Insurance	23	-	5	5	-
Workers' Compensation Ins.	81	81	88	122	-
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	100	-
Supplies	400	86	400	250	250
Standardized Testing	500	600	500	500	250
<b>Total Guidance</b>	<b>10,902</b>	<b>10,609</b>	<b>11,615</b>	<b>15,483</b>	<b>500</b>

	Budget 2017-2018	Actual 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020	Proposed 2020-2021
<b>Health</b>					
Nurse Salary	9,621	10,862	11,220	26,011	14,004
Health Insurance	-	-	600	1,000	-
FICA Expense	736	831	858	1,990	1,071
Life Insurance	3	-	7	12	-
Workers' Compensation Ins.	90	89	105	242	100
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	250	-
SNAP Maintenance	-	148	150	150	500
Supplies	600	1,497	400	650	800
<b>Total Health</b>	<b>11,050</b>	<b>13,426</b>	<b>13,340</b>	<b>30,305</b>	<b>16,475</b>
<b>Instructional Staff Training</b>					
Salaries	-	300	-	-	-
FICA	-	23	-	-	-
Teachers	5,000	4,699	5,000	5,000	5,000
Staff Conference	1,200	1,371	1,200	1,200	1,200
Professional Development - General	-	550	-	-	-
Staff Travel	600	628	600	1,000	1,000
Inservice Expense	300	-	300	300	3,000
<b>Total Instructional Staff Training</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>7,570</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>10,200</b>
<b>Educational Media</b>					
Salary	24,151	24,151	24,151	24,829	25,808
Health Insurance	5,622	4,816	4,411	4,933	5,568
Health Reimbursement	1,440	-	1,800	1,800	1,260
FICA Expense	1,848	1,848	1,848	1,899	1,974
Life Insurance	9	-	9	9	9
Workers' Compensation Ins.	225	225	225	231	188
Dental Insurance	318	309	200	200	200
Equipment Repair	500	-	500	500	500
Supplies	1,000	309	1,000	1,000	1,000
Library Books	2,000	1,206	2,000	2,000	2,000
Newspapers & Periodicals	200	-	200	200	250
Dues & Fees	100	-	100	100	-
<b>Total Educational Media</b>	<b>37,413</b>	<b>32,863</b>	<b>36,444</b>	<b>37,701</b>	<b>38,757</b>
<b>Audio Visual</b>					
AV Materials	200	200	200	200	250
Software	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Equipment	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
AV Equipment	-	400	-	-	-
<b>Total Audio Visual</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,250</b>
<b>Computer Assisted Instruction</b>					
Tech Assistant - Stipends	-	750	-	-	-
Tech Assistant - FICA	-	57	-	-	-
Technical Support	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500	-
Equipment Repairs	200	256	200	200	-
Computer Hardware	5,701	5,701	-	-	5,250
Software	-	351	-	-	7,300
<b>Total Computer Assisted Instruction</b>	<b>6,901</b>	<b>8,116</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>12,550</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>					
Legal Liability Insurance	2,500	2,013	2,500	2,500	3,000
Advertising	500	711	500	500	-
Expenses	200	2,502	200	200	2,000
Supplies	300	73	300	300	-
Dues and Fees	900	-	900	900	-
Negotiations Expense	-	958	-	1,000	1,000
Bank Fees	50	-	50	50	-
Legal Services	1,500	1,530	1,500	1,500	1,000
HRA Admin Fees	500	53	500	500	-

	Budget 2017-2018	Actual 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020	Proposed 2020-2021
<b>Total Board of Education</b>	<b>6,450</b>	<b>7,839</b>	<b>6,450</b>	<b>7,450</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b>School Administration</b>					
Principal's Salary	70,000	90,884	92,250	75,645	95,486
Secretary Salary	29,043	31,442	29,769	30,510	32,067
Health Insurance	23,327	20,749	21,171	21,215	26,725
Health Reimbursement	5,000	-	9,500	10,400	6,650
FICA Expense	7,577	8,867	9,334	8,121	9,758
Life Insurance	38	23	46	41	251
Municipal Retirement	1,122	1,258	1,191	1,220	1,443
Workers' Comp. Ins.	923	921	1,137	989	929
Prof. Development	2,000	-	2,000	500	500
Dental Insurance	1,010	939	1,000	900	1,000
Repair of Equipment	-	42	-	-	-
Copier Expense	3,900	2,760	2,800	2,850	2,750
Postage & Petty Cash	600	443	600	600	500
Travel	500	860	500	250	250
Supplies	850	850	850	850	750
Report Cards/Handbook	200	-	200	200	250
Prof. Publications	200	-	200	-	-
Equipment	500	325	500	500	500
Professional Dues	250	615	350	450	500
<b>Total School Administration</b>	<b>147,040</b>	<b>160,978</b>	<b>173,398</b>	<b>155,241</b>	<b>180,308</b>
<b>Operation of Plant</b>					
Custodial Salaries	-	-	-	20,477	27,032
Summer Salaries	-	3,598	-	-	-
Health Insurance	-	-	-	7,340	6,378
Health Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	1,350
Social Security	-	275	-	1,567	2,109
Life Insurance	-	-	-	17	18
Municipal Retirement	-	-	-	819	946
Workers' Comp. Ins.	-	-	-	191	153
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	360	385
Water & Sewage Services	4,000	10,127	4,000	4,000	6,750
Disposal Services	1,700	1,829	1,700	1,700	3,500
Contractd Custodial Services	30,048	29,430	25,000	-	-
Carpet Cleaning	1,800	1,019	1,800	1,200	1,000
Contracted Maintenance	9,000	8,044	14,000	10,000	10,000
Building Repairs	1,500	691	10,000	2,000	3,000
Equipment Repairs	2,300	3,350	2,000	2,000	5,500
Septic Maintenance	600	151	600	600	500
Fire Alarm System Maint.	900	748	900	900	1,000
Telephone Lease Payments	2,500	-	-	-	-
Property Insurance	2,500	3,690	2,500	2,500	5,000
Telephone Services	1,000	1,002	1,000	1,000	1,000
Custodial Supplies	3,500	2,826	3,500	3,500	3,000
Electricity	9,890	8,994	10,500	10,500	11,000
Heating Oil	19,350	9,031	14,750	14,750	12,500
Furniture/Equipt. Replacem	2,500	2,257	2,500	2,500	2,500
Ground Maintenance	600	85	600	600	600
<b>Total Operation of Plant</b>	<b>93,688</b>	<b>87,146</b>	<b>95,350</b>	<b>88,521</b>	<b>105,221</b>
<b>Transportation</b>					
Contracted Services	32,593	32,593	33,408	34,243	34,000
Field Trips	2,000	1,769	1,000	1,000	1,500
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>34,593</b>	<b>34,362</b>	<b>34,408</b>	<b>35,243</b>	<b>35,500</b>
<b>Special Education</b>					
EEE Salary	-	1,785	-	-	-
EEE Social Security	-	137	-	-	-
Program Aides' Salary	-	-	21,105	19,624	-

	Budget 2017-2018	Actual 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020	Proposed 2020-2021
Individual Aides' Salary	-	360	-	-	22,343
Health Insurance	-	-	6,562	7,340	2,000
Health Reimbursement	-	-	2,500	2,500	-
Social Security	-	28	1,615	1,501	1,709
Life Insurance	-	-	23	23	23
Municipal Retirement	-	14	844	785	1,005
Workers' Comp	-	-	197	183	163
Dental Insurance	-	-	500	500	500
<b>Total Special Education</b>	-	2,324	33,346	32,456	27,743
<b>Social Work Services</b>					
Salary	-	-	-	-	13,404
Health Insurance	-	-	-	-	4,106
Health Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	630
FICA Expense	-	-	-	-	1,025
Life Insurance	-	-	-	-	5
Workers' Compensation Ins.	-	-	-	-	100
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	-	100
<b>Total Social Work Services</b>	-	-	-	-	19,370
<b>WCSU Assessments</b>					
Technology Integration	7,974	7,974	7,169	7,404	8,900
Executive Admin.	52,015	52,015	59,263	78,675	80,000
Special Ed	106,446	46,358	115,278	104,427	135,000
Special Ed - Other Expenses	14,733	6,416	46,556	46,010	58,000
<b>Total WCSU Assessments</b>	181,168	112,763	228,266	236,516	281,900
<b>Fund Transfers</b>					
Transfer to Retirement Fund	40,000	40,000	15,000	5,000	-
Transfer to Building Maintenance Funds	5,000	5,000	30,000	5,000	-
<b>Total Fund Transfers</b>	45,000	45,000	45,000	10,000	-
<b>Food Services</b>					
Food Service Salaries	-	-	-	-	10,763
Food Service Social Security	-	-	-	-	823
Food Service Staff Travel	-	-	-	-	1,500
Food Service Supplies	500	48	500	500	500
Food Service Food Purchases	4,500	2,747	4,500	4,500	-
Food Service Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,000
<b>Total Food Services Program</b>	5,000	2,795	5,000	5,000	14,586
<b>Total Expenses Pre-K to 6</b>	<b>1,214,247</b>	<b>1,144,140</b>	<b>1,303,133</b>	<b>1,311,625</b>	<b>1,439,932</b>

**WARNING FOR  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WINDSOR CENTRAL MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby warned and notified that an **Informational Meeting** will be held at the Woodstock Union Middle School library in the Town of Woodstock on **Thursday, February 27, 2020**, commencing at 6:00 P.M., for the purpose of explaining the 2020-2021 proposed budget.

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union District are hereby further warned and notified to meet at their respective polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, during the polling hours noted below, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Barnard Town Hall	10 am – 7 pm	Plymouth Municipal Building	10 am – 7 pm
Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office	8 am – 7 pm	Pomfret Town Offices	8 am – 7 pm
Killington Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm	Reading Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm
Woodstock Town Hall		7 am – 7 pm	

**MARCH 3, 2020 – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTIONS**

**Article 1:** The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect the following:

- Killington: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Plymouth: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Pomfret: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Reading: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Woodstock: two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District approve the merger of Barnard School District with Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District, pursuant to the Articles of Agreement set out below?

**Article 3:** If Article 2 is approved, shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend Seventeen Million Ninety Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$17,096,833), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,733 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.1% higher than the combined spending per equalized pupil by Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District and Barnard School District for the current year.

**Article 4:** If Article 2 is not approved, shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend Sixteen Million Ninety Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$16,095,814), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,755 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.43% higher/lower than spending for the current year.

**MARCH 9, 2020 – ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING**

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union District are further warned and notified to meet at the Woodstock High School/Middle School Teagle Library, located in Woodstock, Vermont, on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

**Article 5:** To elect a Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 6:** To elect a Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 7:** To elect a Treasurer who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 8:** To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid District officers.

**Article 9:** To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid to School Directors.

**Article 10:** To ratify and confirm the outcome of the March 3, 2020, Australian ballot voting.

**Article 11:** To establish the date of the future Annual District Meetings.

**Article 12:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District authorize the board of directors under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

**Article 13:** To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

## **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT** **WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Article 1. Necessary Advisable School Districts**

The Town School Districts of Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Plymouth, Reading, Killington and Woodstock (hereinafter referred to as the "Town School Districts") are advisable districts for the establishment of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District (hereinafter referred to as the "New Unified District").

The Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School shall also be considered advisable for the formation of the New Unified District but its interests are represented by the voters of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Town School Districts.

The Woodstock Union High School District shall also be considered an advisable district for the formation of the New Unified District but its interests are represented by the voters of each of the Town School Districts (except Plymouth).

If the voters of the six (6) Town School Districts that are currently members of the Woodstock Union High School District vote to approve the merger, the New Unified District will be established. If the voters of at least four (4), but not all, of the Town School Districts that are currently members of the Woodstock Union High School District vote to approve the merger, a modified unified union school district will be established to be known as the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District ("Modified Union District").

If the New Unified District or a Modified Union District is created, then the Town School Districts that voted in favor of merger and the Woodstock Union High School District shall be referred to herein as the "Forming Districts".

If either of the Town School Districts of Bridgewater or Pomfret vote to approve the merger and either the New Unified District or Modified Union District is established, the vote of either the Bridgewater or Pomfret Town School District shall have the effect of terminating the Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School Agreement in accordance with the dates set forth in Article 11.

If the voters of the Town School Districts vote to approve the merger, and the Vermont State Board of Education designates the merged entities as a supervisory district pursuant to 16 V.S.A. Section 261(c), then the Windsor Central Supervisory Union will transfer its funds, debt, and property to the New Unified District in the same manner as the Forming Districts in Articles 6 and 7, and will cease to exist in accordance with the dates set forth in Article 11.

The Pittsfield Town School District is currently a member of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. In connection with designation of the merged entities as a supervisory district, the Vermont State Board of Education shall act pursuant to 16 V.S.A. Section 261(a) to determine an appropriate supervisory union assignment for Pittsfield.

The Plymouth School District is a member of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. If either the New Unified District or the Modified Union District (hereafter, reference to New Unified District shall refer to both the New Unified District and Modified Union District, references to Modified Union District shall mean only that entity) are established and Plymouth voters approve the merger, the New Unified District anticipates that the Vermont State Board of Education will act pursuant to 16 V.S.A. Section 261(a) to adjust the boundaries of the new supervisory union to include the town of Plymouth as needed.

### **Article 2. Additional Districts**

No additional districts are included in the proposed New Unified District at this time.

### **Article 3. Grades to Operate**

The New Unified District will operate grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12.

### **Article 4. Proposed New School Construction**

No new schools are proposed to be constructed at this time.

### **Article 5. Plan for First Year of Operation**

The New Unified District will provide for the transportation of students, assignment of staff, and curriculum in a manner that is consistent with the contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and provisions of law that are in effect during the first year that the New Unified District is providing full educational services and operations. Beginning July 1, 2020, the services and responsibilities of the New Unified District described immediately above shall include and apply equally to (as applicable) students in Barnard, and to the former staff of Barnard School District.

The board will comply with 16 VSA Chapter 53, subchapter 3, regarding recognition of the representatives of employees of the respective forming districts as the representatives of the employees of the New Unified District and will commence negotiations pursuant to 16 VSA Chapter 57 for teachers and 21 VSA Chapter 22 for other employees. In the absence of new collective bargaining agreements on July 1, 2018, the Board will comply with the preexisting master agreements pursuant to 16 VSA Chapter 53, subchapter 3. The Board shall honor all individual employment contracts that are in place in the Forming Districts on June 30, 2018 until their respective termination dates. The Board shall honor all individual employment contracts in place with employees of Barnard School District on June 30, 2020 until the respective termination dates, and shall honor the respective seniority of those employees.

### **Article 6. Indebtedness of Member Districts**

#### **A. Capital Debt**

The Unified District shall assume all capital debt as may exist on June 30, 2018, including both principal and interest, of the Forming Districts that joined the new union district. The New Unified District shall assume all capital debt as may exist on June 30, 2020, including both principal and interest, of the Barnard School District.

#### **B. Operating Fund Surpluses, Deficits and Reserve Funds**

The Unified District shall assume any and all operating deficits, surpluses, and fund balances of the forming districts that may exist on the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the New Unified District, and will be applied for established purposes unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures. Upon approval of both the voters of the Barnard School District and the Unified School District of the merger of Barnard into the New Unified District, any and all operating surpluses or deficits, surpluses, and all fund balances, including reserve funds, shall be transferred to the New Unified District by June 30, 2020[DLA1]. [2]

#### **C. Restricted Funds:**

The Forming Districts will transfer to the New Unified District any preexisting specific endowments or other restricted accounts, including student activity and related accounts, held by school districts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship accounts, private donations, or similar restricted funds/accounts, held by individual school districts prior to June 30, 2018, that have specified conditions of use (e.g. in support of a specific program or school) will be used by the new unified union in accordance with their original provisions. This understanding applies, as well, to future gifts by individuals, groups, or foundations who wish to raise or donate funds in support of specific programs or schools in the new unified union.

Barnard School District shall transfer to the New Unified District any preexisting specific endowments or other restricted accounts, including student activity and related accounts, held by it on June 30, 2020. Scholarship accounts, private donations, or similar restricted funds/accounts, held by Barnard School District on June 30, 2020, that have specified conditions of use (e.g. in support of a specific program or school) will be used by the New Unified District in accordance with their original provisions. This understanding applies, as well, to future gifts by individuals, groups, or foundations who wish to raise or donate funds in support of specific programs or schools in the New Unified District.

#### **D. Funds of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School**

The provisions of Section 6 A-C above notwithstanding, if only the Bridgewater or the Pomfret Town School District (but not both) approve of the merger, all funds of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of their Joint School Agreement in accordance with the dates set forth in Article 11. If the Bridgewater and Pomfret Town School Districts both approve the merger, all funds of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of these Articles.

#### **E. Transfer of Debt and Funds**

The debt and funds specified above, subject to finalization of audits, shall be transferred to the New Unified District in accordance with procedures and timelines established by the New Unified District Board following its organizational meeting, as further discussed in Article 11.

### **Article 7. Real and Personal Property**

#### **A. Transfer of Property to the Unified District:**

No later than June 30, 2018, the Forming Districts will convey to the New Unified District, for the sum of one dollar, and subject to the encumbrances of record, all of their school-related real and personal property, including all land, buildings, and content.

No later than June 30, 2020, the Barnard School District will convey to the New Unified District, for the sum of one dollar, and subject to the encumbrances of record, all of their school-related real and personal property, including all land, buildings, and content. The transfer shall be made by Quit-Claim Deed. All costs involved in this transfer of property shall be paid by the New Unified District.

**B. Subsequent Sale of Real Property to Towns:**

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the New Unified District Board of Directors determines, in its discretion, that continued possession of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the town elementary Forming Districts will not be used in direct delivery of student, educational programs, the New Unified District shall offer for sale such real property to the town in which such real property is located, for the sum of one dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes, and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants required by Vermont law, in addition to costs of capital improvements subsequent to July 1, 2018. With respect to any real property conveyed to the New Unified District by Barnard School District, the operative date in the preceding sentence shall be July 1, 2020.

The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and using the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event the town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the New Unified District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the New Unified District prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the New Unified District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the New Unified District Board of School Directors.[1] With respect to the school properties of Bridgewater, Pomfret, Plymouth, Reading, Killington and Woodstock the operative date in this paragraph shall be July 1, 2018. With respect to the Barnard school properties, the operative date in this paragraph shall be July 1, 2020[DLA2].

**C. Property of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School**

The provisions of Section 7 A&B above notwithstanding, if only the Bridgewater or the Pomfret Town School District (but not both) approve of the merger, all property of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of their Joint School Agreement in accordance with the dates set forth in Article 11. If the Bridgewater and Pomfret Town School Districts both approve the merger, all property of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of these Articles.

**Article 8. Board of School Directors Representation**

The New Unified District Board of Directors shall be composed of eighteen (18) individuals elected by Australian ballot by the voters of the municipalities in which they reside. Each municipality within the New Unified District shall be guaranteed at least two resident representatives.

Based on the 2010 census, the new unified union board will consist of two (2) representatives residing in and representing Barnard; two (2) residing in and representing Bridgewater; two (2) residing in and representing Killington; two (2) residing in and representing Pomfret; two (2) residing in and representing Plymouth; two (2) residing in and representing Reading; six (6) residing in and representing Woodstock.

The Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Pomfret, Plymouth, Reading, and Woodstock specific numbers of directors are consistent with current census figures. Each time there is a new decennial census, the proportionality of representation reflected in the specific numbers of directors allocated to each municipality shall be aligned to the new counts if necessary.

**Article 9: Initial Directors Terms of Office**

School Directors will be elected by Australian ballot for three year terms, except for those initially elected at the time of the formation of the New Unified District. In the initial election of School Directors, the terms of office will be as follows:

Town	Term ending March 2019	Term ending March 2020	Term ending March 2021
Barnard	1	0	1
Bridgewater	1	0	1
Killington	0	1	1
Pomfret	0	1	1
Plymouth	1	1	0
Reading	1	1	0
Woodstock	2	2	2

The terms of the initial school directors indicated above will include the months in between the organizational meeting and the first annual meeting in 2018.

Nominations for the office of New Unified District School Director representing a specific town shall be made by filing, with the clerk of that district/town proposed as a member of the New Unified District, a statement of nomination signed by at least 30 voters in that district/town or one percent of the legal voters in the district/town, whichever is less, and accepted in writing by the nominee. A statement shall be filed not fewer than 30, nor more than 40 days prior to the date of the vote.

Pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. 706j (b), directors initially elected to the New Unified District shall be sworn in and assume the duties of their office.

Thereafter, members of the Board of School Directors will be elected by Australian ballot at the New Unified District's Annual Meeting. Terms of office shall begin and expire on the date of the New Unified District's annual meeting. In the event the New Unified District's annual meeting precedes Town Meeting Day, the Director's terms shall expire on Town Meeting Day.

#### **Article 10. Submission to Voters**

The initial proposal forming the Unified District was duly warned and presented to the voters of the Town School Districts on March 7, 2017. The vote took place in each of the school districts by Australian ballot.

A proposal of merging Barnard School District into the New Unified District will be duly warned and presented to the voters of Barnard on December 10, 2019. The vote shall be taken by Australian ballot. The warning for Barnard's vote is attached hereto as (Appendix I). If passed by the electorate of the Barnard School District, the same proposal will be presented to the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District on Tuesday, March 3 (Town Meeting Day), 2020.

#### **Article 11. Commencement of Operations**

Upon an affirmative vote of the electorates of the Forming Districts and upon compliance with 16 VSA — 706g, the New Unified District shall have and exercise all of the authority which is necessary in order for it to prepare for full educational operations beginning on July 1, 2018. The New Unified District shall, between the date of its organizational meeting under 16 VSA § 706j and June 30, 2018, undertake planning and related duties necessary to begin operations of the new unified union school district on July 1, 2018, including preparing for and negotiating contractual agreements, preparing and presenting the budget for fiscal year 2019, preparing for the New Unified District annual meeting, and transacting any other lawful business that comes before the Board, provided however, that the exercise of such authority by the New Unified District shall not be construed to limit or alter the authority and/or responsibilities of the school districts that will form the New Unified District and that will remain in existence during the transition period for the purpose of completing any business not given to the New Unified District.

On July 1, 2018, when the New Unified District becomes fully operational and begins to provide educational services to students, the Forming Districts shall cease all educational operations and shall remain in existence for the sole purpose of completing any outstanding business not given to the New Unified District under these articles and state law. Such business shall be completed as soon as practicable, but in no event any later than December 31, 2018. Upon the completion of outstanding business or December 31, 2018, whichever date is earlier, the forming school districts shall cease to exist pursuant to 16 VSA §722. If the Windsor Central Unified Union School District is formed, the Windsor Central Supervisory Union shall cease all operations within a reasonable timeframe of the completion of all outstanding business of its member school districts, but in no event any later than January 31, 2019, otherwise it shall continue in existence until the Windsor Central Unified Union School District is fully formed and [DLA1] constituted.[2]

On July 1, 2020, when the New Unified District begins providing educational services to Barnard students, the Barnard School District shall cease all educational operations and shall remain in existence for the sole purpose of completing any outstanding business not given to the New Unified District under these articles and state law. Such business shall be completed as soon as practicable, but in no event any later than December 31, 2020. Upon the completion of outstanding business or December 31, 2020, whichever date is earlier, the Barnard School District shall cease to exist pursuant to 16 VSA §722.

#### **Article 12. Australian Ballot Voting**

The New Unified District shall vote the annual school district budget and all public questions by Australian ballot.

#### **Article 13. Provisions for Closure of a School**

The Unified District Board shall not close any school conveyed to the Unified District by a Forming Elementary District within the first four (4) years of operation of the Unified District unless approved by the voters in the town where the school is located[DLA1] .

No school shall be closed except in accordance with the New Unified District "Annual Report", "Campus Sustainability", and "School Closure" policies. Each campus will be reviewed annually to assess and report on their educational, fiscal and enrollment conditions. If a campus fails to meet optimum targets in these categories, measured on a three consecutive year average and as described in the policies, closure may be formally contemplated.

If a campus has met the thresholds defined in the Campus Sustainability Policy including a per-pupil cost of 120%; and a subsequent recommendation for closure has been made by the Superintendent in the Annual Report, a formal Board conversation on the subject shall commence. If the Board decides to move forward with the question of the closure of a campus, the Board will vote on whether to bring the question to the voters. If there is an affirmative Board vote of at least 75% to move forward with possible closure, a vote will be held in the affected town. A campus shall not be closed without a supermajority of 60%.

In cases where the per-pupil cost has exceeded 130% at the campus in question over three years, the Board is still required to have a vote with a supermajority of 75% to move forward. A vote will be held in all district towns by Australian ballot and a combined supermajority of 60% shall be required. Votes shall be reported by each town.

A town meeting will be held in the affected town preceding a vote if the per-pupil cost at the campus is 120-129%. When 130% or greater, a town meeting will be held in each of the districts' towns preceding a vote.

Modification of the terms and conditions provided for in this Article shall be considered matters of public question and shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the New Unified District for ratification.

#### **Article 14. Intra-district School Choice**

By July 1, 2018, the Board of School Directors shall develop policy and programs for offering intra-district choice to the families or guardians of elementary students within the New Unified District. This policy will, without limitation, address the rights of elementary students who are residents of the Town of Bridgewater if the Bridgewater School district votes to join the New Unified District and the Pomfret School District does not vote to join. In accordance with 16 V.S.A. Section 821, all resident students will be assured enrollment at an elementary school operated by the New Unified District. Choice may be limited only where necessary to the legitimate operational needs of the New Unified District and any applicable legal requirements. Policies respecting choice shall consider issues including, but not limited to, transportation, socio-economic equity, proximity to the selected building, unity of siblings, and the capacities of receiving schools and sending schools.

#### **Article 15. Restructuring of Elementary School Configurations**

From and after July 1, 2020, grade configuration changes will be made consistent with the New Unified District Board's District Grade Reorganization Policy. Grade configuration changes will either be based on 1) sustainability criteria or 2) on educational aims and/or initiatives, as defined in the Board's Campus Sustainability Policy.

Grade configuration change shall require a 60% majority Board vote. Grade configuration changes made on the basis of educational aims or initiatives shall be made equitably for all affected students.

In considering any plan that involves grade reconfiguration at a campus or campuses, public input will be sought and considered. There will be not less than two Information Meetings, including one in each town where an affected school is located.

There will be a process to collect community feedback by a survey of the public in each district town and the Board and Administration will weigh the results when deciding on the matter.

If grade configuration changes are made at any campus, then appropriate adjustments will be made to the Campus Sustainability Policy.

Modification of the terms and conditions provided for in this Article shall be considered matters of public question and shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the New Unified District for ratification.

#### **Article 16. Investment Plan**

Given the existing variability in student achievement, program and instructional opportunity across the current supervisory union, the Board of Directors will develop an investment plan by July 1, 2018 to strengthen curriculum, instruction, programming, student support, and infrastructure.

#### **Article 17. Community Engagement and Input**

For each operating school within the New Unified District, the New Unified District Board shall provide opportunity for local input. Structures to support, encourage, and recognize the local participation of advisory groups created by and located within the forming communities shall be established by the New Unified District Board on or before July 1, 2018. Local input will be advisory. The New Unified District Board may create strategies for local participation at each school and may develop procedures to receive input from each school and/or town.

#### **Article 18. Subsequent Admission after a No Vote**

In the event that a Forming District(s) that is a member of the Woodstock Union High School or the Plymouth School District votes not to join the New Unified District as minimally formed by at least four of the Woodstock Union High School member districts, each will independently have until October 1, 2017 to vote again whether to join the New Unified District with admission granted in advance by the New Unified District. For the purpose of compliance with 16 VSA §721, the New Unified District consents to admission by any of the original forming districts that voted no. Thereafter, admission will be determined by Vermont statutes requiring favorable votes both by those districts seeking admission and also by the voters of the New Unified District.

#### **Article 19. Modified Unified Union School District — Non Member Elementary District(s)**

If a Modified Union District is established, any Forming Districts that are members of the Woodstock Union High School that vote NO will be referred to as Non-Member Elementary Districts (NMED). Board representation in the Modified Union District will be proportional as represented in the chart under Article 8,

including full proportional representation from each NMED. Board members from each NMED will have voting powers for all general Modified Union District actions, but will recuse themselves from consideration and voting upon programmatic, budgetary, personnel, or building matters of the Modified Union District which correlate to grades operated by the NMED. The board is authorized to recalculate the quorum requirements relative to preK-12 issues to reflect the recusal provisions of this article regarding NMED board members.

#### **Article 20. Non Member Elementary District(s) Relation to Supervisory Union**

If a Modified Union District is established in accordance with Article 1, the WCSU shall perform the functions of a supervisory union for both the Modified Union District and any NMEDs. These Articles of Agreement shall constitute an application by the WCSU Board for a waiver of the governance provisions applicable to the WCSU Board pursuant to 16 V.S.A. Section 261(d) to provide the following:

- A. **Board Composition:** All members of the Modified Union District Board shall be members of the WCSU Board. In addition, each NMED board, except the Woodstock School District if it is a NMED, shall appoint one of its members to serve on the WCSU Board.
- B. **Weighted Voting:** All members of the Modified Union District Board, except those elected or appointed to represent NMEDs, shall have one vote. All members of the WCSU Board elected or appointed to represent NMEDs, except those elected by the Woodstock School District if it is a NMED, shall have a weighted vote of two thirds (2/3). This weighted voting for NMED representatives is necessary so that their combined weighted vote (the vote of 3 representatives will be 2) will equal the number of representatives from the communities that have two representatives on the Modified Union District Board. In this manner, voting on the WCSU Board will have the same proportional representation as reflected in the composition of Modified Unified Union School District Board.
- C. The Modified Union District and WCSU shall conduct joint meetings with a single agenda, providing that representatives appointed by the NMEDs may not vote on Modified Union District matters. When charging or assessing an NMED for services provided by the Modified Union District or WCSU, the charge or assessment may be made on the basis of the actual cost incurred by the Modified Union District or WCSU for providing the service to the NMED. The calculation of the actual cost or charges or assessments to an entity that is not a member may be based on any relevant factors including, but not limited to:
  - 1) The cost associated with collecting the underlying data and preparing the separate calculation and assessment for a NMED, which cost would not be needed in the absence of the provision of services to non-members,
  - 2) A reasonable charge for the embedded cost associated with the standby capacity to provide services to a NMED.
  - 3) The incremental costs of providing services to a NMED.

Charges or assessments may be made on the basis of a reasonable allocation proxy. Charges or assessments to a NMED may be made on a different basis from the costs allocated to the Modified Union District. Charges or assessments may be made on the basis of a reasonable estimate, subject to adjustment when the actual costs are known.

The Modified Union District Board and WCSU shall determine the standards determining charges or assessments. Expectations are that the Modified Union District will not subsidize a NMED and that charges will reflect fairness to WCSU, the Modified Union District and any NMED. Charges or assessments will comply with state law and applicable accounting standards.

#### **Article 21. Tuition Rights of Plymouth Students**

In accordance with Act 153, any resident student of the Plymouth Town School District enrolled during the 2017-2018 school year in any school operated by a district that is not a member of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union or is enrolled during the 2017-2018 school year in an independent school, shall be entitled to continue enrollment at public expense in such school until completion of the highest grade offered by such school. The New Unified District shall be obligated to pay tuition for such students in accordance with 16 V.S.A. Section 823 and 824.