

**TOWN OF
SUNDERLAND, VERMONT
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2018**

NOTICE

TOWN BUSINESS MEETING: MARCH 4, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

AT SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

98 BEAR RIDGE ROAD

BALLOT BOXES OPEN FOR AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING

MARCH 5, 2019 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

AT SUNDERLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES

104 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD

SUNDERLAND TOWN WEBSITE

sunderlandvt.org

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	KERRY OLSON	375-1179
BCRC		442-0713
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	NEIL HUMPHREY	753-8265
	KATHLEEN JOHNSTON	375-9315
	LUCILLE MORSE	375-6991

EMERGENCY CALLS - RESCUE SQUAD - FIRE - POLICE		911
STATE POLICE (other than emergency)		442-5421
FIRE DEPARTMENT (other than emergency)		373-2323
FIRE WARDEN	SELECTBOARD	375-6106

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	GLORIA ALEXANDER	375-1281
	JAMES AYREY	375-6952
	SALLY AYREY	375-6952
	ROSE STONE	375-2258
	SALLY STONE	375-2258

LISTERS	PETER VANVLECK	
	NEIL HUMPHREY	753-8265

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE		375-6106
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm		
Fridays by appointment only		

ARLINGTON POST OFFICE		375-6904
MANCHESTER POST OFFICE		362-1170
MANCHESTER CENTER POST OFFICE		362-3070
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY		375-6153
STRATTON TOWN CLERK		896-6184

TRANSFER STATION		362-4082
Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 7:00 am - 2:00pm		
Sat. 7:30 am - 11:30am		

STATE FIRE SUPERVISOR	LARS LUND	777-4188
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	PATRICK LOWKES	747-8127

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**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Sunderland, Vermont in the County of Bennington are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland Elementary School at 98 Bear Ridge Road in said Town on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot, and on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Sunderland Town Office at 104 Mountain View Road in said Town at 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

To be acted upon on Monday, March 4, 2019:

Article 1. To elect a Town Moderator for one year.

Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Sunderland vote to make Camp Ondawa tax exempt for five years? (From 4/1/19 until 4/1/24)

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the establishment of a Salt Shed Reserve Fund for salt storage?

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the transfer of any Highway Fund surplus on June 30, 2019 to the Salt Shed Reserve Fund?

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$7,000.00** for the purchase and installation of handicap door openers on the two front doors of the Municipal Office Building?

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the establishment of a Technology Reserve Fund for the purchasing and servicing of equipment?

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** for the Technology Reserve Fund?

Article 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Article 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of **Burdett Commons, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 16. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 17. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$8,200.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the town?

Article 19. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Article 20. To transact any other non-binding business that may come before this meeting.

To be voted upon by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2019:

Article 21. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 15,000.00** for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

Article 22. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 350,138.00** for the General Fund Budget?

Article 23. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$ 369,900.00 for the Highway Fund Budget?

Article 24. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor – 1 year term

Auditor – 3 year term

Cemetery Commissioner – 3 year

First Constable – 1 year term

Lister – 1 year term

Selectboard Member - 1 year term

Selectboard Member – 3 year term

Town Clerk – 3 year term

Town Moderator- 1 year term

Auditor – 2 year term

Cemetery Commissioner – 2 year term

Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term

Second Constable – 1 year term

Lister – 3 year term

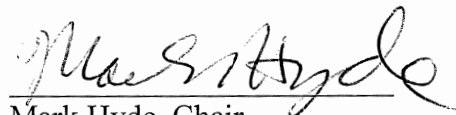
Selectboard Member – 1 year term

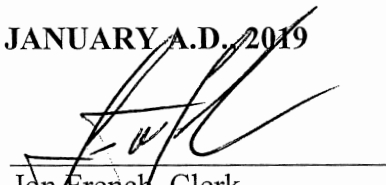
Town Agent – 1 year term

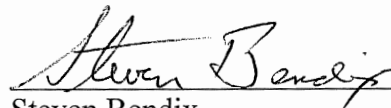
Town Grand Juror – 1 year term

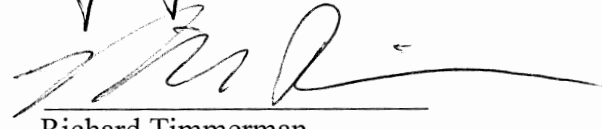
Town Treasurer – 3 year term

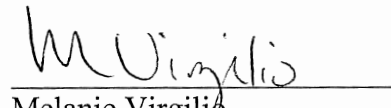
DATED THIS 21 DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 2019


Mark Hyde, Chair


Jon French, Clerk


Steven Bendix


Richard Timmerman


Melanie Virgilio

**TOWN OFFICERS
2018-2019**

TOWN MODERATOR (1 year term)	Vacant
TOWN CLERK (3year term) Expires 2019	Rose Keough
TREASURER (3 year term) Expires 2019	Rose Keough
SELECT BOARD:	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	Steven Bendix
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Mark Hyde
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Jon French
Term Expires 2017 (1 year term)	Richard Timmerman
Term Expires 2017 (1 year term)	John Williams
FIRST CONSTABLE (1 year term)	Jesse Stone
SECOND CONSTABLE (1 year term)	Renee Tobin
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 year term)	Richard Davis, II
LISTERS:	
Term Expires 2020 (3 year term) Appointed until 2019	Neil Humphrey
Term Expires 2021 (3year term)	Peter VanVleck, Jr.
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Vacant
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:	
Term Expires 2021 (3 year term) Appointed until 2019	Neil Humphrey
Term Expires 2020 (3 year term)	Kathleen Johnston
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Lucille Morse
AUDITORS:	
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Theodore Rappahahn
Term Expires 2020 (3 year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2021 (3 year term)	Vacant
TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 year term)	James Ayrey
TOWN AGENT (1 year term)	James Ayrey

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD
(One year term unless otherwise noted)
2018-2019

Animal Control Officer & Pound Keeper	Kerry Olson
telephone: (802) 375-1179	
Emergency Management Coordinator	Michael DiMonda
Green-Up Chairman	Melanie Virgilio
Health Officer	Selectboard
Deputy Health Officer	Vacant
<u>Selectboard:</u>	
Selectboard Chairman	Mark Hyde
Selectboard Clerk	Jon French
Selectboard Road Liaison	Richard Timmerman
Selectboard Recording Secretary	Stephanie Wells
Service Officer	Samuel Liss
Telephone: (802) 375-9510	
Town Forest Fire Warden	Vacant
Telephone: (802) 375-6003	
Tree Warden	Selectboard
Webmaster	Mark Hyde
e-mail address: mhyde@sunderlandvt.org	
Zoning Administrator	Melissa Johnson
e-mail address: zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org	
<u>Bennington County Regional Commission Representatives:</u>	
Term Expires March 2020	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2019	Steven Bendix
<u>Planning Board:</u>	
Term Expires March 2020	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2020	Tucker Kimball
Term Expires March 2020	Lewis Herbert
Term Expires March 2019	Scott Magrath
Term Expires March 2019	Vacant
<u>Zoning Board:</u>	
Term Expires 2021	Peter Van Vleck, Jr
Term Expires 2020	Robert Alexander
Term Expires 2020	Robert Faley
Term Expires 2020	Peter Van Haverbeke
Term Expires 2019	Vacant
 <u>Justice of the Peace: Elected November 6, 2018 for two years</u>	
Gloria Alexander	(802) 375-1281
James Ayrey	
Sally Ayrey	
Rose Stone	(802) 375-2258
Sally Stone	(802) 375-2258

2019-2020
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, WAGES
AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$ 225.00	monthly
AUDITORS	\$ 15.00	hourly
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	\$ 15.00	hourly
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	\$ 500.00	annually
CONSTABLES	\$ 10.00	hourly
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Fees	
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR	\$ 15.00	hourly
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR DEPUTY	\$ 15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER DEPUTY	\$ 15.00	hourly
LISTERS	\$ 15.00	hourly
LISTERS - CHAIRMAN	\$ 20.00	hourly
MODERATOR	\$ 100.00	meeting
PLANNING BOARD - MEMBER	\$ 700.00	annually
RECORDING SECRETARY (SELECTBOARD & PLANNING BOARD)	\$ 16.08	hourly
ROAD FOREMAN	\$ 25.70	hourly
ROAD HELPER	\$ 19.05	hourly
SELECTPERSON - CHAIRMAN	\$ 2,000.00	annually
SELECTPERSON - MEMBERS	\$ 1,500.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	\$ 23,000.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	Fees	
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	\$ 15.00	hourly
TOWN TREASURER	\$ 18,000.00	annually
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER ASSISTANT	\$ 20.00	hourly
WEBMASTER	\$ 2,400.00	annually
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 30.00	hourly
ZONING BOARD - CHAIRMAN	\$ 350.00	annually
ZONING BOARD - SECRETARY	\$ 300.00	annually
ZONING BOARD MEMBER	\$ 200.00	annually
MILEAGE	Federal Rate per mile	

REGULAR MEETINGS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECTBOARD:

1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 6:30 PM.

CEMETERY COMMISSION:

2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 3:00 PM.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

4th Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 6:00 PM.

TAX RATES

General Fund Amount of \$209,722.00 + Grand List of \$1,567,314.49

Rate = \$.1338

Municipal Building Debt of \$28,100.00 + Grand List of \$1,567,314.49

Rate = \$.0180

Highway Fund Amount of \$369,860.00 + Grand List of \$1,567,314.49

Rate = \$.2360

Cemetery Fund Amount of \$8,202.00 + Grand List of \$1,567,314.49

Rate = \$.0053

Local Agreement Amount of \$5143.02 + Grand List of \$1,500,197.61

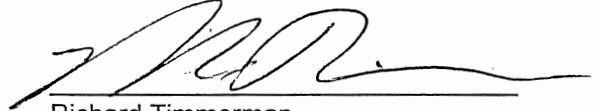
Rate = \$.0035


By authority, duly granted by T.17 Sec. 2664 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, we do hereby establish the foregoing rates of taxation for the 2018-2019 fiscal year which concludes June 30, 2019


Mark Hyde, Chairman

Jon French, Clerk


Steven Bendix


Richard Timmerman


Melanie Virgilio

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/17	\$ 2,731.46
Corner Stones	\$ 350.00
Interest - Checking	\$ 20.70
Taxes	\$ 9,569.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid -Cemetery Commissioners:		
Corner Stones	\$ 350.00	
Mowing	\$ 5,200.00	
Payroll	\$ 1,500.00	
Supplies	\$ 8.50	
Payroll Expenses	\$ 114.75	
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 12,671.16	\$ 7,173.25
 Cash in Bank 6/30/18		 \$ 5,497.91
 TOTAL	 \$ 12,671.16	 \$ 12,671.16

CEMETERY BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020

Cleaning Headstones	\$500.00
*Relocation of Road in Ira Allen	\$3,000.00
Salaries	\$1,500.00
Sublet Mowing	\$ 10,000.00
 TOTAL	 \$ 15,000.00

*We the cemetery commissioners would like the taxpayers to know that one road needs repair. It currently passes over occupied plots.

KATHLEEN JOHNSTON
NEIL HUMPHREY

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND

TOWN CLERK'S STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE SALES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

2017

1 2017 Spayed Female @ \$7.00	\$ 7.00
4 2017 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @ \$9.00	\$ 36.00
3 2017 Males & Females @ \$13.00	\$ 39.00
2 2017 Females @ \$17.00	\$ 34.00
4 2017 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @ \$11.00	\$ 44.00
7 Fines @ \$10.00	\$ 70.00

2018

144 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @ \$9.00	\$ 1,296.00
27 Males & Females @ \$13.00	\$ 351.00
26 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @ \$11.00	\$ 286.00
5 Male & Female @ \$17.00	\$ 85.00
35 Fines @ \$10.00	\$ 350.00
Less Town Clerk Fee 216 @ \$2.00	\$ 432.00
Less State of Vermont 216 @ \$5.00	\$ 1,080.00

Amount Deposited in Town General Fund	\$ 1,086.00
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TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/2016	\$ 29,151.26
Fees - Beverage License	\$ 230.00
Copier	\$ 8.95
Dog Licenses/Penalties	\$ 1,086.00
Zoning	\$ 7,285.95
Fines - Traffic	\$ 1,272.32
Interest - Checking	\$ 251.73
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 8,126.76
Late Taxes	\$ 1.44
Miscellaneous	\$ 146.60
Reimbursement- Legal Fees	\$ 57.42
Reimbursement- School Election	\$ 599.75
Returned Check Fee	\$ 15.00
State of Vermont:	
Current Use Tax	\$ 35,465.00
Fish & Wildlife Tax	\$ 736.02
Railway Tax	\$ 275.48
Taxes - Current	\$ 176,292.23
Delinquent	\$ 101,429.42
Overpayment	\$ 298.94
State of Vermont	\$ 13,230.55
Trash Hauler Permits	\$ 115.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - General Fund		\$ 290,810.16
Inter-Fund Transfer (Building Maintenance Reserve)		\$ 1,500.00
Payroll Expense		\$ 7,114.00
Total Receipts & Disbursements	\$ 376,075.82	\$ 299,424.16
Cash in Bank 6/30/18		\$ 76,651.66
TOTAL	\$ 376,075.82	\$ 376,075.82

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020**

	BUDGET	EXPENSED	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	7/17 to 6/18	7/17 TO 6/18	7/18 TO 7/19	BUDGET
				7/19 to 6/20
Ambulance/Rescue Services	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 26,750.00
Animal Control	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,594.55	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Appropriations(Green Up)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Audit	\$ 9,600.00	\$ -	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00
Bennington County Court	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,650.26	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Benn.County Regional Comm	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,484.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dues	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,114.00	\$ 2,115.00	\$ 2,200.00
Fire Protection	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 40,933.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 48,838.00
Fire Warden	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Health Insurance	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 8,271.78	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,600.00
Insurance	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,456.75	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Landfill	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,285.29	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 29,977.16	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 40,500.00
Legal	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,165.20	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Legal Warnings	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 529.31	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Office Building Alarm System	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,087.60	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Office Building Electric	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,050.47	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Office Building Heat	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,055.20	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Office Building Janitorial	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,660.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,957.96	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Office Building Payment	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 27,628.05	\$ 28,100.00	\$ 27,500.00
Office Equipment/Lease	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,162.11	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,435.83	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Payroll	\$ 86,025.00	\$ 81,425.65	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 97,500.00
Planning	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 408.33	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Public Communications(GNAT)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,000.00
Retirement	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,600.00
Solid Waste Fees -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,758.35	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Tabulator Programing	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,479.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 900.00
Technology Support	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,244.04	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,918.40	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 3,000.00
Town Meeting Officials	\$ 600.00	\$ 765.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00
Town Reports	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,073.12	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,838.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 326,475.00	\$ 281,524.16	\$ 340,690.00	\$ 350,138.00
Appropriations Voted	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 17,100.00
Handicap Dorr Openers				\$ 7,000.00
Municipal Office Bldg Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Technology Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 344,375.00	\$ 299,424.16	\$ 358,590.00	\$ 377,738.00

ANTICIPATED GENERAL FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Cash in Bank 7-01-19	\$	-
Fees - Beverage Licenses	\$	230.00
Dog Licenses	\$	1,000.00
Photocopies	\$	10.00
Zoning	\$	3,500.00
Fines- Traffic	\$	2,100.00
Interest - Checking	\$	250.00
Taxes - Current Use	\$	19,000.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$	610.00
Railway	\$	15.00
Total General Fund Anticipated Income	\$	26,715.00
General Fund Budget	\$	350,138.00

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Handicap Door Openers (Article 10)	\$	7,000.00
Technology Reserve Fund (Article 12)	\$	2,000.00
Building Maintenance Reserve Fund (Article 13)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Area Childcare, Inc. (Article 14)	\$	700.00
Burdett Commons, Inc. (Article 15)	\$	1,000.00
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Serv. (Article 16)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Recreation Park (Article 17)	\$	5,000.00
Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. (Article 18)	\$	8,200.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (Article 19)	\$	700.00

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Arlington Fire Protection	\$	48,838.00
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$	26,750.00
GNAT	\$	2,100.00
Green Up Vermont	\$	50.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

HIGHWAY FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/17	\$ 85,571.70
Grant - PACIF	\$ 658.04
Interest Earned - Checking	\$ 590.03
National Forest Revenue	\$ 57,865.00
Permits - Excess Weight	\$ 140.00
Road Cut	\$ 30.00
Reimbursements	
School District - Fuel	\$ 2,455.61
- Gravel	\$285.10
VLCT- WC Insurance	\$400.00
State Aid to Highways	\$ 83,635.28
Taxes	\$ 310,175.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - Selectmen	\$ 241,340.66
- Road Orders	\$ 102,031.50
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000.00
Guard Rail Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op	\$ 5,000.00
Payroll Expense	\$ 8,173.78
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 503,045.94
Cash in Bank 6/30/18	\$ 38,759.82
TOTAL	\$ 541,805.76

The following amount is to be carried over to FY 2018-2019
 \$5,889.68 For Chloride
 \$32,870.00 Transfer to Equipment Fund

**HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020**

	BUDGET	EXPENSED	BUDGET	Proposed Budget
	7/17 to 6/18	7/17 to 6/18	7/18 TO 6/19	7/19 to 6/20
Building Maintenance & Suppl	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,298.63	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Chloride	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 3,610.32	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Cold Patch	\$ 500.00	\$ 642.29	\$ 500.00	\$ 650.00
Culverts	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,501.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Diesel	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,855.96	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Electric	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,106.37	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 36,299.14	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Erosion Control	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 965.25	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Gravel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,333.47	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,898.75	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance Dental	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,165.12	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Insurance - Health	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 16,543.56	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 17,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 1.09	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Pavement Marking	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,928.67	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Payroll	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 110,205.28	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 128,000.00
Radio/Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 633.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
Retirement	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,012.18	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,500.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 991.59	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Salt	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 47,220.76	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Sand	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 13,789.49	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Stone - Tailings	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,357.94	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 4,000.00
Storm Water Runoff Fee	\$ 500.00	\$ 305.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Storm Water State Permit	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Sublet Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Telephone/Computer	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,399.79	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,350.00
Tools/Safety	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 645.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 750.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Trash	\$ 300.00	\$ 356.94	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
Uniforms	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,045.33	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,600.00
Weed Control	\$ -	\$ 282.91	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 352,500.00	\$ 320,545.94	\$ 360,460.00	\$ 369,900.00
Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Guardrail Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
VTRANS Grant(Safety Improv	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 535,000.00	\$ 503,045.94	\$ 511,960.00	\$ 521,400.00

**ANTICIPATED HIGHWAY FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020**

Cash in Bank 7-01-19	\$	-
Excess Weight Permit	\$	150.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	400.00
National Forest Revenue	\$	59,074.00
Road Cut Permit	\$	50.00
State Aid To Highways	\$	83,405.00
Total Highway Fund Anticipated Income	\$	143,079.00
Highway Fund Budget	\$	369,900.00

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Equipment Reserve Fund (Article 5)	\$ 65,000.00
Paving Reserve Fund (Article 6)	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund (Article 7)	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund (Article 8)	\$ 5,000.00
Guard Rail Reserve Fund (Article 9)	\$ 1,500.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT, SAVING & TRUST ACCOUNTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Balance 7/1/2017	Interest	Transfer Out	Transfer In	Balance 6/30/2018
Cemetery Trust	\$ 74,962.58	\$ 546.05	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 79,008.63
National Forest Account	\$ 62,581.49	\$ 453.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,034.79
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 73,879.02	\$ 609.31	\$ (30,268.48)	\$ 65,300.00	\$ 109,519.85
Housing Re-Hab Fund	\$ 6,095.55	\$ 40.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,136.26
Landfill Litigation Fund	\$ 12,372.32	\$ 92.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,464.41
Office Building Maint Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 19.46	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,019.46
Paving Reserve	\$ 1,413.72	\$ 26.65	\$ (99,462.26)	\$ 102,150.40	\$ 4,128.51
Pedestrian & Bicycle Study	\$ 3.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3.17
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 95,674.45	\$ 680.13	\$ (4,004.33)	\$ 5,899.00	\$ 98,249.25
Tri-Centennial Fund	\$ 283.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 283.14
State Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve	\$ 25,455.67	\$ 193.49	\$ (150.00)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 30,499.16
Guard Rail Reserve	\$ 7,428.28	\$ 33.22	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,961.50
Road Projects Reserve	\$ 17,889.35	\$ 143.03	\$ (109,592.44)	\$ 111,525.00	\$ 19,964.94
Sunderland Hill Rd Safety Reserve	\$ -	\$ 37.41	\$ -	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,037.41
TOTAL	\$ 379,538.74	\$ 2,874.85	\$ (246,477.51)	\$ 327,374.40	\$ 463,310.48

LOAN SAVINGS SCHEDULE

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank
2017 Series 4 Refunding Bonds

Series 2013-1

Sunderland Town

Loan #21

Original Principal: \$351,000

Date	Loan Principal	Interest	Loan Debt Service	Annual Loan Debt Service	Savings Allocation	Adjusted Loan Debt Service	Annual Adjusted Loan Debt Service
8/2/2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2017	17,550.00	5,561.33	23,111.33	23,111.33	875.00	22,236.33	22,236.33
5/1/2018	-	5,391.63	5,391.63	-	-	5,391.63	-
11/1/2018	17,550.00	5,391.63	22,941.63	28,333.28	238.00	22,703.63	28,095.28
5/1/2019	-	5,187.70	5,187.70	-	-	5,187.70	-
11/1/2019	17,550.00	5,187.70	22,737.70	27,925.40	224.00	22,513.70	27,701.40
5/1/2020	-	4,954.82	4,954.82	-	-	4,954.82	-
11/1/2020	17,550.00	4,954.82	22,504.82	27,459.64	248.00	22,256.82	27,211.64
5/1/2021	-	4,698.24	4,698.24	-	-	4,698.24	-
11/1/2021	17,550.00	4,698.24	22,248.24	26,946.48	243.00	22,005.24	26,703.48
5/1/2022	-	4,416.22	4,416.22	-	-	4,416.22	-
11/1/2022	17,550.00	4,416.22	21,966.22	26,362.44	245.00	21,721.22	26,137.44
5/1/2023	-	4,112.26	4,112.26	-	-	4,112.26	-
11/1/2023	17,550.00	4,112.26	21,662.26	25,774.52	244.00	21,418.26	25,530.52
5/1/2024	-	3,793.38	3,793.38	-	-	3,793.38	-
11/1/2024	17,550.00	3,793.38	21,343.38	25,136.76	782.00	20,561.38	24,354.76
5/1/2025	-	3,459.58	3,459.58	-	-	3,459.58	-
11/1/2025	17,550.00	3,459.58	21,009.58	24,469.16	702.00	20,307.58	23,767.16
5/1/2026	-	3,109.99	3,109.99	-	-	3,109.99	-
11/1/2026	17,550.00	3,109.99	20,659.99	23,769.98	686.00	19,973.99	23,083.98
5/1/2027	-	2,749.87	2,749.87	-	-	2,749.87	-
11/1/2027	17,550.00	2,749.87	20,299.87	23,049.74	673.00	19,626.87	22,376.74
5/1/2028	-	2,380.10	2,380.10	-	-	2,380.10	-
11/1/2028	17,550.00	2,380.10	19,930.10	22,310.20	663.00	19,267.10	21,647.20
5/1/2029	-	1,999.80	1,999.80	-	-	1,999.80	-
11/1/2029	17,550.00	1,999.80	19,549.80	21,549.60	762.00	18,787.60	20,787.60
5/1/2030	-	1,609.84	1,609.84	-	-	1,609.84	-
11/1/2030	17,550.00	1,609.84	19,159.84	20,769.68	660.00	18,499.84	20,109.68
5/1/2031	-	1,214.62	1,214.62	-	-	1,214.62	-
11/1/2031	17,550.00	1,214.62	18,764.62	19,979.24	681.00	18,103.62	19,318.24
5/1/2032	-	813.26	813.26	-	-	813.26	-
11/1/2032	17,550.00	813.26	18,363.26	19,176.52	573.00	17,790.26	18,603.52
5/1/2033	-	407.51	407.51	-	-	407.51	-
11/1/2033	17,550.00	407.51	17,957.51	18,365.02	365.00	17,592.51	18,000.02
5/1/2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2039	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2039	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	298,350	106,169	404,509	404,509	8,844	395,665	395,665

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

TAX DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Receipts:			
Cash in Bank 7/1/2017	\$	1,085.54	
Interest- Checking	\$	145.08	
Late Payments	\$	1,060.99	
Overpayments	\$	5,009.87	
Real Estate & Personal			
Property Taxes 2017 - 2018	\$	1,982,381.66	
Property Taxes 2018 - 2019	\$	300.00	
Disbursements:			
Checks	\$	17.25	
Overpayments	\$	4,665.73	
State Grievance Overpayment	\$	2,056.84	
State Grievance Interest	\$	86.40	
State Assessment Refund	\$	959.56	
Transfers- Cemetery Fund	\$	9,569.00	
General Fund	\$	175,924.82	
Highway Fund	\$	310,175.00	
School District	\$	1,483,678.33	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	1,989,983.14	\$ 1,987,132.93
AND DISBURSEMENTS			
Cash in Bank 6/30/18	\$	2,850.21	
TOTAL	\$	1,989,983.14	\$ 1,989,983.14

VITAL STATISTICS - 2018

BIRTHS

NAME	DATE
EINSIG, Soren Escher	1/9/2018
FOSTER, Waylon Grey	5/5/2018
BROWNLIE, Olivia Ruth	7/12/2018
ANDREW, Rory, Ray	6/16/2018
KUTZER, Tora Jane	10/9/2018
STONE, Garett Andrew	11/4/2018
PUGLIESE, Connor James	12/8/2018
PAZOS, Lena	12/20/2018

DEATHS

NAME	DATE
SOUPPA, Regina T	1/22/2018
PRADON, Frederick	3/30/2018
BOWEN, Wanda	4/5/2018
IRIS, Claire L	9/24/2018

MARRIAGES

Applicant A Applicant B	DATE
HON, Charles Michael SHAKARJIAN, Tamara Kay	2/24/2018
VERNON, Matthew Raymond DONATO, Elisa Lynn	5/16/2018
DUPONT, Misty Lynn Shores, Allen Michael	5/19/2018
EKMAN, Laura Caroline PAPE, Kenneth Robert	5/26/2018
RAFUS, Jennifer L MCDERMOTT, Aaron James	6/19/2018
LEWICKI, IV, Edward VERDON, Jacquelyn Daniele	9/8/2018
CHRISTIANSEN, Alex David CELOTTO, Danielle Lynn	9/22/2018
BLAIR, Anna Frazier DAVISON, Lea Anne	9/22/2018
DANFORTH, Michelle A LONIEWSKI, Jesse R	11/1/2018

Selectboard Report 2018

This has been another busy year with many things being accomplished. The board continues their focus on making Sunderland a great place to live with well-maintained roads to get there. Below are some highlights.

Town Highway Department: The Highway crew continue to do an excellent job of maintaining and improving the town roads. 2018 was a very busy and productive year for the Sunderland Highway Department with many grant funded projects getting completed. Below are some of the highlights and accomplishments for the year.

- Replaced a box culvert on Sunderland Hill Rd (Grant funded)
- Made drainage improvements on Prouty Hill, Barney Orchard and Bentley Hill (Grant funded)
- Completed the town culvert inventory (Grant funded)
- Completed a storm water master plan to identify roads with drainage concerns (Grant funded)
- Kansas road was paved (Grant funded)
- A section of North Road had a full depth grind, and a new paving surface installed using funds out of our paving reserve.
- Replaced 6 culverts to bring them up to state standards
- Numerous trees were removed along town roads that were either dead or too close to the road
- Purchased a new plow truck to replace our 10+ year truck that was constantly in need of repair

Sunderland Safe Roads Committee: The town applied for and received a \$31,000 grant for road safety improvements on Sunderland Hill Rd. This grant requires a 50% match by the town and Sunderland already allocated the required \$31,000 in the last fiscal year. The Town Highway Department will now lead the improvement efforts on Sunderland Hill Rd in 2019. A 4-foot shoulder will be added on the south bound side of Sunderland Hill Rd between Dunham Rd and McKee Rd.

Sunderland Municipal Plan: The Sunderland Planning Board updated the Town Plan which was readopted by the Selectboard on August 20th, 2018.

Town Website: www.sunderlandvt.org The town places any relevant information on the site, warnings of upcoming meetings, meeting minutes, meeting videos, a calendar with meeting times and locations and all town regulations and permits.

The town is always in need of residents to get involved. We still have open positions in town, Listers, Auditors, Zoning Board Members, Planning Board members and more. Come to a meeting, talk to a selectboard member or contact us at selectboard@sunderlandvt.org

Front Porch Forum: This website was setup for residents of Sunderland, Arlington and Sandgate. You typically receive no more than one email a day and it is free to all at www.frontporchforum.com.

Animal Control: As required by **Vermont State Law**, all dogs must be licensed by **April 1st** each year. Please register your dog at the Town Clerks office before this date, to avoid a fine. Kerry Olson is our Animal Control Officer.

Sunderland Selectboard meets at 6:30PM on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the Sunderland Town Hall, 104 Mountain View Rd. Meetings are also videotaped by GNAT-TV and can be found at <http://gnat-tv.org/sunderland/>

SUNDERLAND DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF 12/31/17

PARCEL#	PROPERTY OWNER	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	TOTALS
497	Blackmer, Fred & V				\$ 312.72	\$ 312.72
160	Bouchereau, Jean & M	\$ 709.02	\$ 1,477.36	\$ 1,475.23	\$ 901.11	\$ 4,562.72 *
567	Cole, Gene		\$ 322.26	\$ 887.13	\$ 816.63	\$ 2,026.02 *
397	Danforth, Tammy				\$ 190.33	\$ 190.33
340	Grover, Raymond & L				\$ 412.20	\$ 412.20
542	Morse, Scott				\$ 2,415.67	\$ 2,415.67 *
832	Porcaro, Barbara				\$ 4,591.29	\$ 4,591.29 *
396	Tate, Alan				\$ 628.68	\$ 628.68
119	Wozniak, John & Kath				\$ 275.28	\$ 275.28
TOTALS		\$ 709.02	\$ 1,799.62	\$ 2,362.36	\$ 10,543.91	\$ 15,414.91

One parcel has been abated for \$112.21 of delinquent taxes because the business no longer exists.

* Properties going to tax sale on February 20, 2019 which would then leave \$1,819.21 in delinquent taxes, Please do not ignore your notice of delinquent taxes. I am willing to work with anyone unless you do not keep the arrangement we make or if I am ignored.

Richard Davis, II

2018 Report from the Sunderland Planning Commission

The Sunderland Planning Commission (PC) continues to work closely with the Zoning Administrator, residents, developers and Selectboard. In 2018, the PC met monthly and reviewed approximately one dozen applications for commercial, industrial and residential projects. The PC also met with potential applicants regarding projects which will be reviewed in 2019.

The PC updated, held public hearings and assisted the Selectboard with the adoption of an amended Sunderland Town Plan. The amended town plan features a new Future Land Use Map and Energy Chapter, which received an affirmative determination of energy compliance from the BCRC. This determination allows the town to have a strong voice in the siting of commercial energy projects. In 2019, the PC will be updating and holding public hearings for the re-adoption of the Unified Development Bylaw.

If you have any questions regarding land use, development or permitting within Sunderland, please join us at a monthly meeting which occurs on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6PM.

The Sunderland Planning Commission.

Town of Sunderland - Zoning Administrators Report

Fiscal Year 2017/18

Type of Permit Issued	Number Issued
Application for Construction of Home, or Renewal of Permit	10
Application for Accessory Building, Garage, Porch or Deck	8
Application for Subdivision Approval	1
Application for Change of Use, Amendments and Renewals	8
Application for Zoning Compliance Letter	3
Application for Certificate of Occupancy	7
Application for Variance	2
Sign Application	2
Special Event	2
Other	1
Total	44

In addition to the above-mentioned applications, during 2017/18, several matters were investigated for either zoning or ordinance violations. While most matters were resolved, there are four properties currently being monitored and/or investigated for ordinance violations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Missy Bell-Johnson

Zoning Administrator

Email: zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org

Voice Mail: 802-430-7146

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5 & MARCH 6, 2018**

Moderator Sally Ayrey called the Town of Sunderland Annual Meeting out of recess at 7:25 PM with approximately 55 people in attendance. Moderator Ayrey introduced Town Clerk/Treasurer Rose Keough and Selectboard members Mark Hyde, Chairman, Richard Timmerman and Jon French. Moderator Ayrey read an invocation from the Town of Danville to remind everyone to think clearly and to be respectful of each other. Moderator Ayrey gave a brief overview of the conduct and procedures of the meeting in accordance with Roberts Rules and Vermont State Law.

Hearing no objections Moderator Ayrey dispensed with the reading of the warning.

Article 1. Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the Selectboard to establish the salaries, wages and other compensation of the employees and other officers of the Town?

Moved by: Sally Stone

Seconded by: John Williams

With no discussion article one was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 2. Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the payment of its personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by October 15th and April 15th?

Moved by: Colleen York

Seconded by: Phyllis Warren

With no discussion article two was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland establish a Sunderland Hill Road Safety Reserve Fund and transfer the \$31,000.00 approved last year for a proposed VTrans Grant to this Fund?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Marie Litowinsky

Marie Litowinsky explained that the grant was not secured last year and that it was a very competitive grant and the scope of our project was considered small. She stated that VTRANS Manager John Kaplan is doing some work in Bennington and he will visit the Sunderland Hill Road site to see what the safety concerns are and give input on the proposed project. She also stated that the \$31,000.00 will allow Sunderland to apply for another grant.

Mark Hyde stated that the \$31,000.00 was approved last year as part of the budget and the money is normally returned to the voters. He stated that with approving article three it will allow the money to be set aside in a dedicated reserve fund year to year until it is utilized.

Mary VanVleck stated that normally when a grant is received it must be utilized within a certain time. She wanted to know if the money could be used for other things. Marie Litowinsky stated that no grant money was received. Mary VanVleck stated that if the Town keeps setting money aside do we need to apply for a grant and just pay for it ourselves. Mark Hyde stated that this is not additional funds it was approved last year so no money will be raised. He also stated that every grant from Vermont State has strings, usually it comes with a two-year period to begin a project and the matching funds amount varies for each grant.

Melanie Virgilio asked the board if the \$31,000.00 should be used for other things such as the equipment reserve fund to address immediate needs and not sit in a fund waiting for grant approval. Richard Timmerman stated that he did not feel that the Selectboard should spend money on different things because the money was intended for the Sunderland Hill Road project and the board felt that the voters needed to decide if the money was to be kept in a reserve fund or returned to the voters at the end of the fiscal year.

Dineen Squillante asked how many attempts were going to be made to secure a grant. Rose Keough explained that article three has nothing to do with grants. She stated that if approved the money could be used toward a grant, but it could also be used by the town for any safety improvement on Sunderland Hill Road.

Kevin Keough stated he felt that the money should be given back because there are more roads in Sunderland that have safety issues. He also stated that there were more pedestrians and bicycles on South Road than Sunderland Hill Road. He stated that the Sheriff's patrol Sunderland Hill Road and Route 7A but not South Road.

Article three was approved by a voice vote.

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the transfer of any Highway Fund surplus on June 30, 2018 to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Sally Stone

Seconded by: John Williams

Peter Van Vleck asked how much money that would be. Rose Keough explained that it is still an unknown with the time remaining in the fiscal year. Richard Timmerman explained that it was just to build up the equipment reserve for future planning.

Article four was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Moderator Ayrey recessed the meeting to allow State Representatives Cynthia Browning and Brian Keefe to address the assembly at 7:50 PM and called the meeting back to order at 7:57 PM.

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Equipment Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Peter Van Vleck

Seconded by: Carl Graves

Carl Graves asked how much is currently in the fund. Rose Keough stated that there is just over \$107,000.00.

Peter VanVleck asked what the status of the fund is and what it will be used for. Richard Timmerman explained that part of the fund is used to pay the lease payments for the excavator which is about \$75,000.00 and the board is considering the purchase of a new plow truck because the older one has been down fourteen days this winter. He explained that should the other truck go down for any reason it would create a real problem.

Article five was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Nancy Wolf

Seconded by: John Williams

Article six was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Marlyn Couture

Seconded by: Colleen York

Peter VanVleck asked what the fund is used for. Mark Hyde explained it was used for the removal of dead trees, the town share of awarded grants and items like water quality issues that are mandated by the State of Vermont.

Article seven was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Scott York

Seconded by: Carl Graves

Article eight was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guard Rail Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Michael Perra

Seconded by: Randolph Schmidt

Article nine was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Leslie Perra

Seconded by: Michael Perra

Article ten was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Moderator Ayrey recognized John Williams and he explained the procedure for requesting funds for articles eleven through sixteen. He explained that on behalf of the Selectboard he informed the six organizations requesting funding last year and this year that if the amount requested is the same as last year a letter of request was all that was needed. John explained any new organization or change in the amount requested needed to be petitioned with at least five percent of the registered voters signing the petition.

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of Arlington Area Childcare, Inc. (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Alyson Grzyb

Rose Stone stated that she felt that this was a form of “double dipping” because the Sunderland School District pays Happy Days and parents pay to have their children at Happy Days. John Williams expressed that he was very happy that someone brought that up because he also felt that the Sunderland people were being asked more than once to pay for services and no other childcare facility requested or received funding such as this.

Tammy Reilly asked what the amount was in the School budget. Alyson Grzyb stated that it is not in the budget that it is a grant of tuition money that follows the pre-K students and the small amount of \$700.00 goes for other things.

Article eleven was approved by a voice vote.

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of **Burdett Commons, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Marie Litowinsky

Kevin Keough asked what they are doing because you never see anyone there. Moderator Ayrey noted that there was information on page 59 of the Annual Report.

Article twelve was approved by a voice vote.

Article 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town?

Moved by: John Williams
Seconded by: Mary Van Vleck
Article thirteen was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to residents of the Town?

Moved by: John Williams
Seconded by: Alyson Grzyb
Article fourteen was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$7,500.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the Town?

Moved by: John Williams
Seconded by: Phyllis Warren
Article fifteen was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 16. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging**, to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Moved by: John Williams
Seconded by: Peter Van Vleck
Article sixteen was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Article 17. To transact any other non-binding business.

Randolph Schmidt stated that he is a board member of the Second Chance Animal Center and was seeking donations for the facility and the many programs he described. He also noted that there are three Sunderland residents on the Second Chance Board and they are Maria Timmerman, Cathy Comar and himself.

Colleen York announced that John Williams requested that the Town Hall be on the Arlington Garden Club Summer Tour. Colleen noted that she and her husband Scott have been the ones trying to keep up the flower beds and they are doing nicely. She asked anyone that might want to donate items such as mulch or plants that can take a lot of sun please bring them in May or June.

Richard Goddard, II noted that the Law Enforcement line item had doubled and asked if it was because of hours or the lack of grants. Jon French stated that the grants that were once available are no longer at this time. He also stated that the price per hour did go up and the Board increased the number of hours because of the recent events in the area. Richard Goddard, II inquired on the number of hours they are in Sunderland. John French stated that it is currently nineteen hours per week. Jon also asked that anyone with a problem area to please contact the Board because Sheriff Schmidt works very well with the Board. Peter Luca stated that he has asked for the Sheriffs to be on the North Road between 8:30 and 9:30 but they come at 3:00 instead. Peter Luca stated that the speeding is terrible on North Road. Kevin Keough also stated that South Road needs to be patrolled.

Moderator Ayrey adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM

The ballot boxes were declared open on March 6, 2018 at 10:00AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the total sum of \$13,700.00 for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

YES	112
NO	17
BLANK	1
TOTAL	130

Article 19. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the total sum of \$340,690.00 for the General Fund Budget?

YES	113
NO	15
BLANK	2
TOTAL	130

Article 20. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the total sum of \$360,460.00 for the Highway Fund Budget?

YES	109
NO	19
BLANK	2
TOTAL	130

Article 21. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor -1-year term

WRITE-IN Tony Bacon	1
WRITE-IN Rose Keough	1
WRITE-IN Weiland Ross	1
BLANK	127
TOTAL	130

Auditor -2-year term

WRITE-IN Gloria Alexander	1
WRITE-IN Tony Bacon	1
WRITE-IN Rose Keough	1
BLANK	127
TOTAL	130

Auditor - 3-year term

WRITE-IN Rose Keough	1
BLANK	129
TOTAL	130

Cemetery Commissioner -2-year term

WRITE IN Paul Ennis	1
WRITE IN Lucille Morse	1
BLANK	128
TOTAL	130

Cemetery Commissioner -3-year term

WRITE-IN James Ennis	2
BLANK	128
TOTAL	130

Delinquent Tax Collector -1-year term

RICHARD DAVIS, III	73*
KATHLEEN C. MORSE	52
BLANK	5
TOTAL	130

First Constable -1-year term

JESSE STONE	111*
BLANK	19
TOTAL	130

Second Constable -1-year term

RENEE STONE	105*
BLANK	25
TOTAL	130

Lister -1 year of 3-year term

BLANK	130
TOTAL	130

Lister - 2 years of 3-year term

BLANK	130
TOTAL	130

Lister -3-year term

PETER VAN VLECK	107*
BLANK	23
TOTAL	130

Selectboard Member-1-year term (vote for 2)

STEVEN BENDIX	98*
MELANIE VIRGILIO	91*
WRITE-IN Peter Luca	2
BLANK	69
TOTAL	260

Selectboard Member -3-year term

JON W. FRENCH	113*
WRITE-IN Peter Luca	2
BLANK	15
TOTAL	130

Town Agent -1-year term

JAMES AYREY	113*
BLANK	17
TOTAL	130

Town Grand Juror -1year term

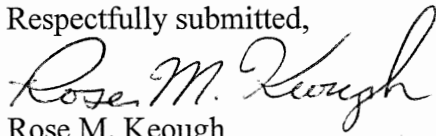
JAMES S. AYREY	111*
BLANK	19
TOTAL	130

Town Moderator – 1-year term

SALLY AYREY	115*
BLANK	15
TOTAL	130

The meeting was adjourned after announcing the results at 8:15 PM. *(denotes elected)

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough
Sunderland Town Clerk

**PRIMARY ELECTION
AUGUST 14, 2018**

BALLOT ACCOUNTABILITY:

Registered Voters	721
Ballots Voted Democratic	154
Ballots Voted Republican	38
Ballots Voted Absentee	26
Total Voters Casting Ballots	192
Percentage of Votes Cast	26.63%

**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

BALLOT ACCOUNTABILITY:

Registered Voters	737
Ballots Voted Absentee	97
Total Voters Casting Ballots	470
Percentage of Votes Cast	63.78%

Sunderland Town Report 2017-2018

Arlington Area Childcare dba Happy Days Playschool

This year, Happy Days provided services to 114 children; 60 from Arlington, 18 from Sunderland, 3 from Sandgate and 33 from other towns.

In our 35th year, Arlington Area Childcare continued a family-centered approach to providing a quality early care and education program for the community. Our goals this year included increasing family events and education as well as staff development. Here's a look at what we accomplished, with the support of our community.

Thank you to community members and community agencies for helping us complete our mission this year.

Happy Days strives to work with the community to benefit children and families and provide the support they need. The **Norshaft Lions** now provides HD with yearly vision screenings through Lions Kidsight USA. All children age 6 months and older gaze into a machine for 3 seconds and it will measure their sight accuracy. Yearly, **Fisher School** loans their hearing testing equipment and **Lynn Williams** donates her time so preschool children can have their hearing tested. Several times **Battenkill Valley Health Center** has visited Happy Days, bringing educational materials and gifts for kids and to be available to parents to answer questions. **Rick LaDue** has provided animal and nature activities for our school agers.

Peggy Hanson and the Martha Canfield Library came twice to classroom family nights to talk about the library, sign families up for library cards, and share information about the program 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Research shows children learn to read much more easily if they have been read 1,000 books before kindergarten. The program helps families track their reading and get free books for every 200 books read to their child. Our Fall Festival is a loved event each year with free hayrides from the **Skidmores**, apple cider demonstrations by **Alan Tschorn** and **Kathy Snow** and **Greg Stork** provide gourds and pumpkins for everyone to take home and explore. For the first time, we secured a **Dollar Skate at Riley Ice Skating Rink**. This fundraiser allowed families to try ice skating for a reasonable price. These are just a few of the many community members who have volunteered for our family enriching activities and events and have helped support our Mission.

Summer Lunch Program

For the last two summers, with the help of the *Strengthening Families* grant, Happy Days has provided healthy, enriching snacks for three weeks to the Summer Lunch Program at Fisher Elementary School. Weekly, local churches provide groceries for many families who need extra food in the summer months. Happy Days provided samples of delicious, healthy recipes along with the ingredients to make the meals at home. Happy Days fulltime cook Cindy Pike along with Carol Barbierri researched family friendly, simple recipes such as frozen banana pops, cucumber dip with vegetables, pumpkin cookies, pita pockets, English muffin pizzas and banana energy balls.

Our goal was to give families simple recipes that are fun to make and that incorporate vegetables and fruit to encourage healthy eating. As a center, we feel strongly about the importance of educating families about nutritious foods and creating a healthy community. **Over 30 families, 68 children, participated, including many Happy Days families.**

Staff Development

Finally, we proudly supported 7 of our staff who took college coursework this fiscal year and especially Renee Gordon who completed her BA degree in Early Education! Thank you to all our staff that consider their job a profession and strive to improve their knowledge!!

Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.
P.O Box 62 Arlington, Vermont 05250

January, 2019

Town of Sunderland Select Board
P.O. Box 295
East Arlington, Vt. 05250

Dear Select Board,

On behalf of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc. I am writing to express our appreciation for the continued financial support of the Select board and the citizens of Sunderland. The Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc is respectfully requesting that the Board consider funding for the year 2019 in the amount of \$1500.00. The costs from Manchester Health Services for providing home care to our residents in need continues as well as well as the four Scholarships we offer each year, our Medical Assistance program and Dental Program for the Elementary, Middle and the High School and carious other charities, We sincerely hope you will accept our request so that we will be able to continue to fund these important services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jean Freebern, Vice President
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.



28th December 2018

The Arlington Rescue Squad would like to thank the residents of Sunderland for their continued financial support through the Town appropriations. This year, we're not requesting an increase in town funding to help offset the ever increasing costs of running our organization. We are asking for \$26,750.00.

This year, we responded to a total of 590 calls, a 25% increase from last year. Every year the number of calls increases. Not only does Arlington Rescue respond to medical emergencies and auto accidents in the Arlington area, but we are there to assist the Arlington Fire Department with stand-by assistance for structure and/or brush fires, and our community members needing assistance from falls and medical needs.

This last year, we've been busy making some long overdue building repairs and we replaced an aging ambulance at a cost of over \$190,000 which will now need to be paid off over the next several years. The cost of new required EMS equipment and supplies keeps increasing and there is no way would be able to continue providing our services without community financial support.

Moving toward the future, the Arlington Rescue Squad is not only looking to provide emergency medical services to the communities that we serve, but are looking to becoming more pro-active in our community with some new and exciting programs including a new Explorers Post program which will be the first EMS Explorers post in the state. Designed to teach important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by ARSI, community and business leaders. This program will help equip young people with character, leadership and life skills that can be used both today and in their future careers. We are providing more training opportunities for the general public and our local work force to include CPR/AED and Basic First Aid.

Arlington Rescue has a dedicated mix of paid and volunteer staff that provide emergency medical coverage **24 hour per day, 7 days a week**. We have a staff of 2 full time employees working Monday thru Friday from 6am – 6pm , and our volunteers provide coverage weeknights from 6pm to 6 am and on weekends. All staff and volunteers continually train and update their

skills to provide the highest quality care available and they are dedicated to maintaining a high level of proficiency in the field of emergency medicine.

Unfortunately, it is getting harder and harder to build and even maintain our volunteer ranks. The decline in volunteers is tied to changing work patterns and other obligations —To help offset the need for volunteer man hours, incorporating the paid staff to cover the weekend peak times, and lessen the burden to our volunteers. it will increase our cost by about \$45,000.00.

We encourage anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity to contact us. There is nothing more rewarding then helping your neighbour in a time of need.

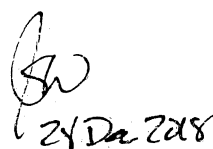
Respectfully submitted:



Josh Williams, Executive Director as of May 14th 2018 and Resident of Red Mountain Road

Public Service Announcement:

Please remember that in order for emergency agencies to find you and your residence, house numbers must be clearly posted. If you have a long driveway, please have your numbers by the road. Number signs are still available at the rescue squad building.



Bennington County Regional Commission

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests.

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials and volunteer boards and commissions, the BCRC serves as a regional center for work in community and economic development, transportation, energy, environmental conservation, water quality, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops on these topics throughout the region.

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan through a variety of programs and cooperative work with member municipalities. Economic development planning in the region has become one of the BCRC's main program areas. Economic development planning at the BCRC, including dedicated staff directed by a committee with representatives appointed by the regional development corporation, supports business retention, growth, and recruitment. An outgrowth of this economic development work involves a cooperative effort across the region and with Windham County to develop a US EDA approved Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The BCRC also is providing staff support for a major downtown redevelopment project in Bennington that grew from brownfields and community development work overseen by the Commission. Concern over the state's water quality has led the BCRC to identify and implement local projects that not only reduce stormwater runoff, but also protect roads, bridges, culverts, and private property. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and bylaws, "Act 174" compliant town energy plans, new village center designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan in cooperation with the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, and management of local transportation projects.

Some of the key projects to be undertaken by the BCRC in the coming year include: continued work on the Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, energy plan implementation activities, workforce and business development initiatives, including cooperative programs with the Lightning Jar co-working facility, new local water quality management plans and projects, assessment and support for redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the region, expanded education and outreach to support waste reduction and recycling goals, completion of municipal hazard mitigation plans, and a feasibility study for a pathway connecting Bennington with Williamstown, Massachusetts.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrvct.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sullivan, Director

Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance provides programs to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills by promoting recycling and reuse as well as resource conservation. The Alliance offers education, outreach and other assistance to businesses, schools, institutions and event organizers in 1) complying with the Universal Recycling Law and other solid waste management requirements, 2) increasing reuse and recycling, and 3) reducing the amount of solid waste disposed in landfills. These programs help residents, businesses, schools and institutions find solutions to recycling, food scrap diversion and the disposal of items such as electronic waste, fluorescent bulbs, paint and others that are banned from landfills.

The Alliance website at www.bcswavt.org and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/solidwastealliance) provide information on:

- how to dispose of fluorescent bulbs,
- battery recycling through the Call2Recycle program
- disposal of used motor oil at retail establishments and transfer stations that accept motor oil
- recycling of paint through the PaintCare program, including lists of retail stores that accept paint
- prescription drug disposal including drop-off locations
- recycling of textiles by the One World Center, Goodwill and others
- events for disposing household hazardous waste
- disposing of fluorescent bulbs, CFLs and other mercury items at transfer stations, some retail establishments and at household hazardous waste collection events.
- disposal of E-Waste at area transfer stations, Goodwill and retail establishments
- diverting food scraps by composting and annual sales of compost bins and kitchen compost containers

This past year the Alliance provided technical assistance to 40 businesses and two schools, as well as several major event organizers, held three household hazardous waste events, supported an E-Waste collection at the Dorset School and sold compost bins to residents. In 2019, we plan to hold two household hazardous waste events for residents and small businesses of all thirteen towns. The spring event will be held at the Bennington Transfer Station on May 18, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and fall event at the Dorset School on September 14, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Check the website above for updates and details. The Alliance receives most of its funding from the 13 towns, but this past year received grants from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Agency of Agriculture and Markets and the High Meadows Fund.

Burdett Commons Inc.
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burdettcommonsinc@yahoo.com

December 1, 2018

Burdett Commons of Arlington is celebrating twenty years of being in operation servicing the towns of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate. This Spring on May 18th we are going to host a huge birthday celebration and we hope to have all community members join us for a day of fun! This past year has seen several changes at Burdett including working on improving our space and programming.

We offer several youth and family programs. Currently we run school vacation camps when school isn't in session. We have a new program that was started this fall called The Creative Commons, a once a month painting and snack activity for the youth. We also have implemented a playgroup on Fridays for our youngest community members. There are various other youth and family events throughout the year.

Burdett has continued to provide the local artisans and vendors of our communities with options to sell their goods. We continue to hold a summer market from June-September on the Community House front lawn. We also do an annual Holiday Food and Craft Fair at Fisher Elementary School. Our monthly adult craft night continues to flourish, a different instructor comes each month to teach a different craft of skill.

Burdett Commons has two major fundraisers for the year which get several community members involved. We hold a Basket Party at Sunderland Elementary School and our annual Haunted House which takes place at the Arlington Community House.

We would like to send a special thank you to the Arlington Community House for providing us with a home for the past several years. We would also like to thank Sunderland Elementary School, Fisher Elementary School, and the Federated Church for providing us with a space when needed for larger events. A special thank you to all of our volunteers throughout this past year, without the support of the community we would not be able to do nearly as much as we wish.

Thank you for the continued support of our organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Caples, Director



Your Community Media & Training Center

www.gnat-tv.org

(Arlington, Dorset, Londonderry, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Stratton, Sunderland, Weston, Winhall)

Thank you for your past support of GNAT. Your financial support enables us to provide video coverage of your local government meetings.

GNAT is a 501c3 Not for Profit Organization created by community members in 1995. GNAT employs local citizens to videotape the meetings and makes these meetings (and other educational, civic and community events) available to all citizens on our cable channels and on our website: www.gnat-tv.org.

In addition to our meeting coverage, GNAT offers free and low cost media services and provides a platform for local voices to be heard. Residents, government entities, community organizations and schools within our eleven-town service territory may produce and broadcast non-commercial television programs. GNAT maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment and provides technical training. GNAT maintains a vibrant **youth program** including internships, media production camps and school collaborations. **The News Project** provides local news and information (in 2018 GNAT Produced 255 local News Project programs).

Local media coverage is vital to our democracy. We ask for your financial contribution to help support the work we do. Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration and support.

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Channels 15, 16 & 17: Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Sunderland & Winhall

Channels 8,10 & 18: Stratton

Channel 8, 10: Weston & Londonderry

Mission

To provide public access to media technologies, equipment, training, and local information for our regional community.

Vision

To facilitate and foster free speech, to promote and facilitate civic and cultural engagement and to be the community resource for new media technology and training.

2018 Usage Data

432	Equipment & Facility Reservations
182	Training Sessions
394	People Trained
50	Community Video Announcements
461	Community Bulletin Board Announcements
634	Local Public Programs Produced
191	Government Meetings
167,866	Online Video Views

GNAT Statement of Financial Activities Summary Year Ending September 30, 2018

INCOME

PEG Access Operating Revenue	\$413,094
Program Service	\$5917
Fundraising / Other Income	\$26,390
Net Assets Released from Restriction (Acquisition of Capital Assets/Expense)	\$23,067
Total Unrestricted Revenue, Gains & Other Support	\$468,468

EXPENSE

Payroll Fees, Taxes and Salaries	\$304,080
Rent / Utilities / Insurance	\$74,037
Production/Program Supplies	\$12,999
Equipment / Depreciation	\$25,982
Small Equipment	\$2015
Other Operating Expense	\$68,451
Total Expense	\$487,564
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	(\$19,096)

PEG Access Capital Revenue	\$41,309
Net Assets, Released from Restrictions	\$23,067
Increase Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$18,242
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$509,774
Net Assets, End of Year	\$508,920



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Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary, with 22,700 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit organization, not a state agency. With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces. Green Up Vermont also focuses on education 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. To learn more please visit [**www.greenupvermont.org**](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover fourteen percent of our operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and two part-time staff people.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online through our website.

Follow our blog for updates throughout the year! You can also link to Green Up Vermont's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages by visiting our website.

Save the date: Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Day is May 4, 2019. A Vermont tradition since 1970!

Martha Canfield Library Town Report for Year ending Dec. 31, 2018

It has been a busy year at the Martha Canfield Library. We thank you for your support as we strive to offer services you want and need.

To celebrate the Four Freedoms Festival, we held an exhibit in the Gallery of *Norman Rockwell and the Arlington Artists*, curated by Don Trachte, Jr. The exhibit included Saturday Evening Post covers by John Atherton, Vic Donahue, George Hughes, Gene Pelham, Mead Schaeffer and, of course, Norman Rockwell, along with photos of Rockwell's models, information about the Four Freedoms Bond Tour in 1943, and samples of work by cartoonist Don Trachte and writer Dorothy Canfield Fisher. The Gallery also featured an exhibit of memorabilia from the USS Bennington and Arlington during World War II, curated by Bill Budde of the Russell Collection. Several former crew members of the ship came by to see the exhibit during Bennington Battle Day Weekend.

The Russell Collection received several important donations related to local and state history. The largest donation was a collection of six albums and three boxes of Kinny Family History. The Kenny's owned and operated the well-known Evergreen Inn on the Green River in Sandgate. The collection is a combination of family history and the history of this popular local inn. We also added indices of Sunderland deeds compiled by local historian Dave Thomas. He has also contributed indexes for Sandgate, Arlington deeds, as well as indexes for early Probate records for the three towns and Arlington grand lists and militia rosters.

Thanks to a grant from the Berkshire Bank, we were able to expand our children's programs, especially the summer reading club and activities. Over 2000 children and adults attended programs in 2018. We joined the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program, encouraging children listen to stories. Parents can sign up at the Library and borrow a bag of specially chosen books for young readers-to-be.

During 2018 library card holders borrowed over 18,400 items from our collection. These items included not only books and movies, but also electronic books, downloadable audio books, and park and museum passes. The library staff and volunteers also enabled library card holders to borrow over 700 items from libraries throughout the state of Vermont as well as libraries in other states. So, with programs for all ages, a quilt group, story-times for pre-schoolers, a Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award book discussion group, free computer use, help finding information, books, movies, games and puzzles to borrow for long winter nights (and hot summer days), or researching your family history, there's always something to do at the library. Or, with your free library card from home, you can go on our website and look up magazine and local newspaper articles, learn a new language, take an online course, check our catalog to see if we have the latest bestseller, and download an e-book or audiobook. We're always happy to answer your questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Skidmore, Director
Sheila Kearns, President, Board of Trustees

Report to the Citizens of Sunderland

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Sunderland in 2018:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 206 meals that were delivered to the homes of 3 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels.” In addition, 6 Sunderland elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 48 meals were provided.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management staff helped 10 elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) “Senior HelpLine” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.

ANNUAL REPORT NOTICE

The Taconic and Green Regional School District has produced an Annual Report that will be available to the public on Friday, February 15, 2019.

A Notice to Voters postcard was sent to the households of registered voters of Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland and Weston with annual meeting and report information at the end of January.

The report will include the following:

- Annual Meeting Warning
- School Board Report
- FY18 Year End Summaries for all Town School Districts
- FY20 Budget for the Taconic and Green Regional School District
- FY20 BRSU General Budget
- FY20 BRSU Special Education Budget
- BRSU Treasurer's Report
- Tax rate historical information for all towns
- Enrollment Report
- Audit Report
- Superintendent Report
- Principal Reports (Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland)
- Board Member information
- Board Goals and Norms
- Minutes from the Taconic and Green District Meeting in February 27, 2018

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

- Online at <https://goo.gl/6TTm4J>
- Request via info@brsu.org or 362-2452
- Local Town Office
- Manchester Library
- Pick one up at one of the following Taconic and Green schools – Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland
- Pick one up at the BRSU Office – 6378 VT Route 7A, Sunderland, VT
- Shaw's in Manchester

**Taconic and Green Regional School District Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7pm
Manchester Elementary Middle School**



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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

SUNDERLAND, 2019

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters.

Your local office is in Bennington at the address and phone number above. Available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs. In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

- Increase capacity statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana with Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP).
- Prevent and control the spread of infectious disease. In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.
- Promote wellness by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.
- Support healthy families by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.
- Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 11,000 families.
- Provide trainings on Help Me Grow to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.
- Share new data and reports including the *Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report* which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the *Injury and Violence in Vermont* report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.
- Work with businesses in planning and starting worksite wellness strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.
- Work 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.
- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

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The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.**

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

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

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2018 Overview
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

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

VLCT provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. We represent cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and their needs are met. VLCT also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities, and directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.

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

During the 2018 calendar year, *VLCT News* converted to a magazine style publication from its newsletter format, with the intent to provide more content and diverse information in each edition.

VLCT also finalized the details of moving its digital data to the "cloud," thereby increasing operational efficiency and enhancing cybersecurity and redundant protection of information. This move also reduced the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment. Improvements to the website are ongoing, and in concert with this effort is the research into a new customer relations management system, designed to help VLCT provide important information to members, but also to simplify ways that members provide information to VLCT that is shared among all municipalities.

VLCT conducted a series of Listening Sessions in 12 communities around the state to hear directly from local officials about services received from VLCT and whether any changes are needed, including whether new services should be initiated or outdated ones eliminated. Further discussions will be held with the Board of Directors. Members will be kept apprised of progress in setting future goals and priorities.

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

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