

**READING, VERMONT  
TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2017 ANNUAL REPORT  
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017**



**Town Meeting Saturday, March 3, 2018  
@ 9:30 AM at the Reading Elementary School  
Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District  
Budget Vote  
Tuesday, March 6th, 7:00 AM—7:00 PM  
At the Reading Town Hall**

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Daniels Construction works to put the abutments on the Tyson Road Bridge.

The bridge was completed in November 2017.

## Town of Reading Phone Directory

### Ambulance or Fire

### Dial 911

Elementary School	484-7230	<a href="http://www.resvt.org">www.resvt.org</a>
Fire Department	484-3473 (fire)	
Fire Warden	484-0094	
Game Warden	875-2112	
Library	484-5588	<a href="http://www.readinglibrary.org">www.readinglibrary.org</a>
Listers	484-7258	Email: <a href="mailto:rtownhall_464@comcast.net">rtownhall_464@comcast.net</a>
Post Office	484-5994	
State Police	457-1416	
Town Garage	484-5122	
Town Office	484-7250	<a href="http://www.readingvt.govoffice.com">www.readingvt.govoffice.com</a>

## Meeting Schedule

Selectboard	2nd Monday	6 pm at Reading Town Office
Cemetery Commission	4th Wednesday	6 pm at Reading Town Hall
EC Fiber	2nd Tuesday	7 pm -1st Floor of VT. Law School
Elementary School Board	3rd Wednesday	6 pm at Reading School
Fire & Rescue Department	1st Tuesday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building
Fire Dept. Auxiliary	1st Monday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building
Library Trustees	Last Tuesday	6 pm at Library
<b>Parent Teacher Organization</b>	2nd Wednesday	6 pm at Reading School
Planning & Zoning Commission	1st Monday	7 pm at Reading Town Hall
<b>Reading All-Terrain Sportsman</b>	2nd Wednesday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building
Snowmobile Club, Little Ascutney	2nd Thursday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building
(Sept - April)		

### Reading Town Office

PO Box 72 - 799 Route 106  
Reading, VT 05062  
Open  
Monday - Wednesday 8 am to 4 pm  
Thursday 8 am to 3:30 pm

### Reading Public Library

PO Box 7 - 717 Route 106  
Reading, VT 05062  
Open  
Tuesday - 12 to 3 pm, 4 to 7 pm  
Thursday - 10 am to 5 pm  
Saturday - 10 am to 2 pm

### Town Clerk Fees

Burn Permit	No Charge
Certified Copies	\$10.00
Civil Marriage License	<b>\$65.00</b>
Copies of Vital Records	\$10.00
Dog License must be registered by April 1st	
Males / Females	\$13.00
Neutered / Spayed	\$9.00
Replacement Tag	\$3.00
New Dog after 10/1	Half Fee
After 4/1 add late fee	\$2.00 / \$4.00
Green Mountain Passport	\$2.00
Overweight Truck Permits - issued by Selectboard	\$10.00
Recording in Land Records per page	\$10.00
Transfer Station Coupons	\$17.50 / \$35.00
Transfer Station Window Sticker	
Property Owner	1st sticker free - 2nd \$5.00
Renter	\$5.00
Uncertified copies/land records	\$1.00
Vault Time per Hour	\$2.00

### Robinson Hall Fees

Kitchen	\$75.00
Dining Room	\$75.00
Auditorium	\$150.00
Civic Organization Fees For Hall	
Kitchen	\$25.00
Dining Room	\$25.00
Auditorium	\$50.00

### Zoning Permits

Accessory	\$35.00 + .04 psf
Board of Adjustment Hearings	\$200.00
Driveway Access Permits - issued by Selectboard	
New House	\$20.00
Pools/Ponds	\$60.00 + .04 psf
Signs	\$100.00
Site Plan Review	\$15.00
Subdivision Application	\$200.00

**Town of Reading, Vermont  
General Information  
Chartered July 6, 1761**

<b>Town Owned Real Estate</b>	<b>Parcel Id</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Town Ordinances, Effective Date</b>	
Amsden Property	1236	6.57	Animal Control	5/6/1998
Cemetery, Amsden	1217	2.6	ATV Amended	5/9/2011
Cemetery, Baileys Mills	1214	0.83	Driveway Amended	12/8/2014
Cemetery, South Reading	1216	0.39	Health Amended	1/9/2006
Cemetery, Spear	1213	0.93	Highway Amended	4/9/2007
Cemetery, Swain	1218	0.38	Town Plan Amended	7/18/2005
Cemetery, Weld/Sawyer	1215	1.28	Winter Road	12/9/1996
Claude Bartley Memorial Field	1202	3.99	Zoning Amended	7/16/2007
Fire Services Building	1224	5.93		
Former Reading Christian Church	1204	0.19	<b>Highway Mileage</b>	<b>Map of 10/2014</b>
Indian Stones Site, Felchville	1209	2.52	State -	7.479 miles
Library, Gilbert A. Davis	1207	0.2	Class 2 -	9.100 miles
Reading Elementary School	1220	5.69	Class 3 -	30.240 miles
Robinson Hall, Felchville (Trust)	1211	0.64	Class 4 -	<u>14.760 miles</u>
Stone School House, S. Reading	1208	0.38	Total Miles -	61.579 miles
Town Garage, Center Road	1203	5.34		
Village Green, Felchville	1205	0.25		

**Town Owned Timber Rights**

Evarts Lot, 101.66 acres State owned

**Felchville Cemetery Assoc. Owned Property**

Felchville Cemetery, 1219 1.15 acres

**Acreage**

Total Town Acreage - 19,132.76 acres

State Owned Acreage - 6,808.39 acres

Town Owned Acreage

**Historical Society Owned Property**

Universalist Church, 1221 .19 acres

Stone Chimney, 1210 .68 acres

**2010 Census**

666 (1010 Population and Housing Estimate)

**South Reading Meeting House Association**

Stone Church, 1212 .39 acres

**Altitudes Above Sea Level**

Felchville - 754'

South Reading - 1274'

**Registered Voters - 493**

## WARNING FOR THE READING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the Town of Reading, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Reading Elementary School in said town on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, viz.:

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

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the voters shall set the date and time, by which the Town property taxes must be paid and received by the Town Treasurer, to be Monday, November 5, 2018 by 5:00 P.M. (No Post Marks)

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will elect the Town Treasurer as Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 4:** To elect all other Town Officers, as required by law: **(Page 9)**

Selectperson for a three (3) year term

Lister for a three (3) year term

Auditor for a three (3) year term

Town Grand Juror for a one (1) year term

Trustee of Public Funds for a three (3) year term

Cemetery Commissioner for a three (3) year term

Library Trustee for a five (5) year term

Library Trustee for a one (1) year term

Town Agent for a one (1) year term

**ARTICLE 5:** To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.  
**(Pages 12 - 28)**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate the amount of **\$613,775 (Six Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Dollars)** to be raised by taxes for the Selectmen's Budget beginning July 1, 2018.  
**(Pages 13-17)**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$75 (Seventy-Five Dollars)** to *Green Up Day (money goes to the State)*.

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**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$707** (Seven Hundred-Seven Dollars) to HCRS, Health Care & Rehabilitation. **(Page 46)**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$300** (Three Hundred Dollars) to *Woodstock Area Job Bank*. **(Page 47)**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$800** (Eight Hundred Dollars) to *Pentangle Arts Council* **(Page 48)**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$4,000** (Four Thousand Dollars) to *Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH*. **(Page 49)**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$200** (Two Hundred Dollars) to *Volunteers in Action*. **(Page 50)**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate **\$500** (Five Hundred Dollars) to *Windsor County Partners*. **(Page 51)**

**ARTICLE 14:** To do any other business that may legally be done at this meeting.

### Selectboard

Robert K. Allen, Chair

James Peplau

Gordon Eastman



**Article 4**  
**Elected Officials**

**MODERATOR**Jonathan Springer                      **2018****TOWN CLERK**

Calista Brennan                      2020

**TOWN TREASURER**

Calista Brennan                      2020

**SELECTBOARD**Gordon Eastman                      **2018**

Robert Allen                      2019

A. James Peplau                      2020

**LISTERS**Penny Allyn                      **2018**

Richard Sullivan                      2019

John Fike                      2020

**TOWN AUDITORS**Rayna Bishop                      **2018**

Jim Waterfall                      2019

Liesbeth Kozlowski                      2020

**TOWN GRAND JUROR**Peter Vollers                      **2018****TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS**James Bartlett                      **2018**

Howard Sanderson, Jr.                      2019

Curt Allen                      2020

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**Mildred Waterfall                      **2018**Peter Seman                      **2019** (resigned)

Bill Bakker                      2020

Libbet Downs                      2021

Vanessa Maxham                      2022

**TOWN AGENT**Kenneth Norcross                      **2018****CEMETERY COMMISSION**Adam Kozlowski                      **2018**

Susan Goodhouse                      2019

Kevin Kaija                      2020

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Curt Allen                      2019

Rayna Bishop                      2019

Heidi Fielder                      2019

Jonathan Springer                      2019

Mary Springer                      2019

**\*\*ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS**Justin Sluka                      **2018**

John Philpin                      2019 (resigned)

Tim Bishop                      **2018** (appointed)

Donna Martin                      2020

**\*\*WUHS SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS**Timothy Bishop                      **2018**

Christina Titus                      2019

## Appointed Officials By Selectboard 2017

### Planning Commission/ZBA

Kevin Kaija	2018
Ken Cox	2019
Kathy Callan-Rondeau	2020
Stephen Strait	2021
Rebecca Basch	2022

### Fire Chief

Gary Vittum  
Curt Allen, Deputy

### E911 Coordinator

Curt Allen  
Gary Vittum

### Road Foreman

Glen Towne

### Recreation Commission

Lisa Kaija - **2018**  
Joe Braun - 2019  
Lisa Morrison - 2019  
Stephen D'Agostino - 2020

### Solid Waste Management

### District Representative

James Peplau—**2018**

### Animal Control

Vacant

### Tree Warden

Michael Barr - **2018**

### Memorial Day Administrator

Pat McLean - **2018**

### Emergency Director

Gary Vittum

### SWCRPC

Kathy Callan-Rondeau—**2018**

### ECFiber Committee

John Malcolm - **2018**

### Energy Coordinator

Becky Basch—**2018**

### SWCTAC Representative

Gordon Eastman

## Appointed Officials by Other

Assistant Town Clerk by Town Clerk	Esther Allen	2020
Assistant Treasurer by Treasurer	Esther Allen	2020
Local Deputy Registrars by Town Clerk	Kevin Kaija	<b>2018</b>
(Local Funeral Directors)	Susan Goodhouse	<b>2018</b>
	Adam Kozlowski	<b>2018</b>
Zoning Administrator by Planning Commission	Robert Allen	
Librarian by Library Trustees	Tony Pikramenos	
Fire Warden by State Fire Commissioner	Nathan Willard	2021
Health Officer by VT. Dept. of Health	Mary Springer	2020

# Town Financial Reports

## **Auditors Report**

**The Reading Auditors have examined the financial records of the governmental activities and fund information of the Town of Reading. We have found them to be carefully maintained in accordance with accounting standards accepted in the United States of America and in conformity with the requirements of the State of Vermont.**

**Liesbeth Kozlowski**

**Rayna Bishop**

**Jim Waterfall**

**January 2018**

## **Town of Reading**

### **Selectboard's Report**

The Selectboard's budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, proposes expenditures totaling \$1,059,625 of which, \$613,775 must be raised by taxes to support the general expenses of the Town. Monies in special articles are not included in the above amounts.

We are sure that you all know that the Tyson Road Bridge in South Reading was completed in November 2017. Our Contractor, Daniels Construction, is now working on the Bridge on Town Farm Road. Our original State Grant for this bridge expired on December 31, 2017, however with help from District 4 Agency of Transportation we were able to get an extension until December 31, 2018. The work seems to be progressing nicely. Most of the excavation is done and some of the cement foundation has been poured as of this writing. Obviously work continues as the weather permits. That said, we are confident that this bridge will be completed by late spring/early summer and hopefully before June 30, 2018.

The grant to do some paving on the Tyson Road is good until December 31, 2018. We will start the bidding process for that work in the spring. We would like to get the paving done as soon as possible after the bridge work is complete. As reported last year we plan to do the entire length from near the Felchville Cemetery to the Stone School Building in South Reading.

We received a Better Roads Grant to line a portion of the ditch on Town Hill with large stone to help prevent wash outs during heavy rain or spring runoff. That work has been completed. We then received two more Better Roads Grants. One was for block headers on two culverts on Town Hill and the second, was to line three sections of ditch on Stone Chimney and Newton Roads. All of that work is also complete. We have now applied for another Grant to line more ditch on Town Hill.

We will be putting out requests for bids for the work mentioned on the Robinson Hall last year. One request is for some work on the chimneys and roof vents, and the second request will be to start the siding project by doing the west end first.

You will see two Capital Expenditures in this year's budget. One is for a new Highway truck to replace the 2010 International that has cost the Town a fair amount of money in repairs over the past 4 or 5 years with emission problems. That truck will be 9 years old by the time we get the replacement. We also need to purchase a piece of equipment to allow us to be able to clean all of the stone lined ditches as they cannot be cleaned with the grader, or an excavator or bucket loader. This is a very powerful leaf/debris blower that is being widely used by several towns in the State and has been reported to work very well on other ditches as well.

In March of 1999 Fire Chief, Harold "Punky" Rowlee chose to move to Holland, VT. , leaving a vacancy for that position. Gary Vittum was approached about taking the position and offered to help out for "awhile". Gary has decided to not continue in the position so that he can spend more time teaching at fire courses. On behalf of the entire Town, the Selectboard would like to sincerely thank Gary Vittum for his dedication and work as our Fire Chief for the past 19 years.

See you at Town Meeting on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Allen, Chairman  
Gordon Eastman  
James Peplau

## Town of Reading Proposed Budget FY 2019

		<b>Budget FY 2017</b>	<b>Actual FY 2017</b>	<b>Budget FY 2018</b>	<b>Actual 12/31/2017</b>	<b>Budget FY 2019</b>
	<b>INCOME</b>					
1	Beginning Balance	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 164,242.00	\$ 525,000.00	\$ 328,770.97	\$ 120,000.00
2	State aid					
3	Class 2/class 3	\$ 83,500.00	\$ 83,363.25	\$ 83,500.00	\$ 41,657.06	\$ 83,000.00
4	Grants-Retreatment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5	Grants-Bridges	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
6	Grants-Town Hall	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7	Grants-Fire Department	\$ -	\$ 255.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8	Grants - Highway Department	\$ -	\$ 10,202.25	\$ -	\$ 24,456.79	\$ -
9	Grant-Planning	\$ -	\$ 5,731.00	\$ -	\$ 2,456.00	\$ -
12	Lister Reappraisal	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,476.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 5,500.00
13	Land/Current Use	\$ 131,000.00	\$ 145,274.00	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 143,385.00	\$ 145,000.00
14	Zoning Permits	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,315.36	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 148.60	\$ 1,000.00
16	Hearing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
17	Zoning Fines	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
18	Emp Cont.- Health Ins	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,595.74	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,868.86	\$ 7,700.00
20	Workmans Comp Rebate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21	TC Recording Fee	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,278.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,620.00	\$ 6,000.00
22	Vault Time	\$ 150.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 100.00
23	Restoration fund	\$ 600.00	\$ 697.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 700.00
24	Dog Licenses	\$ 900.00	\$ 844.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 900.00
25	Liquor Licenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
26	Copier Receipts	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,268.50	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,058.25	\$ 1,800.00
27	Marriage Licenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00
28	Green Mt. Passports	\$ -	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ -
29	Fish & Wildlife	\$ 75.00	\$ 70.25	\$ 100.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 100.00
30	Motor Vehicle fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 50.00
31	Weathersfield Dump Tokens	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ 165.00	\$ -
32	Civil Highway Fines	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,500.11	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,175.42	\$ 15,000.00
34	Interest-Checking	\$ 400.00	\$ 558.01	\$ 400.00	\$ 416.03	\$ 400.00
35	Reading Informer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,500.00
36	Truck Permits	\$ 250.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
37	Taxes Collected	\$ -	\$ 496,203.02	\$ -	\$ 508,943.89	\$ -
38	In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 44,908.07	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,045.52	\$ 45,000.00
39	Del.Tax Int. Earned	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 12,295.52	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,353.31	\$ 10,000.00
40	Del.Tax Collected	\$ -	\$ 134,014.34	\$ -	\$ 55,654.40	\$ -
41	Misc Income	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,991.35	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 9,575.25	\$ 1,500.00
42	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 773,275.00	\$1,158,562.27	\$1,200,700.00	\$1,185,883.35	\$ 445,850.00

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# Town of Reading Proposed Budget FY 2019

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		Budget FY 2017	Actual FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Actual 12/31/2017	Budget FY 2019
100	<b>COST OF GOVERNMENT</b>					
101	Town Clerk/Treasurer Salary	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 13,910.00	\$ 28,000.00
102	Town Treasurer's Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
103	Ass't Clerk/Treas.Salary	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,477.50	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,895.00	\$ 8,000.00
104	Health Insurance TC/TT	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,120.68	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,744.96	\$ 16,500.00
105	Selectmen	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
106	Abatements	\$ -	\$ 0.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
107	Listers	\$ 28,900.00	\$ 24,959.36	\$ 27,650.00	\$ 7,770.89	\$ 27,350.00
108	Auditors	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
109	Moderator	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
110	Fire Chief	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
111	E-911 Coordinator	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
112	Zoning Administrator	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 1,000.00
114	Health Officer	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
115	Town officials-FICA	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 4,649.01	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 2,119.43	\$ 4,800.00
116	General Liability Insur.	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,152.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,098.00	\$ 4,500.00
117	Public Officials/EPL Insurance	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,159.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,149.00	\$ 1,200.00
118	Bond Insurance	\$ 450.00	\$ 422.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 439.00	\$ 450.00
119	Workman's Comp.Ins.	\$ 325.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 344.00	\$ 350.00
120	Office Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,028.66	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 968.45	\$ 2,000.00
121	Telephone	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,079.61	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 525.76	\$ 1,200.00
122	Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ 229.01	\$ 200.00	\$ 112.65	\$ 200.00
123	Office Equipment	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,956.35	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 636.00	\$ 2,000.00
124	Computer Support	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,046.62	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,734.52	\$ 5,500.00
125	Information Technology - Web Site	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 945.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 1,000.00
126	Records Restoration	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,165.00	\$ 15,000.00
127	Printing & Advertising	\$ 800.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 870.00	\$ 900.00
128	Town Reports	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00
129	Town Reports-Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.36	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
130	Legal Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
131	Election Workers	\$ 800.00	\$ 852.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 225.27	\$ 400.00
132	Planning Commission	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,892.98	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
134	Recreation Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
135	Reading Informer	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 8,359.64	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,155.44	\$ 8,500.00
136	Misc. Expense	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,221.54	\$ 500.00	\$ 13,340.27	\$ 1,000.00
137	VLCT	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,739.00	\$ 1,800.00
138	SWCRPC	\$ 832.50	\$ 832.50	\$ 835.00	\$ 832.50	\$ 835.00
139	County Tax	\$ 12,100.00	\$ 9,635.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
150	<b>TOTAL COST OF GOVERNMENT</b>	\$ 147,447.50	\$ 140,528.83	\$ 138,810.00	\$ 76,620.14	\$ 151,410.00

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		<b>Budget FY 2017</b>	<b>Actual FY 2017</b>	<b>Budget FY 2018</b>	<b>Actual 12/31/2017</b>	<b>Budget FY 2019</b>
200	<b>PUBLIC SERVICE</b>					
201	Weathersfield Transfer	\$ 15,530.00	\$ 18,634.80	\$ 18,635.00	\$ -	\$ 18,635.00
202	Reading Fire & Rescue Department	\$ 31,450.00	\$ 30,402.50	\$ 33,650.00	\$ 12,647.11	\$ 32,350.00
203	Fire & Rescue - W/Comp.	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,133.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
204	Fire & Rescue - Liab & Vehicle Ins.	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,818.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,608.00	\$ 3,600.00
208	Ambulance Service	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 6,642.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 3,469.50	\$ 6,900.00
209	Emergency Dispatch/Repeater Fees	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 11,589.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 4,938.50	\$ 12,000.00
210	Windsor County Sheriff	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 33,330.20	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 18,103.90	\$ 36,000.00
211	Streetlights	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,604.27	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,781.34	\$ 6,000.00
212	Robinson Hall	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,482.50	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,768.79	\$ 20,000.00
213	Town Hall Restoration	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
214	Town Garage	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,012.15	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,700.82	\$ 10,000.00
215	Stone School	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,393.39	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,377.36	\$ 3,000.00
216	Property Insurance	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,892.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,403.00	\$ 12,000.00
217	Amsden Property	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00
218	Memorial Day	\$ 200.00	\$ 124.95	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
219	Library Expenses	\$ 12,180.00	\$ 9,716.72	\$ 12,180.00	\$ 5,322.19	\$ 14,000.00
220	Librarian Wages	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 19,563.28	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 9,040.48	\$ 18,300.00
221	Memorial Field	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,360.81	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 1,800.00
222	Indian Stones Site	\$ 500.00	\$ 915.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 750.00
223	Town Cemeteries	\$ 13,110.00	\$ 13,110.00	\$ 13,230.00	\$ 13,230.00	\$ 12,980.00
230	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE</b>	\$ 228,420.00	\$ 221,774.57	\$ 234,095.00	\$ 100,720.99	\$ 230,215.00
300	<b>EQUIPMENT USE</b>					
301	Grader-1986 Deere	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,435.08	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,448.17	\$ 4,000.00
302	Loader-2010 Kawasaki	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,578.39	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,652.20	\$ 5,000.00
303	Truck #1-2014 International	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,129.07	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 5,738.17	\$ 7,000.00
304	Truck #2-2010 International	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 17,629.60	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 4,832.38	\$ 8,000.00
305	Truck #3-2014 Ford	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,319.26	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,507.77	\$ 4,800.00
306	Snowplows	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,884.18	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,697.13	\$ 4,000.00
307	Sanders	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 57.30	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,612.02	\$ 3,000.00
308	Saws	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,540.12	\$ 900.00	\$ 129.98	\$ 500.00
309	York Rake	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 1,000.00
310	Radio Repairs	\$ 800.00	\$ 382.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 112.15	\$ 500.00
311	Misc. Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,470.72	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,948.35	\$ 3,500.00
312	Diesel Fuel	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,901.14	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 7,584.31	\$ 25,000.00
313	Oil & Lube	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 885.13	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,531.57	\$ 1,500.00
314	Shop Tools	\$ 500.00	\$ 493.22	\$ 500.00	\$ 457.59	\$ 500.00
315	Equipment Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,599.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,458.00	\$ 4,000.00
316	<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT USE</b>	\$ 70,700.00	\$ 72,144.71	\$ 70,200.00	\$ 36,549.79	\$ 72,300.00

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	Budget FY 2017	Actual FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Actual 12/31/2017	Budget FY 2019
<b>320 GENERAL MAINTENANCE</b>					
321 Class 2-Labor	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,128.25	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 4,502.95	\$ 12,000.00
322 Class 2-Contract.Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
323 Class 2-Materials	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,843.95	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,358.56	\$ 7,000.00
324 Class 3-Labor	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 38,033.20	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 25,003.58	\$ 40,000.00
325 Class 3-Contract.Labor	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 21,345.00	\$ 25,000.00
326 Class 3-Materials	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 30,202.76	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 13,224.94	\$ 34,000.00
327 Class 4-Labor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 19.75	\$ 1,000.00
328 Class 4-Contract. Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
329 Class 4-Materials	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
330 State General Permit for Roads					\$ 2,650.00
331 Equipment Rental	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,145.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,568.32	\$ 12,000.00
<b>332 TOTAL GENERAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 114,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,753.16</b>	<b>\$ 124,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 71,023.10</b>	<b>\$ 134,150.00</b>
<b>340 WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>					
341 Class 2-Winter Labor	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,553.67	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,852.44	\$ 13,000.00
342 Class 2-Winter Cont.Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
343 Class 3-Winter Labor	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 36,413.73	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 7,427.38	\$ 39,000.00
344 Class 3-Winter Cont.Labor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,490.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
345 Elementary School Winter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 638.55	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 158.00	\$ 1,000.00
346 Fire Department - Winter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 638.55	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 158.00	\$ 1,000.00
347 Salt	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 34,676.98	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 6,246.42	\$ 30,000.00
348 Sand	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 33,705.80	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 21,219.38	\$ 35,000.00
<b>349 TOTAL WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 108,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 125,117.28</b>	<b>\$ 110,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,061.62</b>	<b>\$ 124,000.00</b>
<b>360 OTHER HIGHWAY</b>					
361 Retreatment-Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
362 Retreatment-Contract.Labor	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
363 Retreatment Materials	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
364 Dust Control Labor	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,048.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 1,000.00
365 Dust Control-Materials	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 2,852.53	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 6,000.00
366 Bridges/Culverts-Labor	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
367 Bridges-Contract.Labor	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 13,772.12	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 427,750.00	\$ -
368 Bridges/Culverts-Materials	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,653.40	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,634.00	\$ 7,000.00
369 Bridges/Culverts-misc	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
370 Road Signs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 744.98	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 666.06	\$ 3,000.00
<b>371 TOTAL OTHER HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$ 605,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 56,721.78</b>	<b>\$ 970,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 435,260.06</b>	<b>\$ 170,500.00</b>
<b>380 FRINGE BENEFITS</b>					
381 Social Security	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,642.64	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 5,372.45	\$ 11,000.00
382 Vacations	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,011.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,551.60	\$ 8,000.00
384 Holidays	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,573.03	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 2,678.38	\$ 4,600.00
385 Sick Leave	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,545.55	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,132.44	\$ 3,500.00
386 Health Insurance	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 61,620.70	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 37,256.18	\$ 62,500.00
387 Workmen's Compensation	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 12,676.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,313.00	\$ 11,500.00
388 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 650.00	\$ 561.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 650.00
389 Retirement Contribution	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,381.95	\$ 4,200.00	\$ -	\$ 4,400.00
390 Uniforms	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,584.55	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,118.91	\$ 1,700.00
391 Conferences/Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 804.55	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 708.18	\$ 1,500.00
<b>392 TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 105,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 108,400.97</b>	<b>\$ 105,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 68,453.14</b>	<b>\$ 109,350.00</b>
<b>399 TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$ 1,004,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 459,137.90</b>	<b>\$ 1,381,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 650,347.71</b>	<b>\$ 610,300.00</b>

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		Budget FY 2017	Actual FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Actual 12/31/2017	Budget FY 2019
410	<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
411	Fire & Rescue Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
412	Loader Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
413	Highway Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
414	Leaf Blower					\$ 7,700.00
415	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,700.00
420	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$ 1,380,417.50	\$ 821,441.30	\$ 1,753,955.00	\$ 827,688.84	\$ 1,059,625.00
430	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 773,275.00	\$ 1,158,562.27	\$ 1,200,700.00	\$ 1,185,883.35	\$ 445,850.00
440	<b>TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>	\$ 607,142.50	\$ -	\$ 553,255.00	\$ -	\$ 613,775.00
450	<b>SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
451	Visiting nurses	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
452	Windsor County Partners	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
453	Pentangle	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00
454	Spectrum Teen Center	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -
455	Volunteers in Action	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00
456	Ottawaquechee Community	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
457	The Current	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
460	Health Care & Rehab	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 707.00
462	Woodstock Area Job Bank	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
463	Green Up Day	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
465	Historical Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ -
470	<b>TOTAL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 49,800.00	\$ 48,975.00	\$ 6,582.00
480	<b>Grand Total Raised by Taxes</b>	\$ 615,492.50		\$ 603,055.00		\$ 620,357.00

End Town Budget

Please see pages 44 -51 for information regarding the  
special appropriations requested for FY'19

## Asset & Liability Report

<b>Real Estate</b>		Values as of June 2017	
Amsden Property		\$	82,500.00
Cemetery, Amsden		\$	6,600.00
Cemetery, Baileys Mills		\$	2,100.00
Cemetery, Brown Schoolhouse		\$	1,000.00
Cemetery, South Reading		\$	1,000.00
Cemetery, Spear		\$	2,400.00
Cemetery, Weld		\$	3,200.00
Indian Stone Site 2 Acres		\$	13,800.00
Reading Christian Church Building		\$	219,800.00
Reading Elementary School		\$	2,486,200.00
Reading Library		\$	472,800.00
Rte 106 Relocation 1.05 Acres		\$	3,500.00
Stone School House		\$	302,600.00
Town Ball Field		\$	71,000.00
Town Garage		\$	441,800.00
Town Hall		\$	989,296.00
Sub-Total Real Estate		\$	5,099,596.00
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue Department</b>			
Fire & Rescue Building -	2006	\$	566,100.00
Fire Fighter Equipment		\$	120,000.00
Truck - Forestry Utility -	1982	\$	6,500.00
Truck - Pumper- International -	1992	\$	40,000.00
Truck - Pumper - Pierce -	2007	\$	263,118.00
Forestry Trailer -	20xx	\$	4,500.00
Truck-F550 Rescue Vehicle -	2016	\$	147,902.00
Sub-Total Fire & Rescue		\$	1,148,120.00
<b>Road Maintenance Equipment</b>			
Grader - Deere -	1986	\$	24,000.00
Loader - Kawasaki -	2010	\$	91,950.00
Sanders		\$	2,600.00
Snowplows		\$	5,000.00
Truck - International -	2010	\$	125,000.00
Truck - International -	2014	\$	69,500.00
Truck - Ford 1/2 Ton 550 -	2015	\$	41,700.00
Welder, Torch, Saws, & Misc. Tools		\$	10,000.00
York Rake		\$	1,000.00
Sub-Total Equipment		\$	370,750.00
<b>Administrative Equipment</b>			
Elementary School		\$	400,000.00
Listers Office		\$	1,500.00
Town Kitchen & Main Room		\$	5,600.00
Town Office		\$	5,900.00
Sub-Total Admin Equipment		\$	413,000.00
Total Assets		\$	7,031,466.00

**Cemetery Commission**  
**Town Owned Cemeteries Financial Report**  
**7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017**

**Balance as of 7/1/16**

Checking Account	\$3,952.92	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,952.92</b>

**Receipts**

Town of Reading - Cemetery Maintenance	\$13,110.00	
Grant	\$750.00	
Plot Sales	\$500.00	
Tree Work Reimbursement	\$1,700.00	
Donations	\$555.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$16,615.00</b>

**Disbursements**

Cemetery Maintenance	
Baileys Mills	\$4,250.00
New Amsden	\$1,317.50
Old Amsden	\$1,120.00
Sawyer (Weld)	\$620.00
So. Reading & Ackley Ext	\$977.50
Spear	\$2,690.00
Swain	\$1,205.00
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Total Maintenance	\$12,180.00

Miscellaneous	
To Perpetual Care CD	\$150.00
Workers Comp Ins	\$400.00
Misc. Paul Hutt	\$300.00
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Total Miscellaneous	\$850.00

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,030.00</b>
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<b>Balance as of 6/30/17</b>	<b>\$7,537.92</b>
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Funds restricted due to donor requirements:  
    Bailey's Mills stone work only -- \$5,000

**Delinquent Tax Report as of December 19, 2017**  
**Amounts Due Include Interest and Penalties**

<b>2015 - Delinquent Taxes</b>	
Collins, Larry	
<b>TOTAL for 2015</b>	<b>\$2,240.21</b>

<b>2016 - Delinquent Taxes</b>	
Allen, Harold	
Barton, Edwin	
Collins, Larry	
Grindlay, Jeffery C	
<b>TOTAL for 2016</b>	<b>\$6,989.86</b>

<b>2017 - Delinquent Taxes</b>	
Allen, Harold	
Ballou, Jason	
Bartlett, Michael	
Barton, Edwin	
Bishop, Clifford	
Collins, Larry	
Cormier, Lisa	
Cyphers, Helen E	
Ford, David W Jr	
Grindlay, Jeffrey C	
Hernon, Brian P	
Hodgkinson Family	
Kenison, Shannon	
Murray, Todd	
Newman, Ronald	
Pellet Property	
Pierce, Douglas	
Reading Heights	
Spittle, Laura	
Stevens, Peggy	
Stevens, Matthew	
Thompson, Russell	
Wright, Joseph, J	
<b>TOTAL for 2017</b>	<b>\$59,486.66</b>

2015	\$2,240.21
2016	\$6,989.86
2017	<u>\$59,486.66</u>
<b>Grand Total All Delinquent Tax</b>	<b>\$68,716.73</b>

# Reading Library Treasurer's Report

## Fiscal Y-E'17

<b>Total funds allocated to Library from Town</b>		<b>\$29,280.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Salary	\$17,129.32
	Approved overtime	\$2,433.96
	Technology	\$2,453.65
	Materials	\$1,332.71
	Grounds Keeping	\$1,125.59
	Heat	\$1,011.22
	Electricity	\$1,004.47
	Phone	\$813.03
	Supplies	\$632.07
	Septic	\$460.00
	Cleaning	\$360.00
	Programs	\$236.24
	Postage	\$154.44
	Elevator Inspection	\$150.00
	Maintenance	\$35.00
	Fees, Interest, Refund	(\$51.70)
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b><u>\$29,280.00</u></b>
<b>Balance</b>	-	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Library Checking Account</b>		
<b>Balance as of July 1, 2016</b>		<b>\$9,512.78</b>
<b>Income</b>		
	Donations	\$6,154.00
	CD Interest	\$10.16
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,164.16</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Exterior Repair	\$1,326.00
	Elevator Repair	\$992.50
	Programs	\$402.09
	Appeal Letter	\$350.44
	Internet	\$200.00
	Electricity	\$153.26
	Telephone	\$73.94
	Cleaning	\$45.00
	Grounds Keeping	\$23.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3566.23</b>
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2017</b>		<b>\$12,110.71</b>
<b>Other Accounts:</b>		
Interest Bearing CD (Marjorie Swain Gift)		<b>\$5,000.00</b>

## **Reading Listers Annual Report 2017**

### **2017 As Billed Grand List Statistics:**

Total Town Properties = 619

Taxable Properties = 525

Taxable Homesteads = 224

Total Grand List As Billed Value = \$1,292,768.22

The Town's 2017 Common Level of Appraisal is 101.093

### **2017 Current Use:**

There are currently 96 Parcels enrolled in the Current Use Program. Total acreage in Current Use is 13,156.57 acres with a land use exempt amount of \$27,286,832.00

### **2017 Technology:**

The Vermont Tax Department implemented a new tax software program that impacted HS122 filings and current use processing which resulted in a number of delays. As of November 2017 the information downloads are up-to-date for Reading.

More frequently parcel information is now found on the State Tax Department website and these documents are no longer being sent to the Listers in a hard copy form.

Expanding on-line programs and resources require continual upgrading of the Listers Office hardware and ongoing education.

### **2017 Continuing Education:**

The Listers continue to attend classes and workshops to remain current on any changes that impact Lister responsibilities in technology and software.

### **2017 Inspections:**

The Listers continue to analyze PVR's Annual Sales Report to identify trends in the various sales categories that impact values. Value changes are made when these trends are identified and verified using ratio study data.

Respectfully submitted by,

John Fike  
Penny Allyn  
Richard Sullivan

Listers Explanation of Current 2017 Grand List				
Fair Market and Listed Value of Real Estate and Personal Property				
Category	#Units	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
Residential I	149	\$25,233,900	\$17,308,900	\$7,925,000
Residential II	205	\$98,647,500	\$42,632,500	\$56,015,000
Mobile Homes L	9	\$807,100	\$247,700	\$559,400
Vacation Homes I	17	\$715,700	\$54,000	\$661,700
Vacation Homes II	20	\$3,058,400	\$184,000	\$2,874,400
Commercial	6	\$946,200	\$75,800	\$870,400
Utilities-E	1	\$2,096,400	\$0	\$2,096,400
Farm	4	\$8,594,800	\$1,389,300	\$7,205,500
Woodland	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	102	\$15,304,000	\$18,800	\$15,285,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>\$155,404,000</b>	<b>\$61,911,000</b>	<b>\$93,493,000</b>
Personal Property				
Cable	1	\$188,939		\$188,939
Machinery & Equipment	11	\$1,006,415		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$1,195,354</b>		<b>\$188,939</b>
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>\$156,599,354</b>	<b>\$61,911,000</b>	<b>\$93,681,939</b>
Education Grand List				
Homestead Education		\$56,696,845	X 1%	\$566,968
Non-Residential Education		\$71,603,562	X 1%	\$716,036
<b>Total Educational Grand List</b>				<b>\$1,283,004</b>

Listers Explanation of 2016 Grand List				
Fair Market and Listed Value of Real Estate and Personal Property				
Category	#Units	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
Residential I	150	\$26,525,300	\$17,194,600	\$9,330,700
Residential II	204	\$104,133,300	\$45,330,000	\$58,803,300
Mobile Homes L	9	\$822,000	\$414,200	\$407,800
Vacation Homes I	18	\$793,200	\$0	\$793,200
Vacation Homes II	20	\$3,132,600	\$184,000	\$2,948,600
Commercial	6	\$1,008,800	\$75,800	\$933,000
Utilities-E	1	\$2,150,500	\$0	\$2,150,500
Farm	4	\$8,999,100	\$1,480,800	\$7,518,300
Woodland	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	103	\$15,912,800	\$18,800	\$15,894,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>\$163,477,600</b>	<b>\$64,698,200</b>	<b>\$98,779,400</b>
Personal Property				
Cable	1	\$421,164		\$421,164
Machinery & Equipment	11	\$1,005,850		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$1,427,014</b>		<b>\$421,164</b>
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>\$164,904,614</b>	<b>\$64,698,200</b>	<b>\$99,200,564</b>
Education Grand List				
Homestead Education		\$57,557,870	X 1%	\$575,579
Non-Residential Education		\$75,362,120	X 1%	\$753,621
<b>Total Educational Grand List</b>				<b>\$1,329,200</b>

### Robinson Hall Maintenance Account

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>7/1/2016</b>	<b>\$ 58,486.74</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
	Post Office Rent	\$ 5,568.96
	Hall Rentals	\$ 550.00
	For Restoration	\$ 20,000.00
	Interest	\$ 39.28
	Expenses paid by Town	\$ 13,482.50
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 39,640.74</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
	Electricity	\$ 1,500.10
	Propane & Oil	\$ 3,890.51
	Maintenance	\$ 7,535.00
	Mats	\$ 946.25
	Miscellaneous	\$ 268.75
	Security/Fire Protection	\$ 453.00
	Supplies	\$ 371.65
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,965.26</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>6/30/2017</b>	<b>\$ 83,162.22</b>
<b>Restricted Funds \$40,000.00 for building maintenance</b>		

### Robinson Hall Trust Annual Report Interest Earnings & Fund Balance

Year End Ending Date	YE 2015 12/31/2015	YE 2016 12/31/2016	YE2017 12/31/2017
Principal Balance	\$ 6,735.48	\$ 6,735.48	\$ 5,000.00
Savings Account Bal.	\$ 1,578.47	\$ 1,632.69	\$ 3,414.92
Total Beginning Balance	\$ 8,313.95	\$ 8,368.17	\$ 8,414.92
Interest Earned	\$ 54.22	\$ 46.75	\$ 39.91
Payment to Town	\$ -	\$ -	
Trustees Fees	\$ -	\$ -	
Transferred from Trust to Savings	\$ -	\$ 1,735.48	
Retained by Trust	\$ -	\$ -	
Ending Savings Balance	\$ 1,632.69	\$ 3,414.92	\$ 3,454.83
Reserved to avoid monthly service fees	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Available to the Town</b>	<b>\$ 1,382.69</b>	<b>\$ 3,164.92</b>	<b>\$ 3,204.83</b>
Ending Principal Balance	\$ 6,735.48	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Ending Savings Balance	\$ 1,632.69	\$ 3,414.92	\$ 3,454.83
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,368.17</b>	<b>\$ 8,414.92</b>	<b>\$ 8,454.83</b>

*Robert K. Allen, Trustee*



**Special Town Funds**

**CLAUDE W. BARTLEY MEMORIAL FUND**

Balance 07/01/16	\$	321.40
Interest	\$	<u>0.24</u>
Balance 06/30/17	\$	321.64

**SUSAN E. ALLEN FUND**

Balance 07/01/16	\$	5,087.30
Interest	\$	2.52
Checks	\$	0.00
Deposits	\$	0.00
Balance 06/30/17	\$	<u>5,089.82</u>

**SUSAN E. BARTLET FUND**

Balance 07/01/16	\$	629.26
Interest	\$	<u>0.46</u>
Balance 06/30/17	\$	629.72

**FLAG FUND**

Balance 07/01/16	\$	1,129.46
Interest	\$	0.63
Flags purchased	\$	0.00
Donations	\$	<u>495.77</u>
Balance 06/30/17	\$	1,625.86

**Trustee of Public Funds  
Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

**Indian Stones Permanent Fund (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/16	\$	12,166.88
Interest Income	\$	42.56
Maint of Stone	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Balance as of 6/30/17	\$	12,209.44
Restricted Funds	\$	5,000.00

**Lumber Trust (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/16	\$	27,842.73
Interest Income	\$	<u>97.24</u>
Balance as of 6/30/17	\$	27,939.97
Restricted Funds	\$	23,035.00

**Town Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/16	\$	23,743.14
Interest Income	\$	71.34
Plot Sales	\$	<u>150.00</u>
Balance as of 6/30/17	\$	23,964.48
Restricted Funds	\$	22,668.03

**S. Reading Cemetery Loveland Trust (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/16	\$	21,387.81
Interest Income	\$	<u>64.22</u>
Balance as of 6/30/17	\$	21,452.03
Restricted Funds	\$	20,000.00

**Historical Society CD # 1**

Opening Balance 7/15/16	\$	25,080.33
Interest Income	\$	<u>87.64</u>
Balance as of 6/30/17	\$	25,167.97

**Historical Society CD # 2**

Opening Balance 7/15/16	\$	25,114.92
Interest Income	\$	<u>125.42</u>
Balance as of 6/30/17	\$	25,240.34

Respectfully submitted Trustees

*James Bartlett*

*Curt Allen*

*Howard Sanderson, Jr.*

<b>Taxes Voted Fiscal Year 2016-2017</b>
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<b>ARTICLE 6</b>	Selectboard's Budget	\$ 607,142.50
<b>ARTICLE 7</b>	Green Up	\$ 75.00
<b>ARTICLE 8</b>	Woodstock Job Bank	\$ 300.00
<b>ARTICLE 9</b>	OCP	\$ 1,500.00
<b>ARTICLE 10</b>	Pentangle	\$ 800.00
<b>ARTICLE 11</b>	Spectrum Teen Center	\$ 750.00
<b>ARTICLE 12</b>	The Current	\$ 350.00
<b>ARTICLE 13</b>	Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH	\$ 3,900.00
<b>ARTICLE 14</b>	Volunteers in Action	\$ 175.00
<b>ARTICLE 15</b>	Windsor County Partners	\$ 500.00
<b>ARTICLE 18</b>	Elementary School \$ 1,059,547	
	Homestead Education Tax Credit	\$ 317,871.69
	School tax retained by Municipality	\$ 1,558.38
	School Local Share Tax High School & Elementary	\$ 1,560,374.00
	School State Wide Tax	\$ 273,307.93
<b>TOTAL TAXES VOTED</b>		<b>\$ 2,768,604.50</b>

**Statement of Taxes Raised  
Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

<b>GRAND LIST:</b>	Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,334,931.15
	Homestead Grand List	\$ 551,374.70
	Non-Residential Grand List	\$ 773,497.95
	Municipal Tax Rate	0.4616
	Homestead Education Tax Rate	1.7556
	Non-Resident Educational Tax Rate	1.5197
<b>GRAND LIST</b>	Municipal 1,334,931.15 X .4616 =	\$ 616,204.22
<b>(Rate per \$100)</b>	Homestead 551,374.70 X 1.7556 =	\$ 967,993.42
	Non-Res. 773,497.95 X 1.5197 =	\$ 1,175,484.83
<b>Total Grand List</b>		<b>\$ 2,759,682.47</b>

<b>TAXES VOTED:</b>	\$ 2,768,604.50
<b>TAXES ASSESSED:</b>	<u>\$ 2,759,682.47</u>
Amount taxes assessed over taxes voted	\$ (8,922.03)

## Town Clerk Report

Dog Licenses Issued 01/01/2017 - 12/31/2017		
Type	Quantity	Funds Collected
Spayed	72	\$648.00
Neutered	72	\$648.00
Males	8	\$104.00
Females	9	\$117.00
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Total	161	\$1,517.00
Late Fees		\$70.00
Less State Fees Paid		-\$793.00
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Retained Fees		\$794.00

Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017	
Copy & Fax	\$1,268.50
Dog Registrations	\$844.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$70.25
Green Mountain Passport	\$8.00
Informer	\$1,425.00
Liquor License	\$255.00
Marriage License	\$30.00
Motor Vehicle	\$39.00
Recording & Vault Time	\$6,360.50
Transfer Station Stickers	\$210.00
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Total Fees Collected	\$10,510.25

Town Clerk Report  
Land Recordings Fiscal 2017

Administrators Deed	1
Assignments	9
Certificate of Trust	4
Complaint	1
Corrective Warranty Deed	1
CPC Notice	1
Current Use	10
Death Certificate	3
Delegation of Authority	1
Discharge	38
Dismissal Order	1
Drilled Well	1
Easement	1
Final Decree of Distribution	1
Indenture	1
License to Sell Real Estate	1
Lien Release	5
Loan Modification Indenture	1
Mortgage Deed	33
Notice of Redemption	1
Partial Discharge	1
Petition	1
Power of Attorney	9
Quit Claim Deeds	9
Release of Writ	1
Right of First Refusal	1
Tax Lien	8
Tax Sale Report	1
Tax Warrant	1
Vacated	1
Warranty Deed	23
Wastewater Permit	5
Zoning	19

Total Recordings	195
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# Town Organizations Reports

## ECFiber Report

Reading is a member of ECFiber, the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, Vermont's first Communications Union District. ECFiber is owned by its 24 member towns, and is self-sustaining. Local taxpayer funds cannot be used to subsidize the District's operations.

In April 2017 the District completed a \$14.5 million offering of Series 2017A Bonds to refinance the remaining original debt, cover 2017 capital expenditures, and complete the design and make ready for 250 miles of construction in 2018. As of Dec 2017, 529 miles of fiber-optic network had been built and "lit" in parts of 21 member towns, serving about 2300 customers including approximately **11** so far in Reading. ECFiber plans to continue to raise capital through the municipal bond market in 2018, 2019, and 2020, and to complete 1400 miles of network covering all underserved locations in its 24 towns by 2020. ECFiber is pleased to offer:

- Reliable high Internet speeds, which are symmetrical (the same in each direction) and are not "up to" as offered by other providers
- Simple, stable pricing with no contracts, fine print, or data caps. Over the last two years ECFiber has increased its speeds but not its prices.
- Local and personable customer service. Phones are answered by an employee during business hours without an automated queue.
- Local ownership and control - governing board members meet monthly to set policy and are actively involved in promoting ECFiber within the community.
- Valued community services. For example, ECFiber offers over 25 community anchor institutions (schools, town facilities, and libraries) its highest level of service for its lowest monthly fee.

In 2017 ECFiber continued its practice of raising speeds but not prices, by announcing that the District's tiers of service would now be set at 17/40/200/700 Mbps.

The ECFiber network is available in Reading along VT Route 106 – heading north of Route 44. Additionally we're pleased to announce that we're actively working towards connecting all of Spring Brook Farm & the fire station.

Be sure to subscribe today if you are interested in service, and tell your neighbors. Please sign-up today by going to [www.ecfiber.net](http://www.ecfiber.net) and clicking on "Subscribe Now."

By supporting/subscribing to ECFiber you are supporting a movement that was birthed out of member towns in Vermont fed-up with being underserved by slow internet. ECFiber is the only telecommunications provider that has committed to bring fiber internet to every household in Reading. For additional information, visit the website, email or call the office or Reading's delegate (John Malcolm) to the ECFiber Governing Board.

Website: [www.ECFiber.net](http://www.ECFiber.net) | Office: (802) 763-2262 | Email: [support@ecfiber.net](mailto:support@ecfiber.net)  
 Delegate: John Malcolm | 802-356-0114 | [reading@ecfiber.net](mailto:reading@ecfiber.net)

## Felchville Cemetery Report

We note with sadness the passing of Duane Wyman, the longtime Trustee and Chairperson of the Felchville Cemetery Association. Duane devoted countless hours to the management and upkeep of the Cemetery.

The Felchville Cemetery is Reading's 'other' cemetery. The association was incorporated November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1858 dedicated to those who were dying in the growing village of Felchville.

There are three trustees in charge of upkeep of the cemetery and sale of burial plots. Official business is carried out at the Annual Meeting of the Association held on the last Tuesday in April each year. Anyone who owns a burial plot or has relatives buried at the Felchville Cemetery is eligible to participate as a member of the Association.

There are still a few burial plots and a number of cremation plots available for Reading residents. For more information, contact one of the three trustees.

Audrey Halpert, Trustee, Chairperson	484-7376
Howard Sanderson, Jr, Trustee/acting treasurer	484-5548
Nathan Willard, Trustee	484-0094
Jane Cleveland, Secretary	484-9630

## Fire Wardens Report

There were **89** burn permits issued this year. Due to your cooperation we experienced no out of control burns.

It is mandatory that a permit be received each time you burn on the day you plan to burn. They are obtained from the Town Fire Warden. Permits can only be issued for burning brush or scrap untreated lumber. Remember, burn barrels are illegal!

Thank you for your cooperation so we may continue to prevent forest fires.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nathan Willard*

Fire Warden  
484-0094



## Memorial Day Committee 2017 Report

To the Town of Reading:

The Memorial Day Committee ensures that Reading's fallen veterans and those who died while in defense of our freedom are honored during the last Monday in May, known as Memorial Day. The tradition at Arlington, in Washington D.C. is called "flags in" placing flags one foot away and centered in front of the graves. These exact sized flags are placed in the selected cemeteries listed below in Reading. These are purchased annually by the Town and placed at:

- ◇ Swain Cemetery on Brown School House Road
- ◇ Sawyer Cemetery on Weld Cemetery Road
- ◇ South Reading Cemetery on Malagash Road
- ◇ Amsden Cemetery on Hurricane Hill Road
- ◇ Spears Cemetery on Spears Cemetery Road
- ◇ Bailey's Mill Cemetery on Bailey's Mills Road
- ◇ Buck Cemetery off Route 106

Additional flags are placed at the Town Hall Veteran's Monument, Bartley Field Monument and those markers near the grave stones that may have service as veterans or been part of an auxiliary. The flags in Reading, are later removed in November, just after Veteran's Day.

Here are a few ways to celebrate Memorial Day:

- ◇ Visit cemeteries and place flags or flowers on graves of our fallen heroes
- ◇ Visit memorials such as the Vietnam Memorial at the Sharon Rest Area, northbound along I-89
- ◇ Prepare appropriate grave marker stands near Veterans grave stones to receive flags
- ◇ Fly the United States Flag at half-staff till noon
- ◇ Fly the POW/MIA Flag
- ◇ Participate in a "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3:00 pm to pause and think upon the true meaning of the day and for Taps to be played
- ◇ Renew a pledge to aid the widows, widowers and orphans of our fallen dead and to aid the disabled veterans



Respectfully Submitted,

**MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

*Patrick McLean*





Photo: Barbara Rhoad of Brownsville applies beads of epoxy to base of headstone before upper tablet is replaced.

## Cemetery Commissioners' 2017 Town Report

Town cemeteries had another busy year! We continued to make solid headway with both our preservation goals as well as tightening up the procedural aspects governing Reading's nine cemeteries (e.g. sales, internments, communication, and record keeping).

Here are a few examples:

- Stone wall repairs were made at Old Amsden.
- Training workshops (open to the public) were used to complete restoration of 24 historical grave markers at Spear and South Reading cemeteries.
- A new set of wood gates were installed at South Reading cemetery as an Eagle Scout project.
- Donated drone flights over five of the town cemeteries provided low-level aerial photographs for use in constructing cemetery guides.

Although the physical accomplishments tend to visibly stand out, we would also like to recognize the important role partnerships have played again this year. Donations of materials and money, time and energy have not only made a huge difference in what could be completed – but perhaps more importantly, continued to build a sense of ownership and community around the town burial grounds. John Holley Jr. donated funds to help Eagle Scout applicant Ben Blanchard and his troop replace the old South Reading cemeteries gates. Joe Boucher-Gorman generously donated his time, drone, and pilot expertise to get aerial pictures of our cemeteries. Barbara Rhoad, Wayne Geise, and Hillary Dees spent two days of their time during the hottest part of September to repair headstones in South Reading Cemetery. The Commissioners would also like to acknowledge Stephen D'Agostino and his support in his monthly Vermont Standard article. He has done an incredible job bringing attention to activities in the Reading community, which occasionally includes events happening in our cemeteries.

But this is just a start! As partnerships build so does momentum. We already have some great activities planned for next year with plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Want more information?

Directions to Reading's cemeteries can be found on the town website under 'Cemeteries of Reading'. Much of the information recorded on the grave stones themselves can be found on the Find a Grave website ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)).

The Cemetery Commissioners' Annual Report can be found on the town website and includes a detailed list of annual accomplishments, budget, and upcoming projects for the next three years.

Adopt-a-Cemetery – from mowing, trimming, stone cleaning, stone repair, photography, transcriptions, record keeping, and donations – there are needs suited to all skill levels, ages, and abilities.

Stop by a Cemetery Commissioners' meeting. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the town hall building. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Meeting agendas are posted one week in advance of all meetings. Meeting minutes are posted on the town website.

Talk with a Cemetery Commissioner – our names and phone numbers can be found on the town website under 'Cemeteries of Reading'.

We encourage everyone to visit at least one of these unique public places to appreciate the value they add to our town. Put it on your VT bucket list!

Respectfully submitted by current Town of Reading Cemetery Commissioners,

Adam Kozlowski (Chair) 2018

Susan Goodhouse 2019

Kevin Kaija, 2020

## Reading Energy Committee Report

The Reading Energy Committee could use a few more members – anyone interested in helping town residents and municipal buildings to save energy and reduce our carbon footprint should contact Becky Basch at [rebeccabasch@comcast.net](mailto:rebeccabasch@comcast.net).

In 2017, the Reading Energy Coordinator worked with the Ascutney Area Sustainability Collaborative (Cavendish, Weathersfield, Windsor, West Windsor, and Reading) on the Vital Communities Weatherize program. Through this program, 4 households in Reading and 16 total in the 5-town region signed on to complete weatherization projects. Generally, these projects consisted of air sealing and insulation of attics and basements, as well as energy audits to measure the reduction in heat loss that the projects achieved. The program offered free home visits by the partner contractors who provided estimates for energy improvements. These contractors also helped homeowners to apply for low interest “heat saver” loans through the Vermont State Credit Union, and qualified them for up to \$2,000 in rebates through Efficiency Vermont. Although the deadline for the Weatherize program has passed, there are several qualified contractors in the area who will conduct site visits in order to provide estimates for insulation and weatherization in your home, and heat saver loans are still available through Efficiency Vermont and VSECU. For a listing of certified efficiency contractors, go to [www.efficiencyvermont.org](http://www.efficiencyvermont.org).

According to the Community Energy Dashboard – [www.vtenergydashboard.org](http://www.vtenergydashboard.org) – there are currently 12 solar sites in Reading! The Energy Coordinator will continue to share information on solar incentives and Solarize programs that can offer additional cost savings to local residents. We encourage all town residents to sign up on the Community Energy Dashboard to report any actions you have taken to weatherize, solarize, or otherwise reduce your energy usage. We will be using the dashboard and updating it more in the coming year.

In 2018, the Energy Coordinator and Reading Planning Commission will be working with Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission on an enhanced Energy Plan for the Town. Act 174 established a new set of municipal and regional planning standards, which if met allow these entities “substantial deference” in Section 248 review of energy projects. The process of developing the enhanced energy plan will include an analysis of resources and needs across all energy sectors including electric, thermal, and transportation; and must include identification of potential areas for the development and siting of renewable energy resources and areas that are unsuitable for siting of those resources.

If the State is going to achieve the goal of 90% renewable energy by the year 2050, all towns must participate in conservation and conversion to renewable energy for our power needs. Stay tuned for notices of the Reading Energy Committee in Front Porch Forum and the Reading Informer, and contact Becky Basch at [rebeccabasch@comcast.net](mailto:rebeccabasch@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping our town to achieve a sustainable energy future.

Becky Basch



## Reading Fire and Rescue Annual Report of 2017

Another year has gone by and we want to thank you for all your continued support. Without this support, Reading Vol. Fire & Rescue would not be possible, again THANK YOU.

As of this writing for the year 2017 Reading Fire & Rescue responded to 46 calls.

At the present time Reading Fire & Rescue has 23 members. Currently the department has (7) certified firefighter 1, (4) certified firefighter 2, (8) EMR's , (2) EMT's and (2) AEMT's.

Major purchases for this past year: The Department purchase 1000 ft. of large diameter hose in an effort to start replacing 13 year old hose.

This years Old Home Day was once again a great success, the weather was perfect. Again, without the help from the residents of the community and all the volunteers this would not be possible, thank you all. Mark your calendars we will be holding our annual **Old Home Days on Sunday, July 1st 2018.**

Officers of the Department:

Chief:	Gary Vittum
Deputy Chief:	Curt Allen
Asst. Chief:	Alan Dutton
Captain:	Kevin Nunan
Lieutenant:	Eric Joyal
EMS Director:	Don Scullin
Secretary:	Deb Scullin
Treasurer Fire Dept.:	Bill Springer
EMS Training Officer:	Molly Brockman
EMS Equipment Officer:	Eric Joyal
Moderator:	Andy Palazzo

Please remember that **SMOKE DETECTORS and CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS do save lives** so please install these two important detectors in your home.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gary Vittum*

Chief – Reading Fire and Rescue





**Fully Involved**

## **Reading Fire Department Auxiliary**

Hello Reading Residents,

The auxiliary consists of thirteen members who vary in ages and life responsibilities. This gives us flexibility to be available at different times as needed. We meet the first Monday of most every month, at 7 PM in the fire station. You do not need a fire affiliation to join, just stop in at a meeting or contact me for further details.

2017 was a quiet year for us, which is a good thing for our community. We hosted our now annual family fire BBQ at the station in September. It is nice to see all the members and families enjoying some down time after their hard work as well.

In October, we supported the Fire Department during a weekend training session hosted by Reading. The training was for farm equipment accidents and was attended by five area departments as well as Reading. We served lunch on both days, which was well received by eighteen hungry trainees.

Together we have outfitted the fire station kitchen with functional equipment allowing our response to be much easier and more organized. We created "to go" kits that keep together the equipment we need to serve at a fire event.

In closing I would like to thank the members of the auxiliary for their hard work throughout the years. Thank you all, for the ways you have contributed to make the auxiliary function so well.

*Kate E. Allen*

President Reading Fire Department Auxiliary

# *READING HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

*PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE*



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READING, VERMONT

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

This was another active and exciting year for the Reading Historical Society. We continue to touch our Town's history in many ways. I would like to thank our two retiring officers, Jim Bartlett, treasurer and Eleanor Grice, secretary for their hard work to the Society. Our new officers coming on the board are Liesbeth Kozlowski, treasurer and Charline Hagar, secretary.

Jim was instrumental in pulling together vendors for the refinishing of the hard wood floors upstairs in the museum and the installation of propane furnaces downstairs. Before the floors could be finished we had to remove the pews, pull up old carpeting and pull tiny nails out of the floor on our hands and knees. Thank you to Nate and Linda Willard for helping us on that project. We moved four of the pews to the auditorium in the Town Hall where they can be used.

In March, the sale of the old RHS building was warned to be voted on at Town Meeting. This was a positive vote. In May we had the old building torn down, the landscape fixed and the property was sold to the Town for \$42,000. Much of this money will go back into the museum for renovation work.

In June we established our mission statement: The Reading Historical Society, founded in 1953; is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 member supported organization, dedicated to the preservation of the history of the Town of Reading and community enrichment through citizen participation.

We worked hard to get the display cases moved upstairs from storage and filled with artifacts. In July, for the Old Home Days, we were able to open the doors to our new museum to the public. Sam and Eleanor Grice hosted people from in town and out of town who enjoyed seeing our new location. Several people brought us items to donate to the collection. We appreciate that as we continue to collect our history. We continued to open our doors to the public Tuesday evenings in July, August and September. In October the work on the furnaces was started by R.E. Hinckley and will be completed by the end of this winter. Thank you to Garrett Mulder and Gary Macia for their expertise in building the special fire rated room that will house the furnaces.

On August 20, Jacqueline LeDonne and Matthew Von Unwerth were married by Jon Springer at the Universalist Church. They used the beautiful stained glass window as the backdrop for their ceremony. Congratulations Jackie and Matt.

For the society's hard work, the League of Local Historical Societies & Museums recognized the Reading Historical Society with an Award of Excellence in the category of Historic Preservation & Collections Care. In addition, society President, Esther Allen, was awarded a Special Distinction for all her hard work. These awards were presented at the annual meeting of the LLHSM on October 28th.

On December 2, Stephen D'Agostino hosted the 2nd annual Holiday Bazaar as a fund raiser at the elementary school. Thank you to Diane Bennett for donating handmade holiday greens and bows that we raffled off to raise funds.

2018 is the 65th Anniversary of the Reading Historical Society's founding. We are grateful to Sherman M. Howe Sr. and Maude Edwards for having the foresight to start the preservation of Reading's history.

Esther Allen, President

Scott Harkins, Vice-President

James Bartlett, Treasurer

Eleanor Grice, Secretary

Directors: Robert Allen, Sam Grice, Stephen D'Agostino, Calista Brennan



Want to make a donation or join the Historical Society .....

Complete this form and make your check payable to:

***Reading Historical Society, Inc.***

C/O Treasurer, RHS  
P.O. Box 44  
Reading, VT 05062-0044

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I don't wish to become a member, but would like to make a donation to your efforts of preserving Reading's history. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Options - please select one

INDIVIDUAL \$15.00 _____	INDIVIDUAL SENIOR CITIZEN \$10.00 _____
FAMILY \$20.00 _____	SUSTAINING \$100.00 _____
	INDIVIDUAL LIFE MEMBER \$200.00 _____

Member (s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_



Pencil  
drawing  
of the old  
RHS  
building.  
Artist  
unknown

## Planning and Development Commission Zoning Board of Adjustment 2017

I was talking to my neighbor the other day and he told me he went to the Planning Commission meeting last month.

"How was it?" I asked.

"I was very disappointed," he said. "I went to the meeting because I had heard they ordered take-out food from that new local restaurant, The Meeting Place. However, when the Chair called the meeting ... to order, all they did was talk about zoning changes."

The Reading Zoning Ordinance, the Reading Town Plan, and the topics the Planning Commission discusses at its monthly meetings may not suit everyone's taste, but they all are important to the town and its future. Please attend one of our meetings to learn more about any of them ... but have your dinner first.

Reading's Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Town Hall Dining Room. Occasionally, when our meeting falls on a holiday, we meet at an alternate time and alert the public through our meeting minutes and post a notice in the Town Hall. The business of each meeting is outlined in an Agenda that we post no later than the Wednesday before that meeting. Often our meeting minutes are too long to print in full in the Informer. If that happens, a briefer versions appears in the Informer and we post the full version on the Planning Commission page of the Reading website. We also deliver a copy to the Town Clerk for posting in the Town Hall. Please read the minutes to follow the work of the Commission and attend a meeting if you have any questions or concerns. If you prefer to contact us online, our email address is [readingvt.plancomm@gmail.com](mailto:readingvt.plancomm@gmail.com).

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets as needed to hear requests for conditional use permits or variances. We warn ZBA hearings at least fifteen days in advance in accordance with Vermont's open meeting rules. The ZBA did not meet during 2017.

The Reading Planning Commission has worked on amending the Town's Zoning Ordinance (ZO) since January of 2016 with the help of the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC). As consultants, they help insure the ZO supports the 2015 Town Plan and is up to date with current Vermont zoning law. The Commission approved a final draft of the amended ZO at its November, 2017 meeting and will hold a public hearing on the proposed changes on January 8, 2018. Some of the major changes to the Ordinance are in the following sections: subdivision regulations, the ridgeline protection district, flood hazard regulations, telecommunications, and the addition of a wildlife protection district. The Commission also reviewed the town's zoning boundaries and made adjustments that will align them as much as possible with parcel boundaries.

At the September meeting, the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development presented information on Village Center Designation. Following the presentation and with the support of the Selectboard, the Planning Commission decided to apply for the designation. Benefits of Reading having a designated Village Center include eligibility for technical assistance for local planning and revitalization efforts, priority standing for state grants, and tax credits for improvements to commercial properties.

RPDC chairman      – Stephen Strait

ZBA chairman      – Ken Cox

## Reading Public Library

First, I want to thank everyone associated with the restoration of the century-old letters above the library portico: Jr. Sanderson and Jane Cleveland, who alerted us that the letters were gold leaf; jeweler Nick Ferro, who confirmed it; trustee Libbet Downs, who halted the exterior painters before the letters were covered over completely; Garrett Mulder, who, along with Jr. and Jane, encouraged us to preserve this important part of the building's legacy; trustee Vanessa Maxham, who talked to her father, builder Gary Macia, about removing the letters so they could be evaluated; Gary Macia, who painstakingly removed the old letters, many of them cracked or broken, free of charge; trustee Peter Seman, who researched the restoration costs; trustee Bill Bakker, whose photographs were used to help fundraise for the effort; trustee Milde Waterfall, who got in touch with and served as library point person for the outfit who did the work; Ron Wanamaker and Jason Mayo, who repaired and restored the letters and the gold leaf; and finally, Christine and Andrew Hall, who responded to a letter I wrote by paying half the project costs.

There is now a folder in the library's vertical file with the heading "Gold Leaf Letters: Front of Bldg." Inside, along with details of the restoration, are photos of the letters and an explanation of what gold leaf is. We want to insure that information so essential to the aesthetic value and integrity of the building is a part of the permanent written record and is readily available to succeeding generations of trustees, librarians, and patrons.

This past year we joined the Catamount consortium, comprising 16 libraries big and small around the state. All of us are using the same web-based library management system, which helps library staff work more efficiently. Resource-sharing with other libraries is less cumbersome. We can generate useful reports that enable us to better direct our services to residents. Clerical tasks (tracking inventory, checking out and returning books, keeping up with overdue books, accessioning and de-accessioning items, reporting new books to the state, etc.) are streamlined and less prone to error. This allows us to focus less on paper work and more on patrons' needs, on programs, and on community outreach.

The system also provides additional and improved services to patrons 24/7. You can now search our catalog online via our website. You can also see what books you have out and when they're due, and you can renew them if you wish. You can update your account information, check your reading history, get tips and reviews on other books you might like, create reading lists of books you want to read, make suggestions for books you'd like the library to consider buying, and receive email notifications about overdue books and about books waiting for pick-up at the library. And you now have direct access to the 400,000-plus items belonging to Catamount libraries. If we don't have the book you want here but someone in the consortium does, you can request the book with a few keystrokes and it will be mailed to Reading library. Thanks to Maryann Allcroft, Jane Philpin, Janet Malcolm, Brooke James, Karen Smith, and Suzanne Crosby, whose contributions to the automation project are inestimable.

Cordially,

*Tony Pikramenos,*

Librarian

**Hours:** Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesdays 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. (closed 3:30 - 4)

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**Web:** [www.readinglibrary.org](http://www.readinglibrary.org).

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The Vermont Standard)





## Reading Recreation Commission Report

In early 2017, four people, strangers to each other, came together to re-form the Reading Recreation Commission. Lisa Kaija, a longtime resident and three relative newcomers to town—Joe Braun, Stephen D'Agostino, and Lisa Morrison, are your new commission members. Looking to foster the spirit of community through intergenerational activities, we are thrilled by the positive feedback we've received as well as the turnout at the events we've sponsored. Here are the highlights of our first year.

On April 15, we held our inaugural event, the **Reading Bunny Hop**. It was a beautiful day and great to see so many kids out searching for the hundreds of eggs we hid in obvious and not-so-obvious places in and around the field.

On Old Home Day, July 2, we ran the annual **Ducky Derby**. This year, the ducks finished in 1/4 mile swim down the North Branch of the Black River in record time thanks to the torrential rains from the day before. All 500 tickets sold as people put their trust in rubber ducks to win one of 40 prizes. The Ducky Derby is the commission's big fundraiser of the year. We raised over \$1700 to continue the commission's work.

On Wednesday evenings in July and August, Lisa Kaija hosted the Rec Commission-sponsored **Art in the Pavilion** at the school. On Thursday evenings in August and September, the commission hosted the **Produce Swap** on the town's new green space.

Perhaps our most popular event of the year was **Fright Night**, held on Halloween. Apart from the traditional pizza dinner, trick or treating, carved pumpkin judging, and fun and games in Robinson Hall, the commission also hosted Trunk or Treating. Six people who don't live in the village decked out their trunks in Halloween finery and gave out candy. The response was overwhelmingly positive. We will do this again next year, but we may need a bigger lot!

On December 1, the Rec Commission kicked off the holiday season with our **First Annual Tree Lighting** in the town's new green space. Upwards of 60 people, young and old, attended and enjoyed hot cider, hot cocoa, cookies, the town's first tree, and a festive community event.

Also in December, along with the library, the commission hosted **Caroling, Cocoa, and Cookies**. Dozens of kids and parents caroled around Felchville and then went to the library for refreshment, a Christmas story read by librarian Tony Pikramenos, and a visit from Santa. Like our other events, this is a great community gathering.

Finally, the commission hosted the **New Year's Eve Dance** at Robinson Hall. Entertainment included a DJ, a photo booth, and dessert bar. Despite sub-zero temperatures and lots of ongoing weather-related issues, approximately 45 people rang in the New Year with fellow residents of Reading, friends, and family.

Heartfelt thanks to many Reading residents who volunteered their time to put on these events. We certainly could not have done it without you.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Braun, Stephen D'Agostino, Lisa Kaija, and Lisa Morrison.

## ***Zoning Administrator's Report***

The calendar year of 2017 was a very quiet year with only 10 permits issued. The summary is listed below.

### **Zoning Permits**

1 barn addition and wrap around porch	1 deck
1 covered porch with stairs	1 new barn
1 garden shed, chicken coop & greenhouse	1 sign
1 addition to a porch	1 house addition
1 rebuild of a garage, adding a workshop	
1 house addition, new garage and wrap around deck	

The Listers review all property throughout the course of the year and have brought to my attention, two potential violations of building or changing the use of a building without a permit. These are being investigated and if found to be true, fines will be assessed. Remodeling a work shop, shed, garage or any other structure into living quarters is one example of a change of use. It is a very simple process to ask if a permit is required and I continue to wonder why people still feel they can just go ahead with building additions or new buildings without getting the required permits. I have learned that some contractors that do not live in Reading are telling people that no permit is needed, this is obviously not true and an attempt to get a job started. I advise everyone again that it is the homeowner's sole responsible for securing any permit required by either the Town and/or State of Vermont before any construction work is done on your property. An agent of the homeowner may apply for the permit; however he/she must then assure the Town that all information is true and correct on the application. The homeowner should advise the contractor what permits are required for the work they are planning. If there are any questions please call the Town Office or the Zoning Administrator.

The Planning Commission has finished their review of the Zoning Ordinance. Their first Public Hearing will be on January 8 2018. Hopefully all of you with questions or concerns attended that meeting and expressed your opinion.

In 2013 the VT Legislature amended **Sec 9 – 24 VSA – 4449, re Energy Standards, Zoning Permits and Certificates of Occupancy** - Provisions of this bill require administrative officers to provide applicants with building energy standards when issuing applicable zoning permits and also require the permittee to provide the administrator with the required Residential Building Efficiency Standards Certificate prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Free copies of the Vermont Residential Building Energy Code Handbook are available from the Department of Public Service (contact [kelly.launder@state.vt.us](mailto:kelly.launder@state.vt.us) )

There are many property owners who have built houses, camps, or made additions to your home that have not requested a review and a signed **Certificate of Occupancy**. Be advised that should you ever wish to sell, re-mortgage or in some way convey your property to another; the title search will discover that you do not have a certificate of occupancy and without it the conveyance could/will be delayed. I continue to get calls from lending institutions processing applications if there are any outstanding permit issues or permits lacking the required certificate of occupancy. If you think you may need a C-O-O please contact me and the issue can be resolved fairly quickly.

Copies of all Town ordinance's and regulations are available at the Town Office.

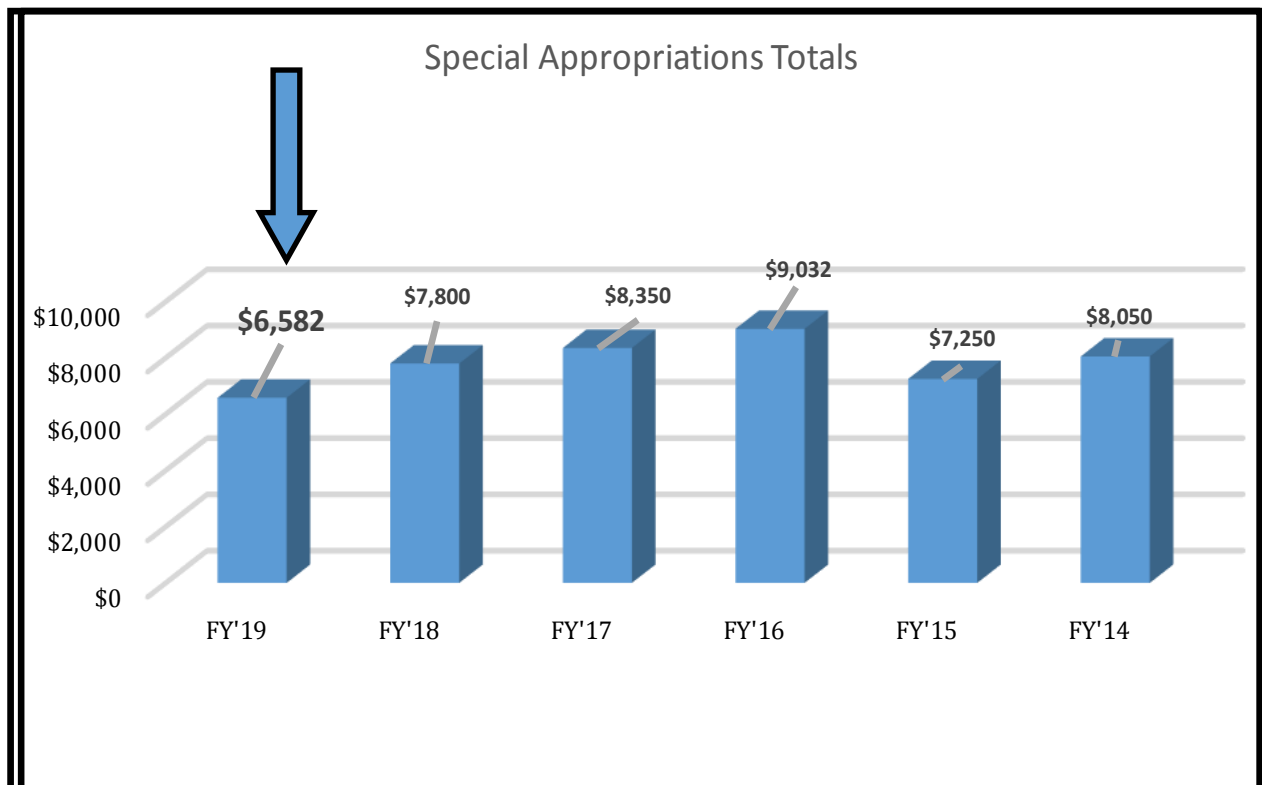
Submitted by,

*Robert Allen*

Zoning Administrator

# Special Appropriations Reports

Special Appropriation Requests	\$\$ Requested	\$\$ Requested	\$\$ Requested	\$\$ Requested	\$\$ Requested
	FY'19	FY'18	FY'17	FY'16	FY'15
Green Up Vermont	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$50
HCRS - Health Care & Rehabilitation	<b>\$707</b>			\$707	
Job Bank	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Ottawaquechee Comm Partnership		\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Pentangle Arts Council	\$800		\$800	\$800	
Spectrum Teen Center		\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
The Current		<b>\$500</b>	\$350	\$250	\$250
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT-NH	\$4,000	<b>\$4,000</b>	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900
Volunteers In Action	<b>\$200</b>	\$175	\$175	\$250	
Windsor County Partners	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>Total Requested</b>	\$6,582	\$7,800	\$8,350	\$9,032	\$7,250
Increase/Decrease over previous budget year	<b>(\$1,218)</b>	<b>(\$550)</b>	<b>(\$682)</b>	\$1,782	<b>(\$800)</b>



## Article 7 — \$75.00

### GREEN UP VERMONT

(802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259

[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)

[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

**Reading's Green Up Coordinator: Marie Anderson 484-3218 [mfkjanderson@gmail.com](mailto:mfkjanderson@gmail.com)**

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

### **Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,**

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

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

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



Green Up  
Vermont  
1970

## Article 8 \$ 707.00

### Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

#### Annual Report for Town of Reading

*Empowering individuals to reach their potential.*

**Our mission** is to provide creative, collaborative, and compassionate health care services that are responsive to the needs of our communities. We envision a community where people are inspired, empowered, and supported to lead healthy and meaningful lives.

Our seven guiding values are:

**Teamwork, Creativity, Integrity, Passion, Quality, Trust, and Wisdom**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windham and Windsor counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

**During FY17, HCRS provided 3,120 hours of services to 19 residents of the Town of Reading. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Reading.**

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

#### Contact Information

**Springfield Regional Office (Agency Headquarters)** 390 River Street Springfield, VT 05156  
(802) 886-4500 First Stop for Children's Services: (855) 220-9429 Fax: (802) 886-4580

[SpringfieldOffice@hcrs.org](mailto:SpringfieldOffice@hcrs.org)

**Hartford Regional Office** P.O. Box 709, 49 School Street Hartford, VT 05047 (802) 295-3031  
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[HartfordOffice@hcrs.org](mailto:HartfordOffice@hcrs.org)

Emergency Services - (800) 622-4235



## The Woodstock Area Job Bank

### Board of Directors

Sara Norcross, President  
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\_\_\_\_\_ We've left a space  
open for...you

### Staff

Beth Crowe, Director

### Location:

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8:30 am —2:30 pm

[www.woodstockjobbank.org](http://www.woodstockjobbank.org)  
[info@woodstockjobbank.org](mailto:info@woodstockjobbank.org)

## Article 9 \$ 300.00

### How are we funded?

**This year our funding request to the Town of Reading  
remains level at \$300; the same as the last 6 years.**

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

Since 1974 the Job Bank has helped many hundreds of people in the greater Woodstock community by matching those looking for work with those seeking workers. Today the jobs listed range from full-time professional to hourly household work. Workers are of all ages and skill levels. We're even helping to recruit volunteers for events and causes in our community.

Requests for workers continue to grow each year. There are over 500 active job seekers on our list and over 631 jobs posted by employers.

Our budget is limited and dependent on contributions from our community. This year our funding request remains level with last year. These funds will help toward operating expenses as we continue offering in-person, online, and telephone resources.

*We thank the town of Reading for its  
continued support!*

## Article 10 \$ 800.00



### Pentangle Arts Council

Since 1974 Pentangle Arts has provided arts and cultural experiences for the greater Woodstock region. We thank the residents of **Reading** for their continued support of our mission to provide engaging arts experiences for audiences of all ages. We are thrilled to once again offer live educational and entertaining programs for the residents of Reading.

This year our season featured:

- A puppet-making workshop for all Reading and Prosper Valley students, culminating in an evening performance at each school.
- The Dana Emmons Arts in Education Program featuring 3 live performances for area school children. Pentangle's contribution to Woodstock's Wassail Weekend, which includes the 15th Annual Holiday House Tour, a performance by Christmas with the Celts, and the 32th Annual Messiah Sing.
- A two-day residency with the Dance Theatre of Harlem attend by 620- students from 7 school's grades 4-12.
- Feature films screened 42 weekends annually in addition to other special screenings. Free screenings for Zack's place, Woodstock Recreation Summer Camp, and other area non-profits.

For more information please go to [www.pentanglearts.org](http://www.pentanglearts.org) or email director@pentanglearts.org.



## Article 11 — \$4,000.00

### VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

#### *Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Reading, 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, 2015 and June 30, 2016, VNH made 265 homecare visits to 21 Reading residents. This included approximately \$18,165 in unreimbursed care to Reading residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 225 home visits to 17 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 11 home visits to a resident with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 21 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 8 home visits to a resident for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

Reading'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,

*Jeanne McLaughlin*

*President & CEO*

*1-888-300-8853*

## Article 12 — \$200.00

### *Volunteers in Action*

Volunteers in Action's mission statement is simple:

**“Connecting neighbors with needs and people who care”**

Volunteers in Action is celebrating its 20th year of organizing caring neighbors to provide assistance, mainly the elderly, disabled and low income residents, in order to make it possible for them to remain in their homes and in the best possible health. There are four generous Reading citizens who are available to drive their neighbors to medical appointments and other necessary trips. If they are not available neighbors in other towns will help. We are very pleased to support the Reading/West Windsor Aging in Place group. It is very exciting to hear about all the ways they are connecting to their elder neighbors and meeting their needs.

Our Meals on Wheels program is open to any Reading resident over 60 or is disabled and unable to cook for themselves. Several Reading residents enjoy our three monthly Community Meals in Hartland, Ascutney and Windsor VT. Everyone over 60 is invited and may bring a guest. A small donation of \$3-\$4 is appreciated.

Any Reading resident is invited to join our knitting group that meets at Mt Ascutney Hospital and Health Center twice a month. This past year 159 items were given away to food shelves, hospitals, and schools including Reading Elementary School.

We appreciate Reading's trust and support in helping us fulfill our mission so we can continue to make a positive impact in the lives of our neighbors and help improve the quality of life for everyone in Reading.

To consider volunteering, make a donation or to request services, please call us @ 674-5971.

Martha Zoerheide, ViA Program Director

Scottie Shattuck, ViA Program Assistant

### *Support*

ViA may be able to offer support through:

- Transportation
- Friendly Visits
- Telephone Check-in
- Minor Home Repair
- Shopping Assistance
- Meals on Wheels
- Walking Companions
- Reading Aloud

## Article 13 \$ 500.00



### **Town Narrative - Reading For July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

Windsor County Partners is in its 5<sup>th</sup> decade of building healthier communities through youth mentoring. Our community-based PALS (Partner Always Lend Support) 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 program report that having a mentor has made a difference in their life.

WCP 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.

Last year, WCP served and supported 28 community-based partnerships, with children from 9 local towns. Collectively, these partners spent over 2000 hours together. Our mentees were distributed among 20 schools and 100% of the guidance counselors who have a student in our program report that they would recommend a Windsor County Partner for other students that they work with.

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

*Jennifer Grant*  
Executive Director

# Miscellaneous Agency Reports

## **Aging in Place Reading-West Windsor**

For the past couple of years, an ad hoc “Aging in Place” committee of Reading and West Windsor residents has met on a quarterly basis. These people are helpful folks who are actually willing to admit that they are in the process of aging, albeit most gracefully. The group has developed a “Resources for Elders” booklet available to people at the town halls and on the towns’ websites.

“Aging in Place” is a national initiative designed to help people comfortably age in their homes for as long as possible. It is recognized that it is more cost effective to stay at home, that family members may not live nearby to help seniors, and that no one is really eager to move into a facility. Besides, Vermonters have a wonderful history of helping each other get through challenging times and circumstances.

In April 2017, our committee sent a letter and survey to 73 Reading households and 193 West Windsor households that contained at least one person of the age of 65+. There was a 25% return rate in each of these towns. Respondents in both towns overwhelmingly expressed interest in aging at home and almost all were full time residents. The categories that showed the most interest (in receiving future help) were indoor chores, outdoor chores, help with trash/recycling/composting and transportation to medical and non-medical appointments. Many indicated that they would be willing to pay for help with indoor and outdoor chores.

Reading and West Windsor are lucky to have access to support organizations such as Senior Solutions (Council on Aging), SASH (Support and Services at Home), Visiting Nurses, and also the Current and Volunteers in Action (the last two dealing with transportation and/or Meals on Wheels). However, there are gap services” not covered by these organizations which could be handled by local “Aging in Place” groups. They would include checking in on our senior neighbors and making meals for them during difficult times, completing minor home repairs, lawn care, trash/recycling help, help with the wood pile, etc. We hope to identify willing helpers (paid or volunteer) and organize systems of communication and support so that vital tasks get done for seniors.

Reading and West Windsor residents of any age who are interested in working for area seniors (either paid or volunteer) may contact the Woodstock Area Job Bank (WAJB) at 802- 457-3835. Currently WAJB is working with Thompson Senior Center to develop lists of “senior friendly” (vetted) workers.

Other ideas which we are entertaining and might actually come to fruition (given community interest and support) include setting up a Listserv for immediate communication, hosting periodic work days (e.g. a helping people with their woodpile day), having elementary students become pen pals with interested seniors, hosting speakers on topics to do with aging, and hosting regular gatherings designed to help with a specific area such as basic computer skills, etc.

We meet quarterly on the fourth Monday of the month at the Reading Town Library. In 2018, our meetings are scheduled for Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Join us if you would like to be involved in this exciting initiative.

Questions? Please call Sara Norcross at 484-5097 (e-mail: [kbsnorcross@gmail.com](mailto:kbsnorcross@gmail.com)) or Lee Monroe at 484-5953 (e-mail: [leemonro@gmail.com](mailto:leemonro@gmail.com)).

## Ottauquechee Community Partnership

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***OCP's mission is to inspire  
youth and adults  
to positively engage in their  
community.***

*As a 501c-3 organization, OCP  
thrives through donations and  
town support!*

*Thank you for your financial  
contribution.*

### 2017 Annual Report

OCP organizes and manages the Mentor and Buddy Program for the WCSU district and offers youth empowerment training to schools, adults, and students through The VT Youth Action Network.

OCP is 1 of 6 partners comprising the Windsor County Prevention Partners - delivering environmental prevention practices across the county.

#### Examples of our work this past year include:

- Continued to maintain mentoring matches and recruit / train caring, quality mentors
- Established "WCSU Prevention Team" to begin assessing where our young people are at risk and build a plan to increase healthy behaviors
- Distributed over 750 RX drug prevention materials through Woodstock Pharmacy
- The Vermont Youth Action Network (VYAN) led the 3rd Annual statewide Youth Summit - an enriching training for middle and high school youth who are passionate about tobacco prevention
- Coordinated Drug Take Back Day with Sheriff Chamberlain whereby 1,113 pounds of medications were collected across Windsor County
- Collaborated with Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission to conduct Town Health & Wellness Committee Readiness Assessment interviews.

## SEVCA — Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Report for year ending FY17

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

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

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

- **Tax Preparation:** 3 households (6 people) received services valued at \$337
- **Family Services / Crisis Resolution:** 6 households (15 people) received 43 services, valued at \$216 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)
- **Fuel & Utility Assistance:** 7 households (15 people) received 12 assists valued at \$5,096
- **Thrift Store Vouchers:** 1 person received goods and services valued at \$34

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Reading for their past support.

*Stephen Geller*

Executive Director

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[www.sevca.org](http://www.sevca.org)



## Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission—SWCRPC

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) is an organization that serves the ten towns in the Southern Windsor County Region, including Reading. The activities and programs of the SWCRPC are governed by a Board of Commissioners that are appointed by each member town. The primary function of the SWCRPC is to assist member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and to promote cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY17, the dues from member towns contributed about 3% of the SWCRPC's annual budget of \$961,275. The town dues assessment of \$833 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon 2010 Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state and other funding sources.

The SWCRPC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping and other planning activities. In FY17, the SWCRPC provided the following services to the Town of Reading including:

Helped the Planning Commission to prepare zoning bylaw amendments.

Assisted with updating the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Assisted the Highway Department to develop or update inventories of the town road system, bridges and culverts, and road erosion problem areas.

Assisted with preparing a successful Better Roads Program grant application for work on Town Hill Road, Stone Chimney Road and Newton Road.

We would like to thank town appointed representatives Kathy Rondeau, Gordy Eastman and Robert Allen who have served on the SWCRPC Board and Committees this past year.

Thank you for your continued support of local and regional planning. For more information about the SWCRPC, call us at (802) 674-9201, visit our website at [www.swcrpc.org](http://www.swcrpc.org), or look us up on Facebook.

Thomas Kennedy, AICP

Executive Director

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## **Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District**

Andover • Athens • Baltimore • Cavendish • Chester • Grafton • Ludlow • Plymouth  
**Reading** • Rockingham • Springfield • Weathersfield • West Windsor •  
 Windsor

**[www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org](http://www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org)**

The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Reading's representative is Jim Peplau.

The District received a grant from the Agency of Natural Resources to subsidize the cost of composters for participants of backyard composting workshops. The workshops were very popular (254 attendees) More workshops will be held in the spring of 2018.

Two hundred and fifty-one District residents attended the household hazardous waste (HHW) collections in September 2016 and two hundred and fifty-five attended the May 2017 collections. The HHW events in 2018 will be held on Saturdays, May 12 and September 8 at the Springfield Transfer Station. We will have other collections on May 19 and September 15 but the locations have yet to be determined.

Two retailers in Springfield accept unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty). Aubuchon Hardware does, too.

The District received a USDA grant to support our work on the Solid Waste Implementation Plan and educational outreach efforts. We took turns attending Selectboard meetings in each of the fourteen District towns to give presentations regarding the Universal Recycling law.

This year, the transfer stations collected 95 working but unwanted sewing machines to ship overseas with Sewing Peace – up 60% over 2016.

"Recycling Resources" is the District's annual 12-page newsletter devoted to local recycling information. It's available in town offices and libraries.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy  
 District Manager

Mary T. O'Brien  
 Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett  
 Outreach Coordinator





## Spectrum Teen Center

January 2018

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

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

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

Enthusiastically,  
Heather Vonada & Joni Kennedy  
Co-Directors



## **We provide the Ride!**

The Current has been southern Windsor and Windham County's public transit provider since 2003. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the 27 towns we serve. As a private non-profit 501c3, we rely more than ever on local contributions to deliver rides and to provide the required local match for replacement vehicles.

The Current is funded by state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares on some routes, and contributions from our human service partners. We operate bus routes and senior or disabled transportation services via our fleet of 36 buses, vans, and a network of over 50 very dedicated volunteer drivers.

Our operating expenses last year were \$5,164,289. With that we provided 282,102 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 910,711 miles over 50,096 hours.

**In Reading we operate volunteer services which last year provided 499 rides at a cost of \$10,110.**

We are always seeking your input to improve our services. Please contact me by email ([rgagnon@crtransit.org](mailto:rgagnon@crtransit.org)); phone (802) 460-7433 x 201; or visit us at [www.crtransit.org](http://www.crtransit.org) to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Gagnon*

Rebecca Gagnon

General Manager



## The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf

The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf, Inc. is a 501C3 non-profit corporation which serves as a community resource offering a variety of foods and basic needs support to citizens, free of charge. The food shelf offers a friendly, supportive atmosphere to those seeking its services on a good faith basis.

The food shelf offers canned, frozen, and packaged foods, dairy products, fresh produce when available, and frozen meats when available. Toiletry items and pet food are offered when available. The food shelf is open from 2 to 4 PM on Mondays and 4 to 6 PM on Thursdays. We serve the towns of Reading, West Windsor, and surrounding towns without a food shelf of their own.

We also offer a well-stocked clothing shelf of new or gently used seasonal clothing, coats, linens, footwear, and more for people of all ages. The clothing shelf is open (to all persons from any town) during the Thursday hours. We are located at the Old Stone Schoolhouse, 3456 Tyson Road, South Reading, VT 05153. We welcome new faces!

The town of Reading supports us in various ways such as permitting us to use the charming Old Stone Schoolhouse, 3456 Tyson Road, South Reading, VT for a minimal fee. Financial donations may be made out to "Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf" and mailed to our treasurer at PO Box 384, Brownsville, VT 05037. Food and clothing donations may be dropped off during the operating hours of the food shelf. All of our workers and board members provide their services on a volunteer basis.

**Visit our website at [rwwfoodshelf.org](http://rwwfoodshelf.org).**

Need information? Call Sara Norcross at 484-5097 or Dana Waters at 802-291-3299



## Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Vermont Department of Health**  
**The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You**  
**These changes go into effect on July 1, 2018.**

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 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/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Windsor County Courthouse Update  
Assistant Judges Jack Anderson and Ellen Terie

FY 2018-19 County Budget

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

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

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

Courthouse Renovation Bond

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

Other County News

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

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

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

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

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

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





## Reading Elementary School Reports





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

The legal voters of the Reading School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Reading Elementary School, located in Reading, Vermont, in said District, on Saturday, March 3, 2018, immediately following the conclusion of the Reading Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

The legal voters of the Reading School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby further warned and notified to meet at the Reading Town Hall on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, convening at 7:00 A.M. at which time the polls will open and continuing until 7:00 P.M. at which time the polls will close, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

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

**ARTICLE 2:** To hear the reports of the Reading Elementary School Directors for the school accounts.

**ARTICLE 3:** To elect two School Directors to the Reading School Board for terms that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on February 21, 2017.

**ARTICLE 4:** To elect one School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 for a term that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on February 21, 2017.

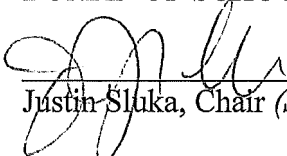
**ARTICLE 5:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

**ARTICLES TO BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

**ARTICLE 6:** To elect one School Director to the Windsor Central Unified Union School District Board for a term of one year, expiring March 2019.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

  
Justin Sluka, Chair (Signature)  
Tim Bishop  
Donna Martin

## Reading Elementary School Board

This is the final Reading Elementary School Board Report. With the Town's vote to join the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District (WCUD), the local Reading Town School District and its Board will cease to exist on July 1, 2018. Since the 2006/2007 school year, I had the pleasure of serving on the Board with John Philpin, John Fike, Shiri Macri, Donna Stahl, and Tim Bishop. Please join me in thanking Mr. Philpin and Mr. Fike who served for around 20 years each.

Reading Elementary School did great things in the many decades it served our schoolchildren. In the last 10 years alone:

- The Vermont Agency of Education recognized RES students for proficiency in math and reading in numbers that greatly exceed statewide averages.
- The U.S. Department of Education awarded our school with its Green Ribbon designation for environmental, health and wellness, and sustainability practices.
- Hunger Free Vermont gave RES its Child Nutrition Advocacy Award.

We opened a high quality Pre-Kindergarten program which attracts students from several surrounding communities and which will serve as a model in the WCUD.

The WCUD Board will continue to operate the Reading Elementary School in some form into the future, but already there has been great debate over classroom and staff configurations, school choice among the WCUD schools, and the elimination of upper grade levels from RES. Our Town's engagement in the debate is more important than ever. Please get involved.

Thank you for your support of Reading Elementary School.

Reading Elementary School Board

J. Justin Sluka, Chair

## Reading Elementary Students

At the start of the river field trip with Ms. Collins in October, the 5/6 grade students got their inspiration from the “source” which is basically a swamp on the west side of Grasshopper Lane/South Puckerbrush.



Nic Stewart—The Source



Lilly Macri—The Source



Tara Barbour—The Source



Brendan Barbour—The Source



Jeremy Cross—Tussock Pond Collage



Kaleb White—Tussock Pond Collage



Vera Windish—The Source



Aubrey Seman—The Source

## Reading Elementary School Student Enrollment—Actual and Projected

<b>Grade</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Projected 2019-20</b>
<b>Pre-K</b>	19	<b>17</b>	9
<b>K</b>	7	<b>6</b>	11
<b>1</b>	5	<b>7</b>	6
<b>2</b>	8	<b>5</b>	7
<b>3</b>	4	<b>8</b>	5
<b>4</b>	7	<b>4</b>	8
<b>5</b>	7	<b>7*</b>	4*
<b>6</b>	5	<b>7*</b>	7*
<b>Totals</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61*</b>	<b>58*</b>

\*Current class configurations. Enrollment figures are subject to change based on decisions made by the newly formed Windsor Central Unified District (WCUD) Board.

## READING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERSONNEL 2017-18

(Note: A full time employee works 1.00 - each day of the week = .2)

### READING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Cathy Knight (.8)

Mrs. Sherry Hatt

Mrs. Kathi Faulkner (.7)

Mrs. Pam Boyer-Sheldon

Ms. Leticia Denoya

Mrs. Jen Mayo

Ms. Patty Collins

Mrs. Lisa Kaija (.2)

Mrs. Christine Morton (.2)

Mrs. Rose Grenier (.2)

Mrs. Libby Curran (.8)

Mrs. Elaine Leibly (.2)

Ms. Jill Tofferi (.4)

Ms. Heather Evans

Mrs. Hilder Allen (.3)

Ms. Joan Nagle, Ms. Liza Dionne,

Mr. Will Flynn

Mrs. Amy Harkins (.3)

Mrs. Jean Chick (.2)

Mr. Jared Jackson

Varies

### WCSU STAFF- Central Office Resources

Ms. Marijke Russo

Ms. Nancy Nicholas

Ms. Maria Gelsomine

Mr. Fritz Weiss

Mr. Raphael Adamek

### RES SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Justin Sluka, Chair 802-484-8957

Ms. Donna Martin, Clerk 802-952-1119

Mr. Tim Bishop 802-484-3354

### 802-484-7230

Principal, Ext.1501; Library Media/Tech Teacher

Administrative Assistant, Ext. 1507

Pre-K Teacher, Ext. 1511

Kindergarten Teacher, Ext. 1503

1/2 Multi-grade Teacher, Ext. 1504

3/4 Multi-grade Teacher, Ext. 1514

5/6 Multi-grade Teacher, Ext. 1513

Visual Arts Teacher

Music Teacher

Physical Education Teacher

Special Education Teacher, Ext. 1512

Foreign Language Teacher

Guidance, Ext. 1508

Food Service Manager, Ext. 1505

Food Service Assistant

Para educators (1 Reg.; 1 Special Ed)

Pre-School Aide

Nurse, Ext. 1502

Maintenance/Custodian, Ext. 1516

Butler Bus Service Driver

Speech/Language Pathologist 457-1213 X 1091

Occupational Therapy 457-1213, Ext. 1094

EEE Coordinator 457-1213 Ext. 1095

Consulting Educator/Behavior Specialist

Director of Instructional Technology

Website: [www.resvt.org](http://www.resvt.org)

Principal's Blog for families:

"Rockets Report" -

[readingelementaryvt.blogspot.com](http://readingelementaryvt.blogspot.com)



## **Reading Elementary School Principal's Report 2016-2017**

By Cathy Knight, Principal

It is an honor and a privilege to work as the leader and a teacher at Reading Elementary School in this community. I work in the school four days a week as principal and teach library and technology skills to every student on Friday. Please check out the RES Principal's Blog that's published every Sunday. Here's the link: <http://readingelementaryvt.blogspot.com>. Reading Elementary focuses on sustainability - both of our school and our world.

### **READING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION**

To inspire and educate students to make decisions with an understanding of the interrelatedness of social equity, the economy and the environment for today and in the future.

### **READING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY**

We, the Reading Elementary School and the community, will collaborate to foster an educational environment which embraces:

- \* A safe, healthy, respectful environment, which maximizes learning and develops self-esteem.
- \* A challenging, standards-based academic curriculum, built on fundamental skills, which addresses the needs of the whole child and validates risk-taking.
- \* Diverse practices which recognize uniqueness and engage each child, thereby enhancing the educational experience.
- \* An awareness of personal responsibility and citizenship by working cooperatively to encourage open, honest communication.
- \* Positive modeling, guided discovery, and creative thinking to promote lifelong learning and inquisitive spirits.

### **Highlights of the past year include:**

- \* PK-6 students participated in a "puppetry" artist in residence, weekly over a period of six weeks in music and art. A generous grant of \$1800 from the Hall Foundation, administered by the RES PTO, and \$1800 from the Pentangle Theatre helped support this amazing activity. Students performed with their puppets in the Winter Concert, "December Round the World."
- \* PK-6 students were awarded a "Puppets in Education" field trip to neighboring Weathersfield School through a grant funded by Benson Chevrolet.
- \* Kindergarten visited The Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences two times, one time with the Pre-K class.
- \* Kindergarten and Gr. 1-2 students planted, harvested, and sold pumpkins for the PTO classroom pumpkin raffle!
- \* Mindfulness classes occur weekly and are provided through a grant from the Ottauquechee Foundation.

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- \* Gr. 5-6 students participated in the Marsh-Billings Rockefeller National Historical Park “Web of Life” week that teaches ecology across ecosystems in a teacher designed program.
- \* The District-wide Literacy and Math professional development continues.
- \* Four sixth grade students spent a week at Nature’s Classroom on the Maine Seacoast in May of 2017.
- \* All RES students in Pre-K through Gr. 6 participated in swimming lessons at the Springfield Edgar May Center.
- \* RES fifth and sixth grade participated in Dreambox's Math Challenge. They worked and competed cooperatively against other classrooms working to compile the greatest class average of lessons over a three week period of time. The Explorers averaged 96.3 lessons, placing 49th nationally against 9,307 other classrooms. We were 6th out of 1,560 classes in the Northeast and first in the state of Vermont. We are quite proud of our accomplishments.
- \* Students in Gr. 3-6 participated in the international, “Hour of Code” activity.
- \* RES hired a Guidance Counselor, PE Teacher, and a kitchen assistant.
- \* 3rd and 4th grade students went to Tunbridge Fair to explore Vermont agriculture and history!
- \* Other RES Specials include art, music, Spanish, library, technology, and physical education.
- \* Kindergarten students hike weekly into our neighboring woods to learn their science curriculum “hands on”.
- \* We held a Scholastic Book Fair to obtain funds to help update the library collection.
- \* A Memorial Day celebration was again held with the students placing flags at the gravestones of the Reading Cemetery.
- \* 3rd and 4th grade students planned and hosted an amazing economics project, “Snowflake Bazaar” which enabled all students to purchase and wrap gifts for their families and friends.
- \* Students will be visiting the Reading Public Library monthly on a walking field trip to get to know their local public library.
- \* Weekly electronic communication with families and community via the Principal’s Blog.
- \* Numerous generous PTO sponsored activities which include,
  - ◇ Chili Cook-off held at the Town Hall
  - ◇ Family Back-to-School Breakfast on the 1st morning
  - ◇ Back to School Night and Family Pizza Night
  - ◇ Pie Making Day and Sale
  - ◇ Leaf Peepers’ Breakfast
  - ◇ Momma Mia’s Cafe & Basket Raffle
  - ◇ 12 Gifts of December Raffle
  - ◇ Funding the musical instrument rentals, field trip transportation, swimming lessons, and a % of the Ski Runners program.



**Reading Elementary School Funds**  
**Treasurers Statement of Receipts & Disbursement**

**Calista Brennan**  
**Cash Basis**

**Operating Account**

**Beginning Balance July 1, 2016** **\$13,699.89**

**Receipts:**

After School Program	\$745.00
Interest	\$66.72
Lunch Sales (Student)	\$11,516.05
Grants/Donations/ St	
of VT	\$94,085.18
Misc.	\$367.40
Tuition	\$29,994.01
Town Taxes	\$906,094.00
Tax Anticipation Loan	\$350,000.00
Transfer to/from	
Sweep	<u>\$467,758.04</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$1,860,626.40**

**Expenses:**

Accounts Payable	\$575,686.36
Payroll	\$510,457.68
TAN	\$355,293.70
Transfer to/from	
Sweep	<u>\$688,386.62</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$2,129,824.36**

**ENDING BALANCE - June 30, 2017** **(\$255,498.07)**

**LSB SWEEP ACCOUNT Transactions**

Opening Balance	\$0.01
Deposits	\$688,386.62
Interest	\$154.77

Transfer to Checking	<u>(\$467,758.04)</u>	
<b>Balance 6/30/17</b>		<b>\$220,783.36</b>
		<b>(\$34,714.71)</b>

**Money Market Account**

Balance 7/1/16	\$1,014.08
Interest	\$1.01
Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Balance 6/30/17</b>	<b>\$1,015.09</b>

**VIOLIN PROGRAM**

Balance 7/1/16	\$1,698.20
Interest	\$1.69
Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Balance 6/30/17</b>	<b>\$1,699.89</b>

**Kids In Need Fund**

Balance 7/1/16	\$287.50
Income	\$252.40
Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Balance 6/30/17</b>	<b>\$539.90</b>



**Richard Seaman**  
**Reading School District**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of June 30, 2017 (unaudited)**  
**Accrual Basis**

**Assets**

Checking Account	\$	-	
Investment Account	\$	1,015	
Other Designated Cash Accounts	\$	2,290	
Due From Other Government Entities	\$	23,948	
Due From WCSU	\$	9,065	
Due From Other Districts	\$	26,383	
Accounts Receivable	\$	19,762	
Prepaid Expenses	\$	2,396	
 Total Assets			 <u>\$ 84,859</u>

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	\$	12,497	
Notes Payable	\$	36,739	
Due to Other Districts	\$	6,298	
			<u>\$ 55,535</u>

**Reserves**

Reserves for Specific Purpose	\$	3,633	
			<u>\$ 3,633</u>

**Designated for F18 Budget**

\$	4,572	<u>\$ 4,572</u>
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**Undesignated Fund Balance**

Revenue 2016-2017	\$1,082,530	
Expenses 2016-2017	<u>\$1,061,410</u>	
	\$21,119	

Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 21,119</u>
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Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance	<u>\$ 84,859</u>
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**Reading School District Budget  
Revenue Report  
Through FY2018**

Line #		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
		<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
	<b>Regular Instruction</b>			
100	Tuition other Lea's	3,500	-	3,178
101	Tuition By Parent/Patron - Pre School	6,400	12,368	6,356
102	Interest Earned		223	
103	Donations		252	
104	Prior Year Surplus	28,265	21,363	2,450
105	Miscellaneous Revenues		296	
106	Tobacco Use Prevention Sub-Grant			
107	Education Spending Grant	820,233	820,233	802,926
108	Small Schools Grant	80,713	85,861	80,292
109	State Transportation Reimb	13,319	13,292	13,326
110	<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>952,430</b>	<b>953,887</b>	<b>908,528</b>
111				
112	<b>Special Education</b>			
113	Special Ed Block Grant	17,114	17,114	-
114	Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	58,000	83,891	104,137
115	Early Essential Education Grant	7,003	7,003	-
116	Title I Grant		-	
117	<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>82,117</b>	<b>108,008</b>	<b>104,137</b>
118				
119	<b>Food Service</b>			
120	Food Service Revenue	9,000	11,512	11,000
121	Annual State Match - LUNCH		151	
122	Annual State Match - BRKFST		-	
123	State Addt'l Breakfst		38	
124	Federal School Lunch	12,000	7,069	12,000
125	Fed Sch Brkfst/Start Up	4,000	1,864	4,000
126	<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>20,634</b>	<b>27,000</b>
127				
128	<b>GRANT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,059,547</b>	<b>1,082,530</b>	<b>1,039,665</b>

**Reading School District Budget  
Expenditure Report**

		<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Actual 2016-2017</b>	<b>Budget 2017-2018</b>
	<b>Regular Instruction</b>			
200	Teachers' Salaries	261,073	261,373	266,688
201	Aides' Salaries	23,664	22,409	21,282
202	Substitute Salaries	5,125	9,707	5,000
203	Health Insurance	94,867	85,245	85,487
204	Cash in Lieu			
205	FICA	20,254	21,709	22,412
206	Life Insurance	116	114	128
207	Municipal Retirement	-	1,933	851
208	Workers' Comp. Ins.	1,345	3,007	1,489
209	New Hire VSTRS			
210	Dental Insurance	2,784	2,652	2,653
211	Nature's Classroom	1,600	1,193	900
212	Mileage Reimbursement	100	362	200
213	Tuition to Other LEAs		2,000	
215	General Supplies	500	469	500
216	Grade 1 Supplies	500	1,111	380
217	Gen'r'l Supplies (Student Activities)	100	-	100
218	Grade 4 Supplies	500	818	600
219	Grades 5-6 Supplies	1,000	520	500
220	Kindergarten Supplies	600	640	500
221	General Texts	500	257	500
222	Kindergarten Texts	1,600	57	925
223	Grade 1 Texts	7,500	5,468	130
224	Grade 2 Texts		295	
225	Grade 3 Texts	500	450	250
226	Grade 4 Texts		168	
227	Grade 5-6 Texts	400	249	400
228	Grade 3 Supplies	-	312	
229	Field Trips		-	
230	Art Supplies	510	168	210
232	Foreign Language Materials	100	26	100
233	Phys Ed Supplies	200	-	200
234	Math Supplies	-	(13)	-
235	Math Textbooks	-	42	-
236	Math Texts	1,035	426	680
237	Music Repairs & Maint.	-	21	-
238	Music Supplies	400	224	400
239	Music Texts	200	244	200
240	Science Supplies	1,000	390	-
242	Social Studies Textbooks	400	45	220
244	<b>Total Regular Education</b>	<b>428,473</b>	<b>424,095</b>	<b>413,885</b>

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	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018
246 <b>Pre-School Instruction</b>			
247 Teacher Salary	24,038	30,967	-
248 Aide Salary	8,939	3,072	2,128
249 Health Ins	13,317	11,301	-
250 FICA	2,523	1,814	163
251 Life Insurance	23	-	-
252 Muni Retirement	-	-	85
253 Worker's Comp	167	-	11
254 Dental Ins	525	-	-
255 Pre-K Tuition		3,092	
256 Course Reimbursement	500	-	-
257 Supplies	900	736	1,075
258 <b>Total Pre-School Instruction</b>	<b>50,932</b>	<b>50,983</b>	<b>3,462</b>
259			
260 <b>Guidance</b>			
261 Counselor Salary	20,805	13,331	22,239
262 Health Insurance	3,432	-	-
263 FICA	1,592	1,020	1,701
264 Life Insurance		-	5
265 Workers Compensation Ins.	106	194	113
266 Dental Insurance	210	-	-
268 Supplies	100	116	100
269 Standardized Testing	400	444	400
270 Books & Texts	100	227	100
271 <b>Total Guidance</b>	<b>26,745</b>	<b>15,332</b>	<b>24,658</b>
272			
273 <b>Health Services</b>			
274 Hearing/Vision Screeni	-	-	-
275 Contracted Services	14,400	15,422	14,400
276 Repairs & Maintenance	-	125	-
277 Software Maintenance	-	140	-
278 Mileage Reimbursement	-	70	
279 Supplies	500	386	500
280 Equipment	500		500
281 <b>Total Health Services</b>	<b>15,400</b>	<b>16,143</b>	<b>15,400</b>
282			
283 <b>Instructional Staff Training</b>			
284 Course Reimbursement - Teachers	3,000	5,898	2,650
285 Staff Conference	3,000	1,006	-
286 Support Staff	600	24	600
287 General	1,000	2,276	1,000
288 Staff Travel	300	682	250
289 Inservice Expense	300	36	300
290 <b>Total Instructional Staff Training</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>9,922</b>	<b>4,800</b>

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	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018
292 <b>Educational Media Services</b>			
293 Library Books		225	300
294 Newspapers & Periodicals	100	-	200
295 Dues and Fees		25	200
296 <b>Total Educational Media Services</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>700</b>
298 <b>Audio-Visual Services</b>			
299 Software	-	-	300
300 <b>Total Audio-Visual Services</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300</b>
302 <b>Technology Services</b>			
303 WCSU Assessment - Technology Integration	6,058	6,058	6,493
304 Consulting	10,000	878	4,000
305 Technical Support	-	270	-
306 Equipment Repairs	500	-	500
308 Internet Fees		16	
309 Software	800	644	600
310 Computer Hardware	5,000	7,409	3,450
311 <b>Total Technology Services</b>	<b>22,358</b>	<b>15,275</b>	<b>15,043</b>
313 <b>Board of Education</b>			
314 Stipends	2,500	2,500	-
315 Legal Liability Insurance	2,500	1,982	2,500
316 Advertising	500	532	500
317 Travel	100	-	100
318 Supplies	150	51	150
319 Dues and Fees	1,000	656	1,000
320 Legal Services	2,000	380	-
323 Negotiations Expense	-	880	-
324 <b>Total Board of Education</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>6,980</b>	<b>4,250</b>
325			
326 <b>WCSU Assessmts - Executive Admin.</b>	<b>42,990</b>	<b>42,990</b>	<b>42,355</b>
327			
328 <b>Office of the Principal</b>			
329 Principal's Salary	49,792	60,000	61,500
330 Admin Asst Salary	22,869	22,869	23,441
331 Substitutes	500	-	-
332 Health Insurance	25,897	16,553	18,058
333 FICA	5,597	6,187	6,498
334 Municipal Retirement	915	915	938
335 Workers' Comp. Ins.	372	681	432
336 Professional Develo	1,000	3,506	2,000
337 Dental Insurance	1,050	926	1,010
338 Repair of Equipment	100	-	100
339 Copier Lease	3,100	2,960	1,750
340 Postage	500	703	500
341 Travel & Meals	200	1,372	500
342 Supplies	2,000	2,041	2,000
343 Professional Publications	-	19	-
344 Equipment	300	2,644	300
345 Professional Dues	630	50	630
346 <b>Total Office of the Principal</b>	<b>114,822</b>	<b>121,426</b>	<b>119,657</b>
347			
348 <b>Interest on Current Loans</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,294</b>	<b>7,000</b>

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		Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018
350	<b>Operation of Plant</b>			
351	Custodial Salaries	36,909	27,861	22,699
352	Summer Salaries	500	4,801	-
353	Health Insurance	15,993	11,992	15,989
354	FICA	2,862	2,267	1,824
355	Municipal Retirement	1,476	1,108	908
356	Workers Comp. Ins.	1,500	348	956
357	Dental Insurance	525	379	505
358	Water Test & Fees	3,000	3,197	3,000
359	Water Purchase	2,200	1,418	2,200
360	Trash Removal	2,800	1,967	2,000
361	Contracted Maintenance	15,000	20,307	15,000
362	Building Repairs	-	2,885	-
363	Roof Repairs	1,000	-	-
364	Bldg Maintenance Materials	500	2,056	500
365	Painting	1,500	420	1,500
366	Equip Maint Materials	-	142	-
367	Septic Maintenance	2,000	509	1,900
368	Summer Maintenance	250	-	200
369	Fire Alarm System Maint.	500	1,564	600
370	Carpet Cleaning	2,000	-	1,700
371	Property Insurance	4,168	3,460	4,168
372	Telephone Services	3,000	2,928	3,000
373	Custodial Supplies	5,100	4,047	3,000
374	Electricity	11,227	9,427	11,227
375	Propane Gas	1,000	914	1,000
376	Heating Oil	11,000	5,772	8,000
377	Equipment	1,000	332	500
378	Furniture	300	1,546	500
379	Dues and Fees	100	-	100
380	<b>Total Operation of Plant</b>	<b>127,410</b>	<b>111,647</b>	<b>102,976</b>
381				
382	<b>Care of Grounds</b>			
383	Sewage Services	1,200	-	1,200
384	Care & Upkeep of Grounds	2,700	2,090	2,300
385	<b>Total Care of Grounds</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>3,500</b>
386				
387	<b>Transportation</b>			
388	Contracted Services	30,477	31,798	32,593
389	Field Trips	-	-	-
390	<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>30,477</b>	<b>31,798</b>	<b>32,593</b>
397				
398	<b>Total Regular Instruction</b>	<b>886,057</b>	<b>854,224</b>	<b>790,579</b>

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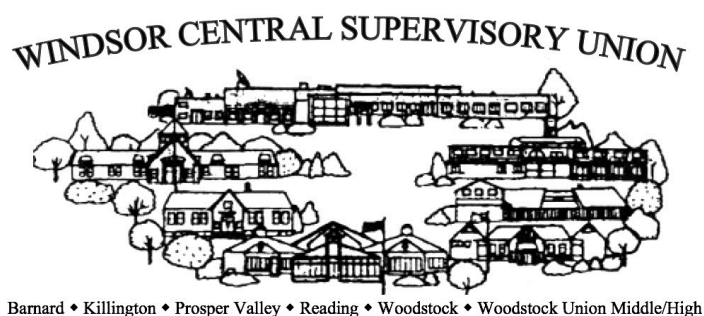
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		<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Actual 2016-2017</b>	<b>Budget 2017-2018</b>
400	<b>Special Education</b>			
401	ESY Salary	526		539
402	Individual Aides' Salary	21,000	19,342	18,455
403	Substitutes' Salary	630	45	646
404	Health Insurance	9,031	7,566	9,029
405	Social Security	1,695	1,483	1,502
406	Municipal Retirement		721	738
407	Workers' Comp	113	206	100
408	Dental Insurance	525	422	505
409	Excess Costs	-	48,751	50,791
414	WCSU Assessments - Special Ed	76,143	76,143	89,749
415	WCSU Assessment - Special Ed Other	11,479	11,479	12,422
416	<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>121,142</b>	<b>166,158</b>	<b>184,476</b>
417				
423	<b>Food Service</b>			
424	Salaries	22,420	22,420	22,981
425	Substitutes	526	242	500
426	Health Insurance	-	-	16,860
427	Social Security	1,755	1,688	1,796
428	Municipal Retirement	897	897	919
429	Workers' Comp	1,025	214	1,049
430	Staff Training	200	115	400
431	Dental Insurance	525	505	505
432	Equipment Maintenance	1,000	-	-
433	Mileage Reimbursement		584	500
434	Supplies	500	888	500
435	Food Purchases	23,000	13,346	18,000
436	Equipment	500	129	500
437	Dues and Fees		-	100
438	<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>52,348</b>	<b>41,028</b>	<b>64,610</b>
439				
440	<b>GRANT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,059,547</b>	<b>1,061,410</b>	<b>1,039,665</b>

School Budget End

Windsor Central Modified  
Unified Union School District  
Reports and Budget





## **2017-2018 Faculty & Staff**

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

For more information about any of these services, please contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools, by mail at Windsor Central Supervisory Union #51, 70 Amsden Way, Woodstock, VT 05091, by telephone at (802) 457-1213.

## Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District Board of School Directors 2017-2018

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

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

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

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

January 2018

## Superintendent's Message

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

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

### **Opportunity to Move from Good to Great**

*The Windsor Central Supervisory Union has "good" schools; however, there are indicators that it is not yet operating at its full potential. Our collective communities also have resources and a mindset that can position the district to be an educational leader both at state and national levels.*

### **Move from Silos to a Unified K-12 System**

*Each individual school has its own unique character and resources to offer its students. The challenge ahead is integrating each of these distinctive communities into a well-functioning system while still maintaining the qualities that makes each building a special place for students and families. To have an effective system, it is also critical to have all contributors be clear around their function in the organization.*

### **Clarity of Goals and Vision**

*Across the district there are numerous dedicated individuals and teams excited about building high level learning experiences for the students of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. Much like our individual schools, these groups have the potential to be much more impactful if they are able to be organized behind a clear vision and to act in concert with one another to achieve the goals of the District.*

### **Build and Enhance Foundational Systems**

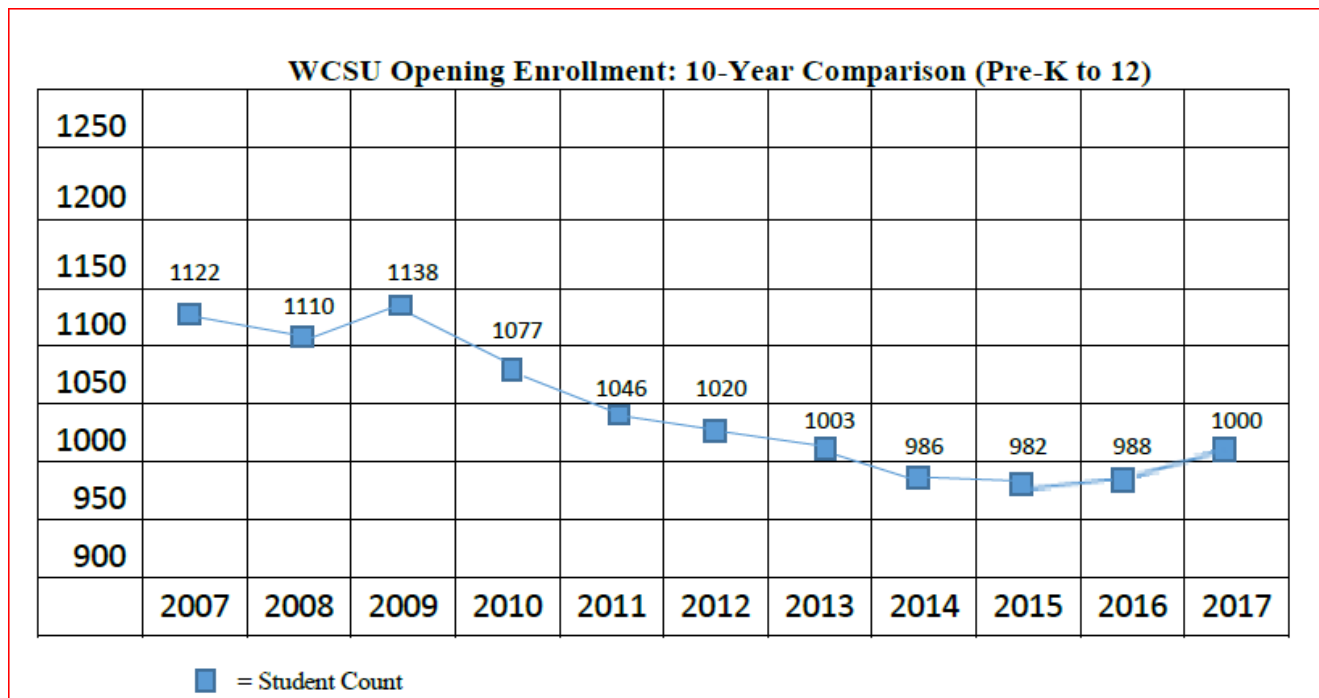
*The district enjoys talented and dedicated staff who put forth exemplary effort in order to be sure that the district functions effectively. However, there are numerous situations in which strong systems are not in place. This has resulted in numerous inefficiencies across our buildings, with basic tasks taking much longer than needed and slowing down progress towards identified goals. The Act 46 merger transition is a real opportunity to address some of the deficits around strong foundational systems.*

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

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

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

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



## **WCMUUSD Chair Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) We have estimated a raise for our teachers and staff of approximately one step (which equals approximately 2.1-2.5%), subject to negotiations. We are moving, for the first time, to a single unified contract with a common pay scale. We are working to blend the various employee groups into this common pay scale and to do so, some employees will see the full benefit of a step increase and others will be worked into the scale as is appropriate.

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

The tuition that we have set this upcoming year for the elementary schools is \$15,000 and the MSHS is \$17,500. Note also that the towns that send us students pay both tuition and ALL special education costs associated with those students.

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

- 5) The Board voted at our January WCUUSD meeting to allow school choice within our District. This means that all students living in the towns of Bridgewater, Killington, Reading, Plymouth, Pomfret, and Woodstock will have choice about which elementary school in the district they will attend. There will be parameters on this choice and this will not affect the HS/MS in any way. We are very excited about this new initiative because we believe this will help inform the new Board as to where the population of our District lives and where they want to go to school. This new program will help us to understand the many demographic factors at play in the District and how we might make smart choices about the placement of classrooms around our District. It is an exciting time for our District. This type of out-of-the-box thinking is exactly what will keep our District relevant and appealing to new families looking to move to the area.

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- 6) As an important part of our Board unification process we have reassessed our collective food service program. In doing this assessment we were alarmed to see that, in the aggregate, our district is among the most expensive food service programs in the State of Vermont. We have made a commitment in this first year of our Unified District to cut costs in our food service program by at least \$200,000 with a goal of cutting costs by an additional \$100,000 next year. We are going to find a solution that allows us to continue providing healthy, high quality, locally sourced food to our students in a more cost effective manner. We understand how much many of our community members value the food service experience in our schools but we also understand that we must be fiscally responsible to all taxpayers.
- 7) Finally, we have moved to a 7-12<sup>th</sup> organizational model at WUHS/MS. This move to a single administration has allowed us to find some administrative efficiencies, and we will be able to reduce our administrative needs by 2.0 FTE and professional staff 3.2 FTE due to enrollment trends.

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

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

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

Respectfully yours,

Paige Hiller, Chair

Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District



<b>District: Reading</b>		Three Prior Years Comparisons			
County: Windsor		Tax Rate Calculations			LEA: T163
SU: Windsor Central				Merged District	
<b>Expenditures</b>		FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
Local Budget		1,068,760	1,059,547	1,039,665	17,956,806 1
Gross Act 68 Budget		1,068,760	1,059,547	1,039,665	17,956,806 2
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local Revenue - grants, donations, tuition, surplus		193,890	239,314	236,739	3,677,625 3
Capital debt aid for eligible projects		-	-	-	- 4
Education Spending		874,870	820,233	802,926	14,279,181 5
Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)		50.84	47.25	46.40	818.04 6
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		17,208	17,359	17,304	17,455 7
Less net eligible construction costs per EP		810	NA		- 8
Allowable Cost per Pupil Threshold		17,103	17,362	17,386	17,816 9
Per pupil figure used for calculating Dist. Adj.		17,208	17,359	17,304	17,455 10
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate, Equalized		\$1.8011 <i>based on \$9285</i>	\$1.7894 <i>based on yield \$9,701</i>	\$1.7032 <i>based on yield \$10,160</i>	\$1.7736 <i>based on yield \$9842</i> 11
Percent of equalized Students in Merged District		56.46%	54.79%	56.71%	100.00% 12
Equalized Homestead Rate - Merged		\$1.0169	\$0.9804	\$0.9659	\$1.7736 13
Less: \$.08 incentive		-	-	-	\$1.6936 14
Final Eq. Rate based on 5% restriction - Merged		-	-	-	\$1.6936 15
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)		99.76%	101.01%	105.28%	100.84% 16
Estimated Actual Homestead Rate - Merged		\$1.0193 <i>based on \$0.99</i>	\$0.9707 <i>based on \$1.00</i>	\$0.9293 <i>based on \$1.00</i>	\$1.6795 <i>based on \$1.00</i> 17
Anticipated Income cap percent to be prorated		3.27% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.87% <i>based on 2.00%</i>	2.89% <i>based on 2.00%</i>	2.62% <i>based on 2.00%</i> 18
Household Income Percent for Income Sensitivity		1.85% <i>based on 1.94%</i>	1.75% <i>based on 2.00%</i>	1.64% <i>based on 2.00%</i>	1.19% <i>based on 2.00%</i> 19
Percent of equalized pupils at Woodstock UHSD		43.54%	45.21%	43.29%	- 20
ESTIMATED TAX RATES 2018-2019					
ESTIMATED TAX RATE SUMMARY					
Elementary Equalized Rate		\$1.0169	\$0.9804	\$0.9659	-
High School Equalized Rate		\$0.7603	\$0.7928	\$0.7455	-
Total Equalized Rate - Merged		\$1.7772	\$1.7732	\$1.7114	\$1.6936
Common Level of Appraisal		99.76%	101.01%	105.28%	100.84%
Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rates		\$1.7815	\$1.7555	\$1.6256	\$1.6795

Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,842 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,862 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.629. **New and updated data have changed the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor. The base income percentage cap is 2.0%

**Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District  
FY2019 Revenue Budget - Proposed**

<b>Line</b>		<b>FY18 Budget</b>	<b>FY19 Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Local Revenue</b>			
2	Tuition From Other LEA's	2,256,683	1,750,000	(506,683)
<b>3</b>	Tuition By Parent/Patron - Pre School	32,356	32,000	(356)
4	Interest Earned	54,025	54,000	(25)
6	Rental Income	162,000	162,000	-
7	Donations	34,000	34,000	-
8	Miscellaneous Local Revenues	900	-	(900)
<b>9</b>	WCSU Rental Income	12,000	-	(12,000)
10	Prior Year Surplus Applied	453,157	300,000	(153,157)
<b>11</b>	<b>Total Local Revenue</b>	<b>3,005,121</b>	<b>2,332,000</b>	<b>(673,121)</b>
12				
<b>13</b>	<b>State and Local Revenue</b>			
14	Education Spending Grant	14,070,761	14,279,181	208,420
<b>15</b>	Ed Fund Paymt to Tech Ctr	107,224	107,000	(224)
16	Small Schools Grant	279,455	310,439	30,984
<b>17</b>	State Transportation Reimb	218,386	218,386	-
18	Driver's Education Reimb	5,800	5,800	-
<b>19</b>	Vocational Ed Transportation	25,000	25,000	-
<b>21</b>	Place Based NPS Grant	30,000	30,000	-
<b>25</b>	<b>Total State and Local Revenue</b>	<b>14,736,626</b>	<b>14,975,806</b>	<b>239,180</b>
26				
<b>27</b>	<b>Special Education</b>			
28	Special Ed Excess Cost Revenue	557,825	300,000	(257,825)
30	Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	1,598,216	-	(1,598,216)
<b>31</b>	Tuition from VT LEAs	8,000	-	(8,000)
32	Title I Subgrant	96,951	85,000	(11,951)
<b>33</b>	Early Essential Education Grant	20,290	-	(20,290)
<b>34</b>	<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>2,281,282</b>	<b>385,000</b>	<b>(1,896,282)</b>
<b>35</b>				
<b>36</b>	<b>Food Service</b>			
<b>37</b>	Food Service Revenue	264,000	264,000	-
38	Annual State Match - LUNCH	3,000	-	(3,000)
<b>39</b>	Annual State Match - BRKFST	524	-	(524)
40	State Addt'l Breakfast	500	-	(500)
<b>41</b>	Federal School Lunch	83,000	-	(83,000)
<b>43</b>	Federal Sch Brkfst/Start Up	20,650	-	(20,650)
<b>44</b>	<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>371,674</b>	<b>264,000</b>	<b>(107,674)</b>
<b>45</b>				
<b>46</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>20,394,703</b>	<b>17,956,806</b>	<b>(2,437,897)</b>

# Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District FY2019

## FY2019 Expense Budget - Proposed

Line	Department	FY18 Budget	FY19P	FY18 vs FY19
1	Regular Instruction	4,098,635	3,740,801	(357,834)
2	Agriculture	125,319	122,121	(3,198)
3	Art	375,167	373,103	(2,064)
4	Tech Integration	113,097	111,457	(1,640)
5	English	537,965	524,647	(13,318)
6	Foreign Language	426,545	424,427	(2,118)
7	Physical Education/Health	250,972	249,541	(1,431)
8	Life Skills	84,582	86,054	1,472
9	Math	560,040	564,490	4,450
10	Music	183,549	173,645	(9,904)
11	Science	532,649	451,506	(81,143)
12	Social Studies	500,890	480,480	(20,410)
13	Technology	97,048	96,706	(342)
14	General Education	22,255	22,897	642
15	Drivers Education	53,907	57,100	3,193
16	Excel	2,000	2,000	-
17	Language Arts	102,103	78,644	(23,459)
18	Special Education	1,617,819	48,065	(1,569,754)
19	Title I	84,068	85,834	1,767
20	Voc Tuition Pd By State	182,224	182,224	-
21	Athletics	442,906	446,466	3,560
22	Student Activities	126,872	129,393	2,521
23	Student Support	16,625	16,883	258
24	Guidance	636,763	654,776	18,013
25	Student Appraisal Services	3,000	3,000	-
26	Health Services	278,710	272,794	(5,916)
29	Staff Support Services	100	-	(100)
30	Curriculum Development	91,728	82,270	(9,458)
31	Instructional Staff Training	125,950	126,927	977
32	Educational Media Services	319,547	290,310	(29,237)
33	Audio-Visual Services	8,200	8,200	-
34	Technology Services	174,789	164,613	(10,176)
35	Computer Assisted Instruction	9,128	8,978	(150)
36	School-Wide Technology	273,482	185,107	(88,375)
37	Board of Education	47,467	2,153	(45,314)
38	Board Secretary	1,807	-	(1,807)
39	Board Treasurer	4,468	-	(4,468)
40	Legal Services	22,250	-	(22,250)
41	Audit Services	6,200	-	(6,200)
43	Office of the Superintendent	681,394	796,812	115,418
44	Principal's Office	1,578,392	1,528,811	(49,581)
45	Special Area Administrative Services	2,100,621	1,656,838	(443,783)
46	Fiscal Services	34,000	34,000	-
47	Interest on Current Loans	17,000	-	(17,000)
48	Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,833,705	1,833,392	(313)
49	Care and Upkeep of Grounds	81,800	82,600	800
50	Vehicle Maintenance	800	800	-
51	Security Services	17,000	17,000	-
52	Transportation	491,985	505,318	13,333
53	Co-curricular Transportation	39,415	32,415	(7,000)
54	Accreditation Svcs	3,500	3,500	-
56	Food Services	777,193	756,433	(20,760)
57	Facilities Acquisition & Constr. Act	2,500	-	(2,500)
58	Debt Service	83,573	82,601	(972)
59	Fund Transfers	111,000	358,675	247,675
60	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>20,394,703</b>	<b>17,956,806</b>	<b>(2,437,896)</b>

**TOWN OF READING, VT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
March 4, 2017**

The Town of Reading, Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at The Reading Elementary School at 9:30 am. Approximately 87 people were in attendance.

The Moderator, Jonathan Springer, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator reviewed the rules for speaking and voting for non-residents and addressing the moderator for questions. Jon allowed Becky Basch to speak about energy savings and that information was available to attendees. Heather Evans thanked our prior Reading Recreation Commission, Kevin Barnes, Chris Titus and Diane Moore for all of their hard work putting together wonderful events for the community. A card was available for people to sign thanking the commission.

**Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the Town ensuing year.** Gordon Eastman nominated Jon Springer. Penny Allyn seconded the nomination. Jim Peplau moves to close nominations, Tim Bishop seconded and nominations were ceased. Mr. Jon Springer was elected.

**Article 2: To see if the voters shall set the date and time, by which the Town property taxes must be paid and received by the Town Treasurer, to be Monday, November 6, 2017 by 5:00 P.M. (NO POST MARKS).** John Fike moves to have Article 2 be accepted and Gordon Eastman seconded. The Article was adopted.

**Article 3: To see if the Town will elect the Town Treasurer as Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the ensuing year.** John Fike moves to have Article 2 be accepted and Jim Peplau seconded. The Article was adopted.

**Article 4: To elect all other Town Officers, as required by law:**

- **Town Clerk for a three (3) year term.** John Fike nominated Calista Brennan. No other nomination. Robert Allen moves to close nominations, Tim Bishop seconded. Calista Brennan was elected.
- **Town Treasurer for a three (3) year term.** John Fike nominated Calista Brennan. No other nomination. Robert Allen moves to close nominations, Tim Bishop seconded. Calista Brennan was elected.
- **SELECTPERSON for a three (3) year term.** Gordon Eastman nominated A. James Peplau. No other nomination. Robert Allen moves to close nominations, John Fike seconded. The motion passed. Chris Titus moves to have the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for A. James Peplau for Selectperson for a three-year term. Tim Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed, the clerk cast one ballot, and A. James Peplau was elected.

**LISTER for a three (3) year term.** Penny Allyn nominated John Fike. No other nomination. Jim Peplau moves to close nominations, Gary Vittum seconded. The motion passed. Jim Peplau moves to have the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for John Fike for Lister for a three-year term. Robert Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed, the clerk cast one ballot, and John Fike was elected.

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- **AUDITOR for a three (3) year term.** Adam Kozlowski nominated Liesbeth Kozlowski. No other nomination. Jim Peplau moves to close nominations, Chris Titus seconded. The motion passed. Jim Peplau moves to have the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Liesbeth Kozlowski for Auditor for a three-year term. Gordon Eastman seconded the motion. The motion passed, the clerk cast one ballot, and Liesbeth Kozlowski was elected.
- **TOWN GRAND JUROR for a one (1) year term.** Esther Allen nominated Peter Vollers. No other nomination. Jim Peplau moves to close nominations, Gordon Eastman seconded. Peter Vollers was elected.
- **TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS for a one (3) year term.** Jim Bartlett nominated Curtis Allen. No other nomination. Chris Titus moves to close nominations, Tim Bishop seconded. Curtis Allen was elected.
- **CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for a three (3) year term.** Adam Kozlowski nominated Kevin Kaija. No other nomination. Susan Goodhouse moves to close nominations, Gordon Eastman seconded. Kevin Kaija was elected. Kevin presented a note to be entered into record.
- **READING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a three (3) year term.** Justin Sluka nominated Donna Martin. No other nomination. Chris Titus moves to close nominations, Susan Goodhouse seconded. Donna Martin was elected.
- **LIBRARY TRUSTEE for a five (5) year term.** Milde Waterfall nominated Vanessa Maxham. No other nomination. Jim Peplau moves to close nominations. Robert Allen seconded. Vanessa Maxham was elected.

**TOWN AGENT for a one (1) year term.** Sarah Norcross nominated Kenneth Norcross. No other nomination. Heather Evans moves to close the nominations. Libbet Downs seconded. Kenneth Norcross was elected.

**ARTICLE 5: To act on the reports of The Officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.** Sandy Peplau moves to accept the Article. Jim Peplau seconded. No questions presented. Article 5 was adopted.

**ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town of Reading will vote to appropriate the amount of \$630,255 (Six Hundred Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars) to be raised by taxes for the Selectboard's Budget beginning July 1, 2017.** John Fike moves to accept the article. Gary Vittum seconded. Robert Allen spoke to the town budget that there needed to be a change to some line items in the budget. This resulted in line 420 Total Expense being changed to \$1,753,955 and line 430 Total Income was changed to \$1,200,700. Based on this Robert Allen made a motion to amend the amount to be raised by taxes to \$553,255. John Fike seconded the motion. Steve Strait asked questions on line 134, 202, 212 and 312 asking why the YTD to 12/31 was so low. Robert Allen explained that these are typically items that have increased cost during the winter months so they did not show in the 6 month numbers. Costs of the Informer have been reduced, due to a negotiation on pricing with the printer and moving people to receiving it via e-mail rather than hard copy and mailing. Steve also questioned the increase in bridges to \$800,000. The bridges to be replaced on the Tyson Road and Town Farm Road will be more expensive than originally estimated. Tyson Road bridge alone will be between \$450,000 and \$500,000. Article 6 was adopted.

## **ARTICLES 7 – 14: Appropriations for special funds.**

Robert Allen made a motion to suspend the rule and take up Articles 7 – 14 that add up to \$7,800, to be voted on, as one article. Carol Boerner seconded. Moderator asks if all are in favor to suspend the rules to say aye, because it requires a 2/3 majority. The ayes have the majority and the rules were suspended. Jim Peplau moves to accept and Susan Goodhouse seconded. Articles 7 - 14 are adopted.

**Article 15:** To see if the voters will authorize the purchase of the Reading Historical Society lot that is adjacent to the Library property, for a sum of **\$42,000** (Forty-Two Thousand Dollars). Esther Allen moves to accept the article. Jim Peplau seconded. Moderator Springer allowed RHS President, Esther Allen, to address this article as to why it was requested and answer questions from the floor. Town librarian, Tony Pikramenos, spoke as to how this would benefit the library. Nina Salvatore asked the Selectboard why they would agree to buy this lot but would not buy other parcels when they come up for tax sale. Selectman, Allen, stated that the RHS lot was adjacent to the current town lot of the library and would make additional space for the library for badly needed parking, access to the lift and the control of the water. Article 15 was adopted.

**Article 16:** To elect a Moderator for the School ensuing year. Adam Kozlowski nominated Jon Springer. Marie Anderson seconded the nomination. Chris Titus moves to close nominations, Tim Bishop seconded and nominations were ceased. Mr. Jon Springer was elected.

**Article 17: To act on the reports of the School Directors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.** Sandy Peplau moved to accept the article. Tim Bishop seconded. No discussion of this article. The article passed.

**Article 18: Shall the voters of the Reading Elementary School District approve the Reading Board of School Directors to expend \$1,039,665 (One Million, Thirty Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty Five Dollars), 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 \$17,383 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is .14% higher than spending for the current year.** Sandy Peplau moves and Shiri Macri seconded. A general discussion of the budget ensued.

Board was commended for reducing the budget amount and being under the per equalized pupil cost.

Line 129 Why an increase in the principal's salary? Board stated this is due to combining the principal position (3 days) with library and media tech 1 day. Salary is for 4 days a week.

Line 208 Special Education Excess Cost of \$53,000 – Board stated this is cost accessed by WCSU needs that are not broken out.

Line 225 – Health insurance for food service – comment that this is unheard of in the industry for part time work.

Staffing – reduction in

Goldberg – asked if the budget printed in the town report could be asterisked \*\* to identify which costs the School Board has no control over. [this can be done if the board identifies the items to book preparers].

Robert Allen made a motion to amend the school budget request to be **\$1,053,665** which adds \$14,000 back into the budget specifically for the custodian position to be full time. Seconded by Jim Peplau.

Discussion: Reduced hours for maintenance of the building; concerns over deterioration of the facility and equipment. Board stated they are doing a full analysis of maintenance costs to see where they can reduce costs. Water testing, septic, electricity and boiler maintenance are all higher than they should be.

Rayna Bishop asked the question if adding the \$14,000 to the budget would put us above the per pupil spending line and into the penalty phase. Justin Sluka said it would, and explained it would add several pennies to the tax rate. Robert Allen removed his motion returning the School Board budget back to the original request.

A voice vote was taken and ruled by the moderator that the ayes had it. The moderator's decision was challenged by Steve Strait calling for a paper ballot vote of the article. There were at least seven people in favor of a paper ballot. There were 83 votes cast 69 yes and 14 no. Article 18 was adopted.

**Article 19: To see if the Voters will authorize the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes.**

Robert Allen moves to accept. Jim Peplau seconded. The Article was adopted.

**Article 20: To do any other business that may legally be done at this meeting.**

Adam Kozlowski commended the board for their budget reductions but wondered about a five-year plan from the board. Justin stated that they could not have a five-year plan with all the questions regarding the ACT46 implementation. They would go forward after Tuesday's vote.

Carol Boerner questioned why test scores were not in the Town Report – again. Principal, Cathy Knight distributed a sheet of test scores. Carol then questioned why students are doing poorly. Board stated that the numbers are skewed.

Esther Allen thanked Shiri Macri for her work on the school board the last three years and her work serving on the ACT46 merger committee.

Donna Martin and Rick Stahl were thanked for providing food and beverages for the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Robert Allen; seconded by Donna Martin. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By Calista Brennan

*Jonathan L. Springer*

*Robert K. Allen*

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### **Results of the Australian Ballot Vote on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 203 voters**

WCSU High School Budget: 115 = Yes, 86 = No

ACT46 Merger: 64 = Yes, **135 = No**

2 Year Board Member: Timothy Bishop = 109

1 Year Board Member: Nina Salvatore = 49

ACT 46 RE-VOTE completed on May 31, 2017

Total Votes Cast: 226

Results No - 109 **Yes -115** Spoiled - 2

ACT 46 Re-Vote completed on July 25, 2017

Total Votes Cast: 226

Results: No 90 - **Yes - 135** Spoiled 1

### **August 3, 2017 Special School Board Meeting**

At this meeting Chair, Justin Sluka and board member, Donna Martin determined that there would not be another reconsideration vote put to the voters of Reading. The vote of July 25 has been certified and sent to the State. Reading has joined the MUUD - Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District.