

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017

**SOUTH
WOODSTOCK**
*Village
Center*



PROSPER
*Prosper
Schoolhouse*



**WEST
WOODSTOCK**
*Lincoln
Covered Bridge*



TAFTSVILLE
*Taftsville
Center*



ABOUT THE COVER

The cover on this year's Annual Town Report is a collage of photos of different Hamlets which make up the Town of Woodstock.

Photos courtesy of Lynn Beach, Town and Village of Woodstock -Administrative Assistant.



DEDICATION

The Select Board is dedicating this year's Annual Town Report to Ann Marie Boyd in recognition of the 11 years she has served as our Town and Village Treasurer. The Board thanks Ann Marie for her knowledge, commitment, availability and for the countless hours she has given to the Town and Village.

WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

Town Report

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 through JUNE 30, 2017

<u>Chartered:</u>	July 10, 1761	<u>Area:</u>	27,776 acres
2017 Grand List:	\$8,902,988	2010 Census:	3,048

Tax Rate

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Town Highway	0.1278
Town General	0.1969
Special Articles	0.0239
Voted Exempt Education Taxes	0.0128
County Tax	0.0079
Homestead Education Tax	1.6686
Non Residential Education Tax	1.5336
Police Assessment (Non-village property)	0.0527

**Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting
on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at the
Woodstock Town Hall**

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Town of Woodstock Meeting Schedule	
Select Board	Meet on the 3 rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.
Board of Sewer Commissioners	Meet during the regularly scheduled meetings of the Select Board.
Town Development Review Board	Meetings held on the 4 th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.
Planning Commission	Meetings are held on the 1 st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.
Design Review Board (South Woodstock)	Meetings held on the 3 rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M at the South Woodstock Fire Station (upon application only).
Economic Development Commission	Meeting held on the 1 st Thursday of each month at 7:00P.M. at Woodstock Town Hall.
Energy Committee	Meetings are held on the 2 nd Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.
Recreation Board of Directors	Meetings are held on the 4 th Tuesday of each month at 8:00 A.M. at the Woodstock Recreation Center.
Woodstock School Board	The Board of Directors for the Woodstock Elementary School meet the 2 nd Monday of each month at 4:30 P.M. at the Woodstock Union Middle School. (Call 457-2522 to confirm) The Woodstock Union High School Board meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Union Middle School, in the Rhoda Teagle Library. The WCSU Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Union Middle School. (Call 457-1213 ext. 202 to confirm dates and times of any of these school board meetings.)
Library Board of Trustees	Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:00 P.M. at the Norman Williams Library. To confirm place and time, call 457-2295.
Village Development Review Board	Meetings are held on the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.
Village Board of Trustees	Meet the 2 nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.
Village Design Review Board	Meet 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall (upon application only).
Conservation Commission	Meet on the 3 rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall (to confirm call 457-7515).

TOWN OFFICIALS Elected Officials		
SELECT BOARD	YEAR	JUSTICES OF THE PEACE-2 Year
Bob Holt, Chair	2018	Fred Barr 2019
L.D. Sutherland, Vice Chair	2018	Dwight Camp 2019
John D. Doten, Jr.	2019	Kathleen W. Camp 2019
Jill M. Davies	2019	Michelle Fountain 2019
Sonya Stover	2020	Jim Ford 2019
		Susan Ford 2019
		Christopher Lloyd 2019
TOWN CLERK		Matt Maxham 2019
F. Charles Degener	2018	Mary Riley 2019
		Jane Soule 2019
TREASURER		
Ann Marie Boyd	2018	
MODERATOR		GRAND JUROR
Matthew Maxham	2016	Laird Bradley 2018
LISTERS		CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS-3 Years
Paul Wildasin	2018	Gregory Camp 2018
Carol Wood	2019	Fred Barr 2019
Jennifer Maxham	2020	Bruce Gould 2020
AUDITORS-3 Years		
Tom Debevoise	2018	
Nicholas Seldon	2019	
Joseph Swanson	2020	
		WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS-3 Years
TOWN AGENT		Jessica Stout 2018
William C. Dagger	2018	Malena Agin 2019
		Paige Hiller 2020
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS-3 Years		WUHS DIRECTORS-3 Years
VACANT	2018	Alita Wilson 2018
VACANT	2019	Elizabeth Alessi 2019
Matthew Powers	2020	Victoria Jas 2020
FIRST CONSTABLE		
Kelly Linton	2018	



TOWN OFFICIALS
APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER
Philip B. Swanson

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Michael E. Brands, AICP

FIRE CHIEF
David Green

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Dwight Camp 2018

FIRE WARDEN- 5 Years
David Green 2021

DEPUTY FIRE WARDEN
Emo Chynoweth 2021

TREE WARDEN
Don Wheeler 2018

HEALTH OFFICER
Lanie Edson 2018

INSPECTOR OF LUMBER
Fred Barr 2018

RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Gail Devine, Rec Director

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR
Philip B. Swanson 2018

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER
Philip B. Swanson 2018

TRUANT OFFICER
James Otranto 2018

POUND KEEPER
Kelly Linton 2018

**TWO RIVERS OTTAUQUECHEE
REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE**
Don Bourdon 2018

**GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**
Philip B. Swanson

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
Roy Bates 2018
Tom Debevoise 2018
Jonathan Wilson 2018
Matthew Maxham 2018
Mary Riley 2018

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
Kimberly French 2018
Don Bourdon 2019
Ingrid Moulton Nichols 2019
Charlie Wilson 2020
Fred Hunt 2020

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Byron Quinn 2018
Al Alessi 2019
Cyndy Kozara 2019
Lynn Peterson 2020
Lea Kachadorian 2020
Bo Gibbs 2021
Bethany Powers 2021

PLANNING COMMISSION
Eric Goldberg 2018
Jeff Bendis 2018
Sally Miller, Chair 2019
Michael Pacht 2019
Susan Boston 2020
Sara Stadler 2021
Sam Segal 2021

TOWN OFFICIALS
APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
(So. Woodstock)**
Charles Humpstone 2019
Lyman Shove 2020
Glenn Soule 2018

FENCE VIEWERS
Fred Barr 2018
Richard Roy 2018
Joseph Lucot 2018

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Tom Weschler 2020
Charlie Kimbell 2020
Michael Malik 2020
Barry Milstone 2019
Vacancy 2019
Jason Merrill 2019
Joe DiNatale 2018
Vacancy 2018
Mica Seely 2018

BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION
Alison Clarkson
Christopher Lloyd
Donald R. Wheeler
Kathy Avellino
Marc Weinstein
Joshua Pauly
Sam Segal

RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Dave Doubleday, Chair
Tom Emery
Sarah Weiss, Treasurer
Jim Giller, Secretary
Kent McFarland, Vice Chair
Emma Schmell
Chuck Vanderstreet
L.D. Sutherland, Select Board Rep.

Woodstock Select Board

It is has been my privilege to serve as the Chair of the Select Board in 2017.

On July 1, 2017 the functions performed by the highway department of the Village were merged with the town highway department into a single highway department that serves all of Woodstock. Beginning the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 fiscal year, all of us will pay the same tax rate for highway maintenance regardless of where we live. This practice implements a vote taken in 1980 that was never fully implemented in practice.

Grants for the construction of public works projects are the lifeblood of paying for large highway construction projects. Following is a list of these for the last year and for this year.

2017 Grants:

Snow Dump Construction
Park & Ride
Electric Vehicle Charging Station
Pedestrian enhancements on School Street
Cox District Road Culvert design
Old River Road Culvert replacement

2018 Grants:

Post Office Bridge deck replacement
Cox District Road Culvert replacement
Storm water management projects on Densmore Hill Road

We are fortunate to continue to be served by a volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service that is effective and respected. We try to provide our volunteers with the tools and support they need. To that end, we have three EMT’s that we are sending to paramedic school right now, and these three medics will be licensed by the middle of spring 2018. We are always seeking new volunteer fire fighters and ambulance personnel. Volunteering is a great way to meet your community members. Training and a generous stipend are provided.

The Emergency Services building is in need of replacement. Needs are both for more space but also for a building that does not waste so much energy. There is some money in the 2018 - 2019 budget to begin the process of planning for the construction of a new building.

The local options tax of 1 % levied on rooms, meals and alcohol generates over \$220,000.00 annually. This money is dedicated to be spent on projects that are intended to have a positive impact on our community and generate economic activity. The very active Woodstock Economic Development Commission reviews applications for grants and makes spending recommendations to the Select Board. The Select Board is very impressed with the thoughtfulness of the Commission’s work and the frugality of their recommendations. This program is able to fund work that is not added to the property taxes.

We entered into a contract with Norwich Solar technologies to create a joint venture to construct a 500,000 Kw solar farm after a competitive bid process. The solar farm is owned by a private investor. The Town has a contract to purchase electricity from the solar farm at an estimated annual savings of \$15,000.00 in the first year. The contract is for twenty five years. The investor is responsible for all construction costs and all operational costs. There are no costs to the town for this project. Estimated savings over the term of the contract are approximately \$500,000.00.

The Select Board is actively working to undertake projects that will result in reduced energy costs in every building owned and operated by the Town. We have a great partner in Efficiency Vermont and will take full advantage of the grants and their expertise to lower our operating costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Holt, Woodstock Select Board Chair

ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

I am pleased to present my report of the Town Manager for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Total spending on municipal operations that were voted at town meeting was \$4,888,950.00 of which taxes were \$206,928.00 with the balance coming from other revenues. The tax rate for this fiscal year for municipal services, not including Special Articles, that were voted on separately was 32.47 cents per one hundred dollars of property value. Taxes for police services added another 0.0527 for those living outside of the Village. These taxes were approximately 18% of the total taxes you paid last year. The remainder was your state and local education taxes. As you know, a considerable amount of our local education taxes is sent to the State of Vermont to be shared with other towns. The financial records are audited by the firm of Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner which are available on our municipal website, www.townofwoodstock.org or by mail on request.

The budget being presented at Annual Town Meeting this year reflects the efforts of the Select Board to purchase trucks and equipment with money saved in the Capital Reserve program, and rely less on borrowed money. This process will take several years to fully implement. This year’s budget sees loan payments and capital savings for the same piece of equipment, in some cases. The savings on interest charges is a lot of money that will be used to reduce future taxes. Another new feature of this budget is a new line in the Town Hall account to conduct a deep energy retrofit that will make the building as energy efficient as reasonably possible; thereby generating long term savings on the cost of energy to operate the building.

Economic Development Commission and the 1% Rooms, Meals and Alcohol Tax.

On July 1, 2016 all purchases of rooms, meals and alcohol became subject to a 1% tax. The revenues from the local option tax are dedicated to be spent on economic development efforts.

The Economic Development Commission is doing an outstanding job of managing the income from the local option tax. The Commission is very frugal in the grants that it awards and requires the grant applicant to fund a portion of their project with other contributing revenues. The goal of the projects that are funded is to increase economic development and promoting Woodstock as a place to visit, live, shop, open a business and overall contribute to a more vibrant local economy.

Resident status must be reported to State of Vermont ANNUALLY, whether or not you receive any property tax breaks.

- Reporting must be completed by April 15th of every tax year.
- Extensions are **not** available, regardless of filing an extension to file your income taxes late.
- Reporting must be done on the State of Vermont form HS-122.

You may file on line at www.tax.vermont.gov the link is on the right side of your screen in the middle of the screen. The form is also available for pick up at the Lister’s Office in Town Hall, which you can fill out and then mail to the Vermont Dept. of Taxes.

Property Tax Break for Moderate Income Homeowners

There is one redeeming element of the Act 60 - Act 68 Education Financing Law that is of benefit to many Woodstock residents. That is, the Legislature recognized that when they target communities of high property values to generate income to be shared with the rest of Vermont, the burden on middle income residents is too great.

The Legislature did adopt a program of limiting a moderate income person's property tax to approximately 3% of income for education expenses, for Woodstock residents. The program is called the Property Tax Adjustment program and the form, **HI-144**, must be filed with your tax return to prove residency and income.

Tax Collections

Woodstock collects property taxes twice each year. Given the high tax bills, and the difficulty that some people have in paying this bill twice a year, I want all of our property owners to know that everyone is welcome to make partial payments toward their next tax bill. To do so, please send a check to the Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 488, Woodstock, VT 05091 and include the name the property is held in and the tax parcel I.D. number. If you do not have this information, please call the office at 457-3456, before mailing your check.

Highways

The State of Vermont has adopted rules and regulations that severely regulate the installation of new culverts and the replacement of existing culverts. All culvert replacements must be in conformance with VTrans Hydraulic Manual. Culverts greater than 3 feet in diameter, require a Hydraulic Analysis be performed and the replacement structure installed in accordance with the design flow of a 25-year storm along with conformance with aquatic life protection measures. In most cases the structure will be either a concrete box culvert or a small bridge.

The Cox District Road Culvert Project is an example of the size and scope of culvert replacement projects. I applied for and received a grant to design a large box culvert to replace a deteriorated culvert on Cox District Road. The existing culvert has a 6 foot wide opening. The state mandated design for the replacement structure is a 16 foot wide opening. I applied for and received a grant for a construction grant which will allow construction in 2018, in the amount of \$150,000.00. This is a state mandated gargantuan project, it is only fitting to wait for state funds to help pay for its construction.

The Select Board has added some money in the budget to save forward from year to year which will pay to upgrade larger culverts with concrete box culverts every 3 or 4 years depending on the size/cost of the concrete box culvert and availability of state grants.

With a different grant, we were able to replace a failing stone culvert on the Old River Road this year. The stone culvert was replaced with a modern plastic culvert which should give many decades of useful service. My thanks to the residents of the Old River Road for their patience while the road was closed to traffic during construction.

Highways, cont.

The Legislature has passed a law that requires towns to construct road improvements such as stone lined ditches to trap fine gravels and keep them from entering the streams and rivers. I have applied for both planning grants as to how to accomplish this on each road and construction grants for work on Densmore Hill Road. In my mind, we have been doing great ditch maintenance by creating cut offs to get water out of the ditch and either on a field or in the woods, to great efficiency. The law is not results driven; meaning that it doesn't matter how effective our program has been. If the road is steeper than 8%. It must have a stone liner. Implementation of this law will be over many years and the total cost of this law will be in the many millions of dollars for Woodstock.

These grants are very important to enable us to maintain our infrastructure without creating a burden on our local taxpayers. We continue to apply for and receive grants from the State for culvert work, bridge maintenance and repaving of our busier town roads.

We constantly read about our Nation's aging infrastructure and our infrastructure here in Woodstock is also aging. We have done a great job of keeping up with our large bridges which span the Ottauquechee River. The next major bridge project we will be faced with is the Post Office bridge, located in front of the Post Office and spans the Kedron Brook. Built in the 1930's it is in poor condition. The State of Vermont Agency of Transportation has this bridge scheduled for replacement of the deck in early 2018. The project will close this section of Central Street for approximately 3 weeks. During this time, local traffic will find its own way around the construction, while commercial truck traffic will be detoured on the state highway network and will skirt Woodstock entirely. Central Street will close to all traffic on April 18, 2018 and reopen three weeks later.

Unified Highway Department of the Town and Village

The highway department of the Village has been incorporated in the highway budget of the Town reflecting that all Woodstock residents pay the same tax rate for highway services. The transition has been relatively easy. Three projects have been completed in the Village with grant funding, they are:

- The Safe Routes to School grant to do a necessary and beautiful improvement of sidewalks and crosswalks around the Woodstock Elementary School.
- The project to construct a Park & Ride parking lot was completed this past summer. Thanks to A.J and William Alsup for granting an easement to the Village over lands that the roadway has been historically using.
- Finally, an Electric Vehicle charging station was built and incorporated into the Park & Ride.

Snow Dump

The moving of the snow dump from the East End of the Village to a location outside of the Village and out of sight has finally happened!

The land was purchased by the Village and Sustainable Woodstock. All construction costs were paid for by a FEMA grant because the former snow dump on Pleasant Street, lost a lot of land in the flooding. The design and initial engineering was paid for by the Village. Environmental engineering, archeological studies and other soft costs related to environmental permitting were paid for by Sustainable Woodstock.

The land was purchased from the Woodstock Resort Corporation. The lands were formerly part of the Billings Farm agricultural lands. We are grateful that the Woodstock Resort Corporation was willing to sell these two acres to the Village for the creation of a modern, engineered snow dump.

Salt and Sand for residents

During the winter months, residents of the Town and Village of Woodstock can pick up a bucket of sand or salt at the Town Garage for personal use on private driveways. In the summer we keep a supply of gravel outside of the gate that is available for your use in small quantities.

Fire Department

Our Fire Chief David Green, supervises the activities of the Fire Department and also the activities of the Woodstock Ambulance Service.

Many of the Firefighters are also EMT's, which is a blessing for our community. Three very active volunteer firefighter/EMT are training to become paramedics. These three women are remarkably dedicated to Woodstock Emergency Services.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you have any interest in checking out joining our fire department please give Chief Green a call at 457-2337 and have a brief conversation. You may come to one meeting and decide you are not interested, or, you may come to a meeting and become a very involved volunteer. Either way, you owe it to yourself to check it out.

We thank the townspeople of Woodstock for your generous support of the Woodstock Fire Department. We thank the firefighters for their dedication to Woodstock and their individual and collective efforts to make Woodstock safer.

The South Woodstock Fire Protection Association operates a fire department under the leadership of Paul C. "Chip" Kendall, III. The South Woodstock department is staffed with members who live in the South Woodstock community. The two departments have undertaken training (together) at all monthly drills and have arranged for the South Woodstock Fire Department to be called out for response to all calls when the main station is called. The fire department in South Woodstock is essential to fire protection in Woodstock and the surrounding communities.

Ambulance

The Woodstock Ambulance Service is licensed as a Paramedic Service. Misha McNabb is our Paramedic / Asst. Fire Chief. We do have mutual aid agreements with the Town of Hartford and the City of Lebanon to provide paramedic intercepts at times that Misha is not on duty.

Three of our EMT's are training to become licensed paramedics. I expect them to be certified and licensed this spring. This development is very exciting for our service.

The individuals who volunteer to be part of our ambulance service are highly trained, dedicated emergency medical personnel. Most are EMT's and many of our EMT's have advanced EMT training.

These folks are trained and licensed to provide a level of care that is intermediate between an EMT and a paramedic. We are all very thankful to these volunteers for the excellent service they provide to our community.

The ambulance service is always looking to take on new volunteers. If you have any interest in volunteering on our ambulance service and getting to know your neighbors one emergency at a time, please call Misha at 457-2326 during normal business hours. There are many ways to get involved and become part of this great service.

Communications Dispatch Center

The communications department provides 24-hour radio communications for the ambulance service, constables, fire department, highway department, sewer department, and the police department. We use two towers to communicate with our emergency and public works crews. Our dispatchers work with the State of Vermont E-911 dispatchers to arrange for emergency personnel to arrive at the scene. Our dispatch center is open seven days a week, twenty four hours each day.

Town Police Services

The actual services provided are an emergency response at any hour of the day, on any day of the week. There is a patrol shift to cover 40 hours weekly of patrol dedicated to the area outside of the Village, built into the schedule, usually in the afternoon and evening hours. For times outside of the patrol shift, an officer is on call to respond to emergency situations in the town.

Not all 911 calls requesting service in the town receive an immediate response. If the dispatcher on duty believes that the request for service can be attended to when the daily police officer is on duty, then the response will be delayed. If it is determined that the situation demands an immediate response, an officer will be called in to respond immediately. That said, I realize that when any resident calls 911 requesting a police officer the situation is an emergency to the caller. However, our limited resources do not allow an immediate response to all calls at all times.

Many of our police officers are also EMT's and respond to certain types of critical calls with the ambulance. Since the police officer is already on the road, the response time is generally quicker than the ambulance. These town police services have been very popular with our residents.

The taxes to finance these police services outside of the village are paid for by a property tax on all property located outside of the village.

Solid Waste

The Town of Woodstock belongs to the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUV) for the management of our waste stream. The GUV owns land located in the Town of Hartland for which an Act 250 permit to develop a permanent landfill on this site has been issued. A bridge over I-91 to access the site has been constructed. Plans to construct and develop the permanent landfill are on hold, as there is more landfill capacity in the region than there is need, due to people recycling more.

To those residents who dispose of their trash at the Hartford Transfer Station: the maximum weight that one card punch is good for is thirty pounds. It is in your best interest to squeeze as close to thirty pounds in each bag that you dispose of as you possibly can. Remember to purchase a permit and disposal punch card in advance. Each bag of trash you dispose of will cost you one "punch" on the card.

Several times a year the trash district organizes a collection of either tires, or scrap metal, or household hazardous waste in Woodstock. These collections are a convenient and inexpensive way to dispose of these pesky items.

Recycling

The Town of Woodstock has a mandatory recycling ordinance that requires all property owners in Woodstock to recycle glass, paper, newspaper, cardboard, steel cans and aluminum cans. Your trash disposal contractor is obligated to collect and recycle these materials for you and you are obligated to separate them out for collection. If you choose to dispose of your own trash at the transfer station in Hartford, you must dispose of the recyclable materials in the recycling center.

The Vermont legislature recently adopted Act 148 which will push recycling to new levels. The law prohibits discarding recyclable materials in a landfill. The law also begins mandating the composting of many organic materials. For example, leaf and yard waste were mandated to be composted since July 1, 2016. Food scrap composting began July 1, 2014 for generators that produce over 2 tons per week of food waste. By 2020 all food waste, from a tiny kitchen in a small apartment to a large grocery store or commercial kitchen must be composted.

Septic Rules

Regulations governing septic systems for single family residences and subdivided lots have changed significantly. More innovative/alternative systems are acceptable and failed system replacement is possible through a variance from the rules if compliance is not possible.

Since June 2, 2007 all septic systems built in Woodstock require a state septic permit regardless of when the lot was created. Also since June 2, 2007, all new residential connections to the municipal sewer system must obtain a state water & wastewater permit in addition to a town connection permit.

The nearest office of Environmental Conservation is located in Springfield, VT at 100 Mineral Street. Their telephone number is (802) 289-0603.

Sewer Department

Last, but not least, I would like to report on operations at the three wastewater treatment facilities owned and operated by the Town. They are located in South Woodstock, Taftsville and the main plant is in the Village. All of our facilities are operating very well with effluent quality that meets or surpasses all permit requirements.

The Wastewater Treatment facilities are licensed by the State of Vermont and each is given its own five year permit to discharge treated wastewater to the waters of the State of Vermont. The most recent license granted to the Taftsville facility required a full and complete engineering evaluation of the plant’s facility and equipment. The results of this evaluation are that the facility needs a major over haul to keep functioning. Primarily the aeration tank which is made of steel, has serious rust issues that need to be repaired by welding new steel to mend the tank. Two other options were way more expensive. One option was to remove and replace the tank, the other option is to build a new sewer line that will connect the Taftsville facility with the main facility in the village.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Woodstock, the Select Board and all municipal employees and all of our public officials, whether elected or appointed, for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip B. Swanson
Town Manager

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 3, 2018
And
March 6, 2018

The citizens of Woodstock who are legal voters in the Town of Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall Theatre in said Town on the 3rd day of March, 2018 at 10:00 A.M., and continuing no later than 11:59 P.M., to be adjourned until March 6, 2018 for the purpose of transacting during that time any business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

The citizens of Woodstock, who are legal voters in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, County of Windsor, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall Theatre in the Town Hall on the 6th day of March 2018, reconvening at 7:00 A.M., continuing until 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of transacting during that time, voting by Australian ballot.

- ARTICLE I:
- The election of Town Officers for the ensuing year as required by law including:
(Australian Ballot)
- Select Board (3 year term)
Select Board (2 year term)
Town Treasurer
Moderator (1 year term)
Lister (3 year term)
Auditor (3 year term)
Cemetery Commissioner (3 year term)
Trustee of Public Funds (3 year term)
Trustee of Public Funds (3 year term)
Grand Juror
First Constable
Town Agent
Elementary School Board Director (3 year term)
Woodstock Union High School Board Director (3 year term)

ARTICLE II: To see if the Town will receive and act upon reports submitted by the Town officers.

ARTICLE III: To see if the Town will vote to collect the Town General, Highway, School Taxes and State Education Taxes on real property and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA Chapter 133 and fix the dates of payment as November 2, 2018, and May 3, 2019.

- ARTICLE IV:
- To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town Officers in accordance with Title 24 VSA, Section 932 as follows:
- | | | | |
|----------------|----|-----------|------------------|
| Select Board | \$ | 1,000.00 | per year |
| Town Treasurer | | 16,000.00 | per year |
| Listers | | 23.80 | per hour |
| Constable | | 23.80 | per hour |
| Town Clerk | | 30.00 | per hour |
| Moderator | | 50.00 | each time serves |

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 to defray current expenses and debts of the Town and Sewer Department.

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Million Forty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$6,040,323) which includes the specified sums of money to operate each department; and to raise by taxation the amount of Four Million Forty Three Thousand Fifty Three Dollars (\$4,036,053) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2018-2019.

Parades	\$ 2,000
Fireworks	7,500
Woodstock Area Council on Aging	10,810
Library Contribution	147,750
Pentangle	36,000
Recreation Dept. Contribution	287,100
Little Theatre Bond	16,000
Health Officer	7,280
Town Hall Building	162,000
Select Board	23,410
Executive	129,250
Administration	26,600
Finance	234,750
Town Clerk	156,300
Planning and Zoning	120,050
Town Highways	1,932,985
Cemetery Maintenance	18,000
Sanitation	33,528
Ambulance Department	536,195
Fire Department	325,200
Emergency Services Bldg. Maint.	37,500
Constable	10,070
Town Police District	385,095
Dispatch Services	326,200
Welcome Center	37,400
Village Highway Rebate	288,000
Select Board Contingency	30,500
Insurance	170,000
Capital Outlay	251,000
Economic Development Commission	230,000
Irene Bond	<u>61,850</u>
Total	6,040,323

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$1,079,375), which includes Eight Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$817,875) from user fees and Two Hundred Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$261,500) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2018-2019.

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) and pay each of the Trustees Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the purpose of paying the Trustees of Public Funds for services rendered, and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose.

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of having the Public Trust Funds audited and approve the expenditure of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from income of the Trust Funds to pay for the Annual Audit.

ARTICLE X: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for general improvements to Vail Field.

ARTICLE XI: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the support of the Woodstock Area Job Bank to continue free employment referral services in the greater Woodstock area. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE XII: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for Woodstock Community Television to help support coverage of ongoing events within the Town of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE XIII: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from the general fund the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients’ homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE XIV: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$3,247) to help support outpatient mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (HCRS). (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE XV: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Woodstock in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE XVI: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the support of Senior Solutions (formally Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

- ARTICLE XVII:

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and make youth feel supported, welcomed and included. There is no charge to attend our program. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XVIII:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to support the mission of WISE (Women’s Information Services, Inc.) in providing free crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, prevention education, and training to community members and professionals. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XIX:

Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF). OHF is a nonprofit community resource that provides funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription co-payments and short term caregiver services. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XX:

Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXI:

Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Woodstock through volunteer service. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXII:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be allocated to the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce for operational expenses of the Mechanic Street Welcome Center for FY 2018-19. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXIII:

Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$34, 935) as the Town’s share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Thompson Senior Center. The Thompson is an important community resource – providing daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health, educational and social services. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXIV:

Shall the Town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,250) for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library. These funds are over and above the level budgeted support that the Town provides to this library for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXV:

Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) for the support of Pentangle Arts to provide services to the residents of the Town of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE XXVI:

To entertain the discussion of any other business of interest to the legal voters, such discussion shall not be construed in any manner as binding Municipal action.

Dated at Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont on this 1st day of February, 2018.

By the Select Board members of the TOWN OF WOODSTOCK:

Robert Holt, Chair

L. D. Sutherland

John D. Doten, Jr.

Jill M. Davies

Sonya Stover

F. Charles Degener, III
Town Clerk

TOWN BUDGET

Budget
2016/2017

Actual
2016/2017

Budget
2017/2018

Proposed
2018/2019

CULTURE & RECREATION

1 CULTURE & RECREATION

2	Little Theater Bond Payment	11,000	0	11,000	11,000
3	Little Theater Bond Interest	5,500	5,272	5,000	5,000
4	Woodstock Council Aging	10,400	10,400	10,600	10,810
5	Parades	1,500	4,125	2,000	2,000
6	Town Library Contribution	142,000	142,000	144,840	147,750
7	Woodstock Rec Center	284,600	284,600	285,900	287,100
8	Fireworks	7,500	10,000	7,500	7,500
9	Elem School Space Rental	92,000	92,000	92,000	0
10	Pentangle	33,850	33,850	34,500	36,000
11	TOTAL	588,350	582,247	593,340	507,160

13 HEALTH OFFICER

14	Salaries & Wages	6,000	6,000	6,300	6,500
15	Employer Paid Benefits	450	459	480	480
16	Water Testing Supplies	100	0	100	100
17	Travel & Transportation	100	0	100	100
18	Dues, Subs & Meetings	100	0	100	100
19	TOTAL	6,750	6,459	7,080	7,280

21 Total CULTURE & RECREATION

23 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

25 TOWN HALL BUILDING

26	Operating Supplies	2,500	5,637	2,500	6,000
27	Other Purchased Services	10,000	12,228	10,000	12,000
28	Custodial Services	10,000	8,713	11,000	9,000
29	Small Tools & Equipment	500	270	500	500
30	Utilities	48,000	36,482	40,000	36,000
31	Building Improvements	1,000	85	1,000	500
32	Deep Energy Retrofit	0	0	0	70,000
33	Building Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	7,154	8,000	8,000
34	TOTAL	78,000	70,569	73,000	142,000

36 CAPITAL RESERVE

37	Town Hall Improvements	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
38	TOTAL	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000

40 SELECT BOARD

41	Salaries & Wages	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
42	Employer Paid Benefits	390	306	390	310
43	Legal Services	2,000	25,199	2,000	6,000
44	Community Television	2,400	1,000	1,200	1,200
45	Dues, Subs & Meetings	5,000	4,625	5,400	5,400
46	Printing Town Report	4,500	5,528	4,500	5,500
47	TOTAL	19,290	41,658	18,490	23,410

Budget
2016/2017

Actual
2016/2017

Budget
2017/2018

Proposed
2018/2019

1 EXECUTIVE

2	Salaries & Wages	89,750	89,397	90,500	92,100
3	Employer Paid Benefits	33,150	30,692	34,000	33,500
4	Dues, Subs & Meetings	1,400	1,116	1,400	1,400
5	TOTAL	124,300	121,205	125,900	127,000

7 CAPITAL RESERVE

8	Manager's Pick-up	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,250
9	TOTAL	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,250

11 TOTAL EXECUTIVE

13 OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

14	Operating Supplies	3,200	3,002	3,200	3,200
15	Office Supplies	3,500	3,241	3,300	3,300
16	Postage	4,200	3,540	4,200	4,000
17	Equipment Maintenance	3,000	2,373	3,600	3,000
18	Machinery & Equipment	1,300	2,561	2,700	2,700
19	Communications	3,500	4,216	4,000	4,400
20	Advertising	2,500	3,163	2,500	2,500
21	TOTAL	21,200	22,096	23,500	23,100

23 CAPITAL RESERVE

24	Office Equipment	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
25	Computer Software	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
26	TOTAL	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500

28 TOTAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

30 FINANCE

32 AUDITING

33	Professional Services	15,000	11,300	13,000	13,000
34	TOTAL	15,000	11,300	13,000	13,000

36 TREASURER

37	Salaries & Wages	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
38	Employer Paid Benefits	1,400	1,224	1,400	1,400
39	Travel & Transportation	2,200	2,368	2,600	2,600
40	Dues, Subs & Meetings	100	20	100	100
41	TOTAL	19,700	19,612	20,100	20,100

43 ACCOUNTING

44	Salaries & Wages	42,750	46,750	43,750	58,600
45	Employer Paid Benefits	13,300	13,563	13,900	16,200
46	Software Upgrade	100	0	100	100
47	Professional Services	200	358	200	200
48	Other Purchased Services	800	750	800	800
49	TOTAL	57,150	61,421	58,750	75,900

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 TAX LISTING				
2 Salaries & Wages	74,100	73,613	74,250	74,250
3 Employer Paid Benefits	37,275	23,471	27,125	27,125
4 Operating Supplies	150	157	250	400
5 Professional Services	200	100	200	200
6 Other Purchased Services	350	215	350	350
7 Licensed State Support	350	0	350	350
8 Equip Repair & Maintenance	100	705	100	200
9 Travel & Transportation	400	644	250	250
10 Dues, Subs & Meetings	800	750	250	800
11 TOTAL	113,725	99,655	103,125	103,925
12				
13 CAPITAL RESERVE				
14 Listers' Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
15 TOTAL	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
16				
17 TOTAL TAX LISTING	114,725	100,655	104,125	103,925
18				
19 COLLECTING				
20 Salaries & Wages	15,425	15,805	16,100	16,100
21 Employer Paid Benefits	5,225	6,567	5,480	5,725
22 Legal Services	0	6,697	0	0
23 TOTAL	20,650	29,069	21,580	21,825
24				
25 TOTAL FINANCE	227,225	222,057	217,555	234,750
26				
27 TOWN CLERK				
28				
29 BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY				
30 Printing Supplies	6,000	3,527	2,000	4,000
31 BCA Wages	1,000	1,128	500	1,000
32 Election Wages	2,000	1,734	500	1,600
33 TOTAL	9,000	6,389	3,000	6,600
34				
35 TOWN CLERK				
36 Salaries & Wages	60,925	56,261	54,040	62,400
37 Assistant Town Clerk Wages	18,000	27,741	21,300	29,000
38 Employer Paid Benefits	26,925	39,693	45,625	47,200
39 Office Supplies	250	309	360	400
40 Other Purchased Services	300	28	300	300
41 Machinery & Equipment	500	423	600	500
42 Copier Lease	0	996	750	2,400
43 Dues, Subs & Meetings	600	768	600	800
44 Record Retention	3,200	2,012	3,200	3,200
45 Restoration of Records	50	0	0	0
46 TOTAL	110,750	128,231	126,775	146,200
47				
48 CAPITAL RESERVE				
49 Town Clerk Vault	1,500	1,500	3,500	3,500
50 TOTAL	1,500	1,500	3,500	3,500
51				
52 TOTAL TOWN CLERK	121,250	136,120	133,275	156,300

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
BOARDS & AGENCIES				
1 PLANNING & ZONING				
2 Salaries & Wages	71,675	70,178	74,800	76,000
3 Employer Paid Benefits	32,775	25,690	31,000	29,200
4 Professional Services	500	0	500	500
5 Equipment Purchase	250	124	250	250
6 Travel & Transportation	4,000	3,871	4,000	4,000
7 Dues, Subs & Meetings	6,000	3,197	6,000	6,000
8 Advertising	2,500	2,241	2,500	2,500
9 GIS Mapping	100	0	100	100
10 Conservation Commission	500	235	500	500
11 TOTAL	118,300	105,536	119,650	119,050
12				
13 CAPITAL RESERVE				
14 Town Plan Consulting	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
15 Computer Equip Replace	500	500	500	0
16 TOTAL	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000
17				
18 TOTAL BOARDS & AGENCIES	119,800	107,036	121,150	120,050
19				
20 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	736,065	745,741	737,870	852,360
21				
22 PUBLIC WORKS				
23 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
24				
25 TRAFFIC CONTROL				
26 Traffic Control Signs, Posts, etc	4,250	5,477	4,250	5,000
27 TOTAL	4,250	5,477	4,250	5,000
28				
29 HIGHWAY CONST& MAINT				
30 Salaries & Wages	361,850	365,009	371,150	373,200
31 Overtime	47,750	71,522	48,500	50,300
32 Summer Help-Wages	4,000	3,416	4,500	4,500
33 Employer Paid Benefits	163,000	185,833	175,000	205,000
34 Operating Supplies-Maintenance	34,000	29,599	26,000	30,000
35 Office Supplies	250	0	250	100
36 Professional Services	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
37 Other Purchased Services	38,000	36,899	39,000	39,000
38 Street Line Painting	0	0	0	10,000
39 Emergency Work	0	12,555	0	1,000
40 Snow Dump Pollution Monitoring	0	0	7,000	2,000
41 Small Tools & Equipment	2,000	1,795	2,000	2,000
42 Rentals	1,000	300	1,000	1,000
43 NWPL Parking Lot Rental	11,000	11,000	0	0
44 Communications	1,500	5,400	1,500	1,500
45 Diesel and Gasoline	69,000	50,558	53,500	53,500
46 Rubbish Removal	13,000	10,730	12,000	12,000
47 Spot Gravel	70,000	57,043	72,000	72,000
48 Pavement Patch	7,000	7,344	8,000	8,000
49 State Mandate Stormwater Mgmt.	0	0	7,000	14,000
50 Street Paving	55,000	54,229	40,000	40,000
51 Road Stabilization	25,000	26,517	30,000	30,000

		Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1	Road Paving	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000
2	Pavement Patch on Route 4	0	0	15,000	15,000
3	Roadside Tree Maintenance	0	0	12,000	12,000
4	Crosswalk Maintenance	16,000	11,729	11,000	12,000
5	Reconstruct North St Retaining Wall	0	0	0	45,000
6	Salt & Sand	173,000	215,458	178,000	190,000
7	Unclassified	15,000	4,748	12,000	6,000
8	TOTAL	1,118,350	1,171,684	1,142,400	1,245,100
9					
10	BRIDGES, CULVERTS & STORM DRAINS				
11	Operating Supplies	2,000	36	2,000	2,000
12	Repair & Maintenance Supplies	6,000	182	6,000	6,000
13	Other Purchased Services	10,000	3,470	10,000	10,000
14	Engineering Services	1,000	5,278	1,000	1,000
15	Rentals	500	0	500	500
16	Culverts & Drains	6,000	4,973	7,500	7,500
17	Catch Basins	6,000	6,490	6,000	6,000
18	Bridge Rehabilitation	30,000	11,290	30,000	30,000
19	TOTAL	61,500	31,719	63,000	63,000
20					
21	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT				
22	Operating Supplies	8,000	5,741	8,000	8,000
23	Repair & Maintenance	53,200	55,237	50,200	75,000
24	Other Purchased Services	4,000	4,479	2,000	5,000
25	Grader Lease/Purchase	25,000	24,792	25,000	0
26	Backhoe Lease/Purchase	17,200	0	18,400	18,400
27	Loader Lease/Purchase	16,000	15,891	17,800	0
28	Small Tools & Equipment	1,100	0	1,100	1,100
29	Ton Truck Lease/Purchase	14,000	13,440	13,800	13,800
30	Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '16	18,000	19,693	19,500	19,700
31	Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '17	0	0	20,000	0
32	Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '13	10,500	10,308	0	0
33	Dump Truck Lease Purchase '15	19,800	19,685	19,200	19,685
34	Dump Truck Lease/Purchase '14	16,000	0	0	0
35	Pickup Lease / Purchase	0	0	6,800	6,800
36	Pick-up Purchase (Ken)	0	0	0	0
37	Riding Mower Purchase	0	0	0	3,500
38	Communications	500	0	500	500
39	TOTAL	203,300	169,266	202,300	171,485
40					
41	SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE				
42	Sidewalk Maintenance	12,000	15,427	12,000	15,000
43	Sidewalk Construction	4,000	4,047	4,000	8,000
44	TOTAL	16,000	19,474	16,000	23,000
45					
46	STREET LIGHTS				
47	Street Lights	43,500	41,804	42,500	42,500
48	TOTAL	43,500	41,804	42,500	42,500

		Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1	PARKS				
2	Operating Supplies	2,000	2,744	2,000	1,500
3	Paw Bags	1,400	1,483	1,400	2,900
4	Fence Maintenance	200	900	200	200
5	Small Tools & Equipment	250	94	250	250
6	Rubbish Removal	3,000	2,250	3,000	2,600
7	TOTAL	6,850	7,471	6,850	7,450
8					
9	PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS				
10	Utilities	22,000	21,718	19,000	21,200
11	Building Improvements	250	0	250	250
12	Mechanic St. Garage Inspection	0	0	0	5,000
13	Building Repairs & Maintenance	3,000	2,811	3,600	3,600
14	Bond Payment	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
15	Bond Payment - Interest	34,000	33,300	30,300	28,800
16	TOTAL	129,250	127,829	123,150	128,850
17					
18	CAPITAL RESERVE				
19	Equip Dump Truck '16	25,000	25,000	0	0
20	Equip Dump Truck '17	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
21	Equip Dump Truck '19	10,000	10,000	35,000	0
22	Dump Truck 4x4 w/Scraper '20	0	0	0	30,000
23	Dump Truck 2x4 '21	0	0	0	20,000
24	Dump Truck 4x4 '22	0	0	0	30,000
25	Dump Truck 2x4 '23	0	0	0	15,000
26	Street Sweeper	0	0	0	27,100
27	Ton Truck '20 (Ken)	0	0	12,000	20,000
28	2 Ton Truck '15	5,000	5,000	0	0
29	Ton Truck '17	8,000	8,000	0	0
30	Ton Truck '19 (Alex)	0	0	0	20,000
31	Ton Truck '21 (Chris)	0	0	0	10,000
32	Utility Truck	0	0	0	10,000
33	Snow Blower	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
34	The Green-Archway Entrances	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
35	General Bridge O & M	50,000	50,000	25,000	25,000
36	Pave Church Hill Road	10,000	10,000	0	0
37	Old River Rd Culvert	0	0	15,000	0
38	Cox District Rd Box Culvert	0	0	20,000	0
39	Street Drain Pipe Repair	0	0	0	5,000
40	Catch Basin Repair	0	0	0	5,000
41	Pleasant St. Bridge Deck '22	0	0	0	10,000
42	Route 4 Garage Generator	0	0	0	2,000
43	Emergency Infrastructure	0	0	23,000	5,000
44	TOTAL	143,500	143,500	165,500	246,600
45					
46	TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS	1,726,500	1,718,224	1,765,950	1,932,985

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 MAINTAINING CEMETERIES				
2 Other Purchased Services	14,000	11,968	14,000	14,000
3 Repair & Maintenance	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
4 TOTAL	15,000	12,968	15,000	15,000
5				
6 CAPITAL RESERVE				
7 Cemetery Improvements	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
8 TOTAL	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
9				
10 Total MAINTAINING CEMETERIES	18,000	12,968	18,000	18,000
11				
12 SANITATION				
13 Upper Valley Solid Waste	36,500	36,635	34,000	33,528
14 TOTAL	36,500	36,635	34,000	33,528
15				
16 WELCOME CENTER				
17 Maintenance Supplies	2,500	2,147	2,500	2,500
18 Custodial Services	19,000	19,325	19,000	19,000
19 Propane	600	1,212	850	1,200
20 Electricity	800	1,341	1,000	1,400
21 Misc Utilities	4,000	1,434	3,000	1,800
22 Building Improvements	0	17,741	0	2,000
23 Chamber Office Loan Prin.	0	0	4,000	4,000
24 Chamber Office Loan Int.	0	0	2,000	2,000
25 Building Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	2,336	1,000	3,500
26 TOTAL	27,900	45,536	33,350	37,400
27				
28 PUBLIC SAFETY				
29 AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT				
30				
31 AMBULANCE OPERATIONS				
32 Salaries & Wages	51,000	62,898	80,350	80,525
33 Employer Paid Benefits	6,500	24,140	33,450	34,900
34 Operating Supplies	23,000	33,026	23,000	30,000
35 Office Supplies	3,000	2,921	3,000	3,000
36 Repair & Maintenance Supplies	100	738	100	100
37 Rental Quarters	0	0	0	5,220
38 Paramedic Supplies	2,500	6,717	2,500	4,000
39 Billing Software	4,300	4,704	4,300	5,000
40 Other Purchased Services	2,600	5,655	2,600	2,600
41 Associates Salary	202,700	239,250	220,000	240,000
42 Paramedic Intercept	13,000	11,113	10,000	8,000
43 Contract Services	0	19,327	0	0
44 Personal Protection Equipment	4,000	4,833	1,000	1,000
45 Communications	100	500	100	600
46 Dues, Subs & Meetings	750	796	750	750
47 Medical Testing	300	0	300	300
48 3% Tax on VT Patient Income	0	0	1,000	1,000
49 Uncollectable Accounts	25,000	22,462	20,000	20,000
50 Medicare & Ins Allowance	100	0	100	100
51 TOTAL	338,950	439,080	402,550	437,095

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 AMBULANCE VEHICLE				
2 Small Tools & Equipment	1,400	878	1,400	1,400
3 Ambulance 1 Maintenance	2,000	1,276	2,000	2,000
4 Ambulance 2 Maintenance	4,000	1,445	4,000	2,000
5 Ambulance 3 Maintenance	2,000	9,452	2,000	4,000
6 Communications	0	0	100	500
7 Fuel	6,000	2,917	5,000	4,000
8 TOTAL	15,400	15,968	14,500	13,900
9				
10 AMBULANCE TRAINING				
11 Training Wages	7,000	3,130	3,000	3,500
12 Employer Paid Benefits	535	317	200	200
13 Operating Supplies	1,100	1,448	400	1,000
14 Professional Services	1,500	1,188	600	600
15 Small Tools & Equipment	300	211	100	100
16 Travel & Transportation	500	137	300	500
17 Dues, Subs & Meetings	200	380	200	200
18 State EMS Training	5,000	15,289	5,000	5,000
19 TOTAL	16,135	22,100	9,800	11,100
20				
21 AMBULANCE COMMUNICATIONS				
22 Office Phone & Internet	1,800	1,949	1,800	1,800
23 Vehicle Cell Phones	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
24 Pagers	1,000	1,529	1,000	3,000
25 Portable Radios	1,000	2,989	1,000	3,000
26 Vehicle Mobile Radios	500	68	500	500
27 TOTAL	5,300	6,535	5,300	9,300
28				
29 CAPITAL RESERVE				
30 Cardiac Monitors	29,000	29,000	0	10,000
31 Power Stretcher	0	0	0	2,500
32 Pagers	0	0	0	1,800
33 2-way Radios	0	0	0	3,000
34 Portable Computer	0	0	2,500	2,500
35 Ambulance 2021	0	0	0	20,000
36 Ambulance 2018	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
37 TOTAL	54,000	54,000	27,500	64,800
38				
39 TOTAL AMBULANCE DEPT	429,785	537,683	459,650	536,195
40				
41 FIRE DEPARTMENT				
42				
43 FIREFIGHTING				
44 Salaries & Wages	76,000	60,620	100,000	80,000
45 Employer Paid Benefits	6,150	4,714	10,500	6,500
46 Operating Supplies	2,000	2,703	2,500	4,000
47 Professional Services	2,000	75	1,750	1,750
48 Winter Hydrant Maintenance	3,600	3,500	3,600	3,600
49 Hydrant Rental	23,000	25,200	25,000	25,200
50 Travel & Transportation	200	0	200	200
51 Dues, Subs & Meetings	900	655	900	900
52 Education	2,500	1,384	2,500	2,500
53 CDL Licensing	500	86	500	500
54 Medical Testing	750	155	750	750
55 Fire Prevention	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
56 TOTAL	118,600	99,092	149,200	126,900

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 FIRE COMMUNICATIONS				
2 Alarm Registration Admin	200	0	200	200
3 Equip Repair & Maintenance	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
4 Machinery & Equipment	2,500	25	2,500	2,500
5 Communications	3,000	3,176	3,000	3,000
6 Fireground Portable Radios	16,000	16,996	0	0
7 Security Alarm Radios	0	0	5,000	0
8 TOTAL	24,700	20,197	13,700	8,700
9				
10 FIRE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT				
11 Operating Supplies	1,200	1,327	1,500	1,500
12 Repair & Maintenance	2,000	42	2,500	2,500
13 Hose Testing	0	0	0	2,000
14 Pump Testing	0	0	0	2,000
15 Engine #1 Maintenance	3,000	2,745	3,000	3,000
16 Engine #2 Maintenance	2,500	2,374	2,500	2,500
17 Engine #3 Maintenance	1,500	3,167	1,500	1,500
18 Rescue Maintenance	1,500	2,458	1,500	1,500
19 Fuel	1,500	418	1,500	1,500
20 TOTAL	13,200	12,531	14,000	18,000
21				
22 FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT				
23 Operating Supplies	500	70	1,500	1,500
24 Equipment Maintenance	1,000	671	1,000	1,000
25 Air Pack Maintenance & Equip	2,600	22,285	3,000	3,000
26 Equipment Purchase	2,000	0	3,000	3,000
27 Small Tools & Equipment	400	0	400	400
28 Rescue Equipment	800	0	800	800
29 Bunker Gear	1,000	4,997	2,500	2,500
30 Hose Adapters	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
31 TOTAL	9,300	28,023	13,200	13,200
32				
33 CAPITAL RESERVE				
34 Pager Replacement	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
35 Fire Truck	20,000	20,000	20,000	100,000
36 Utility - Personnel Carrier	0	0	0	8,000
37 ATV - 1	0	0	0	6,000
38 Bunker Gear	5,000	5,000	5,000	12,500
39 Generator	5,000	5,000	5,000	7,000
40 Air Pack Regulators and Frames	2,000	2,000	4,000	9,300
41 Air Pack Tanks	500	500	1,000	2,000
42 Boiler Replacement	0	0	0	2,600
43 LED Lighting	0	0	0	2,000
44 New EMS Building Conceptual Study	0	0	0	3,000
45 Fireground 2-way Radios	0	0	0	2,000
46 SCBA Bottle Fill System	0	0	0	2,000
47 TOTAL	34,500	34,500	37,000	158,400
48				
49 TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	200,300	194,343	227,100	325,200

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 WOODSTOCK STATION #2				
2 Maintenance Supplies	150	135	150	150
3 Propane	1,200	2,711	800	2,800
4 Electricity	850	714	950	800
5 Misc Utilities	1,800	2,820	2,600	2,900
6 Building Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	1,215	1,000	1,000
7 TOTAL	5,000	7,595	5,500	7,650
8				
9 EMERGENCY SERVICES BLDG				
10 Maintenance Supplies	1,400	811	1,400	1,000
11 Building Custodian	4,400	5,568	4,400	6,000
12 Propane	4,500	1,563	4,500	2,000
13 Electricity	10,000	9,694	10,000	8,350
14 Misc Utilities	2,500	4,837	2,500	5,000
15 Paint Exterior of ESB	100	0	100	500
16 Equip Repair & Maintenance	7,000	13,367	7,000	7,000
17 TOTAL	29,900	35,840	29,900	29,850
18				
19 TOTAL EMS BUILDINGS	34,900	43,435	35,400	37,500
20				
21 COMMUNICATIONS				
22				
23 DISPATCH SERVICES				
24 Salaries & Wages	203,000	218,148	209,300	220,000
25 Training Wages	2,000	4,007	2,000	2,000
26 Residency Stipend	1,600	550	500	500
27 EMT Stipend	725	660	600	1,200
28 Employer Paid Benefits	58,000	72,353	81,025	76,500
29 Operating Supplies	1,200	1,184	1,200	1,200
30 Office Supplies	1,500	1,231	1,200	1,200
31 Repair & Maintenance Supplies	500	985	500	1,000
32 Repairs & Maintenance	1,200	602	1,200	800
33 Machinery & Equipment	800	856	600	900
34 Small Tools & Equipment	400	711	600	600
35 Tower Rental & Lease	3,100	4,870	3,200	5,000
36 Tower Maintenance	200	211	300	300
37 Communications	5,300	7,473	4,800	7,500
38 Travel & Transportation	200	325	200	200
39 Training Fees	200	655	300	300
40 TOTAL	279,925	314,821	307,525	319,200
41				
42 CAPITAL RESERVE				
43 Recorder	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000
44 Receiver/Transmitter	2,000	2,000	1,000	0
45 Console Terminal (a)	0	0	2,000	0
46 Console Terminal (b)	2,000	2,000	2,000	4,000
47 TOTAL	6,000	6,000	7,000	7,000
48				
49 TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	285,925	320,821	314,525	326,200

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 TOWN CONSTABLE				
2 Salaries & Wages	5,000	6,688	5,000	7,000
3 Employer Paid Benefits	400	511	400	520
4 Operating Supplies	500	0	500	100
5 Office Supplies	200	0	200	50
6 Repair & Maintenance Supplies	100	0	100	50
7 Other Purchased Services	200	20	200	50
8 Animal Control	0	500	0	500
9 Machinery & Equipment	200	0	200	100
10 Communications	200	0	200	1,200
11 Mileage - Blue Light	700	0	700	500
12 TOTAL	7,500	7,719	7,500	10,070
13				
14 TOWN POLICE DISTRICT				
15				
16 RESPONSE & ADMINISTRATION				
17 Admin Salaries & Wages	57,575	57,575	59,305	63,075
18 Enforce Salaries & Wages	77,100	77,100	86,210	113,250
19 Admin EMT Train & Stipend	625	625	625	900
20 Enforce Stipend	2,050	2,050	3,400	3,730
21 Admin Employer Paid Benefits	19,900	19,900	20,875	15,400
22 Enforce Employer Paid Benefits	21,667	21,667	26,000	32,185
23 Admin Operating Supplies	500	500	555	800
24 Admin Office Supplies	167	167	185	250
25 Enforce Operating Supplies	283	283	315	350
26 Weapon Maintenance & Supplies	533	533	592	620
27 Professional Services	333	333	370	410
28 Enforce Uniform Service	1,333	1,333	1,480	1,640
29 Bike Patrol	333	333	370	80
30 Officer Video Camera	83	83	93	40
31 Enforce Small Tools & Equipment	1,067	1,067	1,184	1,310
32 Travel & Transportation	92	92	102	140
33 Admin Dues,Subs & Meetings	500	500	555	750
34 Enforce Dues, Subs & Meetings	83	83	93	150
35 Printing & Binding	41	41	46	50
36 Advertising	100	100	111	250
37 TOTAL	184,365	184,365	202,466	235,380
38				
39 TOWN POLICE SERVICES				
40 TPS Salaries & Wages	74,900	75,729	75,000	77,000
41 TPS Training Wages	1,300	1,178	1,300	1,300
42 TPS Stipend	2,200	0	2,200	2,200
43 TPS Training Paid Benefits	200	0	200	200
44 TPS Employer Paid Benefits	17,450	25,242	32,000	28,000
45 TPS Uniform Service	1,300	1,246	1,300	1,300
46 TPS Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	2,500	2,058	2,500	2,500
47 TPS Small Tools & Equipment	500	472	500	500
48 TPS 4X4 Vehicle Lease	7,250	7,874	7,250	7,800
49 TPS 4X4 Radio, Lights, Radar	800	799	800	800
50 TPS Flashing Radar Speed Signs	4,000	0	0	0
51 TPS Communications	0	300	0	300
52 TPS Fuel	2,500	2,903	2,500	2,500
53 TPS Dues, Subs & Meetings	0	126	93	125
54 TPS Extended Warranty/Patrol Crusier	0	0	0	1,200
55 TPS Tuition	750	749	750	750
56 TOTAL	115,650	118,676	126,393	126,475

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 TRAINING				
2 Training Salaries & Wages	1,335	1,335	1,850	2,050
3 Employer Paid Benefits	100	100	111	150
4 Travel & Transportation	100	100	111	170
5 Tuition	600	600	703	780
6 TOTAL	2,135	2,135	2,775	3,150
7				
8 COMMUNICATIONS				
9 Radio Maintenance	100	100	111	123
10 Communications	3,833	3,833	4,255	4,346
11 TOTAL	3,933	3,933	4,366	4,469
12				
13 POLICE VEHICLE				
14 Equip Repair & Maintenance	1,167	1,167	1,295	1,435
15 Small Tools & Equipment	200	200	222	246
16 Fuel	3,333	3,333	2,960	3,280
17 TOTAL	4,700	4,700	4,477	4,961
18				
19 BUILDING MAINTENANCE				
20 Salaries & Wages	500	500	555	820
21 Employer Paid Benefits	33	33	37	60
22 Propane	867	867	962	820
23 Electricity	600	600	666	740
24 Rubbish Removal	367	367	407	450
25 Water/Sewer	233	233	259	290
26 Building & Maintenance	450	450	500	410
27 TOTAL	3,050	3,050	3,386	3,590
28				
29 CAPITAL RESERVE				
30 Police Computer	83	83	93	100
31 Radio System	667	667	740	820
32 Flashing Radar Sign	1,000	1,000	0	0
33 Police Cruiser Town	0	0	0	0
34 Police Cruiser	5,000	5,000	5,550	6,150
35 TOTAL	6,750	6,750	6,383	7,070
36				
37 TOTAL TOWN POLICE DISTRICT	320,583	323,609	350,246	385,095
38				
39 INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
40 Highway Rebate	220,000	246,198	246,000	288,000
41 TOTAL	220,000	246,198	246,000	288,000
42				
43 SELECT BOARD CONTINGENCY				
44 Unclassified	30,000	13,797	30,000	30,000
45 House Numbers	500	214	500	500
46 Insurance	160,000	168,570	160,000	170,000
47 TOTAL	190,500	182,581	190,500	200,500
48				
49 CAPITAL EXPENSES				
50 Cap Expenses/Off Road Rescue Vehicle	0	4,748	0	0
51 Capital Expenses/F150 Purchase '17	0	28,592	0	0
52 TOTAL	0	33,340	0	0

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 CAPITAL RESERVE SPENDING				
2 Tax Map Update-Reappraisal	15,000	7,349	0	0
3 Manager's Pickup	0	0	12,000	12,000
4 Highway Supt Pickup (Used)	0	0	0	4,000
5 Town Hall Improvements	40,000	20,000	10,000	30,000
6 Town Clerk Vault Improvements	0	0	0	20,000
7 Office Equipment	0	917	0	0
8 Computer Equipment Replacement	0	466	0	0
9 Listers' Equipment/Education	0	600	0	0
10 Paving	0	22,267	0	0
11 Dump Truck	60,000	139,887	65,000	0
12 Bridges-Post Office Bridge	50,000	0	0	0
13 Cox District Rd Box Culvert	0	0	0	52,000
14 North St. Retaining Wall	0	0	0	45,000
15 Culverts & Stormwater	20,000	0	30,000	8,000
16 Ambulance Purchase	0	2,420	0	80,000
17 Ambulance Equipment	0	3,359	0	0
18 Communications	12,000	0	5,000	0
19 Fire Department Bunker Gear	4,000	0	2,000	0
20 Vail Field Pave Walkways	0	0	15,000	0
21 Ambulance Cardiac Monitor	29,000	27,748	0	0
22 Fire Department Airpacks	0	4,100	0	0
23 TOTAL	230,000	229,113	139,000	251,000
24				
25 LOSS REPAIR EXPENSE				
26 Property Damage-Guardrails	0	0	0	0
27 Property Damage/HWY Radio	0	0	0	0
28 TOTAL	0	0	0	0
29				
30 TROPICAL STORM IRENE EXPENSES				
31 IRE Bond Repayment	44,600	44,600	44,600	44,600
32 IRE Bond Interest Expense	18,500	16,100	17,600	17,250
33 TOTAL	63,100	60,700	62,200	61,850
34				
35 GRANT EXPENSE				
36 Highway Grant Expense	0	75,701	0	0
37 Cox District Road Grant Expenses	0	6,690	0	0
38 Better Back Roads Grant Expense	0	5,571	0	0
39 Mt Tom FLAP Grant Expense	0	103,000	0	0
40 TOTAL	0	190,962	0	0
41				
42 COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS				
43 July 4th Celebration	0	2,650	0	0
44 TOTAL	0	2,650	0	0
45				
46 TRASFERS OUT				
47 Transfer to Capital Reserve	0	76,534	0	0
48 TOTAL	0	76,534	0	0
49				
50 BILLINGS PARK				
51 Billings Park Expense	0	733	0	0
52 TOTAL	0	733	0	0

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 ECONOMIC DEVELOP COMMISSION				
2 EDC Funding Budget	222,000	0	230,000	230,000
3 EDC Funding-East End Development	0	6,000	0	0
4 EDC Funding-Bluff Island	0	2,650	0	0
5 EDC Funding-Lobster Fest	0	3,500	0	0
6 EDC Funding-Warner Communications	0	64,832	0	0
7 EDC Funding-Welcome Signs	0	3,375	0	0
8 EDC Funding-Commercial Advert	0	7,500	0	0
9 EDC Funding-Strataco Comm	0	775	0	0
10 EDC Funding-WCTV	0	4,500	0	0
11 EDC Funding-Communicate Team	0	950	0	0
12 EDC Funding-Pop-Up Co-Work	0	241	0	0
13 Transfer to EDC Reserve Fund	0	130,192	0	0
14 TOTAL	222,000	224,515	230,000	230,000
15				
16 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,344,658	5,822,746	5,451,711	6,040,323
17				
18 SUMMARY				
19				
20 Culture & Recreation	588,350	582,247	593,340	507,160
21 Health Officer	6,750	6,459	7,080	7,280
22 Town Hall Building	98,000	90,569	93,000	162,000
23 Select Board	19,290	41,658	18,490	23,410
24 Executive	125,800	122,705	127,400	129,250
25 Administration	24,700	25,596	27,000	26,600
26 Finance	227,225	222,057	217,555	234,750
27 Town Clerk	121,250	136,120	133,275	156,300
28 Boards & Agencies	119,800	107,036	121,150	120,050
29 Highways	1,726,500	1,718,224	1,765,950	1,932,985
30 Cemeteries	18,000	12,968	18,000	18,000
31 Welcome Center	27,900	45,536	33,350	37,400
32 Sanitation	36,500	36,635	34,000	33,528
33 Ambulance Department	429,785	537,683	459,650	536,195
34 Fire Department	200,300	194,343	227,100	325,200
35 Emergency Services Buildings	34,900	43,435	35,400	37,500
36 Dispatch Services	285,925	320,821	314,525	326,200
37 Constable	7,500	7,719	7,500	10,070
38 Town Police District	320,583	323,609	350,246	385,095
39 Village Highway Rebate	220,000	246,198	246,000	288,000
40 Select Board Contingency	30,500	14,011	30,500	30,500
41 Insurance	160,000	168,570	160,000	170,000
42 Capital Expenditures	0	33,340	0	0
43 Loss Repair Expense	0	0	0	0
44 Tropical Storm Irene Debt Payments	63,100	60,700	62,200	61,850
45 Grant Expense	0	190,962	0	0
46 Community Celebrations	0	2,650	0	0
47 Billings Park	0	733	0	0
48 Economic Development Commission	222,000	224,515	230,000	230,000
49 Capital Reserve Spending	230,000	229,113	139,000	251,000
50				
51 Town Operating Budget	4,622,658	5,025,584	4,811,711	5,049,273
52 Total Capital Reserve	270,000	267,000	271,000	510,050
53 Total Capital Reserve Spending	230,000	229,113	139,000	251,000
54 Total Economic Develop Reserve Fund	222,000	224,515	230,000	230,000
55 Total Transfers Out	0	76,534	0	0
56				
57 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,344,658	5,822,746	5,451,711	6,040,323

COMBINED FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1	Taxes	3,206,928	3,517,650	3,663,081
2	Land Use Reimbursement	255,000	247,363	254,000
3	In Lieu of Taxes	2,000	3,392	2,000
4	Delinquent Tax Penalty & Interest	125,000	113,847	125,000
5	Interest Earned	100	99	100
6	Ambulance	440,000	468,544	440,000
7	Town Highway State Aid	133,000	133,180	133,000
8	Village Highway State Aid	0	0	44,900
9	Village Highway Rebate	0	0	246,000
10	Town Hall Rent	13,000	16,381	13,000
11	Town Clerk Records	7,500	7,082	7,500
12	Licenses & Fees	45,000	44,563	45,000
13	Zoning Fees	12,000	11,671	12,000
14	Communications	64,730	64,730	64,370
15	False Alarm Charges	500	3,025	500
16	Moving Violations	4,000	0	4,000
17	Town Police False Alarm Charges	200	0	100
18	Permits	1,000	4,645	1,000
19	Alarm System Registrations	8,000	4,775	6,800
20	Miscellaneous	5,000	12,062	5,000
21	Sale of Equipment	0	1,500	0
22	Grant Income	0	190,962	0
23	Community Contributions	0	0	0
24	Timber Sales	62,000	0	0
25	Dispatch Fees	0	1,840	3,000
26	Town Forest Lease	12,000	7,500	14,000
27	Loan & Bond Proceeds	0	30,748	0
28	Rent - Welcome Center	0	5,500	6,000
29	Insurance Reimbursements	0	0	0
30	Local Option Tax Revenues	222,000	130,191	222,000
31	Rockefeller Endowment	0	0	60,000
32	State of Vermont	0	19,887	0
33	Village Highway	455,700	473,996	0
34	SUB-TOTAL	5,074,658	5,515,133	5,312,711
35				
36	Transfer from Capital Reserve	230,000	229,113	139,000
37	Surplus	40,000	0	0
38	Surplus, Town Police District	0	0	0
39				
40	TOTAL REVENUE	5,344,658	5,744,246	5,451,711

	Revenues		
	Town	Village	Total
Property Taxes			
Current (Net/Taxes Abated)	3,517,650	641,213	4,158,863
National Park Land Trust	0	7,200	7,200
In Lieu of Taxes and Land Use	250,755	1,449	252,204
Total Property Taxes	3,768,405	649,862	4,418,267
Licenses and Permits			
Licenses and Fees	51,645	150	51,795
Boards and Agencies	11,671	6,381	18,052
Total Licenses and Permits	63,316	6,531	69,847
Intergovernmental			
Highway State Aid	133,180	44,961	178,141
Misc State of Vermont	19,887	0	19,887
Town - Highway Rebate	0	246,198	246,198
Grants - Public Works	87,962	0	87,962
Grant - Snow Dump Construction	0	159,246	159,246
Grant - Police Equipment	0	9,799	9,799
Grant - Park & Ride Project	0	20,287	20,287
Grant - Safe Routes to School	0	10,731	10,731
Grants - Public Safety	0	9,489	9,489
Grant - Snow Dump Project	0	32,500	32,500
Grant - Mt Tom Trails	103,000	0	103,000
Total Intergovernmental	344,029	533,211	877,240
Charges for Services *			
False Alarms and Permits	12,445	0	12,445
Ambulance Services (net)	468,544	0	468,544
Communications	66,570	0	66,570
Parking Permits	0	10,597	10,597
Police Contracts & Misc Services	0	12,537	12,537
* Note: Net of Town/Village Police Services Contract.			
Total Charges for Services	547,559	23,134	570,693
Fines and Forfeits			
Parking Ticket Fines	0	19,885	19,885
Parking Meter Revenue	0	89,074	89,074
Moving Violations	0	91,776	91,776
Delinquent Tax Penalties and Interest	113,847	0	113,847
Total Fines and Forfeits	113,847	200,735	314,582
Miscellaneous			
Interest Income	99	5	104
Miscellaneous	13,562	1,150	14,712
Town Forest Lease	7,500	0	7,500
Rents	21,881	0	21,881
Total Miscellaneous	43,042	1,155	44,197
Total Revenues	4,880,198	1,414,628	6,294,826

	Town	Village	Total
Other Financing Sources			
Note Proceeds	30,748		30,748
Insurance Proceeds	0	44,895	44,895
Transfer from Capital Reserve	229,113	60,220	289,333
Transfer from Local Option	130,191	0	
Transfer from Trust Funds	0		0
Total Other Financing Sources	390,052	105,115	495,167
Total Revenue & Other Sources	5,270,250	1,519,743	6,789,993
Expenditures			
General Government			
Select Board/Trustees			
Legislating	41,658	19,945	61,603
Executive Department	121,205	57,927	179,132
Administration	22,096	9,222	31,318
Finance Department			
Treasurer	19,612	1,615	21,227
Accounting and Bookkeeping	61,421	29,764	91,185
Auditing	11,300	13,600	24,900
Tax Listing	99,655	0	99,655
Tax Collecting	29,069	0	29,069
Total Finance Department	221,057	44,979	266,036
Village Clerk Salaries	0	400	400
Town Clerk Department			
Document Recording, Etc.	128,231	0	128,231
Board of Civil Authority	6,389	0	6,389
Total Town Clerk Dept.	134,620	0	134,620
Boards and Agencies			
Municipal Planning & Zoning	105,536	101,405	206,941
Plant and Equipment	70,569	0	70,569
Contingency Department	14,011	2,798	16,809
Insurance and Fidelity Bond Premium	168,570	78,025	246,595
Total General Government	899,322	314,701	1,214,023
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	29,000	3,000	32,000
Total General Govt and Transfers	928,322	317,701	1,246,023

	Town	Village	Total
Public Safety			
Town Constables	7,719	0	7,719
Communications Department	314,821	0	314,821
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	6,000	0	6,000
Total Communications Dept. and Transfers	320,821	0	320,821
Fire Department			
Firefighting	99,092	0	99,092
Fire Communications	20,197	0	20,197
Fire Trucks and Equipment	12,531	0	12,531
Firefighting Equipment	28,023	0	28,023
Total Fire Department	159,843	0	159,843
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	34,500	0	34,500
Total Fire Dept. and Transfers	194,343	0	194,343
Police Department *			
Police Administration	0	158,057	158,057
Police Office Maintenance	0	9,761	9,761
Law Enforcement	118,676	331,461	450,137
Training	0	6,493	6,493
Communications	0	75,705	75,705
Parking Meters	0	50,052	50,052
Vehicles and Equipment	0	10,813	10,813
* Note: Net of Town/Village Police Services Contract.			
Total Police Dept.	118,676	642,342	761,018
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	0	20,250	20,250
Total Police Dept. & Transfers	118,676	662,592	781,268
Ambulance Department			
Operations	439,080	0	439,080
Vehicle Maintenance	15,968	0	15,968
Training	22,100		
Communications	6,535	0	6,535
Total Ambulance Dept.	483,683	0	483,683
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	54,000	0	54,000
Total Ambulance & Transfers	537,683	0	537,683
Emergency Services Department			
Emergency Services Bldg	35,840	0	35,840
Woodstock Station #2	7,595	0	7,595
Total Emergency Service Dept	43,435	0	43,435
Total Public Safety	1,222,677	662,592	1,885,269

	Town	Village	Total
Highways and Streets			
Maintenance		370,792	370,792
Construction	3,360	0	3,360
Culverts and Drains	124,099	0	124,099
Construction and Maintenance of Bridges	792,635	0	792,635
Traffic Control	14,748	2,117	16,865
Street Lights	11,270	30,360	41,630
Maintenance of Sidewalks	20,255	19,474	39,729
Equipment Maintenance and Purchase	4,973	11,377	16,350
Public Works Building	157,888	3,731	161,619
Total Highways and Streets	1,129,228	437,851	1,567,079
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	115,000	28,500	143,500
Total Highways and Streets and Transfers	1,244,228	466,351	1,710,579
Health			
Town Cemetery Unit	12,968	0	12,968
Public Health Services	6,459	0	6,459
Total Health Department	19,427	0	19,427
Sanitation	36,635	0	36,635
Culture and Recreation	582,247	7,645	589,892
Intergovernmental	246,198	0	246,198
Welcome Center	45,536	0	45,536
Special Articles	193,633	3,285	196,918
Tropical Storm Irene Expenses	60,700	0	60,700
Community Celebrations	2,650	0	2,650
Billings Park	733	0	733
Capital Reserve Spending	229,113	65,220	294,333
Capital Equip Purchases	33,340	0	33,340
Grant Expenses	190,962	242,052	433,014
Property Damage Repairs	0	34,115	34,115
Other Financing Uses			
Transfer to Capital Reserve	76,534	0	76,534
Economic Development Commission	224,515	0	224,515
Total Expenditures	5,337,450	1,798,961	7,136,411

SPECIAL ARTICLES BUDGET				
	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 SPECIAL ARTICLES - Trust Funds				
2 Audit Expense	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
3 Trustee Wages	900	600	900	900
4 Visiting Nurses	2,500	2,500	0	0
5 Woodstock Job Bank	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
6 TOTAL	7,900	6,100	5,400	2,400
7				
8 SPECIAL ARTICLES - General Funds				
9 Vail Field Improvements	25,000	0	25,000	25,000
10 Woodstock Job Bank	0	0	0	3,000
11 Woodstock Community Television	0	0	3,000	3,500
12 Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT & NH	22,400	22,400	25,000	25,000
13 Health Care/Rehabil Services (HCRS)	3,247	3,247	3,247	3,247
14 SE Community Action (SEVCA)	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,000
15 Senior Solutions	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
16 Spectrum Teen Center	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
17 WISE	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
18 Ottauq Health Foundation (OHF)	0	0	0	25,000
19 Windsor County Partners	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
20 Green Mountain RSVP	500	500	500	500
21 Welcome Center	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
22 Woodstock Council Aging	32,136	32,136	34,250	34,935
23 Norman Williams Public Library	50,000	50,000	51,250	51,250
24 Ottauq Community Partners	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
25 Historical Society Ed Programs	7,500	7,500	0	0
26 Pentangle Arts	32,000	32,000	33,000	39,000
27 TOTAL	212,533	187,533	215,497	245,682
28				
29 TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	220,433	193,633	220,897	248,082
30				
31 SUMMARY				
32				
33 Expenditures				
34 Special Articles - Trust Funds	7,900	6,100	5,400	2,400
35 Special Articles - General Funds	212,533	187,533	215,497	245,682
36				
37 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	220,433	193,633	220,897	248,082
38				
39 Revenue				
40 Taxes, Special Articles	212,533	187,533	215,497	245,682
41 Transfer from Trustee of Public Funds	7,900	6,100	5,400	2,400
42				
43 TOTAL REVENUE	220,433	193,633	220,897	248,082

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
REVIEW OF TAX APPROPRIATIONS
FY 2018-2019

	Proposed Budget	Less Income	Net Taxes
Selectmen	23,410	0	23,410
Executive	129,250	(7,800)	121,450
Finance	234,750	(115,100)	119,650
Town Clerk	156,300	(52,500)	103,800
Administration	26,600	(5,000)	21,600
Boards & Agencies	120,050	(12,000)	108,050
Town Hall Building	162,000	(10,000)	152,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	852,360	(202,400)	649,960
Constable	10,070	0	10,070
Dispatch	326,200	(67,370)	258,830
Ambulance	536,195	(460,000)	76,195
Fire Department	325,200	(3,000)	322,200
Building Maintenance	37,500	0	37,500
Town Police District	385,095	(1,100)	383,995
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,620,260	(531,470)	1,088,790
Highway Maintenance	1,932,985	(465,900)	1,467,085
Sanitation	33,528	0	33,528
Cemetery	18,000	0	18,000
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,984,513	(465,900)	1,518,613
Recreation	287,100	0	287,100
Library	147,750	0	147,750
Rental of Elem School Space	0	0	0
Parades	2,000	0	2,000
Health	7,280	0	7,280
Fireworks	7,500	0	7,500
Pentangle	36,000	0	36,000
Woodstock Council on Aging	10,810	0	10,810
Little Theater Bond Payment	16,000	0	16,000
TOTAL Culture & Recreation	514,440	0	514,440
Village Highway Rebate	288,000	0	288,000
TOTAL INTERGOVT	288,000	0	288,000
Selectmen's Contingency	30,500	0	30,500
Insurance	170,000	0	170,000
Tropical Storm Irene Expenses	61,850	0	61,850
Welcome Center	37,400	(6,000)	31,400
TOTAL	299,750	(6,000)	293,750
Capital Reserve Spending	251,000	(251,000)	0
Economic Development Reserve Fund	230,000	(230,000)	0
Rockefeller Endowment	0	(60,000)	(60,000)
Town Forest Lease/Timber Sales	0	(7,500)	(7,500)
TOTAL	481,000	(548,500)	(67,500)
Land Use and In Lieu of Taxes	0	0	(250,000)
Surplus	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	(250,000)
TOTAL TAX APPROPRIATIONS	6,040,323	(1,754,270)	4,036,053
Special Articles	248,082	(2,400)	245,682
TOTAL Special Articles Taxes	248,082	(2,400)	245,682

SEWER BUDGET

	SEWER OPERATIONS	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1	MAINTAINING SEWER SYTEMS				
2	Salaries & Wages	30,900	26,602	29,000	29,200
3	Employer Paid Benefits	13,850	14,502	14,200	15,800
4	Operating Supplies	5,000	5,675	5,000	6,000
5	Professional Services	3,000	178	3,000	1,000
6	Engineering Services	10,000	17,916	21,000	21,000
7	Sewer Line Cleaning	10,000	11,749	12,000	12,000
8	Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	4,497	6,000	6,000
9	Manhole Repair & Maintenance	0	0	0	20,000
10	Machinery & Equipment	500	2,147	500	500
11	Sewer Line Mainte Equip	600	142	600	600
12	Rentals	400	0	400	400
13	II Improvements	100	0	100	100
14	TOTAL	80,350	83,408	91,800	112,600
15					
16	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANTS				
17	Salaries & Wages	153,975	156,808	159,000	162,200
18	Employer Paid Benefits	63,200	76,167	74,000	77,250
19	Operating Supplies	49,000	46,520	52,000	50,000
20	Office Supplies	600	297	600	600
21	Repair & Mainte Supplies	7,000	7,050	7,000	7,500
22	Professional Services	8,000	371	5,000	2,000
23	Other Purchased Services	15,000	16,047	20,000	20,000
24	Uniforms, Protective Gear	5,000	3,216	5,000	5,000
25	Engineering Services	12,000	7,450	12,000	12,000
26	Laboratory Testing	22,000	17,082	20,000	20,000
27	Test/Monitor Wells	500	100	100	100
28	Repair & Maintenance	5,000	5,870	12,000	12,000
29	Small Tools & Equipment	2,000	1,148	2,000	2,000
30	Field Rental	13,500	11,932	14,000	14,000
31	Utilities	82,500	90,589	80,000	82,000
32	Communications	4,800	4,954	4,800	5,000
33	Travel & Transportation	1,000	66	200	200
34	Dues, Subs & Meetings	1,500	506	1,500	1,500
35	Field Lime	1,000	0	1,000	0
36	Contingency Account	10,000	12,797	10,000	10,000
37	Emergency Pump Station	0	816	0	0
38	Bond Repayment	37,675	37,675	37,675	37,675
39	Taxes, Licensing & Regs	1,200	1,971	2,400	2,400
40	Insurance & Fidelity Bond	23,000	43,615	32,000	44,000
41	TOTAL	519,450	543,047	552,275	567,425

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2015/2016	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 SEWER VEHICLE				
2 Repair & Maintenance	4,000	21,038	7,500	7,500
3 Ton Truck Lease	13,500	293	13,500	13,500
4 F-150 Lease	0	0	100	0
5 Fuel	7,000	4,987	6,000	6,000
6 TOTAL	24,500	26,318	27,100	27,000
7				
8 CONSTRUCTION				
9 Construction	200,000	15,500	200,000	225,000
10 TOTAL	200,000	15,500	200,000	225,000
11				
12 CAPITAL RESERVE				
13 Manager's Pick-up Truck	600	600	600	600
14 F-350 Ton Truck	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
15 F-150 Pick-up	0	0	0	3,000
16 Repairs & Maintenance	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
17 Tractor	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
18 Sludge Spreading Truck	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
19 TOTAL	31,600	31,600	31,600	34,600
20				
21 Total Expenditures	824,300	668,273	871,175	932,025
22 Total Transfers Out	31,600	31,600	31,600	34,600
23 TOTAL SEWER OPERATIONS	855,900	699,873	902,775	966,625
24				
25 ADMINISTRATION				
26 Budget		Actual	Budget	Proposed
27 2016/2017		2015/2016	2017/2018	2018/2019
28 EXECUTIVE				
29 Salaries & Wages	29,675	29,198	34,000	31,000
30 Employer Paid Benefits	10,425	10,231	11,500	11,100
31 TOTAL	40,100	39,429	45,500	42,100
32				
33 OFFICE ADMINISTRATION				
34 Office Supplies	1,400	2,388	1,500	1,500
35 Postage	0	0	900	900
36 Legal Services	100	0	250	250
37 Equipment Maintenance	0	0	600	600
38 Communications	1,000	2,797	3,000	2,000
39 TOTAL	2,500	5,185	6,250	5,250
40				
41 AUDITING				
42 Professional Services	6,500	8,700	6,500	8,800
43 TOTAL	6,500	8,700	6,500	8,800

	Budget 2016/2017	Actual 2015/2016	Budget 2017/2018	Proposed 2018/2019
1 ACCOUNTING				
2 Salaries & Wages	23,025	24,306	23,800	24,900
3 Employer Paid Benefits	7,375	8,072	7,800	9,100
4 Professional Services	100	0	100	100
5 Computer Expense	500	0	500	500
6 TOTAL	31,000	32,378	32,200	34,600
7				
8 TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	80,100	85,692	90,450	90,750
9				
10 LOSS REPAIR EXPENSE				
11 Vehicle Damage/Pickup	0	2,318	0	0
12 TOTAL	0	2,318	0	0
13				
14 CAPITAL RESERVE SPENDING				
15 Pick-up	0	21,445	0	0
16 Town Manager's Pick-up	0	0	0	2000
17 F-150 Pick-up	0	0	7,000	0
18 Ton Truck	0	1,670	0	0
19 Repairs & Maintenance	12,000	20,471	12,000	20000
20 TOTAL	12,000	43,586	19,000	22,000
21				
22				
23 Total Expenditures	80,100	88,010	90,450	90,750
24 Total Transfers In	12,000	43,586	19,000	22,000
25 TOTAL ADMIN & TRANSFERS	92,100	131,596	109,450	112,750
26				
27 Sewer Operations	855,900	699,873	902,775	966,625
28 Sewer Administration	92,100	131,596	109,450	112,750
29				
30 GRAND TOTAL	948,000	831,469	1,012,225	1,079,375
31				
32 REVENUE				
33 User Fee	686,000	683,863	779,225	817,875
34 Delinquent Penalty & Interest	10,000	9,921	10,000	10,000
35 Interest Income	3,000	2	2,000	2,000
36 Sewer Connection Fees	0	17,825	0	0
37 Miscellaneous Revenue	2,000	57	2,000	2,000
38 Insurance Reimbursements	0	2,318	0	0
39 Transfer from Constr Fund	200,000	0	200,000	225,000
40 Surplus	35,000	35,000	0	0
41 Transfer from Cap Reserve	12,000	43,586	19,000	22,500
42				
43 TOTAL REVENUE	948,000	792,572	1,012,225	1,079,375

FY 2017 SCHEDULE OF TAXES RAISED

Grand List:

General Property:

Real Estate	7,763,596
Personal Property.....	1,153,700
Total Grand List.....	8,917,296

Taxes Billed:

Educational:

Non-Residential Education (5,612,577 x 1.5336).....	8,607,448
Homestead Educational (3,303,105 x 1.6686).....	5,511,561
Personal Property Educational (11,537 x 1.5336).....	17,693

Municipal:

Real Estate Town (8,917,296 x 0.3614).....	3,222,700
Real Estate Village (2,889,647 x 0.2219).....	641,213
County Tax (8,917,296 x 0.0079)	70,447
Town Police District (6,027,649 x 0.0527).....	317,657

Other:

VT State Forest & Parks - 1% of Value.....	3,391
Total Taxes Billed.....	18,392,110

Taxes Accounted For as Follows:

Collections:

General Property

Total Collections.....	17,746,526
Delinquent Taxes to Collector.....	645,584
Total Taxes Accounted For.....	18,392,110

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

We have examined the audit of the general purpose financial statements for the Town of Woodstock for the year ended June 30, 2017, as conducted by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, Certified Public Accountants, the firm retained to do this work by the Town of Woodstock. We have met with the representative for Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh -Wisner and the Select Board. We approve the audit as presented.

We would like to compliment the Select Board, the Town Manager and his staff on the thoroughness and timeliness of this audit, for its results and for their cooperation with the Auditors.

Due to audit requirements our audit document is more than 50 pages long. For this reason the Select Board and Auditors decided not to publish the full audit in the Town Report. If you would like to review the actual audit, a copy is on file at the Norman Williams Public Library, the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Managers Office. You may view the audit on the web site www.townofwoodstock.org - Municipal Manager - Town Financial Statements. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call (802) 457-3456.

Town Auditors,

Tom Debevoise
Joseph Swanson
Nicholas Seldon

Trustee of Public Funds
Trust Fund Report

Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Accounting The “cash” basis of accounting is used for all funds unless otherwise specifically noted.

B. Liabilities The proportionate amount of funds due to the Town Treasurer for unpaid expenses and appropriations, if any, for the fiscal year ended June 30 is reflected as a liability on the Trust Funds Balance Sheet.

C. Investment valuations Investments are stated at “cost” or, in the case of donated investments, at market value at the time of bequest or receipt of the asset by the Trustees of Public Funds. Market values shown in the schedule of investments are, in some cases, estimates and are provided for general information only.

Purpose of each fund as set forth in the wills of the donors, or other controlling documents.

A. Mary Billings French Memorial Park Fund

This fund was established in October 1953 by a gift of securities valued at \$29,800 to the town from the late Nelson Rockefeller. The income is to be used solely for the improvement and maintenance of the MT Tom Park area. The fund also includes a \$3,000 gift from Mrs. French’s children, the income of which is payable annually to the town “in lieu of taxes”.

B. Aline J. Boyce Fund

This fund was decreed by the Hartford District Probate Court on April 27, 1959. The Will provided that “*a fund is to be created similar to the present Oscar Freeman Fund for the worthy people of Woodstock who are self supporting but who have met with adversities which they cannot support without undue sacrifice. By this I do not mean people “on the Town”, or “on Relief”. I direct that this fund be managed in the discretion of the Committee and that no public report be made of its use”.*

C. Common Cemetery Trust fund

This fund contains more than twenty bequests, the investment income from which is used for the care of specific lots in “town” cemeteries. The income is paid by the Trustees when requested by the Cemetery Commissioners or the Board of Selectman, payable to the “Town of Woodstock Cemetery Fund”.

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE JUNE 1, 2016-JUNE 30, 2017											
	COMMON ACCOUNT	BILLINGS/FRENCH FUND	BOYCE FUND	CEMETERY FUND	DREER FUND	FREEMAN FUND	GILMAN FUND	WHITCOMB FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS		
Income											
Investment Income	\$0		\$100	\$101	\$8	\$10	\$2	-\$235	-\$14		
Investment-change in value		\$32,374	\$100						\$32,474		
Deposits											
Total revenue	\$0	\$32,374	\$200	\$101	\$8	\$10	\$2	-\$235	\$32,460		
Expense											
Safe Deposit Bank Fee	\$52								\$52		
Job Bank									\$0		
Audit/ Trustees Fees									\$4,000		
King's Daughters & Sons	\$500		\$4,000						\$500		
Scholarships											
Billing Park Project											
VNA			\$25,750								
Total expenditures	\$552	\$29,750	\$0			\$0			\$0		
Total	-\$552	\$2,624	\$200	\$101	\$8	\$10	\$2	-\$235	\$27,908		

BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2017											
ASSETS as of June 30, 2017											
Cash		\$18,494			\$7,139				\$25,633		
Money Market	\$9,238	\$48,270	\$52,400	\$76,451	\$11,239	\$19,119	\$3,666		\$220,383		
Investments		\$218,958	\$3,160					\$25,410	\$247,528		
Due from other funds/Projects*		\$24,250							\$24,250		
Total assets	\$9,238	\$309,972	\$55,560	\$76,451	\$18,378	\$19,119	\$3,666	\$25,410	\$517,794		
LIABILITIES											
Due to other funds									\$0		
Total liabilities									\$0		
FUND BALANCE	\$9,238	\$309,972	\$55,560	\$76,451	\$18,378	\$19,119	\$3,666	\$25,410	\$517,794		

*Grant reimbursement

P&L as of June 30, 2017

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2017

D. Anna Williams Dreer Fund

This fund originated as a gift of real estate to the Town, the sale of which was authorized by Town vote on March 2, 1943. Assets totaling \$23,838.48 were transferred by the Board of Selectman to the Trustees of Public Funds on May 3, 1961. The Town voted that “*the proceeds of the sale are to be placed in a separate fund... to be used only for charitable or educational purposes, but in no event shall the said fund be used for any purpose at all without a vote of consent of the Town of Woodstock at a regular Town Meeting*”.

E. Oscar Freeman Fund

This fund was decreed by the Hartford District Probate Court on May 18, 1935 with assets valued at \$17,390.21. The fund has the provision that the income be used for “*the benefit of the needy poor*”. In recent years, income from the Freeman and Boyce Funds have been allocated to the Woodstock Visiting Nurse Association as appropriations have been warned and voted for the benefit of that organization by the Town at its regular Town Meeting.

F. John and Ehrick Gilman Fund

This fund was decreed by the Hartford District Probate Court on January 25, 1954 with assets valued at \$4,899.48. The fund, to be known as the “John and Ehrick Gilman Fund” is to be kept “*prudently invested and the income there from to be used each year for town purposes*”.

G. Orley A. Whitcomb Fund

Under Article 20 of the Will of Orley A. Whitcomb \$5,000 was gifted to the Town, the investment income from which is payable annually to the local Kings Daughters and Sons Organization.

The Town Trustees of Public Funds have custody and control of three additional funds, namely:

- 1. The Marbara Bagley Scholarship Fund
- 2. The Gary Francis Hersey Award Fund
- 3. The George C. Brockway Scholarship Fund

The Cleveland Fund has now been totally disbursed. The Eloise Brockway Fund was combined with the George Brockway Fund savings account. The Bagley Fund has a balance of \$42,828. The Hersey Fund has a balance of \$2,415. The Brockway Fund has a balance of \$1,457. All balance information is as of June 30, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Powers, For Trustees of Public Funds

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 4, 2017

Present on stage: Matt Maxham, Philip Swanson, John Doten, Margaretta Howe, L.D. ”Butch” Sutherland Jr., Preston Bristow, Robert Holt, Charles Degener

Matt Maxham gave a some interesting facts from the 1917 Town Meeting, such as \$1,821 spent on the poor (part of which was to cover 37 tramps). There was concern for uniformity among the multiple school districts within the town.

At 10:00 he called the meeting to order, mentioned points of order and read out the Town Meeting Warning.

State Representative Charlie Kimbell then gave an update of what is going on in Montpelier and encouraged everyone to participate in the Doyle Poll.

ARTICLE I: “The election of Town Officers for the ensuing year as required by law including: (Australian Ballot).” Matt offered candidates the opportunity to introduce themselves. Sonya Stover, Preston Bristow, Matt Stover, and Vicki Jas spoke.

ARTICLE II: “To see if the Town will receive and act upon reports submitted by the Town officers.” Moved by John Doten and seconded by Edwin English, there was no discussion and the motion passed.

ARTICLE III: “To see if the Town and Town School District will vote to collect the Town General, Highway, School District Taxes and State Education Taxes on real property and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA Chapter 133 and fix the dates of payment as November 3, 2017, and May 4, 2018.” Moved by John Doten, seconded by Byron Quinn, voted and adopted.

ARTICLE IV: “To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town Officers in accordance with Title 24 VSA, Section 932 as follows:

Select Board	\$	1,000.00	per year
Town Treasurer		16,000.00	per year
Listers		23.80	per hour
Constable		23.80	per hour
Moderator		50.00	each time serves”

Moved by John Doten, seconded by Edwin English, voted and adopted.

ARTICLE V: “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 to defray current expenses and debts of the Town and Sewer Department.” Moved by Edwin English, seconded by Jennifer Maxham, voted and adopted.

ARTICLE VI: “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Million Four Hundred Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$5,451,711) which includes the specified sums of money to operate each department; and to raise by taxation the amount of Three Million Six Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Eighty One Dollars (\$3,663,081) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2017-2018.” Moved by Jeff Kahn and seconded by Edwin English.

Town Manager Phil Swanson and the Selectboard members gave detailed information regarding various sections of the budget. Phil explained that in 1980 it was voted to combine the Town and Village Highway Departments, and that in 1984 a vote was taken to separate them. The 1984 vote to separate the departments did not pass, upholding the 1980 vote to combine departments. There have been no subsequent votes which have altered the status of a combined department. Therefore, this year’s budget includes a unified Town/Village Highway Department. Sally Miller and Kathy Fiske spoke regarding the issue. In keeping with what has become a tradition, John Doten regaled the audience with a true story extolling the importance of humility, especially when your dog is right and you are wrong. At this point Preston Bristow, in his capacity as Chair, presented Grettie Howe with an engraved Simon Pearce bowl in appreciation of her ten years of service on the Selectboard. Al Alessi, Tom Hartman, Byron Quinn, Oliver Goodenough, Jack Anderson, Candice Coburn, Ed English, Joe DiNatale, David Schwartzman, and Tom Weschler participated in the discussion. Article VI was re-read, voted, and adopted.

ARTICLE VII: “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$1,012,225), which includes Seven Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$779,225) from user fees and Two Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Dollars (\$233,000) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2017-2018.” Moved by John Doten and seconded by Byron Quinn. Jill Davies asked about user fees and Phil Swanson answered. The motion passed.

ARTICLE VIII: “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) and pay each of the Trustees Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the purpose of paying the Trustees of Public Funds for services rendered, and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose.” Moved by John Doten, seconded by Carol M. Wood, and passed.

ARTICLE IX: “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of having the Public Trust Funds audited and approve the expenditure of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from income of the Trust Funds to pay for the Annual Audit.” Moved by Edwin English, seconded by John Doten, and passed.

ARTICLE X: “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for general improvements to Vail Field.” Moved by Rob Behrns, seconded by Jeff Kahn, and passed after a brief discussion.

ARTICLE XI: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the support of the Woodstock Area Job Bank to continue free employment referral services in the greater Woodstock area. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Michelle Fountain spoke in support of this article.

ARTICLE XII: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for Woodstock Community Television to help support coverage of ongoing events within the Town of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Macy Lawrence spoke in favor of this article

ARTICLE XIII: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from the general fund the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients’ homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Matt Maxham noted that Larry Roberts has long been an ardent supporter of this group, and now that he is utilizing their services, spoke on behalf of Larry in support.

ARTICLE XIV: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$3,247) to help support outpatient mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (HCRS). (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) No discussion.

ARTICLE XV: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Woodstock in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Steve Geller, Executive Director, spoke in favor of the article.

ARTICLE XVI: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the support of Senior Solutions (formally Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) No discussion.

ARTICLE XVII: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and make youth feel supported, welcomed and included. There is no charge to attend our program. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) No discussion.

ARTICLE XVIII: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to support the mission of WISE (Women’s Information Services, Inc.) in providing free crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, training to community members and professionals, and prevention education. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Meg Matz spoke in favor of the article.

ARTICLE XIX: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to support programming of the Ottawaquechee Community Partnership (OCP) and OCP’s Mentor and Buddy Program. These programs help keep youth in the WCSU area drug-free, engaged in healthy activities, and provided with opportunities for leadership and personal growth. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Chief Robbie Blish spoke in favor of the article.

ARTICLE XX: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Lynn Murrell spoke in favor of the article.

ARTICLE XXI: Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) No discussion.

- ARTICLE XXII:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be allocated to the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce for operational expenses of the Mechanic Street Welcome Center for FY 2017-18. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Gary Thulander, President of the Chamber, spoke in favor of the article.
- ARTICLE XXIII:

Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$34, 250) as the Town’s share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Thompson Senior Center. The Thompson is an important community resource – providing daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health educational and social services. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Deanna Jones, Director, spoke in favor of the article.
- ARTICLE XXIV:

Shall the Town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,250) for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library. These funds are over and above the level budgeted support that the Town provides to this library for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Dave Sullivan, Interim Director, spoke in favor of the article.
- ARTICLE XXV:

Shall the Town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Thirty Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000.00) for Pentangle Council on the Arts to help support the activities of Pentangle and the operation of the Town Hall Theatre. This level funded request is over and above the budgeted support that the Town provides to Pentangle for fiscal year 2017-2018. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Alita Wilson, Director, spoke in favor of the article.
- ARTICLE XXVI:

To entertain the discussion of any other business of interest to the legal voters, such discussion shall not be construed in any manner as binding Municipal action. Edwin English discussed sidewalk improvements, Mary Riley spoke in favor of the Historical Society’s education program with schoolchildren, Jill Davies introduced herself as a candidate for Selectboard. Phil Swanson asked for consensus of whether it should be publicized in advance the order of Town and School Annual Meetings. The audience seemed in favor of it. George Sadowsky gave a report of EC Fiber.

The moderator then called for adjournment at 12:15 P.M., with the meeting to resume Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 7:00 AM for the purpose of Australian Balloting.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Charles Degener III, Town Clerk Matt Maxham, Moderator

RETURN OF THE VOTE-MARCH 7, 2017 TOWN

<u>MODERATOR</u>		<u>AUDITOR 3 YR</u>	
BLANKS	56	BLANKS	129
MATT MAXHAM	615	JOSEPH B SWANSON	543
WRITE-IN	<u>2</u>	WRITE-IN	<u>1</u>
TOTAL BALLOTS	673	TOTAL BALLOTS	673
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>		<u>AUDITOR 2 YR</u>	
BLANKS	93	BLANKS	168
F CHARLES DEGENER	580	NICHOLAS J SELDON	505
WRITE-IN	<u>0</u>	WRITE-IN	<u>0</u>
TOTAL BALLOTS	673	TOTAL BALLOTS	673
<u>TOWN TREASURER</u>		<u>AUDITOR 1 YR</u>	
BLANKS	91	BLANKS	661
ANN MARIE BOYD	582	WRITE-IN	<u>12</u>
WRITE-IN	<u>0</u>	TOTAL BALLOTS	673
TOTAL BALLOTS	673	<u>FIRST CONSTABLE</u>	
<u>SELECTBOARD 3 YR</u>		BLANKS	119
BLANKS	41	KELLY LINTON	553
PRESTON BRISTOW	291	WRITE-IN	<u>1</u>
SONYA STOVER	339	TOTAL BALLOTS	673
WRITE-IN	<u>2</u>	<u>GRAND JUROR</u>	
TOTAL BALLOTS	673	BLANKS	663
<u>SELECTBOARD 2 YR</u>		WRITE-IN	<u>10</u>
BLANKS	126	TOTAL BALLOTS	673
JILL DAVIES	544	<u>TOWN AGENT</u>	
WRITE-IN	<u>3</u>	BLANKS	125
TOTAL BALLOTS	673	WILLIAM C DAGGER	548
<u>LISTER 3 YR</u>		WRITE-IN	<u>0</u>
BLANKS	90	TOTAL BALLOTS	673
JENNIFER H MAXHAM	582	<u>TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS 3 YR</u>	
WRITE-IN	<u>1</u>	BLANKS	131
TOTAL BALLOTS	673	MATTHEW POWERS	540
<u>LISTER 1 YR</u>		WRITE-IN	<u>2</u>
BLANKS	135	TOTAL BALLOTS	673
PAUL WILDASIN	537		
WRITE-IN	<u>1</u>		
TOTAL BALLOTS	673		

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TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS 2 YR

BLANKS 665
WRITE-IN 8
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS 1 YR

BLANKS 672
WRITE-IN 1
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

BLANKS 653
WRITE-IN 20
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

WOODSTOCK UNION H.S. #4 ARTICLE 4

BLANKS 179
YES 356
NO 138
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XI JOB BANK

BLANKS 21
YES 555
NO 97
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XII COMMUNITY TV

BLANKS 25
YES 484
NO 164
TOTAL 673

ARTICLE XIII VISITING NURSE

BLANKS 23
YES 575
NO 75
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XIV HCRS

BLANKS 25
YES 534
NO 114
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XV SEVCA

BLANKS 31
YES 527
NO 115
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XVI SR SOLUTIONS

BLANKS 26
YES 553
NO 94
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XVII SPECTRUM

BLANKS 24
YES 523
NO 126
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XVIII WISE

BLANKS 17
YES 549
NO 107
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XIX OCP

BLANKS 28
YES 514
NO 131
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XX WINDSOR CTY PTNRS

BLANKS 34
YES 473
NO 166
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XXI RSVP

BLANKS 31
YES 494
NO 148
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

RETURN OF THE VOTE-MARCH 7, 2017 TOWN

ARTICLE XXII WELCOME CTR

BLANKS 30
YES 389
NO 254
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XXIII THOMPSON SR CTR

BLANKS 22
YES 596
NO 55
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XXIV NORMAN WILLIAM LIBRARY

BLANKS 24
YES 465
NO 184
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE XXV PENTANGLE

BLANKS 18
YES 426
NO 229
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

SCHOOL BALLOT

ARTICLE 7 UNIFIED DISTRICT

BLANKS 74
YES 444
NO 155
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE 8 UNIFIED DIR 1 YR

BLANKS 408
JESSICA STOUT 484
MATT STOVER 453
WRITE-IN 1
TOTAL VOTES 1,346

ARTICLE 9 UNIFIED DIR 2 YR

BLANKS 439
LOUIS A PICONI 429
SAMANTHA DINATALE 475
WRITE-IN 3
TOTAL VOTES 1,346

ARTICLE 10 UNIFIED DIR 3 YR

BLANKS 420
PAIGE HILLER 475
MALENA AGIN 447
WRITE-IN 4
TOTAL VOTES 1,346

ARTICLE 11 WES DIR 3 YR

BLANKS 650
WRITE-IN 23
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

ARTICLE 12 WUHS #4 DIR 3 YR

BLANKS 174
VICTORIA JAS 495
WRITE-IN 4
TOTAL BALLOTS 673

Attest:

F. Charles Degener III, Town Clerk

Jane P. Soule, Justice of The Peace

Matt Maxham, Justice of The Peace

Town Clerk’s Report

This year we continued our program of digitizing and indexing our Land Records. Woodstock has over 262 Volumes of Land Record Books containing the history of all real estate transactions in Town since the 1770’s. Currently we have three separate indexes spanning different periods of time. We are working towards indexing all Land Records in one searchable index. At the same time we are digitizing the older Land Records. We now have roughly one quarter of our Land Record Volumes digitized and indexed in the searchable database.

In an effort to mitigate wear and tear on some of our oldest maps, more than 420 have been removed from the pockets of the Land Record books, laid flat, indexed, and rehoused in acid-free boxes. This is the first step in a long-term preservation plan designed to ensure the longevity of these documents. Our historic records, which are irreplaceable and crucial to the establishment and maintenance of property rights, are used by researchers on a daily basis. In addition, the records of various Town meetings and actions from 1963 through 1993 have been conserved. This is a continuation of preservation work started by my predecessors. Thanks to the diligence and forethought of Sara Dana and Jay Morgan, our records remain in remarkably good shape, it is now my task to continue that maintenance and ensure long-term preservation.

Joe Lucot, Mary Riley, and Carol Wood continue to serve capably and knowledgably as Assistant Clerks. We are available to the public and maintain regular business hours of 8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:30, Monday through Friday.

We issued 64 Marriage Licenses and 240+ Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District Permits. These permits for the Hartford Transfer Station expire June 30th, you will need to purchase a new Permit for July 1, 2018.

A reminder that each dog kept in Woodstock must be registered annually by the end of March. Last year over 300 dogs were registered in Woodstock.

In addition to our regular tasks in 2017 we administered one election and maintained a Voter Checklist of more than 2,900 Registered Voters.

We have attended training sessions provided by the Vermont Municipal Clerk’s & Treasurer’s Association and the Vermont League of Cities & Towns to keep us compliant with changing procedures and best practices of the many tasks we perform regularly.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town for eight years as Assistant Clerk, and the past two as Clerk. I look forward to continuing my service to the people of Woodstock.

Respectfully submitted

F. Charles Degener III, Town Clerk

TREASURER’S REPORT

During the past year interest rates have been flat. Our interest income for the year ending June 30, 2017 was above the budgeted amount. Interest income for the year 2017-2018 is proposed at \$100.

Interest income for the years 2006 to and including 2017 is as follows:

INTEREST INCOME			
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
2006	\$ 42,000	\$105,742	\$ 63,742
2007	\$ 90,000	\$125,474	\$ 35,474
2008	\$ 70,000	\$ 49,585	(\$ 20,415)
2009	\$125,000	\$ 12,996	(\$112,000)
2010	\$ 30,000	\$ 3,466	(\$ 26,534)
2011	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,700	(\$ 13,300)
2012	\$ 1,500	\$ 617	(\$ 883)
2013	\$ 1,500	\$ 603	(\$ 897)
2014	\$ 500	\$ 59	(\$ 441)
2015	\$ 500	\$ 67	(\$ 433)
2016	\$ 100	\$ 85	(\$ 15)
2017	\$ 100	\$ 188	\$ 88

The report on the Endowment Trust Fund is reported in the Independent Auditor’s Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Boyd
Treasurer

Board of Listers

The Board of Listers most important duty is to produce a Grand List of all properties in Woodstock. We are required by state statute to have all of the assessments in town at 100% of fair market value. In order to have a clear picture of the Woodstock real estate market, we process all property transfers, and conduct an analysis of all sales which occur during the year. It has been a fairly active year for sales of properties, with 71 sales: 10 condos, 34 residential properties with under 6 acres, 19 residential properties with more than 6 acres, 4 commercial properties, 3 sales of land and 1 mobile home between April 1, 2017 and December 5, 2017. Last year we had 110 sales for the entire assessment year from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

We also oversee the Current Use Program for Woodstock which currently has 185 parcels enrolled, representing 16,494.41 acres. Recent legislation requires us to value any excluded land as a stand-alone parcel, therefore, we had to recalculate values on many of our Current Use properties, resulting in significant changes in property valuation.

Another important part of our duties is to keep track of Homestead filings. EVERY VERMONT RESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO FILE A HOMESTEAD DECLARATION FORM HS122 BY APRIL 15th EACH YEAR WITH THE TAX DEPARTMENT. The Vermont Tax Department sends us weekly electronic reports as people file their HS122 forms which insures that the correct tax rate is billed.

Woodstock Listers are elected by you, and work for you, the taxpayer. We are required to work within the guidelines of constantly changing, and increasingly complex Vermont Legislation and mandates. Listers attend training sessions and seminars as offered by Property Valuation & Review (PVR), and participate in the Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors (VALA) to improve our knowledge, and meet with other listers, all to ultimately serve you better. We take an oath to be fair and equitable while we assess all real property at Fair Market Value. Each of us in the Listers office is a Woodstock taxpayer and we understand the burden placed upon property owners.

Throughout the year, the Listers office is open Monday through Friday from 8am. until noon. Our office is here to provide information and assistance to any property owners and we also assist appraisers, realtors, and attorneys doing research. We encourage property owners to visit and to become familiar with their assessments and to learn how our process works. We have a wealth of information, including property files, sales information, and maps.

In an effort to make the Listers office as accessible and user-friendly as possible, we are able to email a copy of the Grand list to you upon request. For anyone wishing to see a printed copy of the Grand List, they are available in the Listers office, Zoning and Planning office, Municipal Manager’s office, and in the Town Clerk’s office. You can also reach us at 457-3607 or via email at woodstocklisters@townofwoodstock.org

Respectfully summitted,

Paul H. Wildasin, Carol M. Wood and Jennifer H. Maxham

Woodstock Board of Listers

WOODSTOCK AMBULANCE

In 2017 we documented to 756 calls in comparison to the 700 documented in 2016.

	2016	2017
<u>Fire Assist:</u>	86	75
<u>Advanced Life Support:</u>	232	225
<u>Basic Life Support:</u>	200	160
<u>Non-Transport:</u>	182	193
<u>Events Coverage:</u>	Data unavailable	85

Woodstock Ambulance Service provides Emergency Medical Services to an area in Windsor County that is roughly 245 square miles with a population of 9064 located within our response area. Woodstock Ambulance Service is proud to offer the highest level of prehospital care to members of our community as well as those located within our neighboring response communities. Community Centered Care is very important to us here at Woodstock Ambulance Service. Woodstock Ambulance Service is humbled to work with such amazing response agencies in Pomfret, Bridgewater and parts of Plymouth and Hartland. We regularly invite our partners in response to train with us so we may all build stronger teams together to improve patient care and outcomes.

<u>Responses by Town:</u>	2016	2017
<u>Bridgewater:</u>	79	79
<u>Hartland:</u>	17	23
<u>Plymouth:</u>	15	25
<u>Pomfret:</u>	47	53
<u>Woodstock:</u>	537	562
<u>Other Towns:</u>	5	14

In 2017 we welcomed several new members to Woodstock Ambulance Service. We have welcomed Hannah Krawczyk, Matt Rafus, Paul Winam and Haley Murnik as new EMS Providers to our service. We have three of our members Remy Bacaicoa, Erin O’Connor and Hannah Krawczyk attending Paramedic School. Several of our members are celebrating Honorable Service Awards. Mike Willis is celebrating 10 years of service. Dayna Astbury, Joe Duane and Mark Donka are each celebrating 5 years of service. If you see these members around town, please be sure to shake their hand as a thank you for a job well done in continuing to provide excellent service to the Woodstock Community. Woodstock Ambulance Service members have accommodated the growing standards of care, technological advances and multiple major national updates over the last year. Woodstock Ambulance Service would like to thank the community members as well as the Town of Woodstock for its continued support as our Service grows to accommodate the ever changing field of Emergency Medical Services.

Respectfully Submitted, Misha McNabb NRP, Assistant Chief

TRANSITION YEAR 2017 AMBULANCE RUNS BY RESPONSE DISPOSITION	
<u>Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit</u>	393
<u>Standby-No Services or Support Provided</u>	85
<u>Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport Required</u>	67
<u>Standby-Public Safety, Fire, or EMS Operational Support Provided</u>	63
<u>Canceled (Prior to Arrival At Scene)</u>	38
<u>Canceled on Scene (No Patient Contact)</u>	31
<u>Patient Treated, Released (per protocol)</u>	24
<u>Agency Assist</u>	25
<u>Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Unit</u>	10
<u>Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)</u>	9
<u>Patient Evaluated, Released (AMA)</u>	7
<u>Canceled (Transferred to Mutual Aid)</u>	3
<u>Patient Dead at Scene - No Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)</u>	2
<u>Patient Dead at Scene - Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)</u>	2

COMMUNICATIONS							
PHONE CALLS	2015	2016	2017	RADIO CALLS	2015	2016	2017
Bridgewater	105	87	105	Bridgewater	682	924	679
Pomfret	61	61	95	Pomfret	531	564	526
Woodstock Amb	396	603	634	Woodstock Amb	4,569	5,928	5,305
Woodstock Fire	140	191	136	Woodstock Fire	859	1,243	903
Woodstock Police	1,793	2,138	2,583	Woodstock Police	35,368	36,727	47,489
Total Phone Calls	2,495	3,080	3,553	Total Radio Calls	42,009	45,386	54,902

I respectfully submit my report to the select board and citizens of Woodstock. With the increase in calls and radio traffic we here at the Emergency Services Communications Center will continue to work diligently to provide the best service possible to not only the citizens of Woodstock, but also the responders that we work with daily. We provide 24/7 dispatch service for the citizens of Woodstock as well as Bridgewater and Pomfret fire and fast squads. The safety of all involved is of the utmost importance to everyone here at the center. This does not take into account all the calls that we get for burn permits, lost dogs and general questions.

Please remember, if you are going to burn, that you must call the Communications Center first to see if it is okay to burn. If you do not have a burn permit, you have to come in to get one on file before you start the burn pile. For Burn Permits call-(802) 457-2337.

We are providing infant car seat checks by appointment. Checks are available Monday thru Friday from 7 am and 3 pm, however on Wednesday we usually have someone available all day. If you would like to make an appointment for a car seat check please call (802) 457-1420. We also provide car seats for those in need or with a WIC voucher.

- WOODSTOCK COMMUNICATIONS STAFF**
- Elizabeth Therrien - Supervisor
 - Constance Jones - Full Time
 - Douglas Perkins - Full Time
 - Bill Luth – Full Time
 - Christine Gould - Part Time
 - Lisa Linton – Part Time
 - Katrina Porch – Part Time

Respectfully submitted,
 Elizabeth Therrien,
 Dispatch Supervisor

Communications Town Report Addendum

The Emergency Services Communications Center provides day to day and emergency dispatching services for the Woodstock Police Department, Woodstock Fire Department, South Woodstock Fire Department, Woodstock Ambulance Service, Woodstock Highway Department, Woodstock Sewer Department, Pomfret/ Teago Fire Department, Pomfret FAST Squad, Bridgewater Fire Department and Bridgewater FAST Squad. In addition, all calls from citizens requesting services from the aforementioned departments must come through the Woodstock Communications center.

The Communications Center dispatchers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a weeks, 365 days a year, including holidays. It is important to note that because we provide a high level of dispatch services 24/7, 365 it is necessary to have the staffing to cover the shifts as well as the ability to cover the shifts while dispatchers attend training, use earned vacation leave and use sick time.

Woodstock Police - Town Report

Mission Statement: "To provide a safe and orderly environment in Woodstock through professionalism, high quality police service, an active partnership with the community and a concern for individual dignity by assuring fair and equal treatment for all."

With respect I submit my annual report to the Town of Woodstock Select Board and residents.

The Officers, Dispatchers and Staff of the Woodstock Police Department work hard and are dedicated to the Woodstock community as well as the mission of the Woodstock Police Dept. For this, I thank them. However, it is the close partnership with our community that makes the achievement of our mission possible. Therefore, I also extend my appreciation to the Select board, Municipal Manager and the Townspeople for their support of their police department.

The Woodstock Police Department continues to serve the Town and Village residents with policing services 24 hours a day, 7 days a weeks, 365 days a year, including holidays. Included in this the Town is provided with 24/7, 365 emergency response and 40 hours of patrol coverage per week. It is important to note that because we provide a high level of policing services 24/7, 365, it is necessary to have the staffing to cover the shifts as well as the ability to cover the shifts while Officers attend training, use earned vacation leave and sick time. During the past year, 978 calls for service were handled by the Woodstock Police Department in the Town out of a total of 2,515 calls. The adjacent list of observed incidents provides additional insight into the various types of incidents handled by the Police Department.

Community Policing and with that, “.... a partnership with the community” is our overarching philosophy. We achieve this goal in a number of ways. From maintaining open lines of communication with the community not face to face but via social media (follow us on twitter at: Woodstock Police@Woodstockpolice and Facebook at: (Woodstock Vermont Police Department), to partnering with various organizations. In fact, we have teamed up or interacted in various ways with Woodstock Schools, the Senior Center, local businesses, The Chamber, local, state and federal law enforcement, prevention coalitions, Special Olympics, Governors’ Highway Safety, the National Park, Billings Farm, the Humane Society, the Library, Toys for Tots, Zack’s Place, Court Diversion, Restorative Justice, civic organizations, and domestic violence organizations. We are willing to partner with anyone who is willing to partner with us. We also continue to provide a high level of service to the community and perform services that make Woodstock such a great place to live. Among those are house checks and child car seat installation education.

Unfortunately the opioid scourge continues and many of the property crimes and other thefts which we have experienced, are due to it. This crisis continues to be of the utmost concern to public safety and we urge citizens to take a proactive measure in ensuring they do not become victims by locking the doors to your homes and vehicles when away from them. In addition, the Woodstock Police Department continues to maintain a Prescription Drug Drop box in the lobby of the Emergency Services Building. Citizens can drop off any unused and unwanted prescription medication they have 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

In 2017 The Woodstock Police Department filled a vacancy with Officer Jessica Ryan-Leblanc. Officer Ryan-Leblanc came to us from the Rutland County Sheriff’s Department. She has 5 years of full time law enforcement experience and she has a BA from Castleton University. We are very excited to have Officer Ryan-Leblanc join our team. Another personnel change that occurred, on December 31st was the retirement of Cpl. James Otranto. Cpl. Otranto has served with Woodstock PD full time since 2011. He has been a Woodstock resident for over 30 years and he is one of the Department’s death investigators, an EMT, Assistant Medical Examiner, and is the Department’s IT Officer. Cpl. Otranto was also performing detective duties on a part-time basis to assist with case work for more involved investigations. Jim will be missed and I wish to thank him for his years of dedicated service to our community and I congratulate him on his much deserved retirement. Fortunately, he will not be leaving us completely and will remain with the Department on a part-time basis.

Once again, I wholeheartedly thank all of the men and women of the Woodstock Police Department for their dedication, as well as to the other departments and personnel of the Town and Village for their assistance and support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Robbie Blish

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
CALLS FOR SERVICE
2015-2017 COMPARISON**

Type of Call	2015	2016	2017	Type of Call	2015	2016	2017
911 Hang-up Call	19	19	29	Information Report	6	6	3
Accident Fatal	0	0	0	Intoxicated Person	1	0	0
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	23	34	30	Juvenile Problem	13	12	5
Traffic Accident w/ Injuries	7	12	8	Litter/Pollution/Public Health	4	1	2
Agency Assistance	61	27	76	Lost/ Found Property	1	0	33
Animal Noise & Problem	35	14	55	Noise Disturbance	14	5	7
Assault	2	1	2	Phone Problem/ Harassment	5	1	1
Burglary	2	10	6	Property Damage, Non-Vandalism	3	2	0
Burglary Alarm	64	61	72	Property/ Home Watch	87	160	347
Citizen Assist	38	27	33	Public Speaking	6	4	8
Citizen Dispute	14	9	1	Probation Violation	0	2	4
Commercial Vehicle Inspect.	4	8	3	Search Warrant	2	1	0
Motor Vehicle Complaint	57	48	60	Stalking	2	1	1
Careless & Negligent	0	0	0	Sex Offense	0	2	0
Court Time	2	1	7	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	32	50	63
Dead Body	1	3	1	Theft	13	21	12
Directed Patrol	5	21	14	Threatening	3	7	3
Disorderly Conduct/Noise	1	0	9	Towed Vehicle	0	0	2
DUI	20	12	5	Traffic Hazard	10	18	12
Controlled Substance Problem	5	0	20	Trespassing	4	9	5
Escort	3	1	8	Unlawful Mischief – Vandalism	0	9	8
Family Fight/ Domestic	9	10	8	VIN Number Inspection	44	10	16
Fraud/Embezzlement	4	4	11	Welfare/ Suicide Check	17	24	19
				TOTAL CALLS	673	667	1,009

Constable Report

2016-2017

The Town Constable is an elected position and each year the residents of our town elect this person to help maintain and keep safe the people who live in and visit our community. Part of my position is Animal Control Officer. I have followed up on the licensing of dogs within our community. Our list continues to dwindle and through the diligence of pet owners in maintaining their pet licenses-it helps me in the process of reuniting dogs with their owners. Please make sure that your dog(s) are licensed and registered with the Town Clerk and please place your license tag on the collar of your pet. All dogs must be licensed by March 31st.

As Constable, I also assist several agencies such as Fire, EMS and Police. Some of these duties include traffic control, parade coverage and scene safety. This year has been challenging as there was not a second constable to assist in some of the calls. Because of this, some services took longer to render aide to. I assure you that I take all complaints seriously and will make sure they are completed as soon as possible.

Once again, I am honored and thank the residents of Woodstock for electing me into office. I have attended several trainings at the Vermont Police Academy and have recertified many of my credentials to ensure that I serve our community to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,

Kelly Linton
Constable

WOODSTOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Woodstock Fire Department has responded to 107 calls for the calendar year of 2017. I am pleased to report that there was very little in the way of property loss. Working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms significantly cut down on life and property loss.

This year 5 members are currently enrolled the VT Fire Academy Level 1 and 2 training and will be certified June of 2018: Angel Oliver, Erin O'Connor, Remy Bacaicoa, Hannah Krawczyk and Brian Austin

If anyone knows of a young individual aged 14- 17 who has an interest in Fire or EMS, we have a cadet program for them.

Woodstock Fire/EMS Department continues to struggle with the lack of members needed, especially during the daytime (Drivers, firefighters, EMT or other special assets) If you are interested in joining please contact me anytime.

One of the greatest strengths of the Fire Department, is it members! Our members continue to give their time and effort to the department which is greatly appreciated by many. This is a volunteer position that takes time away from family and personal lives, I am truly thankful for the dedication our members continue to give.

Lastly, should you have any questions, comments or suggestions or would like to visit out station please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

David Green

Fire Chief, Woodstock Fire /EMS

WOODSTOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS

<u>Calls</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Building fire	5	4
Chimney fires	2	4
Brush or Grass	5	4
Fuel spills or smell of propane	4	1
Power lines	3	5
Fire alarms	60	39
Co alarms due to malfunction	6	4
Carbon monoxide incident	7	3
Ambulance assist	5	1
Motor vehicle accidents	21	13
Motor vehicle fires	2	1
Electrical fires	1	0
Other Dept. Calls	50	28
TOTAL CALLS	171	107

Fire Warden Report

Woodstock has a burning permit program in place, with this program we rarely see brush fires started by humans. We saw only a few incidents with minor burning of land, thankfully.

I would like to remind you that a permit to kindle an outside fire is required. You may obtain this permit at the fire station and once you fill out your initial permit a phone call is only required for subsequent burns. Only natural brush and wood is allowed to be burned. Construction materials, trash or other debris is not allowed to be burned, and must be disposed of properly. Snow on the ground still requires a permit to burn.

Below I have included Vermont statistics for this year’s fire season.

Respectfully submitted

David Green

Fire chief, Woodstock fire/ems

State Wide 2017

Number of human caused fires - 47

Number of lighting caused fires- 4

Number of acres burned caused by human- 44

Number of acres burned by lighting- 5

Total number of fires - 51

Total numbers of acres burned- 49

Ten Year total averages of acres burned - 93

Total numbers of acres burned in Woodstock - .5



Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association

It's midnight and a smoke detector sounds. Everyone rushes out the front door. Minutes later the fire department is on scene. Your family is warmed in an ambulance because it is a cold night. The news is good, you are all safe and the fire was confined to the basement and there was minimal damage. Without smoke detectors, an escape plan that the kids learned about during fire prevention week, and a highly trained and equipped volunteer fire department, this scene could have been very different.

Our volunteer firefighters are they're for you at a moment's notice, and the Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association has been there for our firefighters, their families and the entire Woodstock community. For well over 100 years we have:

- Provided help socially, financially and spiritually to those unfortunate sick and injured firefighters and their families.
- Assisted firefighter families in case of death.
- Raised funds to purchase and maintain important safety equipment for Woodstock Fire/EMS.
- Helped with community events such as community picnics and parades.
- Provided members with dress uniforms for parades, funerals and other important events.
- Purchase and place grave markers on Memorial Day for deceased firefighters.
- Promoted fellowship among firefighters in all times, good and bad.

Each year the WFRA purchases equipment that personnel need for safe and effective operations. In 2017 we purchased two portable tents to be used at emergency scenes for personnel rehab, larger trauma incidents, and other needs in inclement weather. Additionally, low-angle rope rescue gear and two chainsaws were purchased for the rescue truck.

At Halloween we purchased candy and fire safety materials for the Woodstock Fire/EMS to pass out at the main entrance to Trick or Treating in the Village. It was a popular stop for many citizens and we hope to make this an annual event for fire safety and outreach.

Thank you once again for your support. Visit us online at <https://www.woodstockfire-ems.org/wfra/> and please stay safe in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent McFarland, President

WFRA Officers:

Vice President - Richard Roy Treasurer - Kevin Lessard
Secretary - Scott Noble Board Member - Ward Goodenough



We maintain Woodstock's first fire engine, a 1923 Maxim, restored and owned by the Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association for community events like the Memorial Day parade. We keep a part of our shared historical heritage alive.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.

The South Woodstock Fire Department has volunteers who regularly respond to the South Woodstock Fire Station, EMS First Response and other safety services when called out.

In the last year, the department responded to chimney fires, grass fires, power lines down, car accidents and other minor emergencies. Some calls were to assist the Woodstock Ambulance or to render aid and help someone who has fallen, and although not hurt, needed an assist to get up. The South Woodstock Fire Department is equipped with four fire trucks all of which are 4-wheel drive:

- Engine 1 is a 2001 Freightliner-Class A Pumper holding 1000 gallons of water with a 1250 gpm pump.
- The South Woodstock tanker is a 1986 International-Tanker Pumper with 2300 gallons of water and a 750 gpm pump.
- Engine 3 is a 1985 Mini Pumper that is set up with a 1000 gpm pump and 200 gallons of water.
- The forestry truck is a 1976 Pierce Mini Pumper.

Funding for the South Woodstock Fire Department comes from generous donations from the community and fund-raising events such as the Pancake Breakfasts. We are currently fund raising for a new Tanker truck. Our Tanker and the Chevy mini-pumper are 30 years old, although both trucks are outdated they are still operational. Our future plan will be to down size the number of trucks to a total of three as we currently do not have the personnel to fill four trucks and we would like to have one less truck to maintain.

The meeting room and kitchen at the South Woodstock firehouse are used for many activities. The largest activities are the Pancake Breakfasts which happen twice a year, in mid-April and on Columbus Day weekend. The meeting room is used by other civic groups such as The Green Mt. Perkins Academy Historical Society, South Woodstock Community Club, Long Hill Snowmobile Club, Windsor County Maple Producers Assn, The Green Mtn. Horse Assn. and the local Cub Scouts who hold their rain gutter regatta.

Volunteers are always needed both as firefighters or to help around the firehouse. New personnel would be welcomed and much appreciated. Volunteering takes time, but giving something to the community or town we live in is everyone's responsibility. Meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 PM. Please consider this an open invitation to volunteer at the South Woodstock Fire Department.

I would like to thank the members of the South Woodstock Fire Protection Association, firefighters: Charlie Gilley, Gordon Holmes, Mario Maura, Darwin Lewis, Carl McCuaig, Victoria Thrane, Rick Walker, and Board members: Gordon Holmes, Joyce Maura, Karen Lewis, Lynn Murrell, Jane Soule, Susan Ford, Darwin Lewis, Charlie Humpstone, as well as the many community members that volunteer their time and financial support. Thank you!

Paul C. Kendall II
South Woodstock Fire Chief

**Highway Department
Town & Village Report**

2016/2017 has been a very productive year. Beginning with combining the budget between the Town and Village Departments. This endeavor has been quite successful with management of the budget easier and requiring less time.

There were several projects completed this year, the upgrade to South Street in the vicinity of the school has improved the sidewalks, drainage, aesthetics, crosswalks, curbing and safety for those using the school and sidewalks. As well as replacing the road and preventing any further sinkholes. Upgrading and maintaining storm drains continues, as road salt and time deteriorate both the concrete structures and the old galvanized pipe replacing and repairing them is a continuous process. An example would be the replacement of both the storm drain and drainpipe on High St. Several manholes have also been either repaired or replaced. Paving was accomplished on Black Briar Rd., Valley View Rd., Mill Rd., Charles St., Atwood Ave. and on the School Street apron.

Route 4 had extensive Thermal repairs from the Rec Center Bridge to Richmond's corner. These repairs were to help alleviate the pot holes and delamination of the pavement.

Finally, cleaning up after the July storm included repairing damage to the roads and ditches.

Regular maintenance of the roads continues as well, with grading, ditching, plowing, salting, sanding, culverts, tree work, etc.

I would like to thank the residents of Woodstock for their continued support of the Town & Village Highway Department and their patience when traveling through work areas.

I would also like to thank all of the other departments for their continued support.

In conclusion, I thank the crew itself. The many hats that they have to wear can be very demanding at times, yet their dedication perseveres.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Vandenburg
Town/Village Highway Superintendent

**Woodstock Wastewater Treatment Plant
Annual Report**

The Woodstock Wastewater Treatment department is pleased to report that all three of our treatment plants are compliant with State of Vermont regulations.

In the past year, the improvements to the Wastewater Department have included:

- Repair of manholes on South Street and College Hill.
- Began upstream and downstream river sampling near the Main Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- New chlorine lines for South Woodstock and Taftsville Facilities.
- New safety equipment purchased with grant monies.

The Taftsville Facility has undergone a state mandated 20-year engineering evaluation for the treatment of nitrogen and phosphorus. The age of the facility will require retrofitting to address the treatment.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant staff thanks the residents of the Town of Woodstock for their patience when we are working in the streets and roads. We also thank the other Town and Village Departments for their continued support and assistance when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayland Lord	Timothy T. Lynds	Elijah Lemieux
Wastewater Superintendent	Assistant Chief Operator	Operator

**2017 TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
PLANNING & ZONING
ANNUAL REPORT**

A rewrite of the Town Zoning Regulations was completed last year with final adoption taking place on July 18, 2017. The rewrite included numerous amendments, most of which were clarifications of existing regulations:

- A riparian definition and additional development standards were added to the riparian buffer regulations. Within the vernal pool section, the sites mapped by the Vermont Center for Eco Studies were added.
- Buffer strip standards were adopted for solar installations.
- Ponds: In recent years a number of ponds have been overflowing due to intense rain outbreaks. To prevent this hazard, design elements were added to the pond section.
- Short term rental regulations have essentially remained the same. However, permittees are now required to submit an “end of the year” report to verify their annual activity.
- Screening of outdoor generators and heat pumps is now required.
- Non-conforming uses are now allowed a two-year window to continue a discontinued use. Previously they had a one year window.
- A section to clarify reconsideration and rehearing of permits was added.
- Zoning Map changes added a Community district which includes all municipal and non-profit owned property. In South Woodstock, the parcel directly south of the general store was rezoned Hamlet/Commercial to match that of the store.

Integrated Agriculture: In the Spring of 2017, a request was made to include Integrated Agriculture (IA) in the Zoning Regulations. This would have allowed agriculturally related events, ranging from food tastings to full meals to weddings throughout the Town. Balancing the need to maintain peace, quiet and privacy with the desired expanded agricultural uses was deemed too difficult to achieve in a few months. Therefore, the Planning Commission (PC) agreed to allow the use on a small area with the intent of expanding the use area over time. On October 17, 2017, the Integrated Agriculture overlay zone was adopted. In December an IA permit was issued. The use will be monitored to review potential issues, for a future rewrite.

The addition of an Enhanced Energy Chapter for the Town Plan was continued from 2016 to allow time for the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission to create a State wide model for this purpose. The model was presented to the PC in May 2017. A requirement of adoption is the inclusion of areas where alternative energy production can take place. In order to participate in a Public Service Board review of alternative energy projects, the enhanced energy is mandated. The PC hopes to finish this rewrite in 2018.

All plans adopted after January 1, 2018, will require the inclusion of language and maps which categorize large forest blocks and wildlife connectivity. This will be accomplished next year.

The PC has started work on rewriting the Village Zoning Regulations. This will be discussed in more detail with the Village Report. Most of the changes will be clarifications and required updates of existing regulations. Main issues for the Village will be multi-family housing, short term rentals and signs.

The Town Development Review Board and the Conservation Commission remain at full capacity with no new members. During the past few years, the Planning Commission has had a complete turnover with the exception of long term Chair, Sally Miller. Two members were appointed in 2014, two more members were appointed in 2016 and Sara Stadler and Eric Goldberg were recently appointed in August 2017. The South Woodstock Design Review Board has held steady with three members and three hearings per year. The Town would like to thank all former members for their service and commitment to the community. Please note that in March of each year positions become available. If interested in serving on a board or commission, please submit your name to the Town Planner or the Select Board.

Although homes sales were up slightly in 2017, overall permit activity decreased when compared with 2016. A total of 76 permits were issued in 2017. This represents a decrease of 8 from the previous year. The total number of administrative permits remained the same at 56 permits. The ever important number of single family home permits decreased from 6 to 4. Apartment/guest house permits increased from 1 to 3. Home occupation permits increased from 0 to 1. Subdivision permits remained the same at 2. Lotline adjustments increased from 2 to 3. Conditional use permits, a good indicator of commercial activity, dropped from 12 to 8. There were no waiver to setback requests in 2017 which is a drop from 4 issued the previous year. Bed and Breakfast permits remained steady at one. Short Term Rental permits (less than 30 days) decreased from 5 to 2. There were no Scenic Ridgeline permits issued, down from 1 in 2016. The South Woodstock Design Review Board activity remained the same with 3 permits issued.

The Town Planner/Administrative Officer Michael Brands, AICP, is now in his 29th year of service to the community. Mr. Brands continues to serve on the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission’s Transportation Task Force. He is also active with the Vermont Planners’ Association and the Upper Valley Planners’ Forum.

P&Z assistant Renee Vondle, in her 15th year, is always helpful and cheerful in her daily contact with applicants and information gatherers. Ms. Vondle also serves as the Town’s webmaster. The office receives constant compliments for its service and professionalism. The updated website has allowed users to download the various Planning and Zoning documents, significantly reducing the need for “hardcopy” versions. The website continues to present timely updates to the various emergency situations that arise such as road closures and utility notifications. Please take time to visit the site, townofwoodstock.org. Any and all suggestions for an improved service are welcome.

All comments concerning any planning and zoning issue are more than welcome. Please contact either Michael Brands, Town Planner or Renee Vondle, Zoning Assistant, or members of the Planning Commission. The planning and zoning process requires the input of the citizens for it to be both fair and equitable. Keep the comments coming!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Brands, AICP
Town Planner & Administrative Officer
MBrands@townofwoodstock.org

2017 TOWN OF WOODSTOCK CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Conservation Commission (CC) held nine regularly scheduled meetings and a number of site visits in 2017. The CC conducted site visits in conjunction with the four wetland applications reviewed during the year. There were three riparian buffer reviews, two in the Town and one in the Village.

Two significant riparian violations, both along the Ottauquechee River, were eventually resolved by the CC after months of review and discussions with the property owners. The violations resulted in a letter being sent to all area excavators, logging companies and realtors to educate them on the benefits of a strong riparian buffer and the parameters of review. It was discovered that many new property owners are unaware of riparian regulations.

Riparian buffers act to intercept sediment, nutrients, pesticides, and other materials in surface runoff. They also provide habitat and wildlife corridors and reduce erosion by providing stream bank stabilization. The intent of the regulation is to maintain the natural vegetation along rivers and streams. The riparian buffer is the land 100' from the annual highwater mark of the Kedron Brook, Ottauquechee River, Gulf Stream and the Barnard Brook, and 50' from all other streams.

The CC reviewed changes to the Town Zoning Regulations and recommended that a number of vernal pools discovered by the Vermont Eco Center be added to the regulations. A 2002 study of wetlands and vernal pools was accomplished using aerial photographs for location purposes. In subsequent years, it was discovered that a number of wetlands and vernal pools exist under forest cover, whereby the satellite imagery was unable to view the underlying wetland vegetation. The Vermont Eco Center used an update with a more modern method to locate wetland areas as part of a state wide project. The newly adopted Critical Areas map now includes reference to these “undiscovered” wetlands.

The CC is working with the PC to develop additional riparian buffer standards for the Village that allow flexibility for water front properties yet maintains the riparian qualities. Both the Gulf Stream and the Kedron Brook intersect the Ottauquechee River in the heart of the Village. The majority of Village’s riparian buffer areas are already developed.

As mentioned in last year’s report, the CC has been working on clarification of wildlife corridors that would allow wildlife, especially the larger species “room to move”. The State is now showing strong support for this concept by mandating the inclusion of wildlife corridors and forest blocks within all town plans adopted after January 1, 2018. The CC will help advise the PC, creators of the plan, on which forest blocks are best for this purpose.

Another link to the State’s forest block proposal is the concept of carbon sequestration. Forests are natural containers for carbon storage. The more trees one has, the more carbon is stored. The proponents of a carbon tax are seeking carbon storage facilities. Studies of the suitability of carbon storage via the long term maintenance of forest areas are being conducted. New England is ripe for carbon storage. Local alternative education classes are being offered on this subject.

An area of growing concern is the onslaught of invasive plants, especially along the State highways. Wild Chervil (looks like Queen Anne’s Lace - white flowered plant) and Wild Parsnip (highly toxic sap) have taken over sections of Route 12 and 106. Each year the plants move further inland and more entrenched. The CC is organizing a workshop on the topic to be held in early spring 2018.

The Conservation Commission membership has remained constant for the past few years. Should one desire to become a member please contact Town Planner, Michael Brands at 802-457-7515, mbrands@townofwoodstock.org or attend a Conservation Commission meeting which are regularly scheduled for the third Wednesday evening (7:00 p.m.) of each month.

One does not need to be a member to attend and/or participate in Conservation Commission activities. All members of the public are invited. CC agendas and activities are posted on three bulletin boards (the Town Hall, the Norman Williams Public Library and the EMS building in the East End) and on the Town’s website: townofwoodstock.org.

WEDC 2017 Annual Report

The Mission: The goal of the Woodstock Economic Development Commission is to plan and implement sustainable economic development in the Woodstock area. The WEDC is tasked with the following:

- To encourage and help existing and new businesses prosper, create more job opportunities, and become more environmentally conscious
- To make this a livable and welcoming community for a diverse, multi-generational population
- To promote a welcoming, sustainable Woodstock area
- To improve and make the best use of land, buildings and other physical infrastructure, and
- To develop tools to promote a sustainable economy

Summary: The State reports that Woodstock tax revenues for fiscal year 2017 improved year-over-year by 11.2% for rooms, 7.1% for meals, and 10.9% for alcohol. In addition, retail sales were up by 4.8%. These increases all compare favorably to Windsor County and Vermont performance. While the EDC certainly does not take credit for this performance, we do believe that our actions have been contributory.

Updates: 2017 saw several previous year grants bear fruit. Wireless Woodstock went live bringing free public Internet accessibility to much of the Village. Installation of Welcome to Woodstock signs at the east and west ends of town was completed. The Rotary and Chamber co-hosted the second annual Lobster Fest fundraiser that has become a favorite community activity following the EDC funded inaugural event.

Communications: Warner Communications completed the second half of their year-long public relations effort. Despite positive impacts including increased social media visibility, favorable press in print media and by prominent bloggers, the EDC elected to not renew the contract in favor of more economical approaches to promotion. In February, co-chair Tom Weschler along with representatives of Warner shared the honor of keynoting the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting leading to robust conversation with attending members. To further engage community members in EDC efforts, they initiated a series of focused articles in the Vermont Standard columns highlighting EDC actions and areas of interest that inform our priorities and discussions. The cornerstone of EDC’s communication and promotion activities involves a collaboration with the Chamber in the creation and administration of a vibrant and exciting new website designed to attract visitors, convert visitors to residents, and be the go-to site for current residents to which the EDC has committed \$55,000 for creation and startup costs.

Options Tax Funds: The Options Tax on Rooms, Meals, and Alcohol generated \$256,310 in 2017, which is up by 7.0% from 2016 when \$239,653 was received. Following on the success of EDC funded East End “Developer Package” to spark interest in revitalization of the East End in Woodstock, the EDC provided funding to the East End Action Group of Sustainable Woodstock to commission a \$10,000 “Design Package” that explores a mix of possible residential and commercial development considering the area as a whole. With a \$5,500 grant to complement other grants and volunteer efforts, the Woodstock Area Mountain Bike Association improved trails and signage on their developing trail system, an important component of Woodstock’s recreation attractions. Recognizing the critical importance of high speed internet connectivity, the EDC approved \$300 funding for a successful series of pop-up co-working events and \$35,990 for the creation of the Optimist Center that has already attracted several new Town residents. Pentangle applied and was approved for a \$15,000 grant for a financial feasibility study to help guide their pending fundraising campaign for Town Hall Theatre improvements. To extend the value of collected options tax funds and target potential new businesses, the EDC elected to create a \$100,000 revolving loan fund.

EDC Structure: As the EDC evolves, it has explored a new operating structure to be better able to accomplish its mission and its tasks with the involvement and input of community members. At the time of this writing, the EDC intends to hire a coordinator on a contract basis to support and work with four EDC subcommittees to execute the strategic plans and initiatives set forth by the EDC. The subcommittees will individually focus on Promotion, Economic Resources, Beautification, and Recreation Assets and will include a number of community members in their activities and deliberations to broaden the visions of the EDC.

Woodstock Cemetery Commissioners

The Woodstock Cemetery Commissioners are very pleased with the continued care given to the cemeteries. There were a number of positive comments on how well kept they were again this past year and as commissioners we will do our best to continue that good work.

As commissioners we are always looking for ways to deal with projects and long-term maintainance with fencing, walls, trees, and older gravestones. We are always open to hearing from and receiving help from citizens that might want to assist in caring for the cemeteries. Please remember to consult the commissioners before attempting any changes or improvements to the cemeteries.

The many burial grounds in Woodstock are important to families past and present and also provide historical value. The Commissioners thank you for your continued support in caring for the cemeteries and look forward to working with you to help care for and improve the cemeteries in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Barr
Greg Camp
Bruce Gould
Woodstock Cemetery Commissioners

Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 71 years old in 2018. There have been many positive changes over the years; I will give a brief timeline below:

- In August of 1958 the first “small” pool was built, with funding from the Woodstock Rotary club.
- In June 1968 the “big pool” was built
- In February 2007 a major renovation project was completed removing the bowling alley and adding a Fitness Center and dance studio where many fitness classes, dance classes, and other programs are taught today.
- In April 2008 the construction of a new “big pool” began.
- The small pool is still used today.
- In June 2009 the new “big pool” was ready for use.
- In 2010 the lower level of WRC was fully renovated with new bathrooms, showers, floors, walls, electrical, and plumbing.
- In August 2011 Tropical Storm Irene came through with flood waters filling the small pool with silt, entering the lower level of WRC and rising to 5ft. In the theater.
- This amounted to over 250,000.00 in damages.
- The lower level of WRC had to have all the recently completed renovations ripped out from 4ft and below due to water damage. This was all repaired within two months.
- The Theater had so much water and silt, all of the electrical, plumbing, and heat was ruined, the entire lower level had to be gutted from the ceiling down, there was no heat, or electricity in the building.
- In October 2012 all repairs to the theater were complete. The theater was again habitable and rainbow preschool moved back in and all classes resumed upstairs.
- In 2015 The original wood floors in the theater were refinished and the exterior side doors replaced.
- In 2016 the Carpet in the front office was replaced with wood, and we replaced two treadmills as well as two pieces of weight lifting equipment in the gym.
- In 2017 we replaced the lift station and sewer pumps in the theater, we also added two more treadmills to the gym, and two new spin bikes to the studio.

Over the past years at Town Meeting I have noticed that our position in this community can be confusing at times. I will attempt to explain our funding clearly and briefly.

The Woodstock Recreation Center is a 501 C3 non-profit; we have a very small trust from Marion Faulkner that amounts to roughly 8% of our total budget. The funds we generously receive from the town amount to roughly 30% of our total budget, however 26% of the funds we receive from the town (\$69,000.00) go directly from us to the Woodstock Elementary school, this is to keep everyone at a lower tax rate. (The select Board could explain this in more detail) The other 62% of our budget is made up of fundraising, our annual appeal, grants and user fees.

The other area that seems to be unclear at times is Vail Field, WRC does not own Vail Field we maintain Vail Field. The playground that was built is owned by the town/village. The WRC along with community members and Woodstock Rotary club volunteered to build it to save the community money. Any special projects or improvements at Vail field are through the town/village with support and oversight from WRC.

I hope this clarifies some of the most common questions that arise, as always your continued community support and input is invaluable to us. We hope you continue to see the benefit in your partnership with the WRC. Please contact Gail Devine Executive Director, for further details or to offer your support, contribution, or expertise.

Sincerely,
Gail Devine
Executive Director

Current WRC full time Staff:
Gail Devine – Executive Director
Joel Carey – Assistant Director
Kerri Elkouh – Office Administrator

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

Current Board members: Chair– Dave Doubleday, Vice-Kent McFarland, Secretary- Jim Giller , Treasurer- Sarah Weiss, Select board Rep.- Butch Sutherland, board members at large: Tom Emery & Emma Schmell.

January 2018

Spectrum Teen Center
70 Amsden Way
Woodstock, VT 05091



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 (WCSU). 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



SUSTAINABLE WOODSTOCK

Sustainable Woodstock seeks to inspire, organize and empower community members to integrate environmentally, economically and socially responsible practices in all aspects of their lives to create a sustainable community. The organization's volunteer-based action groups encourage a vibrant community, promote a thriving local economy, and educate community members about how to conserve and protect natural resources.

In 2017 Sustainable Woodstock continued their work on many community projects, and we started new initiatives that support our community so we can live sustainably now and in the future.

Since 2009, the *East End Action Group* (EEAG) has focused on developing a riverfront park in the East End. In spring 2017 they cleaned up debris from the snow dump for the last time. Over the summer the EEAG continued to plant and maintain the park, and in the fall they prepared an area for a future permaculture garden. The transformation from “jungle” to “jewel” has already been stunning, but completing the park will take support from the community. The EEAG continues to explore other ways to improve the East End. The East End Gateway Conceptual Plan, prepared by GPI with funding from the Woodstock Economic Development Commission, has helped us understand how the area may be redeveloped with new uses and activities under current zoning. We are excited by community interest in these next steps.

Realizing that creating more energy efficient housing in our area is easily the most powerful way that we can address climate change, the *Energy Action Group* focused on home weatherization in 2017. They produced a Local Home Weatherization Guide that helps homeowners navigate the weatherization process and energy incentive programs. They held open houses to encourage homeowners to discover ways to take action to save money on energy bills and reduce their carbon footprint. In 2018 the Energy Group will continue to focus on creating more energy efficient housing for all residents starting with our winter Weatherization campaign. The Energy Group meets on the second Monday of the month at the Town Hall and everyone is welcome.

The objectives of the *Recycling Action Group* are to encourage the community, including households, businesses and visitors, to recycle a maximum percentage of their waste. At our community recycling day last April we collected almost five tons of electronic waste and shredded one ton of paper. Our facilitation of waste collection at public events, like the Covered Bridges Half Marathon, typically diverts 75% of the waste generated at the events and sends hundreds of pounds of compost to local farms.

This past summer we had two dozen families and organizations gardening at our three community garden sites. Our gardens at King Farm, Billings Farm and Chippers are open to community members with plots being individually maintained by each gardener. This year with a grant from Catamount Solar we added a solar-powered water pump to our garden at Billings Farm.

Sustainable Woodstock educates the community about sustainability issues through our weekly newspaper column, website, Facebook page, email newsletter, films and speakers. You can receive our monthly email updates by signing up on our website. Our monthly “Green Drinks” are social events which encourage an ongoing conversation around climate change initiatives; we highlight different projects every month with local food and lively discussions. Our activities and programs are open to the entire community.

We gratefully acknowledge support from many local individuals and organizations, including Woodstock Rotary, Woodstock Garden Club and Woodstock Foundation, whose generous contributions have allowed us to move forward on our important community projects. Although Sustainable Woodstock prides itself on being a results-driven organization, we know that one of this organization's most significant contributions may be less tangible: the feeling of being connected more deeply to our community and to one another.

2018 promises to be an exciting year for Sustainable Woodstock! We encourage all community members to get involved. For updates on our projects and activities, visit our website at www.sustainablewoodstock.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Miller, Executive Director

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Town Hall Theatre
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Pentangle's Board of Trustees, members and staff are grateful to the residents of Woodstock and the Town of Woodstock for their continued support of our efforts to make our community a more vibrant, creative and stimulating place to live.

We remain committed to the following guiding principles to inform all our programming, including Arts in Education and Community outreach and engagement.

- To provide programming that appeals to all ages.
- To create opportunities for audiences and artists to make meaningful connections in our community.
- To nurture the artistic talent of our community members.
- To foster creative thinking through Arts in Education programs that are immersive and experiential.
- To engage underserved constituencies in creative activity.
- To return the generosity of our community for our organization with free programing.
- To be a reliable steward of Woodstock's historic Town Hall Theatre.
- To ensure that the Town Hall Theatre remain a thriving, open, and accessible community resource for a wide variety of uses.
- To be fiscally responsible.
- To support our local non-profit community.
- To be a catalyst for cultural, social and economic development.
- To seek mutually beneficial partnerships with businesses who support our mission.

Highlights of our current season include:

- Residency with the Dance Theatre of Harlem attended by 620 students from seven area schools.
- A puppet-making residency attended by over 150 students.
- Three live productions for grades pre-K-4th grade.
- A music composition and performance residency for elementary and high school students with the jazz funk band, The Huntertones.
- Wassail Weekend: Christmas with the Celts, Holiday House Tour and Messiah Sing.
- The Jesse Colin Young Band.
- Ed Asner's highly acclaimed one man show, "The Man and His Prostate".
- Pentangle's production of HAIR, The Tribal Rock Musical.
- Free programming that includes Thank you Thursday free movie and documentary series, the 38th annual Brown Bag concert series, the Vermont Flurry: Snow Sculpture Festival, and the Light Garden.

Your continued support is so important to the many area residents who depend on Pentangle's stewardship of the Town Hall Theatre, a vital gathering place where friends, neighbors, and visitors share camaraderie and world class entertainment. We thank you for your time and consideration. Don't hesitate to contact us for more information at director@pentanglearts.org, or 457-3981.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alita Wilson
Executive Director (802) 457-3981



Annual Report to the Town Of Woodstock
January 2018

Mission:

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

The library had another exciting year in 2017. The trustees, director, staff and volunteers continued to work together to create a vital, visible and viable public library for the community.

Major accomplishments in 2017 include:

Upgrades to Building and Grounds

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

Streamlined Staffing Models and Technology Training

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

Increased Public Service Hours

In 2017, NWPL staff responded to requests from the public to keep the library open longer and increase staffing in the children's room on Saturdays. NWPL has received overwhelmingly positive feedback on our extended hours. In 2018, NWPL will remain open and fully staffed by librarians and volunteers six days a week for a total of 49 hours.

Increased Community Outreach

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

Increased Patronage of the Library

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

NWPL is governed by a board of trustees who are elected by Library Corporators at an annual meeting in October. The library board meets at the library on the third Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend these open meetings to learn more about the library. The trustees and staff of NWPL are very grateful to our patrons, volunteers and donors. We look forward to serving Woodstock in 2018. For more information about the library or to sign up for our e-newsletter visit: <http://normanwilliams.org/>

Sincerely,

Amanda Merk, Executive Director

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BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION Report 2017

The **Billings Park Commission (BPC)** oversees Woodstock’s town parks: Billings Park, the 141 acres on Mt. Tom adjacent to both the Faulkner Park and the National Park, as well as the 65 acre park on Mt. Peg. The BPC is an active participant in the Woodstock Trails Partnership, a consortium of interested parties, devoted to enhancing, improving and promoting the over 30 miles of Woodstock area trails accessible from our Village Center. In addition to regular maintenance and oversight of the parks, we participate in a number of events designed to promote the beautiful and extensive trail system in Woodstock.

2017 was a quieter year for the Billings Park Commission. Hikers enjoyed the fruits of our work of the last couple of years – in the completed restoration of the Cemetery Road trail and the stone causeway on Mt. Tom Road near the South Peak. As you’ll recall last year we clarified the municipal park boundaries with the Faulkner Trust. Happily, the Faulkner Trust has continued to finance the restoration of the trail up to the South Peak summit which is almost complete.

We continue to benefit from the expertise of Jennifer Waite, whose time and talent we are able to draw on through our technical assistance grant from the National Park’s Rivers and Trails Program. Her experience, contacts and insights are invaluable and we are extremely grateful for this ongoing assistance. With her help, the 3rd edition of the Walk Woodstock Trail Map was published this year. It is available at the National Park and at the Village Visitor’s Center. Also, we welcomed two new BPC commissioners: Joshua Pauly and Sam Segal to our ranks and look forward to working with them in the years ahead.

We are working with a National Park Trails Intern who is assessing our trails and trail signs over the winter. Our hope is to turn this work into work plans for 2018 and beyond. In addition, we hope 2018 will see a continuation of our partnership with the NPS in the on-going battle to eradicate invasive plant species on both the Mt. Peg and Mt. Tom sections of Billings Park.

2017 saw another successful **Trek to Taste** on Mt. Tom to celebrate National Trails Day (the first Saturday in June). During this now well established annual event showcasing our trails, hikers trekked to taste some delicious local food and reviewed our local Farm to School projects. While T2T is produced primarily by the National Park, the BPC helped develop it eight years ago, and have participated from the beginning – always scooping Mountain Creamery’s ice cream to hundreds of hikers at the end of the day.

We are now mowing the open land on Mt. Peg twice a summer to help control the tick population. We continue to work with the Town Development Review Board and the Woodstock Resort Corporation on a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) governing mountain biking on the summit area of Mt. Peg. We expect to make more progress on this in 2018.

Respectfully,

Alison Clarkson, Chair

Kathy Avellino, Chris Lloyd, Josh Pauly, Sam Segal and Don Wheeler, Commissioners

Woodstock Community Television

Woodstock Community Television is a Public, Educational, and Governmental Access Management Organization with offices and a studio at 62 Pleasant Street in Woodstock, Vermont. We operate within the requirements of the State of Vermont Public Service Board Rule 8, and under licensing agreements with Comcast and VTel that are scheduled for renewal in 2020.

The station was established in 2000 in partnership with the Woodstock Union High School. In our 17 years of operation, we have steadily broadened our mission to serve a diverse array of educational, charitable, social service, religious, government and other non-profit organizations.

WCTV films and broadcasts local government meetings, community events, and other programs of general interest to approximately 1,500 households in Woodstock, Bridgewater, and Hartland via Comcast channel 8 and an additional 4,000 households throughout central Vermont via VTel channel 175, and worldwide via our website, wctv8.com.

We maintain a television studio fitted with professional lighting, microphones, and cameras as well as state-of-the-art control and switching equipment. Our studio is open for community use, and community members have already produced and/or participated in creating a variety of programming here. Also available for community use are portable cameras, lighting and audio equipment for out-of-studio program production.

Our website, www.wctv8.com archives nearly 2,000 programs that address almost every aspect of community life including sports, visual arts, music, theater, health, business, literature, and government. We regularly exchange programming with 25 access stations state wide and 560 nationally. This allows us to bring diverse informational and cultural programming to our viewers, and share the best of our programming with others.

This past year, due to the generous support of the community, we have expanded a bit, adding staff and the purchase of a new transmitter. We also began streaming live on Facebook. During the next five years, we plan to build on the accomplishments of the recent past to establish WCTV as a small, but well-equipped information, media, and learning center. Looking forward, we plan to purchase equipment and implement special projects that will enhance learning, cultural enrichment and civic engagement in our community and worldwide via our website.

We continue to offer stakeholders the knowledge and the physical means to sharpen and effectively convey their personal and/or non-profit messaging. In addition, we will continue to improve our internal processes and productivity to expand programming and to deliver important information more quickly and efficiently.



The Woodstock Area Job Bank

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

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December 1, 2017

Woodstock Town Select Board
Woodstock Town Hall
31 The Green
Woodstock, VT 05091

Dear Select Board Members:

The Woodstock Area Job Bank respectfully requests that the Select Board place on the 2018 Town Meeting ballot the following article of funding.

The Woodstock Area Job Bank requests the voters of Woodstock, Vermont to approve an appropriation of \$3,000 for the Woodstock Area Job Bank.

We hope that the Town of Woodstock will, again, assist the Woodstock Area Job Bank with our efforts. This funding is critical for maintaining the free service we have provided for over 40 years. We are most grateful for the previous contributions in support of our work. We send our warmest thanks.

Sincerely,

Beth Crowe
Director
Woodstock Area Job Bank

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2017 Overview
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRORC 2017 YEAR-END REPORT

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

Technical Assistance

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

Emergency Management & Preparedness

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

Regional Energy Plan

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

Transportation

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

Specifically in Woodstock this past year, we completed the Woodstock Snow Dump and Sidewalk projects administration, prepared Better Road grant applications, coordinated a municipal roads Grants-In-Aid project on Densmore Hill Road, conducted a traffic count, assisted in emergency coordination following the July 1 storm, worked with the Thompson Senior Center, continued to work on a disaster exercise, provided zoning map revisions, and helped draft an enhanced energy plan.

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

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

William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret



Woodstock Town Report 2018

About ECFiber

ECFiber, the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, is a joint venture of 24 Vermont towns, including Woodstock, seeking to build and operate a municipally-owned universal, open access, fiber-optic telecommunications network. ECFiber is owned by its 24 member towns, and is self-sustaining through the issuance of municipal revenue bonds. Local taxpayer funds cannot be used to subsidize the District's operations.

The Woodstock Select Board has appointed George Sadowsky as delegate and Bill McGowan and Dan Orcutt as alternate delegates to the ECFiber Governing Board. The Governing Board adopts by-laws and operating policies and procedures, and elects an Executive Committee to handle matters that may arise between monthly meetings of the full Governing Board. Sadowsky is a member of the Executive Committee. Woodstock delegates are substantially involved in the activities of ECFiber. Monthly Governing Board meetings are generally held at Vermont Law School, Oakes Hall, starting at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of every month. ECFiber Governing Board meetings are open to the public.

Additional information about the ECFiber project and deployment updates can be found at www.ecfiber.net.

Revenue Bond issue

The VT Legislature's creation of Communication Union Districts in 2015 provided ECFiber with the ability to reorganize as the first of such districts in Vermont, and in doing so, enter the municipal bond market. In April 2016 ECFiber successfully floated a \$10 million bond issue through MCM Capital Management, ECFiber's investment partner. A portion of the 2016 proceeds was used to repurchase private debt that had been issued to start the network in its early years, and the remaining funds were earmarked to continue the build-out of the network.

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 new construction in 2018.

Implementation Plan

As of December 2017, 529 miles of fiber-optic network had been built and "lit" in parts of 21 member towns, serving about 2300 customers. 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's not-for-profit partner, ValleyNet, is in charge of the actual implementation of the network. ValleyNet determines its construction schedule by balancing areas of high demand, current levels of service, and geographic contiguity. At present, Woodstock has not been given high priority for construction, but that is changing starting in 2018. Assuming that the municipal bond market continues to be robust and that ECFiber revenues are sufficient to justify the financing, ECFiber's Internet will reach all underserved portions of all 24 towns by the end of 2020.

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 bandwidths of 17/40/200/700 Mbps.

Woodstock North

ECFiber network planners are examining potential routes connecting the northern part of the network in Pomfret and Barnard to the southern part in Reading and West Windsor. The exact route has not yet been determined, but will clearly go through Woodstock, skirting the center of town. It is our intention to work with ValleyNet to perform as many subscriber hookups as possible along this route once it is selected.

Woodstock South

In January 2018, ECFiber achieved its objective to bring its service to the village of South Woodstock. Subscribers on Morgan Hill Road, East Hill Road, and South Road between Horseshoe Way and the South Woodstock post office have just been connected to the network. Pole license applications are being placed for the spur roads off South Road. An Internet Café is being planned for the South Woodstock General Store, and should be in operation fairly early in 2018.

Thanks to David Brown

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to David Brown, who was the initial Woodstock delegate to ECFiber and who served as delegate and alternate delegate for almost 10 years. David has taken a position as Chief Marketing Officer for ValleyNet, and is therefore no longer eligible to serve in a town delegate role. We are very grateful for his effort and support, and we are certain that he will continue to serve Woodstock and the ECFiber enterprise in his new role as he has done in the past.

George Sadowsky
Bill McGowan
Dan Orcutt

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

Direct services provided by GUVSWMD to Woodstock and District residents in FY2017:

- Events were held in Thetford, Sharon, Strafford, Bridgewater, Woodstock, and Hartford where we collected 19.2 tons of tires; 1.38 tons of scrap metal; 12 tons of electronics; 12.6 tons of “big” trash/construction & demolition debris; and thousands of fluorescent bulbs and batteries.
- GUV held two backyard compost workshops in May/June 2017, led by VT Master Composter Cat Buxton. Soil Saver composters and Sure-Close food scrap pails were sold at greatly reduced prices thanks to a grant from the VT Agency of Natural Resources. Woodstock residents attended workshops in Sharon and Norwich.
- 399 GUV residents participated in household hazardous waste events held in Woodstock (70 Woodstock residents) in September 2016 and Hartford (2 Woodstock residents) in June 2017. 8.1 tons of hazardous material were collected, including 651 gallons of paint.

In FY 17, Phil Swanson was Woodstock’s representative to the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank him for his ongoing service and support of our work.

Tips to remember:

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

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



The Woodstock Area Council on Aging (The Thompson Center)

Your First Resource for Aging in our Community

The Thompson continues to provide daily meals, rides, and other resources for Woodstock residents at the Center and at home on a daily basis. Participants enjoy a wide variety of exercise, education, wellness, socialization programs, Aging at Home support, volunteer opportunities, and much more. The Thompson reaches more than 60% of those over age 65 on the census while the average reach by senior centers in other areas is 9%.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Jones, Executive Director

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

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

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

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 3,306 homecare visits to 137 Woodstock residents. This included approximately \$116,176 in unreimbursed care to Woodstock residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 1,695 home visits to 117 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 78 home visits to 4 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 1,502 home visits to 13 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 31 home visits to 3 residents 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.

Woodstock'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)

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY17 for Town of Woodstock

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham 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 1,952 hours of services to 41 residents of the Town of Woodstock. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Woodstock.

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



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Woodstock Annual Town Report FY 2017

Green Mountain RSVP connects volunteers 55 and older to opportunities at nonprofit organizations with a positive impact to the towns within Bennington, Windsor, and Windham Counties. We are sponsored by the Southwestern VT Council on Aging (SVCOA).

As part of our Healthy Living focus, we partner with some of the following volunteer stations: Meals on Wheels providers, transportation programs, food pantries, The American Red Cross, AARP/VITA Tax Programs, Bone Builder Exercise classes, and mentor programs in local schools. We also partner with many other nonprofits, like senior meal sites, hospitals, museums, libraries, and knitting projects.

We provide annual recognition and social events for volunteers. We issue a bi-monthly newsletter in each county. We help support nonprofits with background checks and liability insurance for RSVP volunteers. Our motto is do good, feel good! Volunteering benefits the volunteer and their community.

GMRSVP trains instructors and provides weights and materials in order to offer the popular Bone Builders program at the Thompson Senior Center twice weekly, led by local residents. 15 local residents attend this class regularly.

Your Town's funds are essential for us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) – Senior Corps. Your partnership within the Woodstock community can truly make a difference for Windsor County with local volunteers helping their neighbors.

You are welcome to contact Corey Mitchell in our Ascutney office at (802) 6744547 or speak to me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 772-7875. Thank-you for your continued support.

Respectfully, *Cathy Aliberti*
Cathy Aliberti
Green Mountain RSVP Director



RSVP is
Supported in part by The Corporation for National and Community Service
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

Southeastern Vermont Community Action

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, housing and food 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 Woodstock we have provided the following services during FY2017:

Weatherization: 30 homes (68 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$77,269

Emergency Home Repair: 2 homes (3 people) received services to address health and Safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waster, valued at \$5,419

Tax Preparation: 4 households (4 people) received services and tax credits valued at \$22,897

VT Health Connect Navigation: 4 households (6 people) received assistance to enroll in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$483

Family Services: 10 households (18 people) received 78 services, valued at \$361 (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 7 households (12 people) received 11 assists valued at \$4,984

Housing Assistance: 3 households (11 people) received 3 assists valued at \$5,111

Jobs for Independence: 3 people were recruited, screened and referred to enhanced employment services, valued at \$1,205

Thrift Store Vouchers: 7 households (19 people) received goods & services valued at \$436

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

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
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BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES THROUGH YOUTH MENTORING

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Town Narrative - Woodstock For July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Windsor County Partners is in its 5th 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 or contact us at ProgramsWC@outlook.com 802-674-5101. WCP thanks the voters of Woodstock for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Jennifer Grant
Executive Director

Woodstock Town Report

Wise is the Upper Valley's sole provider of crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. WISE provides free and legally confidential services 24 hours of every day, including a crisis line; safety planning; emergency shelter; transitional housing assistance; legal aid; victim advocacy and accompaniment to local emergency rooms, police stations and courthouses; and a variety of support groups. WISE assisted nearly 1,300 victims last year, an increase of 300 from the previous year.

The Safe Home at WISE has sheltered victims of violence since opening in 2015. This home offers a respectful environment that nurtures healthy parenting, protects women, and allows for peaceful concentration on regaining independence and working on legal and logistical issues. The WISE website (www.WISEuv.org) has many resources to identify intimate partner violence, increase safety, and support a victim of domestic violence, sexual abuse or stalking.

In 21 Upper Valley communities, WISE is also a leading educator on healthy and safe relationships, using structured curricula for trainings for teachers, medical, legal and law enforcement professionals; faith community members; and through a presence at farmer's markets, hospitals, and events in local communities. WISE trains law enforcement and medical professionals on Lethality Assessment to identify victims at high risk of intimate partner homicide. WISE educators offer age-appropriate lessons in area high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools, covering the topics of healthy relationships, media literacy, bullying, dating violence, and consent.

Supporting people in crisis and in confidence, and educating citizens is crucial to eliminating domestic violence and abuse. WISE remains grateful for support to assure services are available every hour of every day.



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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Woodstock

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

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

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served 30 pregnant women and children to age five in Woodstock with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

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

Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In Windsor County, Prevention Partners distributed media messages to encourage proper disposal of prescription drugs and to support parents in reducing substance use among youth, and worked with municipal partners to incorporate health promoting policies into town plans and ordinances. In Woodstock, this funding also supported a Student Assistance Professional at Woodstock Union High School and Middle School to provide screening and referral services for students at risk of substance use.



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

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

Support from cities and towns 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.

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

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

ANNUAL REPORT



SENIOR SOLUTIONS

(COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT)

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont – has served the residents of Woodstock and the Southeastern Vermont region since 1973. Our main office is located at 38 Pleasant Street in lower level of the Nolin-Murray Center building. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Many of our services are available regardless of income or assets. However, we target our resources to those older adults with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. Senior Solutions can help caregivers assess their family's needs and options, connect with resources and local programs that meet their needs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for family members.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Vermont is the second oldest state in the country (median age) and within Vermont the highest concentration of elders is in Windsor and Windham counties. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has been largely stagnant for many years. This means that financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. This past year these included grants from the Christopher Reeve Foundation to serve people with paralysis, from Efficiency Vermont to conduct home energy visits and help older adults save money on their electric bills and from the Holt Ames Fund to increase our outreach to vulnerable elders. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. We also seek donations from the public and have established a planned giving program through the Vermont Community Foundation.

We strive to develop new programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year we trained instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and started a new program, aquatics for people with arthritis. We provide financial support to volunteers interested in starting new evidence-based wellness programs.

This is a summary of services provided to Woodstock residents in the last year (9-1-16 through 8-30-17).

Information and Assistance: 71 Calls and Office Visits. Our toll-free Senior HelpLine (1-800-642-5119) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan for the future, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications.

Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also described at www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Medicare Assistance: 51 residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, “boot camps” for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 9 elder residents with in-home case management or other home based services for 110.25 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: 40 Woodstock seniors received 4,894 meals at home and many received congregate meals from Thompson Senior Center through Woodstock Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases. One resident is receiving this grant.

Transportation: Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Other Services: Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities and home-based mental health services. Senior Solutions has a flexible “Special Help Fund” that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of Woodstock.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.



Supporting Health and Wellness in Woodstock for more than 22 years

Mission Statement: The mission of the Ottauquechee Health Foundation is to promote and support programs that identify and help meet the health care needs of Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

What we do: The primary activities of the Ottauquechee Health Foundation are helping community members access health services through grant making, care coordination and providing information about health and wellness resources. Since 1996, we have provided more than 3 million dollars through grant making to improve community health and wellness. In 2017 OHF provided more than 300 grants to support individuals in need. **All programs are free of charge.**

Good Neighbor Grant program: The Good Neighbor Grant program helps people who are unable to pay for their health and wellness needs. This program helps community members with financial challenges access care and resources not covered by medical insurance such as prescription medicines, Lifeline connections for seniors, dental care, specialized baby formula, adult diapers, physical therapy, counseling, hearing aids, eyeglasses, dentures, co-pays for essential health treatments and more. Assistance is available year round and ***all inquiries are confidential.***

Caregiver Referral Services and Respite Grants: OHF connects community members and their families with locals who provide caregiver services and also helps those with financial challenges needing temporary in-home help.

SMILES Oral Health Program: OHF offers free oral health screenings, education, fluoride varnish treatment and care coordination for adults who do not have a dental home. Through the SMILES program we work to connect individuals with local dentists in an effort to decrease the amount of people with untreated dental issues. Since this program started in 2016 the number of people we have connected to local dentists and supported through our grants program has more than quadrupled.

School Based Mindfulness Program: OHF has implemented The Mindful SELF (Social Emotional Learning Foundations) Program in 3 local Elementary schools. The Mindful SELF program is an early intervention, mental health program that promotes social and emotional wellbeing. This is done with a focus on teaching children kindness, self-awareness, how to focus attention and communicate non-violently. It is currently being implemented in the Reading Elementary School, Barnard Academy, and the Woodstock Elementary School – soon to expand to 2 more schools.

Check us out on Facebook for more information or online at: <http://www.ohfvt.org>

Respectfully submitted,
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Windsor County Update
Assistant Judges Jack Anderson and Ellen Terie

FY 2018-19 County Budget

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

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

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

Courthouse Renovation Bond

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

Other County News

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WARNING FOR
WOODSTOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Woodstock School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Woodstock Town Hall Theater in the 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.

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect two School Directors to the Woodstock School District 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 2:** 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.

Dated this ____ day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Jessica Stout, Chair (*Signature*)
Paige Hiller
Malena Agin

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOODSTOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 4, 2017
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Matt Maxham as Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and read out the Warning. Paige Hiller, Malena Agin, Jessica Stout, Maggie Mills, and Charles Degener were assembled on stage.

ARTICLE 1: “To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.” Jennifer Maxham nominated Matt Maxham for Moderator, Jeff Kahn seconded, there were no other nominations. Matt Maxham was voted and elected moderator.

ARTICLE 2: “To accept the reports of the Woodstock Elementary School Directors for the school accounts and take action thereon.” Sally Miller moved the article, Edwin English seconded. There being no discussion the article passed.

ARTICLE 3: “Shall the voters of the Woodstock School District approve the school board to expend three million, five hundred nineteen thousand, nine hundred sixty nine dollars (\$3,519,969) 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 \$15,830 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.87% higher than spending for the current year.” Edwin English moved the article and Susan Innui seconded. Paige Hiller, as chair introduced the other members of the board and Principal Maggie Mills. An overview of the budget and accomplishments of the last year was presented. Three faculty members will be retiring this year: Luke Fisher, Cindy Seigler, and Deb Alessi. Joe DiNatale, Kim Carey, and Jeff Kahn participated in the discussion. The motion passed.

ARTICLE 4: “To authorize the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, by the issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year for the purpose of paying the expenses of the District.” Motion by Byron Quinn, seconded by Sally Miller. The motion passed.

ARTICLE 5: “To determine what sum of money the District will vote to pay its officers as compensation.” Oliver Goodenough moved to pay the Directors \$250 per year, and the Moderator \$50 per meeting, seconded by Jeff Kahn. After some discussion the motion was amended by Marian Koetsier to pay the Directors \$1,000 per year, and seconded by Susan Innui. Further discussion ensued with Nancy Stockwell, Al Alessi, and Paige Hiller participating. A voice vote for the amendment being unclear, the Moderator asked for a division of the house. The amendment passed 37 to 18. The original motion, as amended was then voted, and passed.

ARTICLE 6: “To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.” Edwin English asked about election procedures regarding the Moderator.

Paige Hiller and Malena Agin spoke regarding Act 46 and the study committee. The report of the committee was accepted by the Vermont State Board of Education on February 21, 2017.

Report of the Woodstock Elementary School Board of Directors

Joe DiNatale, Jeff Kahn, Charlie Kimbell, Marian Koetsier, Al Alessi, Matt Stover, David Schwartzman, and Sonya Stover participated in the discussion.

The remaining articles being the election of officers by Australian Ballot, Matt Maxham then invited those running for office to introduce themselves. Paige noted that all current Board members will be seeking positions on the proposed Unified Board. Vicki Jas introduced herself as a candidate for the Woodstock Union High School Board. Matt Stover and Sam DiNatale introduced themselves as candidates for the proposed new Board.

Matt Maxham thanked the Board for their hard work, and also the Boy Scouts for running the microphones. There being no further business Byron Quinn moved to adjourn at 2:38 P.M., Edwin English seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. Charles Degener III, Clerk Matt Maxham, Moderator

The 2016-2017 school year added to the outstanding history of quality education for the students of Woodstock Elementary School. The students, staff, and school board have enjoyed our community's support and confidence beyond our expectations. The school year began with a busy summer; our projects included painting the first and second floor classrooms, refurbishing cabinets, replacing outdated furniture, and replacing the roof over the gymnasium. In the fall, we learned that one of our boilers needed replacement, and we were thankful for the mild weather.

Congratulations to STEM teacher Marcia Gauvin and our WES students for a job well done in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education. In its first year of operation, the STEM lab placed second in the Vermont Technical Middle School Bridge Competition, was invited to present at the Vermont Science Teachers Association Conference, and was featured in the Woodstock Magazine.

Thank you to Principal, Maggie Mills, Business Manager, Richard Seaman and WES board members for their hard work in preparing this budget.

We are very proud of the budget we present to you this year. Our biggest challenge was the \$329,329.00 increase in special education costs. Woodstock can be proud that our district has built a reputation with the state as a leading special education provider, and as a result families seek out WCSU and WES to get the support their children need. The proposed WES budget for the 2017-2018 school year is \$3,519,969, an overall increase of \$286,963.00 from the 2016-2017 budget of \$3,233,006.00. Local revenue for 2017-2018 is \$1,067,697.00, an increase of \$240,748.00 from 2016-2017 revenues of \$812,594.00. Although we have increased special education spending, these costs are offset by the combination of an increase in local revenue and special education reimbursement, a slight gain in equalized pupils and an increase in the per pupil spending threshold, \$17,386.00. These factors result in a per pupil cost of \$15,830.00 for the 2017-2018 school year, and a slight decrease to your 2017-2018 tax rate from \$0.7175 to \$0.7098.

We greatly appreciate and acknowledge the experience and dedication of our staff as we look forward to another successful year. We would like to wish Luke Fisher, Cindy Siegler, and Deb Alessi the best as they plan for their retirement in June 2017.

We would also like to acknowledge the amazing efforts by Maggie Mills, in her stewardship of the school this year. As a first year principal, she has far exceeded our expectations.

WES Board members strive to balance the needs of Woodstock Elementary School and the Woodstock Taxpayers. The budget we present for your approval will ensure that our young citizens will continue to receive a high level of education. Woodstock Elementary School's future success is dependent on the ongoing support of our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Paige Hiller, Chair

Woodstock Elementary School District Expenditure Report Through FY2018			
	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Debt Service			
Bond Interest	5,000	2,133	-
Bond Principal	70,000	70,000	-
Total Debt Service	75,000	72,133	-
Regular Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	909,505	878,632	858,680
Aides' Salaries	27,832	28,995	27,184
Substitute Salaries	16,500	8,731	16,500
Health Insurance	219,352	197,065	205,331
Long-Term Disability Insurance	117	118	169
FICA	72,969	67,051	69,032
Life Insurance	395	292	442
Municipal Retirement	758	979	1,087
403-B Retirement Benefit	278	-	272
New Hire VSTRS		2,194	
Workers' Comp Ins	5,468	8,885	5,186
Dental Insurance	5,342	5,078	4,674
Four Winds	2,700	2,695	2,700
Pentangle	2,500	2,490	2,400
Museum Ed	3,000	1,271	2,000
Hulburt Outdoor Ctr.	4,000	4,121	4,200
6th Grade Field Trip	4,000	2,780	6,000
Copier Expense	8,000	7,578	7,500
Postage	500	372	900
General Supplies	9,000	4,850	9,000
Grade 1 Supplies	600	435	600
Grade 2 Supplies	600	393	600
Grade 3 Supplies	600	508	600
Grade 4 Supplies	600	554	600
Grades 5-6 Supplies	800	574	600
Grade 6 Play Materials	500	311	250
Kindergarten Supplies	600	621	600
Grade 1 Texts	-	-	500
Grade 2 Texts	-	-	500
Grade 3 Texts	-	-	-
Grade 4 Texts	-	-	-
Grade 5-6 Texts	500	241	500
Grade 5-6 Science Kit	500	517	500
Field Trips	200	-	200
Pre-K Tuition	30,000	93,467	60,000
Total Regular Instruction	1,327,716	1,321,799	1,289,307
Art			
Art Supplies	2,000	2,006	2,500
Art Texts	100	33	-
Total Art	2,100	2,039	2,500
Foreign Language			
Foreign Language Materials	600	91	600

Woodstock Elementary School District Expenditure Report Through FY2018			
	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Physical Education/Health			
Phys Ed Supplies	400	404	400
Math			
Supplies	250	256	250
Textbooks	5,000	3,913	5,000
Total Math	5,250	4,169	5,250
Music			
Music Supplies	700	712	700
Music Texts	200	170	200
Total Music	900	882	900
Excel			
Enrichment Supplies	2,000	1,051	2,000
Language Arts			
Teacher Salary		143	
Supplies	-	11	-
Textbooks	5,000	3,322	4,000
Total Language Arts	5,000	3,476	4,000
Guidance			
Salary	46,038	46,038	47,233
Health Insurance	20,467	20,461	20,461
FICA	3,522	-	3,613
Life Insurance	23	3,160	23
Workers' Comp Ins	255	23	262
Dental Insurance	420	429	404
504/EST Services	-	404	-
VCAT Assessment	1,100	1,236	1,250
Supplies	300	269	300
TOTAL 2120 Guidance	72,125	72,021	73,546
Health Services			
Nurse Salary	49,623	49,623	50,818
Health Insurance	20,467	20,461	20,461
FICA	3,796	3,434	3,888
Life Insurance	23	23	23
Workers' Comp Ins	275	462	282
Dental Ins	420	404	404
Supplies	1,200	1,122	1,200
Dues and Fees		1,330	110
Total Health Services	75,804	76,859	77,186
Instructional Staff Training			
Course Reimbursement-Teachers	10,000	6,955	10,000
Support Staff Course Reimbursement	250	-	250
Staff Conference	8,000	4,120	8,000

Woodstock Elementary School District Expenditure Report Through FY2018			
	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Professional Development-Support Staff	200	205	200
Professional Development - General	5,000	4,160	4,500
Staff Travel	1,000	1,049	1,000
Inservice Expense	500	-	250
Total Instructional Staff Training	24,950	16,489	24,200
Educational Media Services			
Media Specialist Salary	25,472	25,472	26,189
Media Assistant Salary	21,999	23,584	31,080
Health Insurance	21,525	17,356	21,519
Long-Term Disability Insurance	136	146	193
FICA	3,631	3,185	4,381
Life Insurance	23	-	23
Municipal Retirement	880	1,180	1,243
403-B Retirement Benefit	220	-	311
Workers Comp Ins	287	482	341
Dental Insurance	770	592	754
Staff Development	250	25	250
Supplies	250	206	250
Library Books	1,500	1,197	2,500
Newspapers & Periodicals	400	160	400
Dues & Fees	2,000	464	2,400
Total Educational Media Services	79,343	74,049	91,834
Audio-Visual Services			
AV Materials		400	
Projection Equipment	2,000	1,240	6,000
Total Audio-Visual Services	2,000	1,640	6,000
Technology			
Salary	4,250	4,652	4,250
FICA	325	356	325
WCSU Assessmt - Technology Integration	18,614	18,614	20,619
Technical Support	1,000	1,091	1,000
Equipment Repairs	500	-	500
Internet Fees	3,000	1,840	3,000
Technology Supplies	2,000	788	2,000
Software	1,000	3,745	1,500
Technology Equipment	18,000	13,947	12,000
Total Technology	48,689	45,034	45,194
Board of Education			
Stipends	750	750	750
Legal Liability Insurance	2,500	1,980	2,200
Advertising	400	327	400
Supplies	250	-	250
Expenses	150	2,213	100
Dues and Fees	1,550	1,421	1,550
Legal Services	5,000	342	5,000
Negotiations Expense	-	2,932	-

Woodstock Elementary School District Expenditure Report Through FY2018			
	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Total Board of Education	10,600	9,964	10,250
Central Administration			
WCSU Assessmts - Executive Admin.	132,096	132,096	134,495
Office of the Principal			
Principal's Salary	92,250	78,500	88,000
Secretary Salary	57,615	55,945	59,248
Health Insurance	16,865	30,367	30,367
FICA	11,465	10,090	11,264
Life Insurance	23	-	23
Municipal Retirement	1,968	1,973	2,022
403-B Retirement Benefits	492	-	506
Workers' Comp Ins	830	1,396	816
Course Reimbursement	1,500	3,375	1,500
Dental Insurance	1,050	909	909
Postage	200	245	200
Travel & Conference	1,500	-	1,500
Supplies	250	221	250
Equipment	-	213	-
Professional Dues	350	170	380
Total Office of the Principal	186,358	183,404	196,985
Interest on Current Loans			
Interest on Current Loans	14,000	7,880	10,000
Operation of Plant			
Custodial Salaries	99,522	99,703	102,258
Summer Salaries	-	4,873	1,100
Health Insurance	39,474	33,742	33,720
Long-Term Disability Insurance	617	619	947
FICA	7,613	7,806	7,907
Municipal Retirement	3,981	4,988	4,090
403-B Retirement Benefits	995	-	1,023
Workers' Comp Ins	4,467	927	4,639
Dental Ins	350	350	350
Water	1,800	1,808	1,850
Disposal Services	5,000	6,529	6,500
Building Repairs	5,000	6,758	7,000
Bldg Maint Contract Ser	25,000	8,877	25,000
Equipt.Maint Contracted Ser	10,000	9,726	10,000
Property Insurance	14,800	14,205	14,200
Telephone Services	2,300	1,440	2,000
Travel Reimb.	100	10	100
Custodial Supplies	9,500	11,423	9,500
Bldg Maintenance Supplies	3,000	438	3,000
Electricity	43,500	40,898	43,500
Propane Gas	1,000	623	1,000
Heating Oil	43,000	19,331	43,000
Furniture/Equipt. Replacem	2,000	1,478	3,600

Woodstock Elementary School District Expenditure Report Through FY2018			
	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Total Operation of Plant	323,019	276,555	326,284
Care and Upkeep of Grounds			
Sewage Services	3,200	3,551	3,200
Snow Removal & Plowing	14,000	10,122	14,000
Contract Services	4,500	8,149	6,500
Total Care and Upkeep of Grounds	21,700	21,822	23,700
Transportation			
Contracted Services	60,990	95,395	65,186
Field Trips	3,500	1,962	3,500
Total Transportation	64,490	97,357	68,686
Other Support Services			
Unemployment	10,000	74	-
Fund Transfers			
Transfer to Retirement Fund	-	-	-
Transfer to Building Maintenance Funds	15,000	15,000	85,000
Total Fund Transfers	15,000	15,000	85,000
Special Education			
ESY Salary	-	-	4,000
Program Aides' Salary	80,517	116,815	158,731
Individual Aides' Salary	-	112,942	94,030
Substitutes' Salary	1,750	11,638	5,000
Health Insurance	62,376	130,757	160,997
In Lieu of Insurance	-	1,000	-
Long Term Disability Ins	499	1,321	1,667
Social Security	5,158	17,592	21,565
Life Insurance	-		
Municipal Retirement	3,221	9,285	10,916
403-B Retirement Benefit	805	-	2,729
Workers' Comp	478	766	1,562
Dental Insurance	1,050	2,520	3,850
General Supplies	-	26	-
WCSU Assessmts - Special Ed	314,332	314,331	306,816
WCSU Assessments - Special Ed. Other	47,389	47,389	42,465
Total Special Education	517,575	766,382	814,328
EEE			
Individual Aide Salary		17,364	20,136
Health Insurance		1,130	
In Lieu of Insurance		1,000	
Long Term Disability		44	
Social Security		1,385	
Municipal Retirement		54	
Dental		144	
Total EEE	-	21,121	20,136

Woodstock Elementary School District Expenditure Report Through FY2018			
	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Title I			
Teacher Salary	33,176	33,926	33,774
Health Insurance	3,884	3,902	3,883
FICA	2,538	2,543	2,584
Life Insurance	-	11	-
Workers' Comp. Ins.	-	309	-
Dental Insurance	-	203	-
Total Title I	39,598	40,894	40,241
Food Service			
Salaries	72,891	62,150	62,065
Substitutes	2,000	658	2,000
Health Insurance	43,075	38,972	43,063
Long-Term Disability Insurance	107	176	169
Social Security	5,729	4,386	4,901
Life Ins	23	18	23
Municipal Retirement	692	777	1,091
403-B Retirement Benefit	173	-	273
Workers' Comp	1,433	698	2,158
Staff Training	250	125	250
Dental Insurance	770	673	754
Travel Reimbursement	300	215	150
Supplies	1,750	2,965	2,000
Food Purchases	43,500	44,549	43,750
Equipment	4,000	7,421	4,000
Dues and Fees	-	299	300
TOTAL Food Service	176,693	164,081	166,947
GRAND TOTAL	3,233,006	3,428,765	3,519,969

	Budget 2016-2017	Actual 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
General Program Revenue			
Tuition From Pupils/Parents	12,500	25,000	26,000
Tuition from VT LEA's	50,000	87,495	65,000
Interest Earned	3,000	9,528	3,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	-	8,829	-
Rental Income	162,000	161,035	162,000
Donation from Rockefeller Fund	34,000	34,000	34,000
Education Spending Grant	2,420,412	2,420,412	2,452,272
State Transportation Reimb	26,635	26,582	26,635
Prior Year Surplus Applied	67,000	44,305	65,000
Total General Program Revenue	2,775,547	2,817,187	2,833,907
Special Education Revenue			
Special Ed Block Grant	65,491	65,491	-
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	180,000	256,379	282,297
Early Essential Education Grant	25,268	25,268	12,552
Tuition from VT LEAs	8,000	-	8,000
Special Ed Excess Costs Revenue	80,000	255,652	283,873
Title I Subgrant	39,600	40,000	40,240
Total Special Education Revenue	398,359	642,791	626,962
Food Service Revenue			
Food Service Revenue	40,000	36,170	40,000
Subgrant - Annual State Match - LUNCH	1,000	-	1,000
Subgrant - Annual State Match - BRKFST	100	-	100
Subgrant - State Addtl Breakfast	-	167	-
Subgrant - State Addtl Lunch		405	
Subgrant - Federal School Lunch	16,000	18,656	16,000
Subgrant-Fed Sch Brkfst/Start Up	2,000	3,911	2,000
Total Food Service Revenue	59,100	59,308	59,100
GRAND TOTAL	3,233,006	3,519,286	3,519,969

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Merged District FY2019
Expenditures				
Local Budget	3,221,324	3,233,006	3,519,969	17,956,806
Gross Act 68 Budget	3,221,324	3,233,006	3,519,969	17,956,806

Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)

Allowable Cost per Pupil Threshold

Per pupil figure used for calculating Dist. Adj.

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Equalized Homestead Data Merged

Loss: \$08 incentive

Final Eq. Rate based on 5% restriction - Merged

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)

Estimated Actual Homestead Rate - Merged

Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated

Household Income Percent for Income Sensitivity

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ESTIMATED TAX DATES 2019 2010

ESTIMATED TAX RATE SUMMARY

Elementary Equalized Rate
High School Equalized Rate

Total Equalized Rate - Merged
Common Level of Appraisal

Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rates

for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-resident

s will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session.

income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,842 for every \$100 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%.

Woodstock Elementary School District
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2017 (unaudited)

Assets		
Checking Account	\$	66,772
Investment Account	\$	4,886
Food Services Cash	\$	372
Due From Other Government Entities	\$	102,958
Due from Other Districts	\$	115,112
Accounts Receivable	\$	45,420
Prepaid Expenses	\$	6,409
Total Assets	\$	<u>341,929</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	9,691
Due to Other Districts	\$	11,595
Accrued Benefits	\$	1,137
	\$	<u>22,422</u>
Reserves		
Reserve for Retirement	\$	81,157
Reserve for Building Maintenance	\$	61,126
Reserve for Learning Landscape	\$	11,330
Other Designated Reserves	\$	1,888
	\$	<u>155,502</u>
Designated for F18 Budget	\$	<u>73,485</u>
Undesignated Fund Balance		
Revenue 2015-2016	\$	3,519,286
Expenses 2015-2016	\$	<u>3,428,765</u>
	\$	90,520
Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2017	\$	<u>90,520</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance	\$	<u>341,929</u>

Woodstock Elementary School District
Reserve Fund Activity
Year Ending June 30, 2017

Reserve Fund	Balance 06/30/16	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 06/30/17
After School Program	\$ -	\$ 39,311	\$ (44,572)	\$ (5,261)
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 189,970	\$ 15,000	\$ (143,844)	\$ 61,126
Computer Fund	\$ 2,731			\$ 2,731
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$ 1,726			\$ 1,726
Endowment Grant	\$ 32			\$ 32
Excel Program	\$ 376			\$ 376
Food Service Equipment	\$ -		\$ (2,772)	\$ (2,772)
Innovation	\$ -			\$ -
Learning Landscape	\$ 11,330			\$ 11,330
Ottauquechee Health Foundation	\$ 202			\$ 202
Path Wellness Sub-Grant	\$ 150			\$ 150
Retirement/Severance Pay Reserve	\$ 148,269		\$ (67,112)	\$ 81,157
Teachers' Sick Bank	\$ 4,205			\$ 4,205
Wellborn Ecology Fund	\$ 500			\$ 500
	\$ 359,491	\$ 54,311	\$ (258,300)	\$ 155,502

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

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union District (the "District"), comprising the voters of the Towns of Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock (all Grades PK-12), and the Town of Barnard (Grades 7-12), are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Woodstock High School/Middle School Teagle Library, located in Woodstock, Vermont, on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union District are hereby further warned and notified to meet at their respective polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, during the polling hours noted herein, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator who shall assume office immediately and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 2: To elect a Clerk who shall assume office on July 1, 2018, and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 3: To elect a Treasurer who shall assume office immediately and serve a term ending on June 30, 2019, or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 4: To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid District officers.

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District authorize the board of directors under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

Article 6: To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid to School Board Directors.

Article 7: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

MARCH 6, 2018 – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTION

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District approve the Board of Directors to expend seventeen million, nine hundred fifty six thousand, eight hundred six dollars (\$17,956,806) which is the amount the Board has determined to be necessary for the 2018-2019 fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,455 per equalized pupil.

The legal voters of Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District are further warned and notified that an **Informational Meeting** will be held at the Woodstock Union Middle School gymnasium in the Town of Woodstock on **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**, commencing at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of explaining the 2018-2019 proposed budget.

POLLING PLACES

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

Barnard	*	Barnard Town Hall	*	7 am – 7 pm
Bridgewater	*	Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office	*	7 am – 7 pm
Killington	*	Killington Town Hall	*	7 am – 7 pm
Plymouth	*	Plymouth Municipal Building	*	10 am – 7 pm
Pomfret	*	Pomfret Town Hall	*	9 am – 7 pm
Reading	*	Reading Town Hall	*	7 am – 7 pm
Woodstock	*	Woodstock Town Hall	*	7 am – 7 pm

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Dated this 25th day of January, 2018.


Paige Miller, Chair (Signature)

Jennifer Iannantuoni, Vice Chair
Tim Bishop, Clerk
Pamela Fraser- Interim
Bryce Sammel
Jim Haff
Justin Shipman
Perrin Worrell
Jessica Stout
Justin Sluka- Interim
Patti Kuzmickas
Bob Coates
Susan Mordecai
Rebecca Geary
Sam DiNatale
Louis Piconi
Matt Stover
Malena Agin

WCMUUSD Chair Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) We have estimated a raise for our teachers and staff of approximately one step (which equals approximately 2.1-2.5%), subject to negotiations. We are moving, for the first time, to a single unified contract with a common pay scale. We are working to blend the various employee groups into this common pay scale and to do so, some employees will see the full benefit of a step increase and others will be worked into the scale as is appropriate.
- 2) I am sure that you noticed that Special Education expense in the budget decreased substantially from last year. That is because of a 2015 state law requiring Supervisory Unions to consolidate all special education costs in an effort to streamline efforts and spending. So, in other words, our Direct Instructional Special Education spending has been taken out of our local and elementary or HS/MS budgets and put into our Supervisory Union budget. Until this year, there were a few line items relating to Special Education that were still directly paid by the individual towns, namely all Special Education para-professionals. As of this budget, all the special education para-professionals will be included in the WCSU budget. Control of Special Education costs continue to be challenging but as a result of this further consolidation of services, and strong management, we are confident that we can see efficiencies and cost containment.
- 3) The health insurance premiums, set by the Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust, will increase by 10% for FY19. The encouraging news is that we have finally reached an agreement between all the employees of the SU and the Board that for FY19, the teachers and staff will pay 15% and the Board will pay 85% of health insurance premiums. Prior to this agreement, boards in the district have paid anywhere from 100% to 86% of the cost of the premiums. This is a huge step forward and we can be proud to have accomplished the benchmark that Gov. Scott set last summer.

- 4) Next I would like to comment on our revenues. We plan on receiving \$1,750,000 from other towns that tuition their students to WCMUUSD schools next year. This tuition is paid on behalf of students who are not residents of the WCMUUSD towns but who live in towns with school choice. These students are essential to the continued success of our schools but please understand that the State of Vermont does NOT allow us to count tuition students into our Equalized Pupil Count. Tuition students make up approximately 10% of WCMUUSD students this year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully yours,

Paige Hiller, Chair
Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District

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.

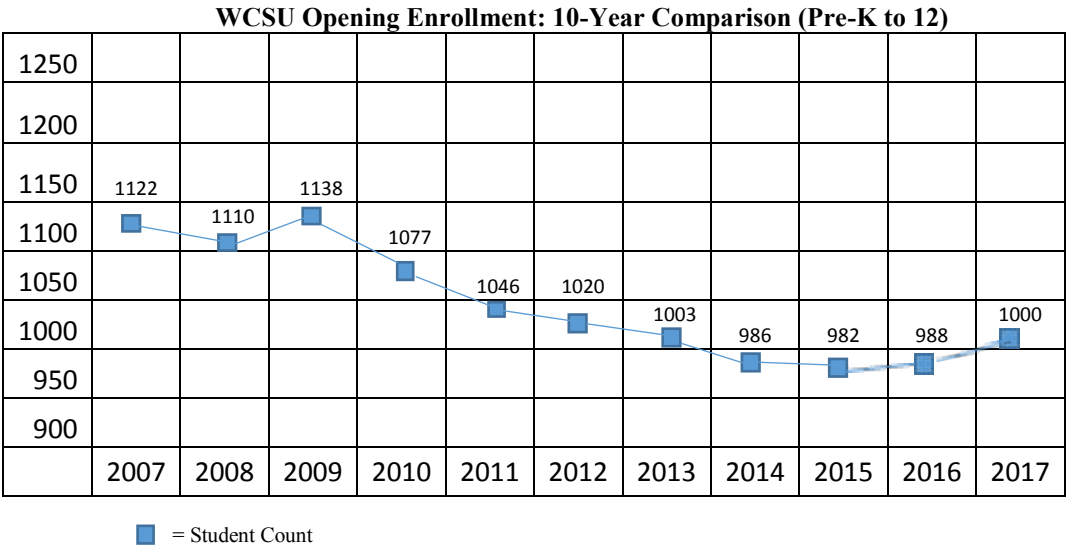
The results of this entry study pointed to four key areas of development for our new unified district:

- 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					



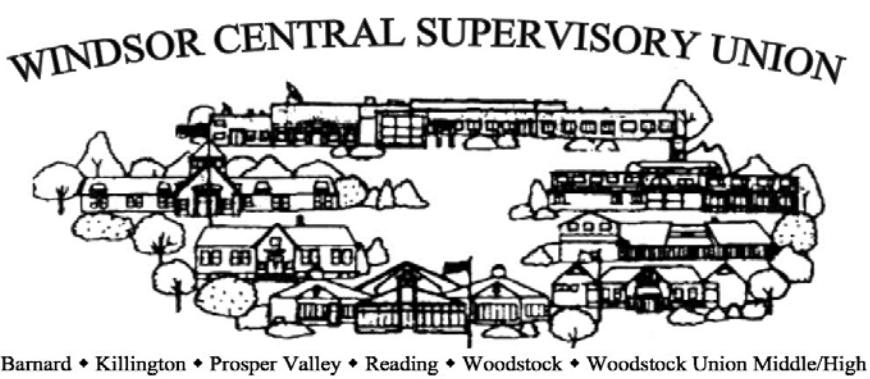
**WINDSOR CENTRAL MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS 2017-2018**

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

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

			Term Expires	Year Elected
<u>BARNARD</u>				
Pamela Fraser*	P.O. Box 4 Barnard, VT 05031	pfraser@wcsu.net	2018	2017-appointed
Bryce Sammel	6444 VT Route 12 Bethel, VT 05032	bsammel@wcsu.net	2021	2018
<u>BRIDGEWATER</u>				
Justin Shipman	7429 Route 4 Bridgewater, VT 05034	jshipman@wcsu.net	2019	2018
Perrin Worrell	410 Upper Road Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035	pworrell@wcsu.net	2021	2018
<u>KILLINGTON</u>				
Jennifer Iannantuoni	604 Schoolhouse Road Killington, VT 05751	jiannantuoni@wcsu.net	2021	2018
Jim Haff	P.O. Box 528 Killington, VT 05751	jhaff@wcsu.net	2020	2018
<u>PLYMOUTH</u>				
Susan Mordecai	22 Dead End Road Plymouth, VT 05056	susan.mordecai@trs.org	2019	2018
Rebecca Geary	7817 VT Route 100 Plymouth, VT 05056	rgear4@gmail.com	2020	2018
<u>POMFRET</u>				
Bob Coates	1884 Stage Road South Pomfret, VT 05067	bcoates@wcsu.net	2021	2018
Patti Kuzmickas	1811 High Pastures Road Woodstock, VT 05091	pkuzmickas@wcsu.net	2020	2018
<u>READING</u>				
Justin Sluka*	3967 Tyson Road South Reading, VT 05153	justin.sluka@gmail.com	2018	2018-appointed
Tim Bishop	4155 Route 106 Reading, VT 05062	tbishop@wcsu.net	2020	2018
<u>WOODSTOCK</u>				
Paige Hiller	19 Mountain Avenue Woodstock, VT 05091	philler@wcsu.net	2021	2018
Malena Agin	23 Elm Street Woodstock, VT 05091	magin@wcsu.net	2021	2018
Louis Piconi	3300 Hartland Hill Road Woodstock, VT 05091	lpiconi@wcsu.net	2020	2018
Samantha DiNatale	215 Westerdale Road, Apt. 2 Woodstock, VT 05091	sdinatale@wcsu.net	2020	2018
Jessica Stout	3420 Cox District Road Woodstock, VT 05091	jstout@wcsu.net	2019	2018
Matt Stover	76 Grove Hill Road Woodstock, VT 05091	mstover@wcsu.net	2019	2018

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



2017-2018 Faculty & Staff

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

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

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

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

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

**Treasurer’s Delinquent Sewer Tax Register
February 1, 2018**

2013S

Wasp Snack Bar

2014S

Gordon, Laura H.
Gordon, Laura H.
Hirschbul, Michael
Wasp Snack Bar

2015S

Gordon, Laura H.
Gordon, Laura H.
Hirschbul, Michael
Holmes, Glenn Estate
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Holmes, Glenn Estate
Ploss, Richard & Patricia

2016S

Anderson, Mark & Wendy
Brown, Sabrina
Brown, Sabrina
Callander, Seth & Brazill Meg
Costello, Kenneth
Fennessey, James W.
Fraser, Richard
Gordon Laura H.
Gordon, Laura H.
Highberg, Paul E.
Hirschbul, Michael
Holmes, Glenn Estate
Holmes, Glenn Estate
Holmes, Glenn Estate
Ploss, Richard & Patricia
Sluicer, Christopher
Smith, Jay W.
Stanglin, LLC.
Tsouknakis, Nicholas
Tsouknakis, Nicholas
Waters, Jeffrey R. & Kristina

Grand Total of Delinquent Sewer Taxes **\$32,506.89**

**TREASURER’S DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX REGISTER
FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

2010

Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou

2011

Holmes, Gordon H.

2014

Davidson, Murray

2015

Bahrakis, Patty K.
Davidson, Murray
Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou
Holmes, Gordon H.
Panoushek, Stephen
Prindle, Janice
Stackhouse, Lynda G.
Tsouknakis, Nicholas

2016

Bahrakis, Patty K.
Burns, James & Elizabeth
Davidson, Murray
Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou
Fox, Neal
French, Laverne
Holmes, Glen Estate
Holmes, Gordon H.
Lestan, Theresa

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2016 Continued

MacMaster, Joanne
Mahoney, Paul W. & Kathy A.
Mahoney, Paul W. & Kathy A.
Panoushek, Stephen
Ploss, Richard & Patricia
Prindle, Janice
Robinson, Raymond O.
Simpson, Doris M. Estate
Sluicer, Christopher
Stackhouse, Lynda G.
Stanglin LLC
Tsouknakis, Nicholas
Wade, Gary & Allison
Wilson, Jennifer & Edwards, Mary
Wilson, Jennifer & Edwards, Mary
Wright, Charles

Grand Total of Delinquent Property Taxes

\$ 184,023.46

Legislative Report
Representative Charlie Kimbell

The legislative process is akin to growing plants in a harsh environment: bills are the seeds that are planted, but most don’t grow into laws. Some die for a lack of water and sunshine in the committee to which they are assigned. Some are grafted onto other bills and make an entirely new plant. Some are culled to make room for other plants, or perhaps outright rejected for some perceived default. The few plants that do survive are not always perfect and often need pruning after they are harvested.

A good example of this is the legalization of the use of marijuana. In the current legislative term, more than 20 bills have been introduced that deal with some area of marijuana use. In 2017 the legislature passed a bill that legalized the personal use and cultivation of marijuana (grow your own). The bill also created a commission to design a licensed dispensary system to sell marijuana (tax and regulate). The Governor vetoed the bill but agreed to reconsider it if the legislature slowed down the move to tax and regulate. In 2018, the legislature met the Governor’s request and pass the grow your own bill and the Governor signed it into law on January 22nd, effective July 1st.

Quick Notes:
“Is pot legal now?” No, not yet. It will be legal on July 1, 2018 for an adult, 21 years of age and older, to possess up to one ounce of marijuana. It is prohibited for persons under 21.
“When can I grow my plants?” After July 1, 2018. To grow it, you must either own the land on which you are growing it or have signed permission from the owner to do so. You can grow up to two mature plants or 4 immature plants, no more. AND, the plants must be in a location that is not accessible to children.
“Can I buy it or sell it?” No. This is a grow your own law. (Medical marijuana is a different deal). It is unlikely that a tax and regulate model will be proposed in the next two years.
“Where can I smoke it?” In private, not in public, not while driving or around children. Your employer can establish a policy that you can’t be under the influence at work – same as alcohol and other drugs.
“Is this going to lead to a big increase in the number of marijuana users?” Not likely. This grow your own approach really limits the market, so it doesn’t change much from what is actually in practice today. It DOES take away the legal penalties for possessing or cultivating.

- What other seeds are likely to grow in this legislative session?
- Significant property tax reform to simplify property tax calculations and education funding.
 - Changes in special education requirements to give school districts more flexibility and provide for better student outcomes.
 - Aligning state government around workforce development to give Vermonters better skill sets to qualify for better paying jobs and careers right here in Vermont.
 - Tax and program incentives to help the struggling forestry products sector.
 - Broadband and telecommunications initiatives to enable rural Vermonters to connect to economic opportunities and educational and health services.
 - Establish a permanent funding source to clean up Vermont’s lakes, rivers and streams.
 - Income tax rate adjustments made necessary by the federal tax reform act, so as to protect Vermonters from spikes in personal income taxes.

Please look for a regular update on the legislature in The Vermont Standard, or reach out to me by email at ckimbell@leg.state.vt.us. I am happy to phone you and learn how I can better represent you in Montpelier.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Woodstock in the Vermont Legislature.

Charlie Kimbell
State Representative for Woodstock, Reading and Plymouth

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INFORMATION DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY CALLS	911
FIRE (non-emergency)	457-2337
AMBULANCE (non-emergency)	457-2326
WOODSTOCK POLICE (non-emergency)	457-2337
CONSTABLE	457-2337
COUNTY SHERIFF	457-5211
STATE POLICE	241-5000 OR 457-1416

EMERGENCY CALLS: Give name, address, Including House Number and name of road or street, and description of emergency. Do not hang up the telephone until you are certain that the dispatcher understands your message.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:	CALL	PHONE NUMBER
Accounts Payable	Staff Accountant	457-3605
Administration	Town Manager	457-3456
Administrative Assistant	Manager Assistant	457-3456 x2101
Ambulance Bills	Ambulance Bookkeeper	457-3605 x 2104
Assessments	Listers (M-F 8:00-12:00 noon)	457-3607
Auto Registration (VT)	Police	457-1416
Civil Defense	Dispatch	457-2337
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	457-3611
Counseling	Mental Health Services of Southeastern Vermont	295-3031
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	457-3611
Deeds	Town Clerk	457-3611
Delinquent Taxes	Tax Collector	457-3456
Dog Complaints	Town Manager	457-3456
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	457-3611
Drainage Problems	Town Manager	457-3456
Elections	Town Clerk	457-3611
Financial Information	Treasurer	457-3605
Fire Permits	Dispatch	457-2337
Highways	Town Manager	457-3456
Library	Librarian	457-2295
Listers	Listers (M-F.8:00-12:00 noon)	457-3607
Marriage Licenses	Town Clerk	457-3611
Nursing-Home Care	Visiting Nurses	888-300-8853
Recreation	Recreation Director	457-1502
Regional Planning	Regional Commission	457-3188
Sewers	Superintendent	457-1910
Sewer Permits	Town Manager	457-3456
Snow Removal	Town Manager	457-3456
Taxes (Property/Sewer)	Bookkeeper	457-3456 x 2104
Water	Aqueduct Company	457-4497
Water Testing	Health Officer	457-1334
Zoning	Zoning Administrator	457-7515

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