

# Town of Poultney, Vermont Annual Report



*Fiscal Year Ending*  
*Actual Year Ending*  
June 30, 2018

Poultney Town Hall  
9 Main Street  
Poultney, VT 05764-1128

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## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FIRE	911
RESCUE SQUAD (MEDICAL)	911
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPARTMENT	775-8002
STATE POLICE (emergency number)	911
(non-emergency number)	773-9101
TOWN CONSTABLE	558-2518
TOWN CLERK	287-5761
TOWN LISTER	287-5111
TOWN MANAGER	287-9751
LIBRARY	287-5556
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (Young at Heart Club)	287-9200
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	287-5212
HIGH SCHOOL	287-5861
QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	775-4342
GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION	775-4342
VILLAGE OFFICE	287-4003
VILLAGE WATER & SEWER	287-9727
POULTNEY POST OFFICE	287-9033

### Poultney Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday 8:00am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday 8:00am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday 8:00am - 5:00 pm  
(winter hours: Dec, Jan, Feb, close at 4:00 pm)

### Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
(Closed 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)

### Town Manager's Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
After 4:00 pm by appointment only



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

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

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

November 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Laura Miraldi  
Acting Medical Center Director

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Selectboard meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room.
2. Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board—meetings to be determined. Please call 775-4342 ext. 2101 for time and location.
3. Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union Board—meetings to be determined. Please call 775-4342 ext. 2101 for time and location.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 26, 2019** – Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Annual and Informational Meeting at Proctor High School beginning at 7:00pm

**March 04, 2019** – Absentee Ballots may be requested until 4:00pm. Pre-Town Informational Meeting at the Poultney High School Library beginning at 7:00pm

**March 05, 2019** – Annual Town and Highway Meeting by Australian Ballot voting and Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Budget by Hand Count at the Poultney Fire Department Building, 55 Fire House Lane, from 10:00am – 7:00pm

**March 16, 2019**—No Rabies Clinic; Town Clerk available for dog registrations at the Town Office from 12:00 to 2:00 pm (Bring rabies certificate)

**April 1, 2019** – Base date for setting appraisal value and determining ownership of real and personal property

**April 1, 2019** – Dogs must be licensed by this date. Females and Males - \$15.00; Neutered and Spayed - \$11.00. 50% penalty after this date

**April 1, 2019** – Transfer Station Permits must be renewed by this date

**May 31, 2019** – Property taxes due in full

**July 1, 2019** – Fiscal year begins for 2019/2020

## HOLIDAYS

Jan 01	New Year's Day	May 27	Memorial Day	Oct 14	Columbus Day
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Day	July 04	Independence Day	Nov 11	Veterans' Day
Feb18	Presidents' Day	Sept 02	Labor Day	Nov 28	Thanksgiving
				Dec 25	Christmas

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

### Term Expires January 31, 2021

Barbara Bunce Betit	558-3490
Valerie Broughton	236-2790
Carol Bunce	287-5857
Ann DeBonis	287-9702
Brooke DeBonis	287-2373
Leanna DeBonis	287-5282
Ida-Mae Johnson	287-9744
Maureen Kahill-Brown	287-9617
Susan Kasuba	287-9835
Linda Knowlton	287-2577
Mark Teetor	287-5836
Betsy Wescott	786-3565

## POULTNEY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ann DeBonis 802-287-9702

## POULTNEY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIR

Patricia McCoy 802-287-9625

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**Warning  
Poultney Town Meeting 2019**

The citizens of the Town of Poultney, in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote in the Town Meeting, are hereby warned to meet at the Poultney High School Library in the Town of Poultney on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to transact at that time, business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.


The meeting will be recessed at the conclusion of the transaction of such business until 10:00 a.m. on the following day at the new Poultney Fire Department located at 55 Fire House Lane (formerly 45 Fire House Lane and 263 Beaman Street), this being Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at which time business, involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot, will be transacted.

(Ballot boxes will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

1. To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year each; (d) One (1) Grand Juror for a term of one year; (e) One (1) Town Agent for a term of one year; (f) One (1) Lister for a term of three years; (g) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; and (h) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years.
2. Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?
3. Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,233,658, less estimated receipts of \$100,250, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020?
4. Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$740,433; less estimated receipts of \$107,000, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney vote to exempt the real property of Stone Valley Arts, Inc. from taxation for a period of ten (10) years, to become effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2029 and remain in effect for ten consecutive years, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. Section 3840?
6. Shall the Town form an ad hoc committee consisting of five members appointed by the Selectboard to advise the Selectboard in assessing the Town's law enforcement options?

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

  
Jeffrey M. King, Chairman

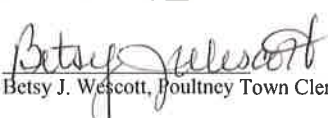
  
Thomas P. Coloutti

  
Terry K. Williams

  
Francis Fressie

  
George D. Miller, Jr.

Received, January 28, 2019

  
Betsy J. Wescott, Poultney Town Clerk

**Town of Poultney  
Informational Meeting  
March 5, 2018**

The informational meeting of the Town of Poultney was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Selectboard Chairperson Jeffrey King, Selectboard members Frank Fressie, George Miller, and Terry Williams, Town Manager Paul Donaldson, and Town Clerk and Treasurer Betsy Wescott.

Neal C. Vreeland, acting as Moderator, asked the Selectboard to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moderator Vreeland read the articles on the Warning.

**Article 1 To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year each; (d) Grand Juror for a term of one year; (e) Town Agent for a term of one year; (f) One (1) Lister for a term of three years; (g) One (1) Lister for an unexpired two years of a three year term; and (h) Library Trustee for a term of five years.**

Moderator stated that candidates could speak at end on their behalf. Moderator asked if any contested officers. It was stated, no.

**Article 2 Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?**

Town Manager stated if anyone wanted to review the audit report it could be found on Page 9 of Town Report. We have a new Town Auditor, Batchelder Associates, PC as previous Auditor Bill Yacavoni retired. No Questions.

**Article 3 Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,209,705.00, less estimated receipts of \$100,250, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019?**

Town Manager stated the Budget is located on pages 21-25 of the Town Report. The projected budget is up by 1.25% which is just under \$15,000 of last year's budget. The Town Managers report explains the differences. The health insurance, workers' comp insurance, Library operations, Fire Department Equipment Fund has gone up along with other adjustments. No Questions.

**Article 4 Shall the Town Highway district adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$726,252.00, less estimated receipts of \$107,000, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019?**

Town Manager stated the Budget is located on pages 26-27 in the Town Report. The proposed budget is up 1.36% compared to last year's budget which is just under a \$10,000 increase. The budget primarily increases in salt, paving, construction road materials, health insurance and highway administration. No Questions.

**Article 5 Shall the Town increase its annual allocation to the Rutland Area ARC (Advocacy \* Resource \* Community) from \$300.00 to \$1,300.00 for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019?**

This was by a petition and no one present from ARC to discuss. Town Manager stated traditionally it has been \$300 and submit a new petition for the increased amount to \$1,300. If you look on page 73 of the Town Report, it has the citizens in Rutland County and how many worked with in Poultney. No Questions.

**Article 6 Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney vote to exempt the real and personal property of the Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. from taxation for a period of five (5) years, to become effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023 and remain in effect for five consecutive years, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. Section 3840?**

Beth Winter President of the Poultney Rescue Squad spoke about the tax exemption. It helps support increased administrative costs. We had 619 EMS calls with 486 calls covered and only 336 calls were billable. 78% of the billable calls are Medicaid and Medicare. So no matter if I bill \$900, \$1000, or \$1200, we only receive \$400, if lucky. No other funds can be recovered. It would be very appreciated if we could stay on the property without paying a tax. No Questions.

Moderator Vreeland opened the floor to the audience for additional questions.

Town Manager stated Member Terry Williams would like to remind everyone that there are open seats available which consist of Moderator, Grand Juror, or Lister. There are appointed positions and a seat on Poultney Downtown Revitalization Board and Planning Commission Board. If anyone is interested, you can give a letter to me, Paul Donaldson, and I can forward it to the Selectboard. It is always good to have new ideas and new perspectives.

Beth Winter asked if there was a website that had the positions that are vacant with a description of what the job entails. Town Manager stated no but could probably get something on the website. Member Terry Williams stated that a lot of the vacant positions are listed in the Town Report and listed examples.

Moderator Vreeland asked if any of our uncontested candidates wanted to make a pitch for their election. Everyone was good.

Ida Mae Johnson asked what the procedure is to fill positions that are open after the voting has taken place and think they do have the free time. Moderator Vreeland stated the certain offices can be appointed by the Selectboard and other offices are by election but can't tell you which ones are which. Chair Jeff King stated if it is an elected official I do believe that the Selectboard can appoint a person for that term and run for the next term.

Member Terry Williams stated that he is running for the one year Selectboard office that is open and happens to be in that office currently. I have been here for most of my adult life except when I served in the military. I moved back here in 2006 and decided I wanted to give back to the community. I also volunteered to be the Health Officer. I hope you vote for me.

Chair Jeff King said thank you, on behalf of the Selectboard, to the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and Constable Dale Kerber for the jobs they do for our Town. They are not acknowledged very much but are in harm's way quite a bit.

Fire Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Bill Jones stated the same goes back to the Selectboard. In the spring time, we will take delivery of the brand new piece of apparatus. We are very excited to move forward. You folks are aware that you did vote for us to purchase a new truck and will be here, hopefully, for Memorial Day. We will definitely be opening up the Fire Station to bring people in after the new truck arrives. We are looking to get right into our 10 year plan. We would like to thank everybody for this. Member Terry Williams stated the new truck is at the manufactures right now. They have been doing a lot of their own repairs to keep the equipment going. I think their oldest piece of equipment is from 1992. The plan is to replace equipment as it ages per stated by the Fire Service.

Member Frank Fressie stated there was one more thing when spoke to Chief Aaron Kerber when working on the budget. These fellows need help by people joining the Department. The Department and the Selectboard would very much appreciate people passing this along to friends and family.

Chair Jeff King stated last year at Town Meeting that we were going to start collecting back taxes. We have been working diligently on that this year. We have made great strides and will work on until finished. This coming year we have our policies and practices to place for the Town Offices. This is one of our main agenda topics as haven't been updated since 1995. We are also working with the planning commission about the slate quarries. There is a lot happening in the Town right now. There are problems with our roads due to the weather but let's not forget the Village passed the upgrade of the main water line down Route 30. The pot holes will get worse until the project is completed and the State is supposed to pave that portion of Route 30 right down to where we turn to go down to the lake road in 2019. We are hoping they keep their agenda but we will have our water systems in before this happens so we don't have to dig it up. It is the States responsibility to pave this road as it is a state highway. We are not responsible for that but we are responsible for our infrastructure.

Trevor Hughes asked about the status of the bridge on Route 140 and Finel Hollow. It is a dangerous area and had an issue on the bridge but was settled with other person involved. I noticed in the report it said that the work had been pushed back to 2019 through no fault of the Town. Does it look like that will be a firm time? Town Manager stated that it does look like that will be the time. They ran into a couple of acquisition delays and the Agency of Natural Resources wanted some further study and possible widening of the channel. This is why there was delayed. When I was doing the Town Report, I did press them to say “just let me tell the people you are going to start this year”. He did feel comfortable saying, they hope to start the utility relocation sometime this summer but by all accounts they are moving forward the summer of 2019 with this bridge project. It was supposed to be 2018 but with these couple of delays they had to push it back. Member Terry Williams stated that the State engineer said that this bridge is safe structurally. Even though, it has been there since 1927. Town Manger stated they had explored some temporary measures, a light or putting in a temporary guard rail on that bridge but the thought of losing another inch and a half makes some of us scared because as you said it is so narrow. Peoples driving and lack of common courtesy and safety for themselves doesn't help.

Todd Eaton asked if the water line project was contracted. Town Manager said the water line project Chair Jeff King talked about is a Village project that is to replace a water line from the intersection of Church Street to the Firehouse and then from the Highway Garage on Furnace Street and looping around to East Main Street. The project went out to bid and had bid opening last week. The apparent low bidder was Belden and hope that will start this summer. Todd asked what the cost difference was in the low bid. Town Manager stated there were 2 bidders. The lower bidder was roughly \$100,000 less. The bid also incorporates the replacement of the sidewalk on Beaman Street from the intersection of Church Street to the Firehouse on the west side of the street. Todd asked if we have someone to insure the structural and safety standards. Town Manager stated that we have our engineering firm, Aldrich and Elliot, working with the Town and Village on numerous projects and have been for many years. They will be the ones that put their stamps of approval on that project. Again, these are Village projects we are talking about.

Tim Loomis stated that he is assuming the storm drain will all be appropriately placed, particularly across the street from the Town Hall. Town Manger stated that isn't part of this project. The water line in that area is not being replaced. Tim Loomis stated that shouldn't we have storm drains there to Dick Gray's house and to the Young at Heart. Town Manager stated that the Village has looked at that area and has looked at pricing that out. Last year, I was going to apply for a grant but the numbers our engineers estimated were so cost prohibited the Village budget couldn't bear the cost. We are looking at redesigning the area across from the Town Hall. The Furnace Street part you are talking about, we are hoping that when we are in there replacing water lines across the road that maybe we can work it but until we get there I don't know. Tim Loomis stated that when I talked to you last week it's always been an issue with me about when Dunkin Donuts got their permit to do everything they were supposed to do there. They were supposed to removal all snow. Over the years, they have pushed the snow onto my property and into the intersection where Jonas stated the Village should remove it so isn't a traffic hazard. I think Dunkin Donuts are to be held accountable to what the conditions were to the zoning agreement was years ago. Town Manager stated I know that you and I talked about it last week. I haven't had a chance to pull the permit to see what the actual conditions were. I plan on looking into it as the zoning administrator.

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 7:33 pm until 10:00 am tomorrow where voting by Australian Ballot will take place at the Poultney Fire Department

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betsy J. Wescott, Town Clerk



**RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2018**

Moderator	-----
Grand Juror	-----
Selectman – 3 Year Term	Thomas P. Coloutti
Selectman – 1 Year Term	George D. Miller, Jr
Selectman – 1 Year Term	Terry K. Williams
Town Agent – 1 Year Term	Neal C. Vreeland
Lister – 3 Year Term	Linda MW Smith
Lister – Unexpired 2 of 3 Year Term	-----
Library Trustee – 5 Year Term	Bruce Williams
Question 2 – Independent Auditor’s Report	Yes 348 No 18 Passed
Question 3 – General Fund Budget	Yes 304 No 65 Passed
Question 4 – Highway Budget	Yes 211 No 35 Passed
Question 5 – Rutland Area ARC Allocation Increase	Yes 200 No 158 Passed
Question 5 – Exempt Real/Personal Property of Rescue Squad for 5 years	Yes 303 No 68 Passed
School Moderator	-----
School Director – 3 Year Term	Teresa Coker
School Director – 2 Year Term	Rebecca Cook
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – 3 Year Term	Kristen Ann Ross
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – 3 Year Term	Carlton “Jim” Oberg
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – 1 Year Term	-----
Question 3 – Amend Article 8B of QVUUSD Articles of Agreement	Yes 224 No 110 Passed
Article #7 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School Budget	Yes 644 No 304 Passed

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM (YEARS)	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
<b>GRAND JUROR</b>	Vacant	1	2019
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	Jean S. Davis	5	2022
	D. Bruce Williams	5	2023
	Ennis Duling	5	2019
	Nancy Luzer	5	2020
	Jean T. Roberts	5	2021
<b>LISTERS</b>	Mary Jo Teetor	3	2020
	Linda MW Smith	3	2021
	Vacant	3	2019
<b>SCHOOL DIRECTORS</b>	Mary Jo Teetor	3	2020
	Teresa Coker	3	2021
	Carlton “Jim” Oberg	3	2019
	Rebecca Cook	2	2020
	Kristen Ann Ross	2	2019
<b>SCHOOL MODERATOR</b>	Vacant	1	2019
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Francis “Frank” Fressie	3	2019
	Jeffrey King	3	2020
	Tom Coloutti	3	2021
	George D. Miller, Jr.	1	2019
	Terry Williams	1	2019
<b>TOWN AGENT</b>	Neal C. Vreeland	1	2019
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2020
<b>TOWN MODERATOR</b>	Vacant	1	2019
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2020
<b>UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS</b>	Linda MW Smith	3	2020
	Carlton “Jim” Oberg	3	2021
	Kristen Ann Ross	3	2021
	Thomas Thacker (appointed)	1	2019

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
CONSTABLE	Dale Kerber	2019
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (2 Year Appointment)	Mark Teetor	2020
	Ernest DeMatties	2020
	Benjamin Thirkield	2020
	Jaime Lee	2020
DOG WARDEN	Paul Donaldson	2019
FENCE VIEWER	Vacant	2019
FIRE WARDEN	Tim Kerber	2019
FOURTH OF JULY DIRECTOR	Jonas Rosenthal	2019
LUMBER INSPECTOR	Vacant	2019
PLANNING COMMISSIONERS	Mark Teetor	2019
	Ernest DeMatties	2019
	Neal C. Vreeland	2019
	Jaime Lee	2019
	Douglas Langdon	2019
RECREATION COMMISSION	Sheryl Porrier	2019
RECREATION DIRECTOR	Jonas Rosenthal	2019
RCSWD REPRESENTATIVE	Town Manager	2019
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONER	Terry Williams	2019
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL	Town Manager	2019
TAX COLLECTOR	Town Manager	2019
TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR	Town Manager	2019
TOWN SERVICE OFFICES	Town Manager	2019
TREE WARDEN	Dave Winter	2019
TOWN HEALTH OFFICER	Paul Donaldson	2019
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Town Manager	2019

## **TOWN EMPLOYEES**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>ASSISTANT TOWN CLERKS</b>	Carol Bunce Patricia A. McCoy
<b>BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY</b>	Neisja Crawford
<b>MANAGER</b>	Paul A. Donaldson
<b>ROAD FOREMAN</b>	Ronald Kelley
<b>ROAD CREW</b>	Richard Ferguson, Jr. Matthew Sears Raymond Petty, III
<b>TRANSFER STATION CREW</b>	Richard McLaughlin Ronald McLaughlin Thomas McLaughlin



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## Batchelder Associates, PC

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Poultney  
Poultney, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Poultney, Vermont ("Town"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town, for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-9 and 40-41, respectively, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability on Schedule 1 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 2 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who consider it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements, the individual non-major fund financial statements and budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basis financial statements. These schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

### *Other Reporting Required by "Governmental Auditing Standards"*

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", we have also issued our report dated September 17, 2018 on our consideration of the Town of Poultney, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing and not to provide an opinion on internal over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Poultney, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Batchelder Associates, P.C.*

Batchelder Associates, PC  
License #945  
Barre, Vermont  
September 17, 2018



TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT C

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and equivalents	\$ 663,411	\$ -	\$ 70,453	\$ -	\$ 290,019	\$ 1,023,883
Receivables (net of allowance)						
Property taxes, interest and penalty						
receivable	378,976	-	-	-	-	378,976
Village receivables	18,888	-	-	-	-	18,888
Due from other funds	-	99,441	-	258,440	70,924	428,805
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,061,275</u>	<u>\$ 99,441</u>	<u>\$ 70,453</u>	<u>\$ 258,440</u>	<u>\$ 360,943</u>	<u>\$ 1,850,552</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 38,320	\$ 6,677	\$ -	\$ 1,503	\$ 1,272	\$ 47,772
Accrued expenses	4,231	-	-	-	-	4,231
Due to other funds	374,785	-	4,700	-	53,834	433,319
Total liabilities	<u>417,336</u>	<u>6,677</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>1,503</u>	<u>55,106</u>	<u>485,322</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Unavailable receivables	10,412	-	-	-	-	10,412
Unavailable property taxes	301,501	-	-	-	-	301,501
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>311,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311,913</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Restricted	-	-	-	-	68,081	68,081
Committed	-	92,764	65,753	256,937	-	415,454
Assigned	-	-	-	-	237,756	237,756
Unassigned	332,026	-	-	-	-	332,026
Total fund balances	<u>332,026</u>	<u>92,764</u>	<u>65,753</u>	<u>256,937</u>	<u>305,837</u>	<u>1,053,317</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,061,275</u>	<u>\$ 99,441</u>	<u>\$ 70,453</u>	<u>\$ 258,440</u>	<u>\$ 360,943</u>	
Amounts reported for Government Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:						
Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds						2,906,050
Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and, therefore, are not reported in the funds						311,913
Long-term and accrued liabilities, including notes payable, net pension liability and accrued vacation are not due or payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds						(673,363)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to the Town's participation in VMERS are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds						84,668
Net position of Governmental Activities						<u>\$ 3,682,585</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT D

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Taxes	\$ 1,117,994	\$ 593,260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,711,254
Tax penalties and interest	199,620	-	-	-	-	199,620
Fees, licenses and permits	110,825	170	-	-	7,600	118,595
Intergovernmental revenues	154,775	118,610	-	535	10,477	284,397
Charges for current services	6,315	-	-	-	-	6,315
Interest	84	-	29	-	18	131
Other revenues	41,927	6,882	4,400	2,530	11,588	67,327
Total Revenues	<u>1,631,540</u>	<u>718,922</u>	<u>4,429</u>	<u>3,065</u>	<u>29,683</u>	<u>2,387,639</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
General government	396,782	-	-	-	13,109	409,891
Public safety	188,607	-	-	-	-	188,607
Public works	233,002	516,773	-	-	30,691	780,466
Health and social services	162,337	-	-	150,257	-	312,594
Conservation and development	750	-	-	-	-	750
Cultural & Recreation	50,675	-	-	-	23,942	74,617
Debt service expenditures						
Principal and lease payments	14,675	-	-	-	32,500	47,175
Interest	6,095	-	-	-	1,530	7,625
Capital expenditures						
Public works	-	84,431	-	-	-	84,431
Safety Vehicle	-	-	535,234	-	-	535,234
Total Expenditures	<u>1,052,923</u>	<u>601,204</u>	<u>535,234</u>	<u>150,257</u>	<u>101,772</u>	<u>2,441,390</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>578,617</u>	<u>117,718</u>	<u>(530,805)</u>	<u>(147,192)</u>	<u>(72,089)</u>	<u>(53,751)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>						
Loan proceeds	-	-	195,000	-	-	195,000
Transfers in	100,900	-	88,500	149,534	100,500	439,434
Transfers out	(364,434)	(75,000)	-	-	-	(439,434)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(263,534)</u>	<u>(75,000)</u>	<u>283,500</u>	<u>149,534</u>	<u>100,500</u>	<u>195,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>315,083</u>	<u>42,718</u>	<u>(247,305)</u>	<u>2,342</u>	<u>28,411</u>	<u>141,249</u>
Fund balances, July 1, 2017	<u>16,943</u>	<u>50,046</u>	<u>313,058</u>	<u>254,595</u>	<u>277,426</u>	<u>912,068</u>
Fund balances, June 30, 2018	<u>\$ 332,026</u>	<u>\$ 92,764</u>	<u>\$ 65,753</u>	<u>\$ 256,937</u>	<u>\$ 305,837</u>	<u>\$ 1,053,317</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT E

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are different because:

Net change in fund balance - total government funds (Exhibit D).	<u>\$ 141,249</u>
Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	464,427
Accrued compensation and expenses is not reflected in the government funds.	953
Government funds report note proceeds and repayment as revenue and expenditures, respectively. The statement of activities does not reflect these as current inflows and outflows, but shows on the statement of net position.	(149,731)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(276,030)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in government funds.	<u>(20,433)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit B).	<u><u>\$ 160,435</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

**NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT**

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

Long-term Debt	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Highways Equipment Note Payable to the State of Vermont Interest at 2.0% . Annual Principal Payments of \$10,500 Matures December 2017	\$ 10,500		\$ 10,500	\$ -
Highway Truck Note Payable to the State of Vermont Interest at 2.0% . Annual Principal Payments of \$10,529 Matures June 2017	-		-	-
Building Addition Note Payable to the United States Department of Agriculture Interest at 4.125% . Annual Principal Payments of \$2,275 Matures March 2028 (Sr. Ctr Loan)	25,025		2,275	22,750
Highway Equipment Note Payable to the State of Vermont Interest at 2.0% . Annual Principal Payments of \$22,000 Matures December 2019	66,000		22,000	44,000
Library Improvement Note Payable to the United State Department of the Treasury Interest at 3.375% . Original loan amount \$248,000, 20 years Annual Principal Payments of \$12,400 Matures March 2037	248,000	-	12,400	235,600
Fire Truck Note Payable to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Interest at 3.25% Original loan amount \$195,000, 15 years Annual Principal Payments of \$13,000 Matures March 2033	-	195,000	-	195,000
Total Notes Payable	<u>\$ 349,525</u>	<u>\$ 195,000</u>	<u>\$ 47,175</u>	<u>\$ 497,350</u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE 3

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,246,000	1,125,494	\$ (120,506)
Taxes penalties and interest	34,500	199,620	165,120
Fees and licenses	39,000	110,825	71,825
Intergovernmental revenues	75,000	154,775	79,775
Charges for current services	-	6,315	6,315
Interest	1,000	84	(916)
Other revenues	37,650	41,927	4,277
Total revenues	1,433,150	1,639,040	205,890
EXPENDITURES			
General government	479,189	396,782	82,407
Public safety	81,920	188,607	(106,687)
Public works	176,135	233,002	(56,867)
Health and social services	238,427	162,337	76,090
Conservation and development	1,150	750	400
Cultural and recreation	32,500	50,675	(18,175)
Debt service expenditures			
Principal and lease payments	-	14,675	(14,675)
Interest	-	6,095	(6,095)
Capital expenditures			
General government	-	-	-
Library	-	-	-
Total expenditures	1,009,321	1,052,923	(43,602)
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	423,829	586,117	162,288
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Note proceeds	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	100,900	100,900
Transfer out	(185,400)	(364,434)	(179,034)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(185,400)	(263,534)	(78,134)

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HIGHWAY FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE 4

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 596,973	\$ 585,760	\$ (11,213)
Intergovernmental revenues	106,000	118,610	12,610
Other revenues	13,500	7,052	(6,448)
Total revenues	<u>716,473</u>	<u>711,422</u>	<u>(5,051)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Public works			
Roads	266,300	232,227	34,073
Equipment	52,700	50,828	1,872
Garage	20,100	23,807	(3,707)
Road crew	296,873	294,342	2,531
Total expenditures	<u>635,973</u>	<u>601,204</u>	<u>34,769</u>
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>80,500</u>	<u>110,218</u>	<u>29,718</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfer out	(80,500)	(80,500)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(80,500)</u>	<u>(80,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 29,718</u>	<u>\$ 29,718</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
BALANCE SHEET  
OTHER FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE 5

	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 18,481	\$ 271,538	\$ 290,019
Accounts receivable	-	-	-
Due from other funds	70,924	-	70,924
	<u>89,405</u>	<u>271,538</u>	<u>360,943</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 89,405</u>	<u>\$ 271,538</u>	<u>\$ 360,943</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 737	\$ 535	\$ 1,272
Due to other funds	20,587	33,247	53,834
	<u>21,324</u>	<u>33,782</u>	<u>55,106</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>21,324</u>	<u>33,782</u>	<u>55,106</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	68,081	-	68,081
Assigned	-	237,756	237,756
	<u>68,081</u>	<u>237,756</u>	<u>305,837</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>68,081</u>	<u>237,756</u>	<u>305,837</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 89,405</u>	<u>\$ 271,538</u>	<u>\$ 360,943</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
OTHER FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE 6

	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Total
REVENUES:			
Intergovernmental	\$ 10,477	\$ -	\$ 10,477
Fees and licenses	7,600	-	7,600
Investment income	1	17	18
Other	700	10,888	11,588
	<u>18,778</u>	<u>10,905</u>	<u>29,683</u>
Total revenues	<u>18,778</u>	<u>10,905</u>	<u>29,683</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General government	-	13,109	13,109
Public works	24,294	6,397	30,691
Health and social services	-	-	-
Cultural and recreation	23,942	-	23,942
Debt service expenditures			
Principal	-	34,030	32,500
Interest	-	-	1,530
	<u>48,236</u>	<u>53,536</u>	<u>101,772</u>
Total expenditures	<u>48,236</u>	<u>53,536</u>	<u>101,772</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of revenues			
Over expenditures	<u>(29,458)</u>	<u>(42,631)</u>	<u>(72,089)</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	<u>15,000</u>	<u>85,500</u>	<u>100,500</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>15,000</u>	<u>85,500</u>	<u>100,500</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>(14,458)</u>	<u>42,869</u>	<u>28,411</u>
Fund balances - July 1, 2017	<u>82,539</u>	<u>194,887</u>	<u>277,426</u>
Fund balances - June 30, 2018	<u>\$ 68,081</u>	<u>\$ 237,756</u>	<u>\$ 305,837</u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
BALANCE SHEET  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE 7

	Recreation Fund	Record Preservation Fund	Grant Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Total
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 18,481	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,481
Due from other funds	-	4,836	-	66,088	70,924
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,481</u>	<u>\$ 4,836</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 66,088</u>	<u>\$ 89,405</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	-	-	737	-	737
Due to other funds	4,695	-	15,892	-	20,587
Total Liabilities	<u>4,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,629</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,324</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted	13,786	4,836	(16,629)	66,088	68,081
Total Fund Balances	<u>13,786</u>	<u>4,836</u>	<u>(16,629)</u>	<u>66,088</u>	<u>68,081</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 18,481</u>	<u>\$ 4,836</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 66,088</u>	<u>\$ 89,405</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE 8

	Recreation Fund	Record Preservation Fund	Grant Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Total
REVENUES:					
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,477	\$ -	\$ 10,477
Fees and licenses	7,600				7,600
Interest	1	-	-	-	1
Other	700	-	-	-	700
Total Revenues	8,301	-	10,477	-	18,778
EXPENDITURES:					
Public Works	-	-	24,294	-	24,294
Cultural and recreation	23,942	-	-	-	23,942
Total Expenditures	23,942	-	24,294	-	48,236
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(15,641)	-	(13,817)	-	(29,458)
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfers in	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Total Other Financing Sources	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	(641)	-	(13,817)	-	(14,458)
Fund Balances - July 1, 2017	14,427	4,836	(2,812)	66,088	82,539
Fund Balances - June 30, 2018	<u>\$ 13,786</u>	<u>\$ 4,836</u>	<u>\$ (16,629)</u>	<u>\$ 66,088</u>	<u>\$ 68,081</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
BALANCE SHEET  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE 9

	Bridge Fund	Building Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Total
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 78,816	\$ 47,809	\$ 144,913	\$ 271,538
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 78,816</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 47,809</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 144,913</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 271,538</u></u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	221	314	-	535
Due to other funds	676	2,629	29,942	33,247
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total liabilities	<u>897</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>29,942</u>	<u>33,782</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Assigned	<u>77,919</u>	<u>44,866</u>	<u>114,971</u>	<u>237,756</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total fund balances	<u>77,919</u>	<u>44,866</u>	<u>114,971</u>	<u>237,756</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of Resources and fund balances	<u><u>\$ 78,816</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 47,809</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 144,913</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 271,538</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE 10

	Bridge Fund	Building Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Total
REVENUES:				
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Investment income	7	4	6	17
Other	-	10,888	-	10,888
	<u>7</u>	<u>10,892</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10,905</u>
Total Revenues	<u>7</u>	<u>10,892</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10,905</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
General government	-	13,109	-	13,109
Public works	6,397	-	-	6,397
Debt service expenditures				
Principal	-	-	32,710	32,710
Interest	-	-	1,320	1,320
	<u>6,397</u>	<u>13,109</u>	<u>34,030</u>	<u>53,536</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>6,397</u>	<u>13,109</u>	<u>34,030</u>	<u>53,536</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(6,390)</u>	<u>(2,217)</u>	<u>(34,024)</u>	<u>(42,631)</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers in	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>85,500</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	5,500	5,000	75,000	85,500
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(890)</u>	<u>2,783</u>	<u>40,976</u>	<u>42,869</u>
Fund Balances - July 1, 2017	<u>78,809</u>	<u>42,083</u>	<u>73,995</u>	<u>194,887</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2018	<u>\$ 77,919</u>	<u>\$ 44,866</u>	<u>\$ 114,971</u>	<u>\$ 237,756</u>



TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT A

	Governmental Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,023,883	\$ 1,023,883
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts)		
Taxes receivable	378,976	378,976
Accounts receivable	18,888	18,888
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)		
Building and building improvements	1,479,135	1,479,135
Vehicles and equipment	808,275	808,275
Infrastructure	618,640	618,640
Total assets	4,327,797	4,327,797
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Deferred outflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	91,721	91,721
Total deferred outflows of resources	91,721	91,721
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	52,259	52,259
Accrued expenses	4,231	4,231
Accrued payroll and withholdings	980	980
Due within one year	49,675	49,675
Non-current obligations		
Pension liability	175,060	175,060
Due in more than one year	447,675	447,675
Total Liabilities	729,880	729,880
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Deferred inflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	7,053	7,053
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	7,053	7,053
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	2,408,700	2,408,700
Restricted	68,081	68,081
Committed	718,175	718,175
Assigned	237,756	237,756
Unrestricted	249,873	249,873
Total Net Position	\$ 3,682,585	\$ 3,682,585

**Tax Rate**  
**Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018**  
**(July 01, 2017 - June 30, 2018)**

	<u><b>Homestead</b></u>	<u><b>Non-Homestead</b></u>
General Fund	0.3315	0.3315
Highway Fund	0.2238	0.2238
School District (total)	1.4939	1.5300
 Town Tax Rate	 2.0492	 2.0853
Village Tax Rate	1.8254	1.8615

**Taxes to be Raised**

General Fund	\$ 1,084,471
Highway Fund	\$ 593,260
School District	\$ 4,938,297

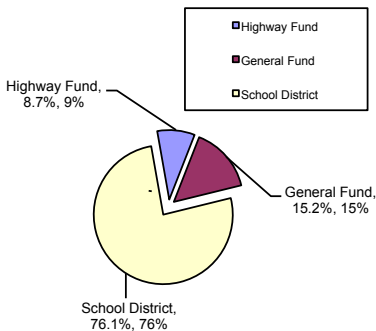
**Total Taxes to be Raised                   \$ 6,616,028**

**Grand List**

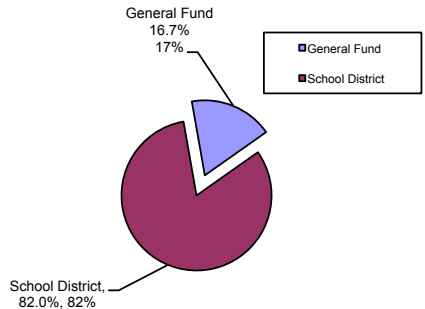
Village	\$ 62,107,500
Town Highway	\$ 264,310,845
 Total Municipal Grand List	 \$ 326,418,345
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 129,104,503
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 197,313,842

***Property Taxes  
Where it Goes...***

**Town Properties**



**Village Properties**



**Town of Poultney  
Employee Wage Report  
Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Wage</b>	<b>Position</b>
Beatty, Thomas	\$ 8,298.40	Temp Highway
Bunce, Carol	\$ 32,633.31	Assistant Town Clerk/Elections
Cook, Rebecca	\$ 39,000.00	Librarian/Clerk
Crawford, Neisja	\$ 34,199.98	Bookkeeper/Secretary/Library
Donaldson, Paul A.	\$ 60,634.96	Town Manager
Ferguson, Richard, III	\$ 105.00	Temp Highway & Transfer Station
Ferguson, Richard	\$ 38,627.44	Highway & Transfer Station
Frappier, Erin	\$ 6,192.38	Library Assistant
Humphries, William	\$ 1,365.00	DUI Grant & Patrol
Kasuba, Susan	\$ 392.45	Bookkeeper/Secretary/Library
Kelley, Ronald	\$ 47,605.63	Road Foreman
Kerber, Dale	\$ 32,998.80	Constable/Public Safety Grants
Lenihan, Jean	\$ 564.00	Office Assistance
Letendrea, Denise	\$ 13,439.25	Library
McLaughlin, Richard	\$ 20,299.24	Transfer Station
McLaughlin, Ronald	\$ 18,314.95	Part-Time Transfer Station
McLaughlin, Thomas	\$ 6,372.50	Part-Time Transfer Station
Miller, Robin A.	\$ 28.00	Part-Time Office Assistant
Paquette, Racheal	\$ 17,732.00	Library Assistant
Petty, Raymond C., III	\$ 35,567.67	Highway Crew
Phillips, Joseph P., Jr.	\$ 1,547.00	Recreation Field Maintenance
Porrier, Sheryl	\$ 2,250.00	Recreation Commission
Sears, Matthew	\$ 37,889.60	Highway Crew
Smith, Linda	\$ 5,470.00	Lister
Teetor, Mary Jo	\$ 8,742.25	Lister
Wescott, Betsy	\$ 40,000.22	Town Clerk/Treasurer
White, Walter	\$ 839.16	Part-Time Transfer Station

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

ACCOUNT	2017-18 Budget	2017-18 Expended	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
<b>SELECTMEN</b>				
Salaries	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Record Supplies	50	0	0	0
Mtngs, Travel & Training	0	46		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>TOWN MANAGER</b>				
Salary (70%)	37,926	42,489	37,926	39,443
Communications (70%)	294	294	294	294
Auto Allowance (70%)	980	980	980	980
Dues, Subs & Mtngs.	392	392	392	392
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39,592</b>	<b>44,155</b>	<b>39,592</b>	<b>41,109</b>
<b>ELECTIONS</b>				
Salaries	800	618	2,200	1,200
Supplies/Ballots	1,200	850	1,200	1,000
Ballot Machine	0	642	1,800	1,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>3,700</b>
<b>BOOKKEEPING</b>				
Salary (70%)	23,100	23,100	23,562	24,033
Part-Time (70%)	2,800	956	2,800	1,800
Supplies	700	1,200	500	500
Training	300	1,069	300	500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26,900</b>	<b>26,325</b>	<b>27,162</b>	<b>26,833</b>
<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>21,786</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>17,000</b>
<b>TAX LISTING</b>				
Salaries	20,000	14,121	15,500	20,000
Training	1,500	30	500	350
Contract Services	1,000	1,622	1,000	1,500
Reappraisal / BCA Services	1,000	350	650	650
Equipment	500	60	300	300
Supplies	500	468	500	500
Mtngs. & Travel	1,000	625	1,000	500
Communications	500	469	500	500
Advertising	150	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26,150</b>	<b>17,745</b>	<b>19,950</b>	<b>24,300</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTING</b>				
Tax Billing/Advertising	100	1,159	100	100
Printing	1,000	0	800	800
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>AUDITING</b>				
Salaries	5,000	13,100	10,000	9,500
Town Report	5,500	4,770	5,500	5,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>17,870</b>	<b>15,500</b>	<b>15,000</b>

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

ACCOUNT	2017-18 Budget	2017-18 Expended	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
<b>CLERK/TREASURER</b>				
Salary	40,000	40,000	40,000	41,500
Assistant	32,500	32,498	33,150	33,813
Supplies	2,500	4,031	3,000	2,500
Telephone	1,000	1,084	1,150	1,100
Records Preservation	2,500	1,150	2,500	2,500
Mtngs., Travel, Training	1,000	2,057	2,500	2,000
Records Computerization	3,900	3,900	4,020	4,020
Subscriptions & Dues	0	65		100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>83,400</b>	<b>84,785</b>	<b>86,320</b>	<b>87,533</b>
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>				
Zoning Admin.	750	45	0	0
Office Supplies	200	115	200	200
Advertising	650	0	650	650
Printing	400	0	400	400
Mapping	1,200	2,000	1,200	1,200
Rut. Reg. Com/Service	500	0	500	500
Rut. Reg. Com/Dues	925	925	975	975
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,625</b>	<b>3,085</b>	<b>3,925</b>	<b>3,925</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>				
Supplies	3,500	1,775	3,500	3,500
Photocopy Supplies	650	150	500	500
Copier Service	3,100	2,188	2,500	2,500
Computer Supplies	875	456	875	875
Telephone	1,775	-289	1,775	1,775
Advertising	1,600	5,883	1,600	1,600
Postage	6,900	6,041	5,900	6,100
Subs & Meetings	450	135	450	450
VLCT/Dues	4,892	4,892	4,892	5,200
NEMRC / Services	650	850	650	650
NEMRC / Contract	1,600	2,090	1,600	1,600
Equip. Maintenance	500	950	500	500
Equip. Purchases	700	0	700	700
Town Website	0	700		700
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27,192</b>	<b>25,821</b>	<b>25,442</b>	<b>26,650</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>				
Custodial Service	1,800	1,440	1,800	1,800
Cleaning Supplies	25	24	0	0
Cleaning Equipment	25	0	0	0
Repairs & Maint.	4,000	6,626	4,000	4,000
Util/Electricity	3,200	3,560	3,200	3,200
Water & Sewer	520	570	520	520
Utility/Fuel	3,200	1,676	3,000	3,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,770</b>	<b>13,896</b>	<b>12,520</b>	<b>12,520</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Contract Services / Police	64,170	63,023	66,500	68,495

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

ACCOUNT	2017-18 Budget	2017-18 Expended	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
Constable Salary	7,250	4,214	7,000	7,000
Constable Travel	1,200	2,539	500	500
Constable Supplies	1,000	601	500	500
Constable Communications	1,500	1,156	1,500	1,500
Cruiser Sinking Fund	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Cruiser Maintenance	2,500	1,818	2,250	2,250
Constable Training	800	0	500	500
Fire Department	100,400	100,400	99,250	99,250
Fire Truck Payment				0
Fire Equip Fund	85,000	85,000	100,000	100,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>267,320</b>	<b>262,251</b>	<b>281,500</b>	<b>283,495</b>

## HEALTH & WELFARE

Visiting Nurse	6,428	6,428	6,428	6,428
Mental Health	3,654	3,654	3,654	3,654
Nutrition	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
ARC - Rutland Area	300	300	300	1,300
Young At Heart	26,500	26,500	26,500	26,500
RSVP	405	405	405	405
New Story fka Battered Women-F	500	500	500	500
Center Indep. Living	420	420	420	420
Vt Assc Blind & Vis	525	525	525	525
Public Health	300	300	300	300
Dog Warden Salary	900	250	0	0
Dog Warden Supplies	300	229	0	0
Dog Warden Storage	375	0	100	100
Dog Warden Travel	475	0	0	0
Humane Society	625	625	625	625
Rut Co Parent/Child	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Ben Rut Op Co (BROC)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Neighbor Works	500	0	500	500
Rut Area Hospice	300	300	300	300
Rut Adult Basic Ed	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Red Cross	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
Green Up Vermont	200		200	200
Regional Ambulance	1,716	1,716	1,716	1,716
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50,723</b>	<b>49,452</b>	<b>48,773</b>	<b>49,773</b>

## SOLID WASTE

Refuse/Non-Recycle	90,000	100,459	84,500	86,000
Recyclables	16,000	26,145	16,000	18,000
Util/Electricity	1,725	1,689	1,725	1,725
Station Operator	17,510	20,299	17,860	17,860
Assistant Operator	16,000	17,805	16,320	16,320
Temp Assistant Operator	8,600	7,546	8,772	8,772
Equipment Rental	3,900	3,490	3,900	3,900
Telephone	400	360	400	400
Compost			4,200	4,200
Repairs & Maint.	4,000	3,445	3,500	3,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>158,135</b>	<b>181,238</b>	<b>157,177</b>	<b>160,677</b>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

ACCOUNT	2017-18 Budget	2017-18 Expended	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
<b>SOLID WASTE DISTRICT</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>18,000</b>
<b>CEMETERY MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>9,660</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>8,800</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; REC</b>				
Little League	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Poultney Band	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
July 4th Activities	6,500	7,612	6,500	6,500
Recreation	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Memorial Day	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Lake St. Catherine	20,000	20,000	15,000	15,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>47,500</b>	<b>48,612</b>	<b>42,500</b>	<b>42,500</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
Subsidy	149,534	149,534	155,100	159,401
Library Loan Payment	20,770	20,770	20,770	20,770
Maintenance & Repairs	1,800	400	1,800	1,800
Utility/Fuel Oil	6,000	1,044	5,000	5,000
Water & Sewer	600	619	600	600
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>178,704</b>	<b>172,367</b>	<b>183,270</b>	<b>187,571</b>
<b>CONSERV. &amp; DEVELOP</b>				
Forest Fires	400	0	400	400
Poul - Mettowee Con Dst	750	750	750	750
Tree Warden	500	0	200	200
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,350</b>
<b>EMPLOYEES BENEFITS</b>				
Retirement	24,000	11,335	24,000	24,000
Workmen's Comp.	8,500	2,351	10,064	10,150
Unemploy Insurance	500	318	500	500
Social Security	18,000	18,265	18,000	18,500
Health & Life Ins.	60,000	50,879	63,500	71,200
Uniforms	1,300	2,058	1,300	1,300
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>112,300</b>	<b>85,206</b>	<b>117,364</b>	<b>125,650</b>
<b>OTHERS</b>				
Prop-Liab Insurance	15,000	13,976	15,000	15,000
Pol Insurance Bond	6,500	6,470	6,650	6,200
School Rent	138	0	138	0
County Tax	27,500	26,120	27,500	27,500
Sr Citizen Bldg Loan	3,307	3,307	3,307	3,307
Public Transportation	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Bldg.-Equip. Fund	5,000	5,000	4,200	4,200
Rescue Squad	18,165	18,165	18,165	18,165
Poultney Historical Society	10,000	10,000	7,500	7,500
Downtown Revitalization	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	3,606	5,000	4,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>98,610</b>	<b>95,644</b>	<b>96,460</b>	<b>94,872</b>
ACCOUNT	2017-18 Budget	2017-18 Expended	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,194,721</b>	<b>\$ 1,183,464</b>	<b>\$ 1,209,705</b>	<b>\$ 1,233,658</b>

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	<b>FY 17-18 Budget</b>	<b>FY 17-18 Expended</b>	<b>FY 18-19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 19-20 Proposed</b>
<b>HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Foreman	45,174	47,193	46,078	47,000
Laborer	33,730	33,716	34,405	35,093
Laborer	33,122	33,130	33,784	34,460
Laborer	31,497	31,491	32,127	32,770
Overtime	9,500	12,899	6,500	10,000
Part-Time	6,500	8,298	6,500	1,500
Town Manager (30%)	16,254	17,474	16,254	16,904
Communications (30%)	126	126	126	126
Auto Allowance (30%)	420	420	420	420
Dues, Sub & Mtngs. (30%)	150	150	150	150
Bookkeeper (30%)	9,900	9,900	10,098	10,300
Asst. Bookkeeper (30%)	200	0	200	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>186,573</b>	<b>194,797</b>	<b>186,642</b>	<b>188,723</b>
<b>SUMMER CONSTRUCTION</b>				
Operating Supp/Chloride	12,000	9,477	12,000	15,000
Patching	1,000	2,565	1,000	1,500
Culverts	3,800	1,208	3,800	4,200
Resurface/Gravel	33,000	24,282	37,000	38,000
Repaving	95,000	84,431	95,000	99,000
Guardrails	2,500	0	2,500	1,500
Reconstruction	24,000	8,616	24,000	20,500
Roadside Mowing	5,000	9,835	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>176,300</b>	<b>140,414</b>	<b>180,300</b>	<b>184,700</b>
<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL/SIGNS</b>	1,000	245	1,000	500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>				
Winter Sand	31,000	32,900	33,000	33,000
Salt	32,000	39,377	34,000	38,000
Snow Removal Equipment	3,500	4,909	1,500	1,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>66,500</b>	<b>77,186</b>	<b>68,500</b>	<b>72,500</b>
<b>CONS &amp; BRIDGE REPAIR</b>	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>	14,000	11,869	14,000	13,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>11,869</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>13,000</b>



# **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

	<b>FY 17-18 Budget</b>	<b>FY 17-18 Expended</b>	<b>FY 18-19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 19-20 Proposed</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
Retirement	12,500	8,783	12,500	12,500
Workers Compensation	16,000	15,597	15,000	15,000
Unemployment Ins	700	318	700	700
Social Security	14,500	14,902	14,500	15,500
Health & Life Ins	62,000	55,438	70,000	73,000
Uniform Service	4,600	4,506	4,600	4,600
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>110,300</b>	<b>99,544</b>	<b>117,300</b>	<b>121,300</b>
<b>PLANT OPERATIONS</b>				
Fuel Oil	0	0	0	0
Supplies / Equipment	0	1,949	0	900
Operating Supplies	0	943	0	0
Repair & Maint Supplies	3,500	1,362	2,500	2,250
Building Improvements	2,000	0	1,000	1,000
Maintenance and Repair	0	957	0	0
Sand / Salt Shed	0	0	0	0
Small Tools & Equip	200	423	200	200
Advertising	400	0	400	400
Communications	1,700	1,989	1,700	1,700
Electricity	2,200	2,317	2,200	2,200
Water & Sewer	600	802	600	600
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>10,742</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>9,250</b>
<b>VEHICLES &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>				
Operating Supplies	500	181	500	500
Gas & Oil	31,000	27,475	31,000	31,000
Repair & Maint Supplies	10,000	12,614	10,000	10,000
Equip Replace Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Repair & Maintenance	7,000	13,425	7,000	7,500
Equipment Purchase	1,200	0	1,200	500
Tires	3,500	1,605	3,500	3,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>128,200</b>	<b>130,300</b>	<b>128,200</b>	<b>128,000</b>
<b>OTHER</b>				
Insurance Prop & Casualty	9,000	8,495	9,210	9,210
Sidewalks	0	0	0	0
Trees	5,000	0	3,500	2,500
MRGP Permit				2,000
Miscellaneous	3,500	2,335	3,500	3,250
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>10,830</b>	<b>16,210</b>	<b>16,960</b>
	<b>FY 17-18 Budget</b>	<b>FY 17-18 Expended</b>	<b>FY 18-19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 19-20 Proposed</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>716,473</b>	<b>682,397</b>	<b>726,252</b>	<b>740,433</b>

**Tax Rate**  
**Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019**  
**(July 01, 2018 - June 30, 2019)**

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
General Fund	0.3281	0.3281
Highway Fund	0.2270	0.2270
School District (total)	1.4161	1.5374
Town Tax Rate	1.9712	2.0925
Village Tax Rate	1.7442	1.8655

**Taxes to be Raised**

General Fund	\$ 1,109,455
Highway Fund	\$ 614,752
School District	\$ 4,268,068

**Total Taxes to be Raised                      \$ 5,992,275**

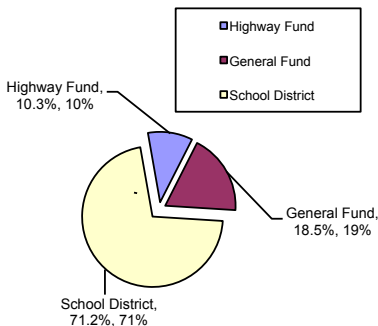
**Grand List**

Village	63,802,438
Town Highway	262,319,529

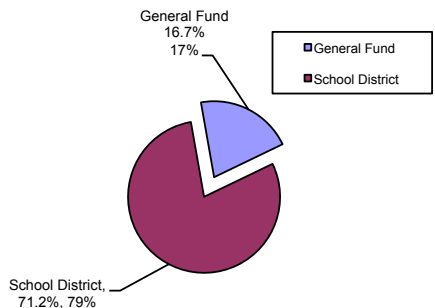
Total Municipal Grand List	\$ 326,178,067
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 129,893,200
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 193,515,948

***Property Taxes***  
***Where it Goes...***

**Town Properties**



**Village Properties**



**Estimated  
Amount to be Raised by Taxes  
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020**

General Government	\$ 1,133,408
Highway Fund	\$ 634,183
School District –	
Local	Available June 30
Est. State Education Taxes	Available June 30
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$ 1,767,591</u>

**Projected General Fund Receipts  
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020**

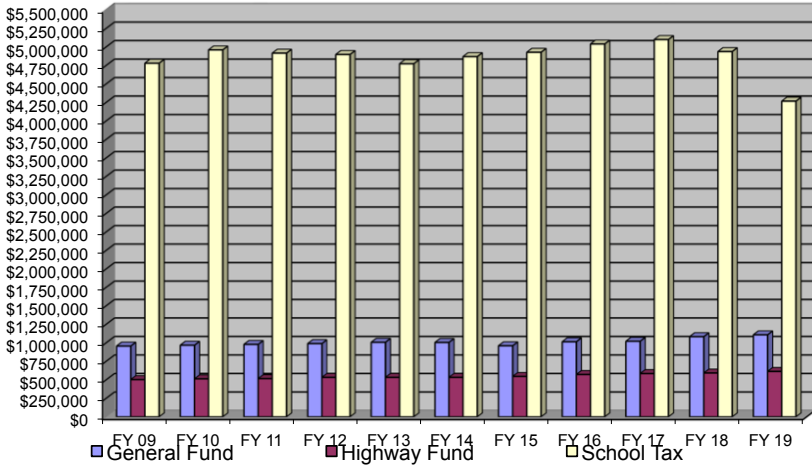
Taxes	\$1,133,408
Town Clerk Fees	20,000
Penalties	15,000
Delinquent Interest	19,500
Permits	6,500
Liquor Licenses	1,000
Dog Licenses	1,000
Miscellaneous	750
State Lands	17,000
Current Use	8,000
Fines	4,500
Interest	1,000
Recyclables	1,000
Trash Bags	5,000
Projected Total	<u>\$1,233,658</u>

**Projected Highway Receipts  
July 01, 2019 - June 30, 2020**

Taxes	\$ 634,183
State Aid	104,000
Miscellaneous	2,500
Projected Total	<u>\$ 740,433</u>

# Property Tax Trends for FY 2008 - 2018

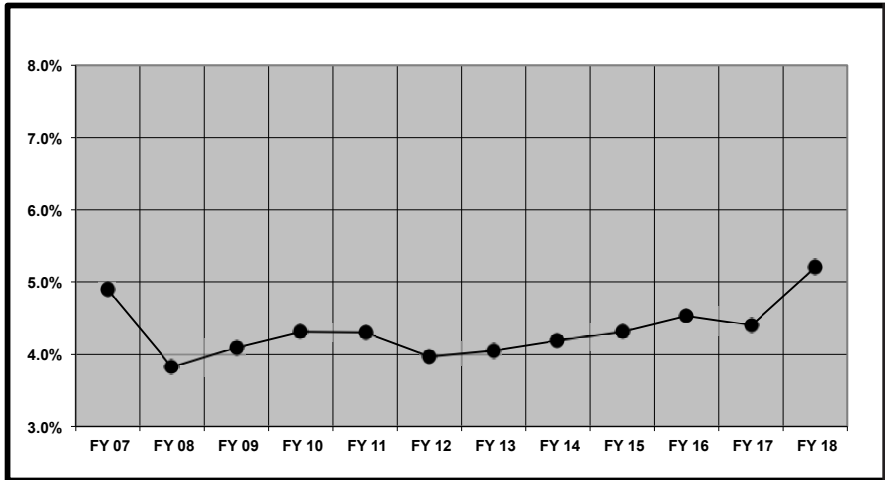
Amounts Raised By Taxes



## Dollar Amounts Raised by Taxes

Year	General Fund	Highway Fund	School District
FY 09	\$957,043	\$504,242	\$4,781,168
FY 10	\$968,916	\$514,413	\$4,960,687
FY 11	\$979,967	\$517,159	\$4,917,061
FY 12	\$990,833	\$534,352	\$4,899,014
FY 13	\$1,008,444	\$534,324	\$4,773,881
FY 14	\$1,006,355	\$543,216	\$4,870,492
FY 15	\$961,290	\$546,742	\$4,928,779
FY 16	\$1,015,591	\$573,248	\$5,040,278
FY 17	\$1,022,039	\$585,760	\$5,100,452
FY 18	\$1,084,471	\$593,266	\$4,938,297
FY 19	\$1,109,455	\$614,752	\$4,938,297

## Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent Ending May 31, 2018



## Table of Taxes Going Delinquent Ending May 31st of the stated FY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquents</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
FY 03	\$ 222,137.54	4.86%
FY 04	\$ 258,412.85	5.65%
FY 05	\$ 272,469.40	5.55%
FY 06	\$ 248,797.95	5.06%
FY 07	\$ 263,185.20	4.90%
FY 08	\$ 219,133.80	3.83%
FY 09	\$ 263,545.59	4.09%
FY 10	\$ 276,542.12	4.31%
FY 11	\$ 275,539.64	4.30%
FY 12	\$ 255,294.52	3.97%
FY 13	\$ 256,018.75	4.05%
FY 14	\$ 268,640.87	4.19%
FY 15	\$ 277,516.71	4.31%
FY 16	\$ 300,289.23	4.53%

Delinquent Property Taxes  
Ending May 31, 2018  
Fiscal Year 2018

1999-2005	6,109.03
2005-2006	714.00
2006-2007	948.64
2007-2008	931.12
2008-2009	1,761.10
2009-2010	3,079.96
2010-2011	2,857.56
2011-2012	3,504.00
2012-2013	6,240.30
2013-2014	6,314.92
2014-2015	13,227.75
2015-2016	32,897.43
2016-2017	32,562.36

Taxes were due on May 31, 2018. Taxes became delinquent if not paid in full by that date. On June 1, 2018 the following amounts were delinquent.

2017-2018	<u>344,549.30</u>
Grand Total	455,697.47

Our 2017/2018 fiscal year ended on 06/30/2018. Total delinquent taxes on that date were \$378,976.08.

One asterisk (\*) represents those who paid all of their delinquent taxes as of January 15, 2019.

Two asterisks (\*\*) represents those who paid a portion of their delinquent taxes as of January 15, 2019.

It is important to note that some properties have sold and ownership has transferred. These were the property owners of record when our Grand List was filed as required on 04/01/2018.

<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2017/18</u>
** 163 Main St. Properties					3418.88
** Ainsworth Akiko					6,489.32
* Alberts Robert James (LIFE ESTATE)					397.28
* Amery James J			5,527.22	5,963.28	5,093.72
Babcock, Randy & Nicole					940.88
Baptie, Kathryn					2,421.21
* Barile, Raymond					968.28
* Battles, Betty					3,272.84
** Boudreau, Shawn					4,045.88
Bowers, Herbert	51.64	46.64	42.12	37.12	31.76
* Bradley Virginia E.					820.52
Brockman Resources LLC			627.08	553.28	472.72
** C/O Anthony Ross					184.08
* C/O Christian Loom					2,903.56
C/O David Pope					1,254.18
* C/O Derek Gilbert					1,188.20
C/O Federal Home					14.47
* C/O Julie Ann Williams					989.28
* C/O Lee Thomas					1,019.44
C/O Nicholas Gardner					1,087.85
* Cables Jayme					2,088.56
* Carris William					5,427.80
Carvey, Christopher	51.64	46.64	42.12	37.12	31.76
* Chaffee, Norman					30.89
* Chase, Jack					34.84
Coccia, Anthony					2,339.32
Collier, John		1,375.27	5,253.80	4,632.80	3,498.00
* Colomb, Ronald					689.04
Cooper, Donald E & Robin C		1,068.55	1,119.76	841.20	1,054.96
* Cooper, Jonathan					32.00
* Crandall, Holley et al					1,580.27
Czarnecki, Michael					51.60
** D & D Rental LLC				1,789.08	3,049.60
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Czarnecki, Michael					51.60
** D & D Rental LLC				1,789.08	3,049.60
** D & D Rental LLC				2,030.84	3,461.52
** Dacosta, Dalinda					2,775.28
* Deangelis Vincent & Barbara					397.17
Delpezzo, Andrew					1,071.39
* Delpezzo, Sr Andrew					2,416.12
** Demauro, Nicholas R					4,983.40
* Dotson, David					33.42
* Dumas, Edward					48.15
Dutka, June					2,193.40
Farm Family Trust					81.80
* Flanders, Paul A					2,968.48
* Foley, Vera					2,370.72
Fordham, Walter					1,660.28
* Fowler, James					7,872.64
* Fowler, James T					3,370.20
* Fronhofer, Paul					72.35
Godzik, Thomas Jr					1,313.76
* Gourlay, Glen					70.44
Grandview Industries					5,009.88
Greene, Anthony					1,802.48
Greene, Marguerite					1,937.93
Hathaway, Lindsey					104.56
* Hayes, Rayeann					1,250.88
Hays Rudolph & Jean	578.46	1,050.36	955.76	843.48	720.52
Hays Rudolph & Jean	18.58	33.48	30.20	26.56	22.72
* Heald John B Inc					0.19
* Heritage Court					190.15
* Hier, Betty Jean					881.90
Hier, Betty Jean Trustee	1,616.44	1,467.76	1,335.48	1,178.76	1,006.92
Hier, William					177.28
Hilltop Slate					3,050.32
Hilltop Slate Company					268.20
Hilltop Slate Inc.					1,216.04
** Himes, David & Gina					2,660.04
* Hinsman, Marion					4,716.99
* Howe, Christopher					734.12
** Howe, Christopher H					4,211.80
Humphrey, Louise	1,072.16	973.72	886.52	782.44	668.24
Hunter, Pamela					1,753.36
Hurley, Linda		459.87	3,749.96	3,293.84	2,778.60

Illinski, Noah					1,136.48
* Jackson, Rachael					2,835.00
Jay, Lila					2,095.24
* Johnson, Craig					18.05
* Jones, Clifford					27.77
Jurnak, Ronald					2,294.60
Jurnak, Ronald T					1,911.34
* Kendll, Corey	398.55	2,652.40	2,538.12	2,347.16	1,833.00
Kerber, Dale & Timothy					5,882.48
Kerber, Timothy					2,882.12
Knieriemen, Ruth Ann					6,939.40
* Knight, Gordon					2,666.20
* Lambrt, Marc					22.48
* Landino, Louis					2,391.46
* Laporte, Frank					2,888.45
* Leach, Mae Life Estate					3,033.40
* Lecuivre, Raymond					4,216.32
Leviness, William	1,968.52	1,788.28	1,627.56	1,436.76	1,227.40
Lignos, John					1,418.28
* Linzee, John Jr					1,159.20
Locke, Samuel					3,872.28
* Mack, Glenn Jr					5,481.28
* Makiano, Bonifacio					1,128.12
* Maslack, John					3.76
* Maslack, John					454.56
* Maslack, John					1,582.00
* Maslack, John					2,595.12
* Mazur, Norma					5,702.88
* McCarthy, Daniel					79.56
* McCarthy, Daniel					16.94
* McCarthy, Julianne				2,039.04	2,317.12
McDonald, Nancy	95.12	86.08	78.00	69.32	59.08
McIntyre, Malcolm					1,858.64
** Mead, Martin Jr					1,213.72
Millennium Slate					3,745.84
* Mirabile, Nicholas					6,305.20
* Mock, Timothy					1,452.72
Morgan, Melissa					602.32
Morse, Ronald					2,893.40
* Morse, Ronald					612.08
* Nutmeg, LLP					1,393.36
O'Connell, Judy					1,887.31
* Oubina, Richard		141.80	167.92	41.94	
* Pascal, Jennifer					1,045.47
Pine Tree Broadcasting					136.36
Pitts, Gregory					263.09
* Pitts, Robert					1,876.84
Poczobut, Brent	517.48	470.08	428.24	377.84	322.72
* Pomfret, Thomas					1,485.28
* Povey, Gregory					2,420.64
* Quality, Cooling					4,919.85
* R&C Realty LLC					11,649.00
Ragonnet, Kimberly					172.76
Roberts, Wray					209.12
** Romania, Jerome					1,543.36
<b>Listed Owner</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
* Seamans, James					1,478.01
** Simons, Paul			272.66	1,839.60	1,263.52
** Skovira, John					1,085.08
* Smith, Sheryl					3,727.68
* St Armour JR Robert					1,114.47



Stephens, Megea	2,106.12
Strateman, Howard	4,180.00
Strateman, Howard	90.92
Thornton, Wayne Sr	983.12
* Tourville, Gary	723.44
* Walsh, Cheryl	58.22
Walsh, John	1,395.60
Walsh, John D & Diane	1,072.80
Waterfall Hollow LLC	2,229.76
Whitman (Breznick)	2,366.74
WVNR	2,627.56

**Total Delinquent Taxes as of 01/31/2019**

**154,092.30**

**Town of Poultney**  
**Important Tax Information**

1. **Billing of Taxes:** Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists in the owner of record on the Grand List dated April 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the fiscal year start date. The tax rate is calculated in July based on the Budgets as approved by the voters in the previous March and the Grand List total value. By law the tax bills are mailed to the April 1<sup>st</sup> owner of record at the address on file with the Lister's Office. All tax bills are mailed on or about the first week of August. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due nor does it exempt them from the loss of discount or the addition of penalties and interest as required by law. The Lister's Office and the Tax Office must be notified of any address change in writing. Mortgage companies must request each year, in writing, prior to the mailing of the tax bills, any tax bills that they may be escrowing funds on behalf of their mortgagees.
2. **Tax Due Date:** The Town of Poultney offers the option to pay real estate and personal property taxes in quarterly installments. Property owners choosing to take advantage of this option may take a 2% discount if paid prior to or on the quarterly due date. With the due dates being: September 15<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>. **The final due date to pay taxes is May 31<sup>st</sup>.** Taxes not paid by the final due date will be charged an 8% penalty, interest of 1% for the first 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter. If the discount date or final due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, taxes may be paid on the following normal business day. Taxes being mailed must be postmarked prior to the actual due date. Payments made by check must have a current date (no post dated checks will be accepted), made payable to the Town of Poultney and be for the exact payment amount. Any overpayment amounts will be applied to the next quarter or if overpayment occurs at the end of the fiscal year, a refund will be made via check. No Cash Back on Any Payments! Receipts will be mailed if stamp is supplied along with request.
3. **Transfer of Property:** If any and all of a taxed property is sold, it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and it is the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.
4. **Questions:** Any questions regarding billed amounts, amounts due, payments made, policies regarding collection or due dates should be directed to the Town Manager's Office, 9 Main Street, Poultney, Vermont 05764. Or you may call 1-802-287-9751.

## **Selectboard and Town Manager's Report**

### **Green Mountain College Closure:**

In the coming weeks and months, The Town and Village of Poultney intend to work with the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Community Planning and Revitalization, Department of Economic Development, Representative McCoy, Senator Leahy's Office, Senator Sanders' office, Congressman Welch's office, Housing Vermont, Vermont Council on Rural Development, USDA Rural Development, Rutland Regional Planning Commission, Rutland Economic Development Corporation, Poultney Planning Commission, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Agency of Education, the Vermont Department of Labor, Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee, town and village business owners, community members, and other stakeholders, to address the void that will be left when Green Mountain College closes. We are hopeful that the closure will be a transition into something positive for the Town and Village of Poultney.

### **Budget**

#### **General Government:**

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (July 01, 2019 - June 30, 2020) is \$1,233,658.00. This represents an increase in the amount of \$23,953.00 (up 1.98%) from the current Fiscal Year 2019 budget approved by voters in March 2018. Some of those items reflecting adjustments include, among other adjustments, employee health insurance, salaries, library subsidy, solid waste disposal costs.

#### **Highway District:**

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020) is \$740,433.00. This represents an increase in the amount of \$14,181 (up 1.95%) above the current Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. The proposed budget reflects increases primarily in salt (deicer), paving, construction and road materials, health insurance and highway administration. Any tax increase is contingent upon: 1) The growth of the Grand List; 2) State Aid for Highways; and 3) A surplus, if any, at the end of the current Fiscal Year 2019 (June 30, 2019).

### **2018**

#### **Road Improvements:**

- The Town Highway Department applied 1,020 yards of crushed gravel to our gravel roads;

- The crew used 9,525 gallons of mag. chloride to stabilize roads and for dust control;
- On Pond Hill Ranch Road, the crew installed new culverts and reshaped and stone lined ditches;
- On Ferncliff Road, the crew installed 40 feet of new culvert on a driveway;
- On Route 140, across from Hampshire Hollow Road, the crew installed a new culvert;
- On the Poultney/Middletown Springs town line on Route 140, the crew installed a new culvert, while working within ANR guidelines;
- The crew installed a new driveway culvert, paid for by the property owner, on Morse Hollow Road;
- The Highway Department received a number of Better Back Roads Grants, with the assistance of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, to build up Finel Hollow Road, Pond Hill Ranch Road, and Highland Grey Road intersection, as well as reshaping and stone-lining ditches on those roads;
- The crew commenced working on reshaping and stone-lining ditches on Highland Grey Road through a Better Back Roads grant.
- The crew cleaned out, reshaped and stone-lined a ditch on Ridge View South and Fair View Roads.

### **Paving:**

- We paved approximately one mile of Route 140 from Finel Hollow Road to Hampshire Hollow Road.
- We repaved York Street from the New York line to the entrance of York Street Extension.

### **General Road Maintenance:**

- We hired a private contractor to mow brush along roadsides - this allowed us to reach brush too high to cut by hand;
- We will continue to add gravel to all other roads in hope of getting proper base layer for better grading results;
- We clocked 99 hours of roadside mowing;
- We prepared for winter by putting up 3,260 yards of winter sand.

## **2019**

### **Bridge Project:**

**Bridge # 2 over the Finel Hollow Brook** located along VT Route 140 status report: The Agency of Transportation finalized the design to replace the existing structure. The utility relocation in connection with the project was completed in the autumn of 2018, with work in the channel scheduled to commence in the

summer of 2019. The actual bridge construction is projected to commence in the July, 2019. During construction, currently the plan is to have approximately two weeks of limited traffic, followed by four weeks of total closure (with a detour along Hampshire Hollow - Pond Hill Ranch – Highland Grey Roads), and then two more weeks of limited traffic.

### **Young At Heart Senior Center:**

The Town contracted with VMS Construction to replace the kitchen floor at the Senior Center and to bring the kitchen up to code.

### **Summary in Brief:**

- The Town sponsored 4 Household Hazardous Waste Collection programs in conjunction with the Rutland County Solid Waste District. The Town Transfer Station is the site for the collection of this special waste. **Dates for the next 4 collection dates are: April 13, 2019 (12:30 - 3:00), June 8, 2019 (12:00 - 3:00), July 13, 2019 (12:00 - 3:00), and October 19, 2019 (12:00 - 3:00).**
- Updated the Local Emergency Operations Plan. The Plan was approved by the Division of Emergency Management and will be updated annually in order to receive aid from the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund and grant requirements.

### **Future Plans:**

- Continue to apply for Agency of Transportation Class 2 Paving and Bridge and Culvert grants.
- Continue to update the Capital Improvement and Budget Plan.
- Continue to aggressively pursue collection of delinquent taxes.
- Continue to update the Local Emergency Operations Plan and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with assistance from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.
- Continue to update the Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Directory and Maps.
- Continue to participate in planning activities with the Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee and the Village Board of Trustees with projects listed in the 5 year Downtown Capital Improvement Program.

The Poultney Selectboard and I would again like to thank all the special volunteers of our local Boards, Commissions, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Community Service Organizations, who dedicate many hours to serving the public in so many ways.

**s/ Jeff King**  
**Chairperson, Poultney Selectboard**

**s/Paul A. Donaldson**  
**Poultney Town Manager**

## **Poultney Town Health Officer's Report - 2018**

Over the past year, calls were received pertaining to the following:

- 7 - dog bite incidents along with rabies questions
- 2 - landlord / tenant issues pertaining to the State of Vermont's Rental Health Housing Code
- 3 - illegal dumping sites that were cleaned up thanks to the Poultney Highway Crew.

Respectfully submitted,

**Paul A. Donaldson, Poultney Health Officer**

**Dale Kerber  
Constable, Poultney, Vermont  
106 Kerber Lane, Poultney, Vt. 05764  
(802)287-9112  
01/28/19**

Subject: 2018 Activity Report for Town Constable.

For the year of 2018 the office of the Constable received over 150 calls for service ranging from citizen's assists to criminal related activity. During the course of these calls for service and through regular patrols, over 100 traffic tickets were issued for various traffic offenses, with the majority of the traffic offenses being for speeding.

The Office of Constable continues to actively seek grant funding through the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program as well as the Vermont Homeland Security. For the past two years the Governor's Highway Safety has changed in Rutland County. Town and cities in Rutland County now have one grant from which to use for Highway Safety programs. This grant is managed by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. The total award of this grant increased the funds available to all the towns, including Poultney. These patrols are for targeting impaired driving, both alcohol and drug impaired driving, and aggressive driving. Poultney also participates in the joint law enforcement activities in the Rutland County area. These activities are usually the Sobriety Checkpoints or Motor Vehicle Occupancy seat belt checks.

Poultney continues to struggle with the drug problem in our area that result in an increase of the "quality of life" crimes such as thefts from motor vehicles, fraud complaints and burglaries. I cannot stress enough the importance of locking your vehicles up, even if leave your vehicle for just a few minutes. And remember to keep your valuables inside your residence instead of your car.

Please remember to report suspicious activity while it is occurring. Law enforcement would rather chalk the call up to a "good intention" call than to investigate a crime after it occurs.

Thank You, Dale Kerber, Poultney Town Constable

Zoning Administrator's  
Summary of Permits  
March 4, 1986 - March 31, 2018

Permit Type	86 - 2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
Building	1040	35	18	1,093
Zoning	372	6	17	395
Subdivision	125	4	3	132
Total Permits	1,537	45	38	1,620

Building Permits are issued for additions to existing buildings or accessory structures.

Zoning Permits are issued primarily for new structures and change of land use.

You must obtain a permit before you change the use of land or buildings, build any new structure, make additions to existing buildings, or subdivide a parcel of land into 2 or more parcels. For more information, contact the Zoning Administrator at 287-9751.

S/Paul A. Donaldson  
Zoning Administrator

# SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS

## FISCAL YEARS 2005 - 2017



Solid Waste Disposal Table

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACTUAL COST</u>	<u>ANNUAL INCREASE</u>
FY 07	\$204,260.54	1.99%
FY 08	\$197,929.78	-3.19%
FY 09	\$213,735.08	7.98%
FY 10	\$210,076.38	-1.74%
FY 11	\$208,070.28	-1.00%
FY 12	\$213,555.45	2.76%
FY 13	\$207,310.09	-3.00%
FY 14	\$213,690.52	3.08%
FY 15	\$207,890.07	-2.79%
FY 16	\$163,013.19	-21.60%
FY 17	\$162,911.08	-0.06%
FY 18	\$161,187.88	-1.06%



**Poultney Fire Department  
Year Ending December 31, 2018**

The Poultney Fire Department answered 163 calls for service this past year. Below is a breakdown of the calls by type.

<b>Alarm Activations</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>cle Accidents</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Medical Assists</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>ires</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Materials</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>es</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>ated</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Grass and Brush Fires</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>ires</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Electrical Fire</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>s</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>dition</b>	<b>7</b>

These calls resulted in firefighters volunteering 1,390 hours to provide the services necessary to answer these calls. The combined training hours that the Department trained to be prepared to respond to these incidents was 1,681 hours. The training hours recorded are hours that the Department formally meets and trains. These hours do not include trainings that small groups or individuals attended. This year the Department had four firefighters complete and pass the Vermont Firefighter 1 course. This course consists of a minimum of 187 hours combined of classroom and hands on training. This course is an accredited Proboard course with is nationally recognized. As well we had another firefighter complete both Vermont Firefighter 2 and Fire Instructor courses. These courses combined for a minimum of 170 hours to complete. These courses are Proboard courses as well.

This year the Fire Department also received a grant from VLCT PACIF Loss Prevention program, this grant was a 50% matching grant to for safety equipment to keep firefighters safe at various calls and trainings. The grant helped fund the replacement of 10 fire helmets that were past their expiration date. The grant also helped fund the purchase of 2 generator light towers. The light towers are used to illuminate different incidents as well as trainings to keep firefighters visible as well help firefighters see the work area.

The Fire Department received the new fire engine in June and are very happy with its performance. The Department has been training as much as possible on this new engine. The Department would like to thank everyone for all of the community support in the purchase of this piece of equipment.

While the department has a dedicated group of 24 senior members and 1 junior member, we hope to recruit more volunteers to ensure we continue to be able to provide adequate protection to the community. Those who are interested could serve in a variety of roles ranging from personnel who assist on the fire scene to those who fight the fire. Anyone who is interested to see what we do is welcome to stop by the firehouse any Tuesday night from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

In closing we would like to thank the Selectboard, Town Manager, and Village and Town personnel for their continued support of the Department. When you see members on the street, please thank them for their time and effort they put in for the benefit of our community.

Respectfully, Aaron Kerber, Poultney Fire Chief

**This years' (2018) Slate of Officers include:**

Aaron Kerber	Fire Chief
Jeremy Grenier	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief
Nathan Bourn	2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief
Matt Jedlick	Captain
RC Dayton	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant
Derek Gavelis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
APPROPRIATION	5000	5000	5000	5000
DUES & CONFERENCES	750	753	750	750
WORKERS COMPENSATION	2900	2480	2400	2100
PROP INSURANCE	6700	6750.39	7100	7400
SCHOOL & TRAINING	4500	4722.41	4500	4500
PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	0	527.77	0	0
FIRE PREVENTION	250	12.85	300	300
COMMUNICATIONS	3500	196.48	3500	3500
HEATING / FUEL OIL	9000	6341.58	8000	8000
WATER & SEWER	500	645.15	500	500
ELECTRIC	3750	6023.63	4500	6000
CHEMICALS	250	0.00	250	250
GAS & OIL	5750	2120.41	4900	3400
TELEPHONE ALERTING	4250	1786.98	4250	4250
BLDG REPAIRS	3550	4014.75	3550	3550
EQUIP REPAIRS	10000	9290.59	10000	10000
REPAIR & MAIN SUPPLIES	2250	120.46	2250	2250
EQUIP REPLACEMENT	30000	27587.80	30000	30000
CONTRACTED SERVICES	600	190	600	600
ANNUAL BANQUET	1900	809.22	1900	1900
FIRE Fighter Health & Safety	4000	3795.22	4000	4000
MISCELLANEOUS	500	1936.92	500	500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	500	0	500	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100400</b>	<b>85105.61</b>	<b>99250</b>	<b>99250</b>



## INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm  
For information, please call 802-287-5761

**DOG REGISTRATIONS:** State Law requires that **ALL** dogs 6 months or older be registered by April 1 of every year. You will need to bring the current rabies certificate. Spayed or neutered cost is \$11.00 and all others are \$15.00. After April 1, a late fee of 50% will be added.

**RABIES CLINIC:** There will not be a clinic in March 2019. However, I will be at the Town Office renewing registrations on March 16, 2019 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Please remember to bring the rabies certificate.

**DMV:** All DMV forms are available in the office for pick up. The office does renewal of registrations for cars, trucks, trailers, campers, snowmobiles, and motorboats. The cost is the registration amount in cash or check to DMV plus a \$3.00 fee for doing it here in cash or check.

**FISH & WILDLIFE:** The office sells Hunting and Fishing licenses. The office also processes Legally Posted Land with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for a recording fee of \$5.00. This is good for 1 year from the date form is completed.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS:** These are for Vermont residents 62 years or older, or a veteran of the armed forces. Green Mountain Passport holders are eligible for state wide reduced prices on goods and services from hundreds of Vermont private businesses as well as free entrance into Vermont State Parks, Museums, and fully sponsored events.

**LIQUOR LICENSES:** Applications are available in our office. Licenses expire on May 1 every year. The tobacco license fee is waived with all first and second class liquor license application.

**NOTARY PUBLIC:** Services are provided at no cost.

**VERMONT STATE INCOME TAX:** Forms are available by calling 855-297-5600 or online 3 different websites, [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov), [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov), and by email at [tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov).

Please feel free to call the office with any questions or for information, 802-287-5761.

Betsy Wescott  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF LICENSES SOLD BY TOWN CLERK DURING 2018

### FIRST CLASS

American Legion Post #39  
Compass Vermont Inc.  
Lake St. Catherine Country Club  
SGallagher Enterprises

### SECOND CLASS

Brockton Corporation (Shaw's Beer and Wine)  
Cones Point General Store  
East Poultney Grocery Store  
Full Belly Deli & Beverage, LLC  
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)  
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

### TOBACCO LICENSES

Brockton Corp. (Shaw's Beer and Wine)  
Cones Point General Store  
East Poultney Grocery Store  
Full Belly Deli & Beverage, LLC  
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)  
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc

### DOG LICENSES

There were 341 dog licenses issued during 2018. By state statute, dogs are required to be registered by April 1 each year. April 1 is the **LAST** day a dog license may be obtained without a penalty. The penalty is the regular fee plus 50%.

Before obtaining a license for a dog, a person must deliver to the Town Clerk a current rabies vaccination certificate which meets one of the following requirements: 1) a dog of less than one year of age has been vaccinated; 2) a dog of one or more years but less than two years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding twelve months; or 3) a dog of two or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding thirty-sixth months.

Rabies certificates for all dogs licensed in Poultney during 2018 are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Please call to determine whether or not a new rabies vaccination will be required.

### FEES FOR DOGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Spayed Female	\$11.00	Female	\$15.00
Neutered Male	\$11.00	Male	\$15.00

2019 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's office.

Please note there will NOT be a rabies clinic for March 2019. The Town Clerk will be available to license dogs at the Town Hall from 12:00 to 2:00 pm on March 16, 2019. Please bring rabies certificate.

## VITAL STATISTICS

There were 30 births filed with the Town Clerk for 2018. New federal regulations (Intelligence Reform Law and the Real ID Act) have been enacted. One of the areas particularly affected is the accessibility of birth records. Due to the laws regarding adoption and legitimization of children and the Town's liability exposure, the births will no longer be published in the Annual Town Report. Anyone is welcome to view the birth records during regular business hours.

## CIVIL MARRIAGES

### Civil Marriages Recorded in the Town of Poultney in 2018

APPLICANT A	APPLIANT B	DATE
Waite, Julia Anne	Southworth, James Michael	01/16/2018
Hatfield, Joseph Raymond	Sofia, Dianne Katherine	02/08/2018
Celik, Michael Thomas	Gray, Victoria Ann	03/28/2018
Cram, Brian James	Farabee, Shyanne May-Nadene	05/05/2018
Newton, Kaleigh Mariah	Cancel, Ashley Marie	05/12/2018
Irons, Erin Andrea	Southworth, Nicholas Raymond	05/27/2018
Nagar, Caileigh Genifer	Crandall Jr., Michael James	06/02/2018
Jacobs, Shanna Hattie	Dunbar Jr., Kyle William	06/30/2018
Seamans, Zachary Edward	Rupe-Armstrong, Ashlee Ann	07/08/2018
Bell, Lori Lee	Hamblin Jr., James	08/04/2018
McCarron, Terry A	Sancel, Michelle Therese	08/04/2018
Senecal, Lindsay Jean	Munch, Daniel Robert	08/04/2018
Noble, Adele Ames	Sullivan, Lawrence Tyrell	08/11/2018
Peppard, Thomas Matthew	Wilkin, Edward Donald	08/12/2018
Bunker, Christopher Joseph	Petty, Sydnee Elizabeth	08/18/2018
Burks, Tedi Maureen	Albaitis, William Eli	08/25/2018
Peck, James Andrew	Bishop, Julie Ann	08/30/2018
LaFountain, Kayja Marie	Champine, Domenico William	09/02/2018
Sumner, Emily Jo	Knipes, Deryk Edward	09/08/2018
Knowlton, Linda Marie	Sabin, Arthur Howard	09/08/2018
Petty IV., Medrick John	Lyle, Margaret Ann	09/29/2018
Fenton, Amber Irene	Schneider, Mark John	10/06/2018
Mattison, Ryan Mechelle	Handfield, Stephens Emerson	10/14/2018
Saltis, John Joseph	Dockum, Sheila Augusta	10/27/2018
Diminico, James Andrew	VanGuilder, Morgan Elizabeth	10/27/2018
Pate, Jeremy Alexander	Albaitis, Priscilla Victoria	10/31/2018
Finnegan, Tonia Marie	Lehoisky III., Albert William	12/15/2018
Catania, Katie Caroline	Turner II., Benjamin Moore	12/22/2018
Franklin, Emily Marie	Wilbur, Gavin David Leland	12/23/2018

**DEATHS**  
**Recorded in Poultney in 2018**

Dillon, Patricia A.	01/08/2018
Beatty, Thomas Grover	01/08/2018
Brayton, Grace B.	02/07/2018
Bushey, Jean Marie	02/25/2018
Maslack, Shirley M.	02/26/2018
Penszynski, Eugene Charles	03/14/2018
Beayon, Lori A.	04/06/2018
Hicks, Charles Vaughan	04/06/2018
Turner, Theresa Olive	04/17/2018
Perkins, Joseph Michael	04/22/2018
Bolotin, Richard Marc	04/29/2018
Ingleston, Betsey Ann	05/18/2018
Alinovi, Peter P.	05/21/2018
Pyenta, Frances Mary	06/01/2018
Cram, Steven Charles	06/11/2018
Durham, Edward J.	06/26/2018
Winters, William B.	07/14/2018
Baptie, Rena D.	07/23/2018
LaBate, Michael Ernest	07/25/2018
Ford, Fuquan R.	07/30/2018
Ringer, Gloria L.	08/17/2018
Duval Sr., Michael Alan	08/24/2018
Williams, William D.	09/03/2018
Zajicek, Mark D.	11/08/2018
Pitlak, Faith Sarah	11/11/2018
Williams, Ensley June	11/11/2018
Danielson, Daniel T.	11/19/2018
Corey, Dennis Henry	11/24/2018
English, Carlana E.	12/28/2018

**BURIAL PERMITS**  
**(When Death Certificate Not Recorded)**

Heald Jr., John B.	05/01/2018
Hughes, James	05/12/2018
Tessier, Glendora	05/24/2018
Botsford, Alice M.	06/22/2018
Lyman, Brenda M.	06/22/2018
Ellis, Richard C.	07/28/2018
Taylor, Mary Alice	08/02/2018
Lawrence, Steven Michael	08/10/2018
Galligan, Lorraine DeNyse	08/10/2018
Anderson, Ruth L.	11/02/2018
Coddington, Edwin E.	11/13/2018
Atwood, Edwin	11/24/2018

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

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

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, go to

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



**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**  
**POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

New Books Added	987	Total Books and Other Materials Loaned	31,442
Total Book Collection	14,377	87 Programs Offered with a Total Attendance of	1,908
Periodical Subscriptions	39	Adult Circulation	19,477
Audio Books	699	Juvenile Circulation	10,006
DVDs	3,387	Library Computer Usage	2,159

The 2017-18 fiscal year was our first full year in the newly expanded and renovated Poultney Public Library. It was a year of exploration, as we were able to expand our offering of programs and events. The library hosted movie nights, game nights, concerts, lectures, crafts, art receptions, puppet shows just to name a few. In August of 2017 we hosted an afternoon of science centered on the solar eclipse. Over 260 people came to the Poultney Public Library to select STEM early literacy supplies, watch the NASA educational television live stream on our new web conferencing equipment, work on science challenges, and safely watch the eclipse with our eclipse viewing glasses.

The year also saw the addition of snowshoes to the library circulating collection. The Vermont Department of Health Local Health Office in Rutland received a grant to promote physical activity to decrease incidences of chronic disease. As part of this initiative, they donated twenty pairs of snowshoes to the Poultney Public Library. The snowshoes can be checked out for two days by anyone with a valid library card. The popularity of this program inspired Tim Johnson of Johnson and Son Bikeworks in nearby Hampton, NY to supply the library with five bicycles, helmets included, to circulate in the warm weather months. We also have outdoor games for summer check out.

Library patrons took greater advantage of our many online services this year. Online “check outs” of services such as downloadable ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, and research databases reached 1,989. Library card holders are also able to take free continuing education classes, learn over 70 languages, or do genealogy research through Heritage Quest. We also increased our selection of passes that can be checked out to get free or reduced admission to state parks, historical sites, and several museums in Vermont.

The Poultney Public Library hours of operation changed on July 1, 2018. Please note the new hours below. The meeting time for our Library Board of Trustees has also changed to 6:00 pm. I hope you will stop by the library to see all that we have to offer. Thank you for your continued support of the Poultney Public Library; it is an honor to serve our great community!

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca L. Cook  
Librarian

If you have questions about this report, or about the Library and its services, please contact us during our regular hours at 287-5556:

Monday & Friday	10:00AM-5:00PM
Tues, Wed, Thurs.	12:00PM-7:00PM
Saturday	10:00AM-1:00PM
Telephone:	287-5556
Email:	ppl5556@yahoo.com
Website:	poultneypubliclibrary.com

PLEASE NOTE: Library Board meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October, and the first Tuesday of December, at 6:00PM in the Library.

**Poultney Public Library  
Annual Treasurer's Report  
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018  
General Account**

Beginning Balance 07/01/17	\$	00.00
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**INCOME**

Town Appropriation		\$149,534.00
Fines & Fees		932.56
Book Sales		1429.50
Copier		<u>168.00</u>

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 152,064.06</b>
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Total Available Funds	\$	152,064.06
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**EXPENSES**

Salaries		\$77,563.63
Maintenance		4,120.89
Books & Binding		19,671.18
Periodicals		1,569.13
Employee Benefits		25,605.41
Telecommunications		863.08
Electricity		3,024.08
Travel, Education, Dues		1,989.17
Programming		1,185.71
Annual Equipment Fees		2,678.37
Supplies & Equipment		3,021.29
Postage & Miscellaneous		2,423.54
Computer Replacement		<u>2,188.53</u>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 145,904.01</b>
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Balance on Hand 06/30/18	\$	6160.05
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**SPECIAL ACCOUNT**

<b>Balance on Hand 07/01/17</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,606.16</b>
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**INCOME**

Gifts		\$ 3,053.99
Raffles		793.00
Interest from accounts		5.19
Maslack Programming Funds		5,000.00
Lincoln Bears		818.00
Stewarts Holiday Match		500.00
E-rate reimbursement		1400.00
Ornament Fundraiser		<u>187.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME	\$	11,757.18
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Total Available Funds	\$	23,363.34
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**DISBURSEMENTS**

Program Fees and Supplies		\$ 3,580.20
Passes		380.00
Children & Teen Equipment/Materials		1,522.90
IT Services		720.00
Large Print Books		395.10
Educational online services		570.00
Staff training		254.53
Sound System		<u>119.00</u>

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,541.73</b>
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<b>Balance on Hand 06/30/18</b>		<b>\$ 15,821.61</b>
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**PROPOSED POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BUDGET JULY 1, 2018-JUNE 30, 2019**

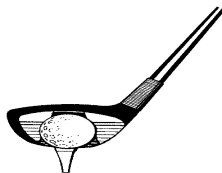
SALARIES:	Librarian	\$40893.00
	Assistant	24679.00
	Clerk	13600.00
	Asst. Clerk	7387.00
	Bookkeeping	1200.00
Building Maintenance		4000.00
Employee Benefits:		
	Social Security	6622.00
	Health Insurance	21000.00
	Retirement	3020.00
Library Materials		18000.00
Periodicals		1600.00
Telephone		1500.00
Electricity		4000.00
Travel, Dues, Education		2000.00
Supplies and Equipment		3000.00
Annual Equipment Maintenance Fees		3200.00
Computer Replacement		2000.00
Programming		1200.00
Postage and Miscellaneous		2500.00
	Total Budget	<u>\$162,401.00</u>
Less other income		
(fines, copier fees, book sales)		<3000>
PROPOSED TOWN APPROPRIATION		<u>\$159,401.00</u>

## **Poultney Recreation Commission**

The Recreation Commission wishes to thank the many individuals, organizations, and businesses who contribute their time and financial support to make our programs a success. A special thanks to Sheryl and Mike Porrier, Richard Welch, James Oakman, Joe Phillips, Neisha Crawford, the Poultney Public Schools, Dave Capman, Tammy Moyer, Richard Holcomb and his staff; TJ Holcomb, Jaime Lee, Rebecca Cook, the Vermont Department of Forests Parks and Recreation, the Poultney Rotary Club, Margaret Brusco from Green Mountain College, Ryan Carr and the Green Map Program at Green Mountain College, Stone Valley Arts, Castleton State University, Jaime Milazzo and the Poultney Community League; the Poultney Women's Club, A.A. Hadeka Slate Company, Lake St. Catherine Country Club; Milestone Golf Course; Otto's Cone's Point General Store; Pond Hill Ranch, Frank Callahan and the Lake St. Catherine Association, Dan Williams, Judy Leech from WVNR, and Williams Hardware for their continued support to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Poultney community. Thank you to the many parents and coaches who have volunteered their time to supervise and participate in the many activities sponsored by the Commission, the Poultney Community League, Basketball, Soccer and Youth Football teams.

Also a special thanks to all of our summer Recreation Leaders, Assistants and Helpers who helped make a fun and learning experience for our area youth: Terry Bergen, Krista Rupe, Emma Dailey, Ruth Dailey, Carla Prehoda, Margaret Duffy, Corey Mears, Liam Hill, Bailey Phillips, Rachel and Melissa Beaver, Eleanor Dailey, Shelby, Cassidy and Isabella Mack, Sam Worthing, Grace Hayes, Caitlyn Hayes, Kaitlin DeBonis, Lauren Bascom, Taylor Amaral, Lauren Schreiber, Kelsey Morse, Hannah Grenier, Jacob McMahon, Alyssa McMahon, Chloe Brill, Bryanna Gloss, Georgia Donaldson, Staci Jedlick, Keith Harrington, Eva Nichols, Lucas, Nicholas and Isabella Milazzo.

For more information about our summer programs, please contact the Town Office at 287-9751 or Sheryl Porrier at 287-9447.



**Poultney Recreation Commission  
FY 2018 - Financial Report  
July 01, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

**Revenue**

Balance Forward	\$19,186.48
Town Appropriation	15,000.00
Program Fees:	
Summer 2017	4,092.00
Donations	900.00
Miscellaneous	.96
<b>Grand Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$39,179.44</u></b>

**Expenditures**

**General Operating:**

Lights - CVPS (S)	480.90
Lights - CVPS (PES)	<u>228.40</u>

**Sub-Total                      709.30**

**Maintenance:**

Mowing	1,992.41
Electrical Maintenance	00.00
Court Supplies & Maintenance	00.00
Equip/Ground/Supplies	00.00
Playground Parts & Supplies	00.00
Field Maintenance	1,075.15
Picnic Tables	00.00
Bank Charges	<u>00.00</u>

**Sub-Total                      3,067.56**

**Program Expenses:**

**Summer 2017**

Baseball	201.00
Glens Falls Dragons (FY 19)	125.00
Basketball	849.00
Adventure Recreation	00.00
Cheerleading	158.00
Craft programs (4)	1,050.04
Safe Sitter Class (FY 19)	480.00
Theatre / Acting	400.00
Soccer	1,442.00
Jr. Golf	502.00
Intro to Martial Arts	25.00

Tennis	122.00
Kinder Camp	800.00
Farmin' Fun	314.00
History Camp	350.00
Miniature Golf	204.50
Dance Programs	412.50
Gymnastics Dance	690.50
Community Garden	125.00
Floor Hockey	403.00
Princess Camp	557.92
Nature Camps	590.00
Swimming (FY 17,18 & 19)	973.50
Pony Rides - Pond Hill Ranch	18.00
Imagination Camp	260.00
Registration	200.00
Programs at State Park	200.00
Library Passes to State Park	200.00
Rec Brochures & Advertising	290.00
Summer Rec Supplies / Misc.	471.59
Recreation Program Coordinator	2,159.24
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>13,883.29</b>

### **Special Events**

July 4 <sup>th</sup>	500.00
Pumpkin Fest	138.00
Solar Plunge	160.00
No Strings Marionette	600.00
Learn to Ski	335.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,733.00</b>

<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>15,616.29</b>
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<b>Grand Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$19,393.15</u></b>
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<b>Checkbook Balance</b>	<b>\$19,124.95</b>
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## 2018 Report Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc.



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 5 paid employees and 9 volunteers. Poultney Rescue was quite busy this year responding to **508 calls in 2018**. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney	286
Calls in Middletown Springs	50
Calls in Hampton	48
Calls in Tinmouth	1
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	117

Poultney Rescue Squad has 2 full-time and 3 part-time emergency care providers. Chad Geno is stepping down from his full-time position as Advanced EMT/Training Officer to a part-time employee. Chad is going onto his 7<sup>th</sup> year at PRS. James Reed is taking over the Training Officer position as an EMT and is a full-time employee. James is going onto a 2-year combined employment at PRS. Dylan Manning is going onto his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as an employee at PRS. Dylan has gone from full-time to part-time as a driver. JR Ovitt is the newest addition to paid staff and is part-time as an Advanced EMT. JR will be completing his first year. Katrina Davenport is going onto her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at PRS as an EMT/full-time employee. Katrina has taken over the role of Administrator.

Poultney Rescue has completed the transition from a PRS Membership Board to a Public Board of Directors that consists of our new President: Walter Ducharme, Vice President: Kathy Stephenson, Secretary/Treasurer: Deb Hoisington. We look forward to the new beginnings here at PRS. I'd like to thank Beth Winter (past president/member) for all of the hard work and dedication to not only Poultney Rescue, but to our EMS community as a whole. After 23 years, she has decided to step down as an emergency care provider at PRS. We thank her for her many years of service!

Poultney Rescue offers First Aid and CPR courses. If you need a CPR or First Aid course, please email [poultneyrescue70@gmail.com](mailto:poultneyrescue70@gmail.com) or call 287-5575 with your request.

You will notice the Thrift Shop did not break even for the fiscal year. This was due to the Thrift Shop being closed down in September for some upgrades. Within the six weeks it was shut down, over a 3 ½ tons of broken merchandise and stained/soiled clothing was discarded. The Shop re-opened for the Poultney yard sale days with a Bag Sale which was a huge success. The official re-opening of the Thrift Shop was on October 27<sup>th</sup> with new hours of operation: Wednesday-Friday 10am-3:30pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. Please stop by and look at the fresh new changes of the Poultney Thrift Shop!

Poultney Rescue is looking into purchasing a new ambulance in 2019. As shown in the financial report, a lot of money had to go into maintenance for our older ambulance in 2018.

I'd like to thank the members of Poultney Rescue Squad & Middletown First Response for their time and dedication. I would also like to thank our communities and the people we serve for your continuing support.

Respectfully Submitted, Katrina Davenport, Administrator PRS

Poultney Rescue Squad  
Profit and Loss Statement January - December 2018

Income

Insurance	201,771.47
Town Funding - Hampton	\$1,200.00
Town Funding - Middletown	\$3,225.00
Town Funding - Tinmouth	\$700.00
Town Funding - Poultney	\$18,165.00
Subscriptions	\$18,680.00
Thrift Shop	\$9,986.63
Donations/Fundraisers	\$8,638.47
Rodeo/Special Events	\$5,500.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$277.35</u>
Total Income	\$268,143.92

Expenses

Ambulance Tax	\$4,397.70
Bank Fee	\$826.49
Bounced Insurance Checks	\$2,010.80
Building	\$3,599.99
Communications	\$3,191.00
Equipment Replacement	\$210.06
Facilities and Equipment	\$206.43
Operations	\$25,953.52
Legal and Prof. fees	\$7,012.50
Insurance	\$37,437.31
Membership	\$7,381.58
Payroll Expense	\$118,016.57
Interest Expense	\$1,013.45
Utilities	\$7,591.11
Vehicle Maint/Gas/Fuel	\$27,568.48
Ambulance Loan	\$13,032.60
<u>Thrift Shop Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$10,269.62</u>
Total Expenses	\$269,719.21
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>(\$1,575.29)</b>



## Poultney's Fourth of July

Each year, the Poultney 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee strives to make Independence Day an event to remember for all ages!

This year's Parade theme "**Dream Big**" was special. Each year's theme brings new participants, along with the regular crowd favorites including our first responders and community organizations, that make our lakes region area so unique.

Due to a scheduling conflict and volunteer shortage, we saw the cancellation of a long-time crowd pleaser - the "Martin Devlin 5k Fun Run". We hope to bring this event back with a resurgence of new volunteers in 2019. This year's celebration started with an early morning pancake breakfast at the Methodist Church before the days' events began. Following the breakfast, hundreds watched the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in the scorching heat as it wound its way from the East Poultney Green to the Poultney Elementary School.

Children and adults enjoyed the Magic Show performed by Blaine Goad on Main Street by Depot Park while waiting for the Parade to begin.

More entertainment followed starting at Noon at the Elementary School beginning with Magician Tom Joyce followed by our friends for many years the "No Strings Marionette Company" performing "Jack and the Beanstalk". Elvis Live performed a two (2) hour high energy show playing to a very large audience of his young and old fans followed by a three (3) hour musical concert by "Enerjazz". These performances entertained the crowd with a variety of musical favorites. Later in the day the "No Strings Marionette Company" provided a second show entitled "Handsome and Gretel". They will be back again this year! They were a huge success and a big crowd favorite.

As always, the dance party with DJ Saltis, provided a high energy collection of everyone's musical favorites for the young and the not so young.

The food vendor's provided hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, maple products and fully loaded baked potatoes to satisfy your food fantasy.

This year's traditional fireworks, beginning at dusk, were fabulous thanks to a large private donation matching our annual fireworks appropriation.

Independence Day is a long celebrated tradition in Poultney, and one that we look forward to all summer long. Local businesses and organizations are always there to support our many activities, and Main Street comes alive with droves of smiling faces donned in red, white and blue. The theme varies, but the attendance never falters. Rain or shine, we all come out to have a great time! Join us this year, and every year, and you will never be disappointed!

This summer's planning for the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities has just begun. Those wanting to participate in helping to make this day a special event for everyone should call the Town Office at 287-9751. Someone will direct you to a Committee member.



Established 1781

**RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
**88 GROVE STREET**  
**P.O. BOX 303**  
**RUTLAND, VT, 05701**  
**802-775-8002**



Stephen P. Benard  
SHERIFF

**TOWN OF POULTNEY**  
**RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S**  
**TOWN REPORT FOR 2018**

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to continue to provide law enforcement services to your town. We strive to give the highest quality services possible and assist all citizens and town officials with the issues that arise today.

Deputy Sergeant Andrew Cross continues to be assigned to this patrol. His connection with townspeople, town administration and the historical knowledge they have of the town continues to be an asset when investigating crimes and solving issues in the town.

Activity in the Town of Poultney for the past year is as follows:

181	Traffic stops	202	Incidents
109	Traffic Tickets	5	Arrests
67	Traffic Warnings	\$16,438.00	Traffic Fines
1	Burglary		
1	Driving While Intoxicated		
29	Citizen Assists		
6	Agency Assists		
3	Family Fight		
13	Suspicious Complaints		
7	Welfare Checks		
20	Motor Vehicle crashes		
8	Motor Vehicle Complaints		
6	Service of Abuse Prevention Order		
7	Welfare Checks		
12	Theft		
5	Animal Complaints		

I want to thank the Jean Colutti and Dave Lewis, our County Side Judges, the Select board and the citizens for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen P. Benard  
Sheriff

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watershed for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, five employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; two Agricultural Outreach Specialist Jennifer Alexander and Stefano Pinna; Native Plant Nursery Manager and Stormwater Project Manager, Sadie Brown, and Part-time Agricultural Technician/Tree Planting Crew Leader, Anya Beale.

### **Stormwater Management**

The District is currently working with several towns on implementing potential 'green stormwater' projects. We are working in Castleton, Poultney and West Rutland to implement stormwater projects with grant funds and in Poultney and Wells to identify stormwater runoff issues and propose high priority stormwater mitigation projects in the Lake St Catherine area.

Through the South Lake Partnership, PMNRCD and Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), continue to assist with funding and implementation of flood resiliency projects in the Flower Brook Watershed shared by Danby, Tinmouth, and Pawlet. The District is working with local forestry groups and landowners in Danby and Pawlet on stormwater erosion and runoff issues, focused on high-quality woodland areas in the watershed.

### **Agricultural Programs**

The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields complete farm-specific, nutrient management plans through a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator, which help to improve soil health.

### **Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery**

PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. In 2018, over 17 acres of restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on site. Visit our website for more information.

***The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.***

# Poultney Historical Society

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

Box 605 ~ East Poultney, VT 05741

## 2018 Annual Report

Thanks to the support of the **Town of Poultney**, as well as our society members and other donors in 2018, the Poultney Historical Society used its funding to provide the community with: 1) free programming and educational services based both in our museums and out in the community, 2) access to archival & genealogical resources and our town's artifacts collection (which continues to grow with donations of objects), and 3) thoughtful care & curation of three East Poultney historic buildings and multiple exhibits housed in them which together continue to tell the unfolding story of our town's past. Our programming in 2018 culminated with the the **83rd East Poultney Day** held on August 11, 2018, 9am-3pm on the Green in East Poultney. This annual event is always on the second Saturday of August. Our theme for 2018 was ***Poultney on the Move for Two and a Half Centuries*** and highlighted the grand opening of the strikingly restored & repainted exhibit room, the primary classroom in the East Poultney Schoolhouse. This room now features new exhibits, including ***"Milt's Poultney,"*** an **operating model train of the D & H railway line looping through a miniature 1920s Poultney**. Plans have already begun for East Poultney Day 2019, set for **Saturday, August 10th, 2019, 9am-3pm**, which will be themed ***Poultney Pastimes***, celebrating sports, games, hobbies, diversions, and entertainments of our community's past. The Poultney Historical Society's Board of Trustees **meets six times a year, 2-4pm on the third Sunday, every other month** (Jan, March, May, July, September, November). For 2018, the November 18 meeting served as the Annual Meeting and Program, open to all, featuring Dale and Joan Prouty presenting on ***19<sup>th</sup> Century School Slates: The Local Connection***. Board elections were held at that time, too. **Other accomplishments over the course of 2018:**

- **JANUARY 2018:** concluding sales of "Poultney Remembers 2018" 12-month calendar with reproductions of historic photographs of Poultney from our collection, an annual fundraiser. Currently, a 2019 version is for sale.
- **FEBRUARY 2018:** partnering with **Green Mountain College** to contribute artifacts and historic photographs for a Feick Center Art exhibit "Poultney Our Community in Words and Images" open to the public, several weeks.
- **MARCH 2018:** completing the HVAC work on the East Poultney Schoolhouse **to bring climate control to our East Poultney Schoolhouse**. Opening the museum for **2018 MapleFest on Sat, March 24th**.
- **APRIL 2018:** printing and distributing our first 6-page, expanded newsletter, featuring historical articles by trustee Ennis Duling and updates on society activities. The 2019 edition of this expanded newsletter is near completion and scheduled for publication and distribution in **January 2019**.
- **JUNE 2018:** helping send PES and PHS Vermont History Day student winners to Washington D.C. for National competition. Hosting PES 4th graders for historical activities and museum visit.
- **JULY 2018:** installing an exhibit by trustee and clerk, Andrea Mott, at **Poultney Public Library** on **"Summers in Poultney's Past."**
- **JULY-SEPTEMBER:** providing trustee docents during our summer museum season, Sundays in July-September, with buildings open to the public from 1-4pm for visits, research, and information.
- **AUGUST:** putting on the **83rd annual East Poultney Day** 9am-3pm event on the Green (music, historical speaker and other programs, craft and other vendors, raffle).
- **OCTOBER:** hosting PES 4th Graders field trip to tour the museums and interact and learn from Ed Lewis, Andrea Mott and other volunteers about Poultney's past.
- **NOVEMBER:** holding Annual Meeting & Program, **19<sup>th</sup> Century School Slates: The Local Connection**.

We are deeply grateful to the Town of Poultney and others who have supported us in pursuit of our mission to preserve and interpret the history of the Town of Poultney for yet another year. **Respectfully Submitted, Eleanor Tison, President**



## Poultney Rotary Club

Poultney Rotary is one of 33,000 community based clubs found throughout the world as part of Rotary International and has been a part of the Poultney community for over ninety years. Rotary International began as a service organization of businessmen in 1905. Today every Rotary club, including Poultney, is made up of men and women from diverse professional backgrounds and experiences. This background and interest in volunteering helps establish connections, partnerships, and a variety of ways to serve.

*Rotary Service in Action* can be seen in Poultney through support and partnership with our Rotary District. Working with the District 7870 District Matching Grant program, Poultney Rotary has been able to make contributions that provided items in the Poultney Library expansion. District grants also aided in providing backpacks and school supplies to students in Poultney and in 2019 will provide matching funds to support a lending library (literacy program) and the community pocket park on Main Street.

In partnership with Rotary International Foundation funding, District 7870, District Governor Venu Rao, the Colonie-Guilderland NY Rotary Club with support from their District 7190, and a group of other clubs, Poultney Rotary will be a part of a Global Grant with the guidance from Pure Water for the World for the village of Trojes, Honduras. This Global Grant project will provide sustainable safe water for close to 1,600 residents. Rotarians from our town/area will be able to connect with Rotarians in Honduras ( Primary Contact: Rotary Club of Nueva Tegucigalpa) who are the link to this project and to the success of this program long-term.

Our greatest endeavor is the service and contribution members make here in the Poultney region. The Poultney Rotary Club sponsors programs for youth/young adults at Poultney High School (Interact Club) and a Rotaract Club for community members/college students, meeting at Green Mountain College. Through its activities and committees Poultney Rotary provides community outreach and service projects. Other activities are fundraisers for the club that support the work of the club in the community. On March 23, Poultney Rotary will partner with the Stone Valley Arts Center for the second consecutive year to offer a Painted Sap Bucket Auction as part of Maplefest 2019. Our biggest fundraiser centers around activities on the last Saturday of September when the Chili Cook - Off is held. The 2019 edition of this event will be the 30th Annual Cook - Off.

We meet most Thursdays, 7 am, at the Meeting House on Bentley Avenue. We welcome visitors and those interested in volunteering in Rotary service. Please consider joining us for a morning meeting or please speak to any member of the club regarding membership. Visit our club website or Facebook page for additional information.

Rotary Year July 1 - June 30

### **Poultney Rotary Club Presidents**

**2018 - 2019**

Bob Isherwood (July 1 - December 31, 2018)

Joe Duffy (January 1 - March 31, 2019)

Patricia Hemenway ( April 1 - June 30, 2019)

### **Start to 2019 - 2020**

Pattie McCoy ( July 1 - December 31, 2019)

**LAKE ST. CATHERINE ASSOCIATION, Inc.**  
**IMPROVING the QUALITY OF OUR LAKE**

**Poultney - Wells**  
**PO Box 631, Wells, VT 05774**

**2018 Annual Report to POULTNEY**

The Lake St Catherine Association representing lake property owners in the Town of Poultney and Wells continues to promote best stewardship practices through management, monitoring and education of residents, visitors and public at large. We maintain a website and encourage visitors to go to **lakestcatherine.org** or **facebook**. Both sites have shared information and links to give understanding, tips and resources for citizens to learn more about the lake region and best practices for property owners as well as the visitors to the area.

Property values on Lake St Catherine show its desirability as a place to live and visit.

With one of the busiest State Parks in the state, as well as fish and wildlife habitat that shows signs of excellent health, the lake is an important economic resource to the towns of Poultney and Wells. Volunteer Lay Monitors sample the waters each week throughout the summer to collect important data for the state water quality experts to add to their data base. This data contributes to create a picture of what happens over time and helps guide the process for the yearly program the association manages.

The Trustees of the Lake St Catherine Association estimate that continued expenditures in the \$130,000 to \$150,000 range will be necessary in order to maintain the lakes' health and beauty for the foreseeable future.

In June of 2018 the herbicide RENOVATE OTF was applied to 47 acres of the lake. This work was performed by environmental contractor, Solitude Lake Management.

For six weeks during July and August, a diving team from T & S Diving used DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) to remove another 39.4 acres of milfoil. This amounted to 15,300 gallons of plant material.

In addition to the weed control cost, we administrated a greeter program at the Fish and Wildlife boat access. We were able to employ several local students that attended state training to identify and learn how to approach, remove, as well as educate boaters in the hazards of transporting dangerous invasive travelers both entering the lake as well as leaving.

Partnering with the PMNRCD we promote programs to plant buffers to help stabilize the lakeshores, attract birds and insects promoting healthy habitats and healthy waters. We hope to continue this by participating in the DEC promoted Lake Wise program for homeowners building on practices bringing stakeholders together for the long term health and quality of the lake.

Total cost of the LSCA work this past summer was \$138,681. Funding sources included a \$15,000 allocation from Poultney, \$12,000.00 from Wells, \$33,920 from the state aquatic nuisance control grant and the balance of the funding came from dues and donations from LSCA Members (property owners from both Wells and Poultney) as well as hundreds of volunteer hours of organizing, monitoring, sampling, and communicating by trustees of the association.

The Lake St. Catherine Association appreciates the allocation and support the town gives back. We are hoping the budget cut will be restored in the near future as we continue to take responsibility for and put in hundreds of volunteer hours on top of the monetary expenses for the stewardship of the State of Vermont's water body.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Candors, President, LSCA



## *Poultney Young at Heart Senior Center*

206 Furnace Street

Poultney VT 05764

(802) 287-9200 [yahsc@comcast.net](mailto:yahsc@comcast.net)

For more than 40 years, the Young at Heart Senior Center has been committed to being an active force in making our region a positive, safe place to live and age. We offer nutritious family-style meals, entertainment, educational opportunities, information, and a place to socialize.

We work closely with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, RAVNA, and the Community of Vermont Elders (COVE) to provide access to information and services, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare, and flu clinics. We offer AARP programs, as well as monthly foot clinics, and blood pressure clinics. Bone Builders, a low-impact exercise program, meets twice a week.

As a senior meal site, we attract adults from throughout the region. On average, we serve between 800 and 1,000 meals per month, including Meals on Wheels. Young at Heart is open four days a week, Tuesday through Friday, and dinner is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors 60 and older; under 60 the donation is \$4.50. Reservations are required. All are welcome!

At least twice a year we schedule week-long (or longer) trips outside of our region. In June of 2019, a group will be embarking on an Alaskan cruise. In August, we will have a bus tour of Bar Harbor/Acadia National Park in Maine, and continue on to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick. A bus trip to Mount Rushmore and the Badlands is scheduled for June 2020.

The Young at Heart Senior Center also has a Thrift Shop in the lower level, which is open Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Closed 12-12:30). Donations are always welcome.

Young at Heart is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit.

### **2018-2019 Board of Directors:**

Christine Gamble – President

Jonas Rosenthal – Vice President

Suzy Kasuba – Treasurer

Mary Preseau – Secretary

Patricia Beatty

Geraldine Woodruff

Una Jean Capman

June West

Shirley Brown

Site Director: Kathy Hutson

Cook: Diane Ferguson

## *Poultney Food Shelf, Inc.*

The Stonebridge  
PO Box 96  
Poultney VT 05764  
(802) 287-9558

The Poultney Food Shelf is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to addressing hunger in our communities. We serve the towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton (NY). The Food Shelf is a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, and we work closely with other agencies such as BROCC, the Young at Heart Senior Center, and other food pantries throughout the area. We are funded by donations from area businesses, organizations, and individuals.

We'd like to thank the Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton communities for their continued support, as well as the following businesses and organizations: the Vermont Foodbank, the Vermont Community Foundation, Shaws, Stewart's Shops, the Poultney Snowmobile Club, the staff and students of Poultney Elementary School, Poultney High School, LiHigh School, Leap Frog School, and Green Mountain College. Thank you to the members of the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce, the Poultney Woman's Club, and the Poultney Rotary Club. Thank you also to the Poultney United Methodist Church, St. Raphael Church, the Welsh Presbyterian Church, and to Green Mountain Power.

And THANK YOU to all the individuals and families who, through donations of food, supplies, and money, make it possible for the Poultney Food Shelf to continue serving those in need.

### ***2018 Board of Directors:***

Kathy Hutson – President  
Kathleen Roberts – Vice President  
Bonnie Ballard – Treasurer  
Jeanie Roberts – Secretary  
Andrea Mott  
Anna Smith  
Maureen Dwyer



# Poultney-Granville Town Band

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Poultney, VT 05764

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Serving the communities of Poultney, VT and Granville, NY

Town of Poultney  
9 Main Street, Suite 1  
Poultney, VT 05764

The summer of 2018 marked the 92nd anniversary of the founding of the Poultney Town Band. We are proud to be part of the Poultney community and are excited that our numbers of performing musicians are increasing steadily. This is due to the referrals received from local music educators and by word of mouth within the band itself. We have a great group of people who love to make music! To see us in action visit our Facebook page "Poultney-Granville Town Band."

Our lakes region is blessed to have a very respectable number of groups which give musicians an opportunity to continue to perform well after graduation from school. Our band strives to attract not only seasoned musicians but also those still honing their talents while in elementary and high school. We have been able to thrive because of the dedication of many talented individuals, and also because of the support we receive from the Town of Poultney. We are grateful for that support.

Our weather was perfect last July for all five concerts on the East Poultney Green. For the first time in 20 years the band participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. In December we were invited to perform our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas concert for the Poultney Woman's Club at their annual Christmas event. We are very pleased that our audiences continue to grow and are so happy the people of Poultney and surrounding communities continue to support our efforts.

Our regular summer concerts take place Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in July on the historic East Poultney Green. Our Granville, New York concerts are held from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in August on the band stand in Veterans Memorial Park. Our concerts are free to the public.

New musicians are always welcome to join us. We ask that you be proficient with your chosen instrument and can commit to playing our Sunday evening schedule. There is no age limit to join. Many of our instrumentalists are retired, and some are only in elementary school. We play a wide variety of music including marches, show tunes, polkas, waltzes and classics.

As the manager of the group I extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in the band to contact me. Rehearsals for our 93<sup>rd</sup> season will begin soon. I hope to see you at the concerts in 2019.

Respectfully,  
Rusty Wescott



Gifts to the Poultney-Granville Town Band are tax-deductible under Section 501 (c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code, in accordance with IRS regulations.

## POULTNEY DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE, INC.

The Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee (PDRC) was established as a not-for-profit corporation in 2002 after being recognized by the State of Vermont as the local arm of the State's "designated downtowns" program. Today, only 23 of Vermont's 237 towns share this designation. As a result, both the Town and Poultney's business owners and operators within the downtown area are eligible for tax credits, financial assistance, and expert advice in evaluating options and funding improvements that have town-wide benefit.

Our mission reflects a special emphasis on Poultney's downtown because a vibrant commercial center is an essential aspect of a community that appeals to residents and visitors alike. At the same time, the scope of our activities extends beyond the downtown area to where we see opportunity consistent with our means to improve the residential and business prospects of all Poultney citizens.

We are a volunteer organization that draws on community members to help us identify priorities, initiate and execute programs related to them, and to coordinate our efforts with the Town's ambitions. Our activities generally fall into 3 broad areas shown below, with examples of where we have recently played a beneficial role:

- **Contributing to the launch of new organizations and attractions:** Stone Valley Quarry Park; Slate Valley Bike Trials; and Stone Valley Arts Center
- **Securing State Funding for Town and Village Infrastructure Improvements:** sidewalks and crosswalks; new water lines; and Poultney Library Expansion
- **Enhancing Downtown's Appeal:** (a) Seasonal flowers in summer; holiday lights and decorations, free WIFI

During the coming year, we will continue giving these three areas a high priority. In addition, we expect to make significant strides in other arenas, including: offering more support to existing businesses, building greater awareness of Poultney's recreational and civic assets, and giving assistance to new business and community initiatives in all parts of Town.

All of PDRC's activities are underwritten both by the generosity of individuals who make tax-deductible donations to support the work we do, and by annual appropriation from the Town and the Village. We are grateful for this support. Together we are making a difference in building a bright future for our Town.

For more information, contact PDRC's President, Lara Bitler, at 287-5277.



**“Medic One” PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
(FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018)**

To The Honorable Citizens of the  
Town of Poultney:

We are pleased to present our annual report to the Citizens of the Town of Poultney. “**Medic One**”, or one of our advanced life support equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients that require advanced life support when needed and requested.

Training is very important to keep our Paramedics up to date in their skills. Training has been provided in Pre-Hospital Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced personnel’s National Paramedic certifications.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. Regional Ambulance Service Inc. is a not for profit corporation. The funds communities contribute helps to keep this program available to incoming patients from outside of the Regional Ambulance Service area. Our “Medic One” is a vital part of our goal of “***Serving People 1<sup>st</sup> with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism.***”

The Poultney Rescue Squad is a valuable and professional community resource. Our staff works closely, as a team, with your community ambulance and first response personnel. We thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to serve with your local emergency personnel.

Respectfully submitted;

James A. Finger,  
Chief Executive Administrator



**2019 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY18  
TOWN OF: POULTNEY AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$405.00**

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an “Invitation to Serve” program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 18 years RSVP has implemented several “Signature Programs” aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include **RSVP TeleCare**, a telephone reassurance and safety check in program offered **FREE** to Rutland County seniors, a children's literacy and mentoring program called **RSVP Rutland County Reads**, and after school program called **RSVP After School Buddies**, an osteoporosis prevention program, **RSVP Bone Builders**, which provides **FREE** strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP/VC volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**, in which RSVP/VC volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls, toys books and games. Last year over 10,000 items were distributed to 2,000 children and over 50 organizations to share with clients.

Locally, **RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services** serving the people of Rutland County with **796 volunteers**. From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, RSVP/VC volunteers provided **177,712 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **\$4,451,686**. Once again this year RSVP is not asking for additional monies from the Town of Poultney. The monies we request are used to help defray the costs of providing services that impact the lives of citizens of all ages throughout Rutland County.

**Currently, 34 Poultney volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations:** Rutland Regional Medical Center, Young At Heart Club, One-2-One, Bridges and Beyond, Community Cupboard, Poultney Elementary School, Middletown Springs School, Fair Haven Concerned, Rutland City Police Dept., Castleton Community Center, Vermont Association for the Blind, Castleton Free Library, RAVNAH, American Red Cross, **RSVP Bone Builders** Program and **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**.

**The volunteer services they provide include:** knitting and sewing items for children and seniors, tutoring and mentoring in area schools, delivering and preparing meals, office and clerical assistants, entertaining in area nursing homes and schools, greeting people at RPMC, and providing information at the front desk, driving for elders, cooking assistance, board member, Lifeline installer, Thrift shop assistant, exercise trainer for the **RSVP Bone Builders** program, volunteering for the **RSVP Operation Dolls & More** programs. In addition, **Bone Builders classes are offered in Poultney FREE of charge** to area residents.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center, I would like to thank the residents of Poultney for their continued support. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers continues to increase. With your help, RSVP/VC will continue to respond to this need.

Sincerely,

Nan M. Hart, Director  
November 20, 2018

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**Website:** volunteersinvt.org / **Email:** rsvp@rutland@aol.com



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### **Town of Poultney**

#### **TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF POULTNEY:**

In 2017, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, formerly known AS Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

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

In 2017, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 147,928 visits to 3,342 patients. In the town of Poultney, we provided 3,710 visits to 94 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director

Carrie Allen, President of the Board of Directors



## Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families



### ANNUAL REPORT – POULTNEY 2017-2018

*Mission Statement: To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.*

#### PROGRAMS

- Representative Payee Program: In 2017-2018, ARC served 51 clients as a representative payee. This program provides financial management services to individuals with developmental disabilities who receive social security but are unable to manage their own finances. We currently have a waiting list for this program.
- Social Events: Six events were held this year, including our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The average total attendance for these events is 487 individuals per year. These events provide a safe space for individuals with developmental disabilities to build circles of support as well as physical exercise and recreation.
- Self-Advocates/Aktion Club: ARC facilitated twelve meetings of the self advocates in 2017-2018, and held five abilities awareness trainings. The self advocates set goals for themselves, learn how to advocate and communicate their needs and wants, and become leaders and teachers in the community. The Aktion Club, a community service club sponsored by the Kiwanis, held twelve meetings, several game nights, tended a garden and donated the produce to the Community Cupboard, visited nursing homes, donated back to school supplies to a local school, participated in Relay For Life, and will be adopting a soldier's family for Christmas.
- Rutland Family Support Network: We continue to maintain this listserve, which provides families and individuals with news, information, and answers questions pertaining to developmental disabilities.

#### STAFF

- Our executive director of twenty years, Lisa Lynch retired in June. Heather Kent has taken her place, and the position has now been made full time. We continue to have two other part-time staff members, a dedicated group of volunteers, our volunteer Board, and of course the community members.

#### GOALS

- We are moving to a larger space to be more accessible to the population we serve. Our current space is much too narrow to allow an individual using a wheelchair or other mobility assistance equipment to move safely and freely in our office. The new space will be on the fourth floor of the service building.
- Currently we are working on two new programs for next year. The first is for the purchase of a Sound Beam 6, technology that allows movements of the body to be translated into sound waves and thus, music. This will allow some members of our population with limited dexterity to create music for the first time in their lives. The second program's purpose is to expose our members to more of the great outdoors, which is essential to health, by visiting state parks. For some, this will be their first time away from the town that they live in. Stay tuned!

We offer our heartfelt thanks for your continued support! As always, we receive no State or Federal funding to accomplish our programming; we rely on the support of towns in Rutland County, grants, and fundraisers throughout the year. We recently celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which was attended by nearly one hundred people from our services area, including local politicians and two former executive directors. Our dedication to our mission statement will continue as strongly as it has in the last sixty years; on average over one thousand individuals in Rutland County take advantage of our services each year. Our funding request for this year is \$1,300. We look forward to continuing to serve you, and please visit us at [arcrutlandarea.org](http://arcrutlandarea.org), or like us on facebook.

Sincerely,

Heather Kent, Executive Director



# Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2018, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Poultney assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

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

During fiscal year 2018, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 12,268 hours of services to 124 Poultney residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Poultney in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

## **Dick Courcelle**

Chief Executive Officer  
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



## **NewStory Center Annual Report 2018**

For 39 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY18, NewStory Center served 784 women, men, and children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters Poultney of for their support of our agency. Thanks to you, we are able to continue to provide comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from your town.

### **REQUEST**

**NewStory Center** is requesting the sum of \$500, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2019, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Poultney have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. We provided services for **12 residents of Poultney** this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

**NewStory Center, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 313, Rutland, VT 05702 • [www.nscvt.org](http://www.nscvt.org)**

**Crisis: (802) 775-3232 • Office: (802) 775-6788 • Fax: (802) 747-0470**





ANNUAL REPORT TO  
The Town of Poultney  
2018

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

RCHS Rutland County works with law enforcement to provide relief for victims of animal neglect and abuse. We provide information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,320 animals in 2018.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. We thank those who support our operations. We only save lives with your help.

In 2018, the Rutland County Humane Society took in one hundred and five (105) animals from Poultney.

Please call as at 483-9171 or visit our website at [RCHSVT.org](http://RCHSVT.org) if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

# RABIES ALERT!



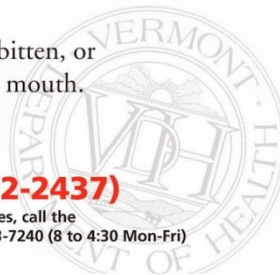
- Don't feed or touch wild animals, or animals you don't know— even baby animals.
- Get rabies shots for all your pets, even cats.
- Call your doctor right away if you are bitten, or get animal saliva in a cut, eyes, nose or mouth.



## **Vermont Rabies Hotline:**

**1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)**

If you have contact with an animal that may have rabies, call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-640-4374 or 863-7240 (8 to 4:30 Mon-Fri)



**PLEASE NOTE: There is NO Poultney Rabies Clinic in March, 2019. Town Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, March 16, 2019 @ 12:00 – 2:00 PM to register dogs. Please remember to bring updated Rabies certificate if applicable.**

**PER VT STATE LAW ALL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED BY APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR.**

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## 2017 Rutland County Parent Child Center Report

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Rutland County Parent Child Center Inc.  
61 Pleasant Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701-5009  
Phone 802-775-9711 Fax 802-775-5473  
mary.zigman@rcpcc.org

### 2019-2020 Annual Report

The Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a private, community based, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC's mission is "To nurture children and families through supportive, positive, educational experiences that enhance their success in our community". RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of childcare, which is minimal for lower income families.

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

- Literacy based playgroups
- Early Intervention programs for children birth to three years old with developmental delays
- A teen parent program that enables young parents to complete their high school education
- Support for young families on public assistance to become independent
- Parent education classes and referral services
- Transitional housing for pregnant and parenting teens (POISE)
- A short-term proactive and preventative program that provides support for families at risk of DCF involvement (VCFCR-Vermont Children and Families Community Response)

Some of these programs serve families of all socio-economic levels but, as a priority, RCPCC seeks out those in need to bring these services into their homes and communities. The Rutland County Parent Child Center is requesting funds in the amount \$1,500.00 of from Poultney in order to continue the RCPCC's efforts to support families and young children in your community. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Mary Zigman  
Executive Director

## **Rutland County Solid Waste District Annual Report – Calendar Year 2018**

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

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

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

**Waste Disposal:** During 2018, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 34,000 tons of municipal solid waste; nearly all of this was through the District's master disposal contract with Casella Waste Management. The cost of disposal, handling and transportation from the District Transfer Station at Gleason Road to the landfill was \$83.13 per ton. State taxes, district surcharge and the Rutland City Host Community Fee totaled \$26.97, for a final disposal cost of \$110.10per ton.

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

**Household Hazardous Waste:** Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility, and scheduled collections at twenty town transfer stations through the spring, summer and fall. This was the first year in which we no longer provided collections for the Solid Waste Alliance of Towns (SWAC).The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials. In 2018 we shipped out 124,870 lbs of paint,17,100 lbs of resins,2,400 lbs of aerosols, 1,045 gallons of used oil and 165 gallons of glycols. District also collects electronic waste in 2018 we shipped out 243,531 lbs compared to 332,117 in 2017.

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

**Other Programs:** The District also offered other waste management, education and reduction programs, including construction and demolition waste, clean wood and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working with and providing recycling materials or information to various local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society.

In 2018 the District The District also sponsored the Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery with the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) and assisted in promoting their seedling tree and bush planting program.

James O'Gorman  
District Manager



# BROC

*Community Action in  
Southwestern Vermont*

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December 17, 2018

To the Citizens of the Town of Poultney,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us through the balloting process. BROC Community Action is assisting our families and individuals in crisis and helping provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action has provided substantial assistance to residents in the Town of Poultney. **108 individuals were assisted** including: receiving food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, clothing, housing counseling, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 2SVT, budget and credit counseling and workshops, income tax preparation and help starting or expanding a small business.

Despite the significant outcomes BROC Community Action has achieved for the residents of the Town of Poultney over the past year, there is more work to do. People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your appropriation helps ease the struggle for more than 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide that path forward whenever possible.

***Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming FY remains \$1,000.00.***

We truly value our collaboration with Poultney as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Donahue, CEO  
[tdonahue@broc.org](mailto:tdonahue@broc.org)



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

We enjoyed working with the town of Poultney in 2018, especially with Paul Donaldson, with whom we worked on numerous planning initiatives for the town.

Our Emergency Management planner assisted the town with the Local Emergency Operations Plan update, and RRPC assisted the town with Better Roads Category A road erosion inventory and with administering a Municipal Planning Grant.

RRPC assisted Poultney with water quality projects by conducting a post-construction site visit to review the towns' Grants in Aid work; by reviewing and submitting town invoices; by helping Poultney get approved for the new round of funding; and by conducting a pre-construction site visit to assess which projects will be carried out. Additionally, RRPC used the South Lake Champlain Tactical Basin Plan and stormwater plans and reports to find the town's water quality projects to add to the state's master database of priority projects.

**RRPC is a resource for towns.** We provide the tools and information towns need to make informed decisions about land use, economic development, energy, transportation, emergency management and more.

**RRPC is a platform for ideas.** We create opportunities through our monthly meetings and provide communal space for people to learn and share ideas.

**RRPC inspires a vision for the future.** A cornerstone of our work is the Regional Plan, which articulates a vision for the land use, development, and growth in the Rutland region. We are conducting a comprehensive update to this plan and are excited to unveil the new document in 2019.

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Cooperative planning in the region



## NeighborWorks of Western Vermont

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### 2018 TOWN ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and stable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services. NWWVT strengthens our communities, one home at a time.

We work to help Vermonters become educated about finances and the home buying process, find homes to purchase, get the loans they need to buy homes, and renovate their existing homes to make them more livable and cost-efficient. We offer financial coaching; homebuyer education; home repair services to address health and safety issues; HEAT Squad energy efficiency services; and affordable loans for mortgages, home repair, energy upgrades, and down payment assistance. We believe that homeownership supports people and families in living healthy and stable lives.

2018 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. **In Poultney:**

- 2 residents used Energy Loans; 7 residents had HEAT Squad Energy Audits; 4 residents completed Energy Improvements Projects; 1 resident received Down Payment Assistance; 9 residents attended Homebuyer Ed; 8 residents participated in Financial Coaching sessions; and 1 resident used a Rehab Loans.

In our service area of Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties:

- **295 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits** were completed on buildings; **102 Home Energy Improvement Projects** were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont; **60 Energy Loans** were issued, a total of \$969,503.10, to help homeowners make energy improvements
- **50 Down Payment Assistance Loans**, a total of \$1,278,218, were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier
- **22 Rehab Loans**, a total of \$576,182.90 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes
- **263** homebuyers attended our Homebuyer Education Course
- Assisted **18** households in finding their dream home with our RealtyWorks service

We look forward to your support of our organization and our work with the residents of Poultney.

Sincerely, Svea Howard, Communications and Outreach Coordinator



Rutland West Neighborhood Housing d/b/a NeighborWorks of Western Vermont Licensed Lender #6200 NMLS #194008





## **Report to the Citizens of Poultney**

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

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

The Council helped provide 3,916 meals that were delivered to the homes of 32 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 106 Poultney elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 5,046 meals were provided.

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

SVCOA case management staff helped 40 elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

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

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

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Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report  
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), a non-profit, seven-county organization provides individuals 16 years of age and older with free, confidential, education and literacy services. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math, technology. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as English instruction in **ESOL** (English for Speakers of Other Languages). We are an official tester for GED and PSI.

Our **Flexible Pathways** provide students with the opportunity to obtain a diploma with additional options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, internships and other creative options.

Vermont Adult Learning is a partner in a multi-year federal grant along with VT Technical College and CCV called **Strengthening Working Families Initiative or SWFI. The grant provides parents and guardians the training and skills they need for success in manufacturing at no cost to qualified candidates. If you like working with your hands this could be for you.** There are many manufacturing jobs currently that need trained employees in Rutland County, so call 802-282-4310 for details.

Vermont Adult Learning served approximately 1,580 students statewide in fiscal year 2018.

222 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided 11,920 hours of education. We provided 56 hours of instructional service to 2 students from Poultney, of which 1 student was between 16 and 21 years of age.

Classes are four days a week, Monday –Thursday from 9am-3:30pm with two evening classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30pm-6:30pm. We also have an evening class in Poultney at the LiHigh School on Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of Poultney.

**Contact: Michelle C. Folger, Director**  
**Email: [mfolger@vtadultlearning.org](mailto:mfolger@vtadultlearning.org)**  
**Or call 775-0617**

**LIKE** us on Facebook at [Rutland Vermont Adult Learning](#) and stay informed as to what we are doing.



## Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

### **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI)** **Report of Services for Town of Poultney**

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2018 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. We served more clients than ever before and we launched our new iOS Training program for adult clients.

It's clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will continue to play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. We are working harder than ever to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

**iOS Training Program:** Starting in January 2018 VABVI began providing clients with one on one iOS Training on smartphone and tablet technology.

**PALS (Peer Assisted Learning and Support) Groups:** PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and to discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss.

**HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence):** The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

**IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, meet adult mentors, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills.

During Fiscal Year 2018, we served 1770 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 1 student and 7 adult clients in Poultney, and 20 students and 130 adult clients in Rutland County.

For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact Katie Shappy at (800) 639-5861 ext. 219, or at [kshappy@vabvi.org](mailto:kshappy@vabvi.org) or visit us at our website at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org). Feel free to "like" us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/vabvi.org](https://www.facebook.com/vabvi.org).

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**  
**TOWN OF POULTNEY**  
**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Request Amount: \$420.00**

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'18 (10/2017-9/2018) VCIL responded to over **3,700** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **315** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **11** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **149** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **83** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **87** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **532** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **41** people and provided **33** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Windham County office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY '18, **3** residents of **Poultney** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)  
(over **\$1,900.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Peer Advocate Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:  
**1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at **[www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)**.



**MARBLE VALLEY**

**REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT**

Marble Valley Regional Transit District  
"The Bus"

2018 Town of Poultney, Annual Report

Jennifer Ellis, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty second year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 713,000 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 2,400 rides to Poultney on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at Green Mountain College, Main Street and Stewarts Shop. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to Poultney for many years.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x117 or visit MVRTD's web site at [www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com).

MVRTD thanks the residents of Poultney for their continued support of public transit.

Live Green – Ride the Bus



## **GREEN UP VERMONT**

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

Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary on May 5, 2018 with 22,700 volunteers participating and 225 tons of litter collected throughout the state. Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's help to continue the annual tradition of cleaning up our roadways and waterways, while promoting civic pride. The tradition of Green Up Day began in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May 2020.

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

Support from cities and town's is an essential part of our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating budget. All town resident's benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, an educational component, and promotional outreach.

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

Keep in touch with Green Up Vermont news by joining our newsletter, liking us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and following our blog by visiting our website.

**Save the dates:** Green Up Day, May 4, 2019 and Celebrating 50th Anniversary, May 2, 2020. A Vermont tradition since 1970!



**State of Vermont**  
**Department of Health**  
Rutland District Office  
300 Asa Bloomer State Office  
Building  
Rutland, VT 05701  
**HealthVermont.gov**

[phone] 802-786-5811  
[fax] 802-786-5984  
[toll free] 888-253-8802

*Agency of Human Services*

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

- Donate almost 300 pairs of adult and children's snowshoes to loan out at 21 free public libraries throughout Rutland County through a [3-4-50](#) grant.
- Increase capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana through [Regional Prevention Partnerships \(RPP\)](#) and our local [Partners for Prevention](#) community network.
- Prevent and control the spread of [infectious disease](#). In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.
- [Promote wellness](#) by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.
- Support [healthy families](#) by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.
- Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children ([WIC](#)) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 1300 families in Rutland County.
- Provide trainings on [Help Me Grow](#) to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.
- Share new data and reports including the [Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report](#) which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the [Injury and Violence in Vermont](#) report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.
- Work with businesses in planning and starting [worksite wellness](#) strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.
- Work with local partners, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a [public health emergency](#).
- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project

Learn more about what we do on the web at [www.vermonthealth.gov](http://www.vermonthealth.gov)

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**9-1-1 Calls for Service  
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018  
The 2018 Call Center Statistics are as follows:**

- Total 9-1-1 Calls Received – 204,931 (up 5,607 or 2.7% from 199,324 in 2017)
- Total Cellular 9-1-1 Calls Received – 137,889 (approximately 67% of total, up from 66% in 2017)
- Total Abandoned 9-1-1 Calls – 18,718 (approximately 9% of total, up from 8% in 2017)
- Average Time to Answer – 00:05 (seconds – remained the same as 2017)
- Average Call Time – 01:59 (minutes; seconds – was 02:05 in 2017)
- Total Text-to-9-1-1 Received – 414 (down 53 or 13% from 467 in 2017)
- Total **POULTNEY** 9-1-1 Calls Received – 988 (up 40 from 2017)

**Things Everyone Needs to Know to Be 9-1-1 Ready!**

Help us help you! In an emergency, seconds matter; being prepared can make a difference! Talking through scenarios with other family members can help you. **Be 9-1-1 Ready!**

**Know when to use 9-1-1.** Call or text 9-1-1 in an emergency: **to save a life, stop a crime, or to report a fire.** If you or someone else is hurt or very sick, call 9-1-1. If you're not sure if your situation is an emergency, err on the side of safety and call 9-1-1. The call-taker can assess the event and guide you. **Call when you can, text when you can't!**

**Know your location.** Emergency responders can't help you if they don't know where you are. Train yourself to pay attention to where you are. If you're traveling, be able to identify the road, your direction, mile markers, exits, etc. If you're visiting a friend's house, make a mental note of their address. Make sure everyone in your home knows your street address. Keep your address posted by your phone in case of an emergency.

**Know your phone.** We can call 9-1-1 from a variety of phones these days, which is great in an emergency. However, not all phones and devices provide the 9-1-1 call-taker with your location information. Landline phones will provide your location to the call-taker, but cell and VoIP phones may not. Contact your service provider for more information about the capabilities of your phone.

**Remain calm.** It may be hard to remain calm during an emergency, but when you do so, you make it easier for the call-taker to gather your information and get the right help on the way.

**Don't hang up.** If you have placed an emergency call to 9-1-1, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up the phone. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line. In addition, they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance, so don't hang up!

**Don't hang up!** If you've called 9-1-1 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

**Old cell phones.** Old cell phones may make entertaining toys for kids, but do you know that even deactivated phones with no service plan can still call 9-1-1? To avoid an unintentional call to 9-1-1, remove the battery before giving it to a child to play with. Better yet, recycle or donate your retired phone.

**Vermont 2-1-1 is the number to dial to find out about hundreds of important community resources, like emergency food and shelter, disability services, counseling, senior services, health care, child care, drug and alcohol programs, legal assistance, transportation agencies, educational and volunteer opportunities, and much more.**

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## About the Vermont 2-1-1 database:

The Vermont 2-1-1 database contains detailed descriptions of programs and services available to Vermonters that are provided by local community groups, social service and health-related agencies, government organizations, and others. We are constantly adding new resources to our database, but at last count it contains **1010** agencies that provide **10031** services across **2941** programs. Resource Specialists gather information by regularly attending community meetings throughout the state and contacting agencies directly to complete a formal update process at least annually.

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## Services fall under the following general categories:

Basic Needs	Consumer Services
Criminal Justice and Legal Services	Education
Environment/Public Health/Public Safety	Health Care
Income Support and Employment	Individual and Family Life
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Organizational/Community Services

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## Types of agencies in the database include:

Federal, state and local entities	Community Action Agencies
Non-Profit organizations	Churches
Service organizations and civic groups that provide services to the public	
Out-of-state entities that offer services to Vermonters	
And more	

## To reach an Information and Referral Specialist in the Contact Center:

**From within Vermont:** [1-866-652-4636](tel:1-866-652-4636)

**From Out-of-State:** [1-802-652-4636](tel:1-802-652-4636)





## Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2018 Overview

### *Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**American Red Cross**  
New Hampshire and  
Vermont Region



The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to helping local communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters, most commonly home fires.

Our work also includes the collection and supply of blood and blood products throughout the United States, emergency communication services for Military Service Members and their families, training courses for emergency preparedness, as well as certification courses for Licensed Nurse Assistants, babysitting, and First Aid/CPR.

In order to provide these essential services, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is grateful to receive municipal support from our friends in the Town of Poultney. This year, we respectfully request an appropriation of **\$1,000.00**. These funds will stay right here in our region, so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during their hours of greatest need.

Last year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, once every 17 hours, helping nearly 1,500 individuals.
- We installed more than 3,400 smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained 24,500 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected 90,447 units of blood at over 3,400 blood drives. All 40 hospitals in NH and VT depend on Red Cross collections.
- In NH/VT, 275 service members were connected with their families through the Emergency Communications efforts of our Service to the Armed Forces department.

As you know, a disaster or emergency can strike anyone at any time without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the Poultney community to help your residents in times of need. Your support will go a long way to ensure that people in this region receive the support they need, when they need it.

On behalf of the 1,300 volunteers and staff throughout New Hampshire and Vermont, I thank you for your consideration of this request to support the humanitarian work that we do. While we sincerely hope that no disasters effect your area in the coming year, you can rest assured that if they do, the American Red Cross will be there.

Sincerely,

Rachel Zellem  
Regional Development Specialist

New Hampshire Headquarters • 2 Maitland Street, Concord, NH 03301 •  
1-800-464-6692

Vermont Headquarters • 32 N Prospect Street, Burlington, VT 05401 •  
802-497-5995

[www.redcross.org/nhvt](http://www.redcross.org/nhvt)

# **QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

## **Annual School District Meeting**

**February 26 and March 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Proctor High School in said town at seven o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, to transact any of the following business not involving voting by Australian ballot. Upon the conclusion of the business not involving Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at which time the polls open until 7:00 P.M. at which time the polls will close, to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

### **February 26, 2019**

- Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 2. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 3. To elect a treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 4. To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To hear a presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2019-20 budget.
- Article 6. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

### **March 5, 2019**

- Article 7. Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District authorize a capital improvements and facility repair and maintenance reserve fund, pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §2804, for the purpose of the capital improvements, repairs and maintenance projects?
- Article 8. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$17,617,200 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,477.27 per equalized pupil which is 5% more than last year.

### **Informational Hearing on February 26, 2019**

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting on February 26, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Proctor High School, in Proctor, Vermont will also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Article 8 which will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 5, 2019.

### **Polling Places for Australian Ballot Vote on March 5, 2019**

Poultney:	Poultney Fire House	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Proctor:	Proctor Jr. Sr. High School	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
West Rutland:	West Rutland Town Hall	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Dated at Proctor, Vermont, January 21, 2019.

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:



Jim Oberg, Chair



Lisa Miser, Vice Chair

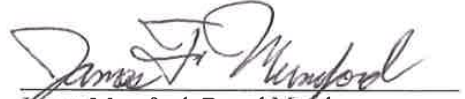


Linda Smith, Clerk

Tom Callahan, Board Member



Elizabeth Coltey, Board Member



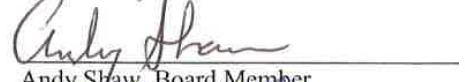
James Mumford, Board Member



Kristen Ross, Board Member



Art Saceric, Board Member



Andy Shaw, Board Member



Tom Thacker, Board Member

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2019.



Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

## **REMINDER**

**THE QUARRY VALLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL  
DIRECTORS WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL  
MEETING AS FOLLOWS:**

**DATE & TIME:**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**PROCTOR HIGH SCHOOL  
4 PARK STREET, PROCTOR, VT.**

**THE BOARD WILL PRESENT THE  
PROPOSED  
SCHOOL BUDGET TO THE PUBLIC AND  
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER  
QUESTIONS.**

**Please join us in support of your schools!**

**For information on final Poultney Town  
School District and Rutland Southwest  
Supervisory Union financials, please visit**

**<http://bit.ly/2FLhc9Y>**

**Notice to Voters of Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland**

The Quarry Valley Annual Report  
is available at the following locations:

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union

Poultney Elementary School

Poultney High School

Poultney Town Clerk's Office

Proctor Elementary School

Proctor High School

Proctor Town Clerk's Office

West Rutland School

West Rutland Town Clerk's Office

[GRCSU.org](http://GRCSU.org)

**Poultney Town School District  
Informational Meeting  
March 1, 2018**

Chairperson Mary Jo Teetor called the informational meeting of the Poultney Town School District to order at 7:00 pm with no public in attendance. Present were Superintendent of Schools Judy Pullinen, High School Principal Joseph A. DeBonis, Jr., Poultney Elementary School Principal Kristen Caliguiri, Business Manager Louis Milazzo, School Director Chair Mary Jo Teetor, School Directors Teresa Coker, Carlton "Jim" Oberg, Kristen Ross, Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director Linda Smith and Town Clerk and Treasurer Betsy Wescott

Chair Mary Jo Teetor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Poultney Town School District Warning

**Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one year**

**To elect one (1) School Director for the Poultney School Board for a term of two (2) years**

**To elect one (1) School Director for the Poultney School Board for a term of three (3) years**

**Article 2: To elect two (2) School Directors for the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Board for a term of three (3) years**

**To elect one (1) School Director for the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Board for a term of one (1) year**

**Article 3: To amend Article 8B of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Articles of Agreement as follows:**

**8B. Subsequent Sale of Real Property of Towns in the event that, and at such subsequent time as the Unified Union School District School Board determines, at its discretion, and subject to compliance with the school closure provisions of Article 8C, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the forming districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Unified Union School District and its educational programs, the Unified Union School District shall offer such real property, for the sum of One U.S. Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the town of the forming district which transferred the property under the provisions of Article 8A. The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the Unified Union School District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Unified Union School District and prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Unified Union School District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Unified Union School District School Board.**

**Please note: Due to the formation of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District, the Poultney Town School District will cease all operations and no longer exist as of December 31, 2018.**

There were no questions regarding the Articles.

Business Manager Louis Milazzo asked why the Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board was on the Poultney Ballot but the Wells Springs Unified Union School Board was not on the Wells Ballot. Superintendent Judy Pullinen stated it was different as they were organized differently. Quarry Valley Unified Union School only has the school budget comingled whereas Wells Spring Unified Union School District is all comingled. The meeting was recessed at 7:16 pm until 10:00 am on March 6, 2018 where voting by Australian Ballot will take place at the Poultney Fire Department

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Betsy J. Wescott, Town Clerk

# *Quarry Valley Unified Union School District*

*Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland Schools*

February, 2019

Dear Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland Community Members,

Greetings from your School Board! Town meeting day is fast approaching and in the last year many exciting things have taken place in our schools! Governance of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District (QVUUSD) has been merged and began operation effective July 1, 2018. The new district includes three PK-12 Schools: Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland. By merging governance, we have begun the process of finding ways to share resources and improve student opportunities.

We have worked to create a budget that is both mindful of the impact on our property taxes and the ever-increasing cost of goods and services. We have also worked hard to make sure our schools are able to provide the needed services and learning opportunities for our students. We continue to be mindful of our responsibility with your tax dollars and are constantly monitoring staff and student needs.

The QVUUSD budget warning defines total budgeted expenses of \$17,617,200. This translates into education spending of \$16,477.27 per equalized pupil and the proposed FY 2020 overall expenditure budget represents an increase of 5% from the FY 2019 budget. As a merged district, residents in our communities will avoid state tax penalties and take advantage of tax reductions over the next 3 years. We will continue to operate five schools and work towards offering expanded academic and extracurricular activities.

As we continue to transition and continue the merging process to our new school system, we welcome your feedback and continuing involvement in your local school. We are very proud of our students and their many accomplishments in the classroom, on the stage and on the athletic fields of play. Our graduation rates are high.

Your continued support means a great deal to the School Board, administration and staff. We are moving in the right direction and the work that has taken place in merging the district cannot be understated. Our school administrators provide a well-rounded, dynamic education to all our children. They work in partnership with parents, faculty and staff. Our schools are the focal point of our communities and we can accomplish many things if we all work together. Thank you for your support!

Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board

Jim Oberg, Chair  
Lisa Miser, Vice Chair  
Linda Smith, Clerk  
Tom Callahan, Member  
James Mumford, Member

Elizabeth Coltey, Member  
Kristen Ross, Member  
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Andy Shaw, Member





February, 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

This has been an exciting year! We are proud to introduce our newly unified Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union, which began official operation on July 1, 2018. Transitions have been our focus during the year as we implement the voter-approved governance unification resulting from several years of planning. Our new school system includes Ira, Quarry Valley, Rutland Town and Wells Springs School Districts.

We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to recognize the hard work of our school board members, in particular, our retiring school districts. As a result of GRCSU unification, the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and Rutland Central Supervisory Union concluded their oversight of their respective school districts on June 30, 2018. As a result of the merger of the Wells Springs and Quarry Valley School Districts, five town school boards concluded their work last June as well: Middletown Springs Town School District, Wells Village School District, Poultney Town School District, Proctor Town School District and West Rutland Town School District. The years of board member stewardship of our town schools represents a long history which we must honor as we transition to our new school system. While all of our schools continue to serve children and families in our communities, our school district board and supervisory union board governance has unified. We remain committed to achieving stronger schools and communities through newly forged partnerships across our communities. Together we are better!

Last year, our excellence in education was recognized by the Agency of Education as we were featured in a video demonstrating best practices in Vermont which is now posted on the state website. In December, we were honored by a visit of the Integrated Field Review Team from the Agency of Education. They are charged with providing us with feedback concerning our implementation of the Education Quality Standards which are required of all school systems in Vermont. We are pleased with their feedback. One area in which we received commendation was that of Safe and Healthy Schools. Here we were pleased to learn that students and parents across our supervisory union speak highly of teachers, support staff and administrators within their buildings and feel they are safe and well-supported. Staff embrace a growth mindset about addressing the changing needs of our students both academically and socially. Students in all our schools are cooperative and well-disciplined. They have performed many acts of kindness to help others in our communities. This overarching spirit of cooperation and generosity is the hallmark of our schools' cultures.

Last year during our transition work with school boards, teachers, support staff and administrators we developed our GRCSU vision and mission. ***Our GRCSU Vision is to L.E.A.D.*** - Learn, Explore, Aspire, Discover.

***Our GRCSU Mission*** is to create an engaged learning community by empowering students to:

***Learn*** collaboratively and independently.

***Explore*** their own passions and choose their own pathways.

***Aspire*** to achieve success.

***Discover*** their own roles as contributing local and global community members.

***Instruction & Learning:*** Instruction in GRCSU schools is moving toward ceding agency to students by ensuring they have choice around how, where, and when to access and demonstrate evidence of their learning. Teachers are working to

provide opportunities for students to identify where they are and where they’re going in their learning, self-reflect on their learning, and learn cooperatively with and from each other.

This year we are fortunate to have assembled a team of grant-funded Innovation Coaches to help teachers identify individual goals and entry points into transforming their instruction. They provide embedded, ongoing support for teachers to meet those goals while building in opportunities for them to reflect on new learning. Coaches are working with teachers to create project-based lessons, performance-based assessments, and self-directed learning opportunities. Unlike typical workshops or conferences, our coaches provide ongoing, personalized support to teachers, a professional learning model that is research-based and proven to help transform practice.

GRCSU teachers also draw on their unique areas of expertise and learn cooperatively with and from each other. Each Tuesday afternoon, they examine student performance data, identify student needs, and share strategies in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). These meetings are scheduled synchronously across GRCSU districts so that teachers from different schools can collaborate and share their experience.

**Future Planning:** Our excellent educational opportunities will grow and expand in our newly unified school system. We will continue to implement student-centered learning in proficiency-based, personalized environments where all students learn at high levels. New educational opportunities began as early as July 1, 2018, such as centralized technology and joint educational program offerings, and our future will continue to unfold in a positive and productive manner as our Board and administration engage in a process to build our collective future plan for years to come.

**Community Outreach:** As we build our new school system, we understand that community outreach and parent partnerships continue to be very important. There are several ways that we look forward to building these robust connections. First, we are updating our GRCSU websites and plan to embed our schools’ social media and superintendent blog to allow for real time information sharing and feedback. We will continue to publish and distribute online our school principal monthly reports to keep our community apprised of the great work underway in our schools. Our principals are utilizing Twitter to share essential information concerning school and student success stories - and there are many! When you see an administrator at a school/community event (such as athletic matches, school music performances, parent teacher conferences and school board meetings), please feel free to reach out to any of us with your ideas or to ask a question. Of course, you may call or email any time!

**District Annual Reports and Budget Presentations:** Each school board will hold public meetings to present the annual education budget for voter approval. Mark your calendars for these important meetings: Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 26; Wells Springs Unified Union School District Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 27; Ira School District Town Meeting on March 4; and Rutland Town School District Town Meeting on March 4. Through our community outreach and engagement efforts, annual reports, forums and annual meetings, we hope all of you will become familiar with our school budgets and the important educational programs and plans they support. Our schools are an investment in our students and our future.

Thank you for your continuing support of all our students. Remember, we have a remarkable history and a promising future. We look forward to excellence in our schools and students into 2020 and beyond!

Yours in Education,  
*Debra J. Taylor*  
Debra J. Taylor, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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Please remember to vote on Town Meeting Day, March 5, 2019. For more information visit our website: [www.grcsu.org](http://www.grcsu.org), call 802-775-4342 or email us at your convenience.



## **Director of Student Support Services Annual Town Report**

**February, 2019**

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) provides special education programming in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and the Vermont Agency of Education Special Education Rules and Regulations, which ensures that all students with disabilities have available to them a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living.

As of December 1, 2018 our GRCSU Child Count for special education recognized 286 (Prek-12) eligible students with disabilities categories including Autism, Developmental Delay, Emotional Disturbance, Hard of Hearing, Learning Impaired, Other Health Impaired (such as chronic health impairments, attention deficit or attention deficit with hyperactivity), Specific Learning Disabled, Speech or Language Impaired and Traumatic Brain Injured.

GRCSU provides special education services for identified 3 & 4 year old students along with their regular education peers typically through grade 12, or in some instances through the time the student turns 22. Beyond direct instruction, many students also need to access related services such as Speech and/or Language instruction, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Counseling.

Any one or a combination of services may be necessary to address the needs of the whole child. However, for a very small percentage of our students, specialized instruction may not be enough, and a special alternative program may be required. To be legally compliant, each eligible child is provided with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Depending on the need, a student may require any combination of the services detailed above. We are legally required to provide a free and appropriate public education to each student on an IEP and we must do it in the least restrictive environment possible.

Finally, we would like to recognize the efforts of all our Special Educators, Instructional Assistants and Service Providers. They are professional and dedicated to meeting the student's needs. They take their responsibilities with the students very seriously and they consistently exceed expectations. If you have any questions, please contact the GRCSU office at: 802-775-4342.

Sincerely,

Christine Kamm  
Director of Student Support Services  
Services  
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union  
Union

Tammy Rescott  
Assistant Director of Student Support  
Greater Rutland County Supervisory



### **CHILD FIND NOTICE**

The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) and each of the member school district (Ira, Quarry Valley (Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland) Wells Springs (Middletown Springs and Wells) and Rutland Town) are responsible for the provision of a free and appropriate public education for every child with an educational disability ages 3-21 living within a member town.

We are searching for any child including those birth through 2 years of age who might be eligible for and in need of special education and related services help. Anyone can and should make a referral of any child living in one of these towns they believe may be eligible for special education. They can do so by contacting in writing or by telephone: The principal of the school in which the child is or will be likely to attend OR the Superintendent of Schools of Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union, 16 Evelyn Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701, Tel: 775-4342.

Referral information will be handled in confidence. Any information obtained during child find is confidential as required in Rules 2365.2 - 2365.15 "Confidentiality of Information and Student Records". The referral may lead to an evaluation of the child to determine if he or she is eligible for and in need of special education. If the answer is yes, an individualized educational plan will be developed and implemented by a multidisciplinary team of people including the child's parents. Please, if you suspect a child residing in one of these towns may be in need of special education, make a referral.

### **NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union and its member districts will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law. If you have questions regarding the school system's non-discrimination policies, please contact the GRCSU Director of Student Services or the Principal in the school where you reside. Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal law related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union or its member districts including Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of Schools, Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union, 16 Evelyn Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701, Tel: 802-775-4342.

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# ***Poultney High School***

*Home of the Blue Devils*



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***Joe DeBonis, Principal***

*Pierre Cotton, Director of Student Management -- Tracy L. Gallipo, Guidance Director -- Becca Putnam, Executive Assistant*

It is a privilege and an honor to be in my fourth year as the principal of Poultney High School and to submit my report the Town of Poultney and the Quarry Valley District. I feel blessed to be able to work with the young people of this town as well as the great staff here, all dedicated to help the students of Poultney not only get the best education, but also to prepare them for life after Poultney High School.

**THANK YOU** - I would like to thank the citizens of Poultney for their continued support of the school and our students. It is really appreciated. On that note, I would also like to thank the businesses of the Town of Poultney for their continued support as well, especially a special "Thank You" to First Light Technologies for their generous donation that helped us bring our high school students down to Boston to see a live performance of the hit play Hamilton. Another huge thank you goes out to the Poultney Volunteer Fire Department and Poultney Rescue Squad for always being there for our students, especially during the fall sports season.

We are fortunate to live in a town that is willing to support its students and its school.

**For the 2018/2019 school year, Poultney High School would like to welcome the following new staff:**

Pierre Cotton – Director of Student Management  
Marcie Hoenes – Middle School Math Teacher  
Jackie White - Foreign Language (French/Spanish) Teacher  
Alex Fox – Science Long Term Substitute  
Jenn Deppert – Instructional Assistant  
Kevin Keeler – Instructional Assistant  
Cody Parker - Athletic Trainer (Shared)  
Chris Stephenson – School Resource Officer (Shared)

Long time math teacher Kyleen Martelle retired at the end of last year. Kyleen had been at PHS for 30 years. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to thank Kyleen for her dedication to our students for all those years. You will be missed.

**Hamilton** – Through a grant, PHS was able to send all of the high school students to go see the play Hamilton in Boston. In order to attend, the students had to do a research project based on the time of Hamilton's life with the final project being a performance based assessment. The entire student body and staff participated in the curriculum piece. It was a great experience for our students.

**Safety and Security** – At PHS, our main focus is on the students and student safety. Although we feel that PHS is a safe school for our staff and students, due to recent events we have added and updated our security features at the school. Some of the upgrades include staff id badges, additional keyless locks on both exterior and interior doors, additional security cameras (both interior and exterior), exterior door alarms, and window upgrades. We also have added a school resource officer through the Rutland County Sheriff Department that we share with the other schools in our district.

**Personalized Learning:** The state of Vermont, through Act 77, has mandated that every high school student have a Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) and that schools move toward a proficiency based grading system so students are graded and assessed on what they know.

**Scores and Comparisons:**

**2018 Post-Graduation Plans:**

- 40% - 4 year school
- 13% - 2 year school
- 43% - Employment
- 4% - Military

**Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT)** Students with an SAT Math section score that meets or exceeds the benchmark of have a 75 percent chance or earning at least a C in first-semester, credit-bearing college courses in algebra, statistics, pre-calculus, or calculus. Students with an SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) section score that meets or exceeds the benchmark have a 75 percent chance of earning at least a C in first-semester, credit-bearing courses in history, literature, social sciences, or writing classes.

For the class of 2018, 43% or students took the SAT and of those, 60% met the benchmark for Math and 60% met the benchmark for ERW.

**SBAC Scores**

**Students who Scored Proficient and Proficient with Distinction**

	PHS	State
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA	59%	55%
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	54%	44%
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA	66%	55%
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	30%	41%
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA	35%	58%
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	30%	37%
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science NECAP	3%	25% (Level 2 PHS 59%)
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science NECAP	13%	33% (Level 2 PHS 46%)

**Co-curricular Activities** PHS continues to offer a wide variety of co-curricular activities. A vast majority of our students participate in the arts, athletics and numerous clubs that we offer. During this past year, we have had students place in statewide competitions in art; numerous musicians place not only in state, but in regional bands and choruses as well (and have the top high school trumpet player in New England!), bills passed at Model Congress, students raise money for causes, numerous all-league and all-state athletes, and so much more. Our football team made it to the state final game this fall, and our newest sport, cross country, saw an increase in participants and success at both the high school and middle school level. Our Drama Club will be participating in the state One Act Competition for the first time this spring. PHS students who participate in athletics and clubs have given countless hours of community service over the past year as well.

**Mission/Vision** – Our staff worked hard this fall to come up with a mission/vision statement for our school. Our mission: Question, think solve and connect to create your own path. Our vision: Embrace the power of learning, for life to positively contribute to the lives of others. Our value statement: DEVILS - Diversity, Engaged learning, Valiant effort, Integrity, Loyal leaders, Safety in mind, body and soul!

**Summary:** Our motto at Poultney High School is “Small in Size, Big in Spirit”, and we continue to live by the motto each and every day here at PHS. We continue to offer an education to our students that the town can be proud of. Some talk of limited opportunities at a school our size, but we find that our students have many, and we try to offer them as many experiences as we can. Finally, thank you for allowing us to educate your children. We are privileged to be able to work with such fine young men and women.

Respectfully submitted for the Staff of PHS,



Joe DeBonis, Principal

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**Poultney Elementary School**

**2017-2018**

**We continue to learn and grow with the support of the Poultney community!**

**Welcome new additions to our faculty and staff:**

Trista Matteson, .5 Math Interventionist

Irene DeMatties, Instructional Assistant

Rebecca Guerrero, Instructional Assistant

Hannah Richard, Instructional Assistant

Emma Wood, Rutland Mental Health Clinician

**Enrollment for 2017 ~ 2018:**

PreK - 20	10 boys and 10 girls
Grade K - 28	15 boys and 13 girls
Grade 1 - 26	10 boys and 16 girls
Grade 2 - 33	21 boys and 12 girls
Grade 3 - 22	11 boys and 11 girls
Grade 4 - 26	12 boys and 14 girls
Grade 5 - 34	17 boys and 17 girls
Grade 6 - 29	16 boys and 13 girls

112 boys and 106 girls

**Total number of students for Grades PreK - 6 = 218**



## **Who We Are:**

Poultney Elementary School has seen an increase in student enrollment and is pleased to employ a staff of 22 educators who are all of Highly Qualified status (HQT). We are fortunate to offer art, music and physical education classes, as well as library and technology programs for all students, grades PreK-6. We believe that these opportunities ensure an effective and well-rounded educational experience. By participating in professional development as supported through college partnerships and outside agencies, we share the common goal of enhancing teaching practices by developing consistency in regard to curriculum, instruction and assessment. As part of our transition to the Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union, collaboration occurs within our school and district, to learn and implement tenets of the student-centered learning model, in which children choose their own path in reaching proficiency, relative to identified non-negotiable standards and performance indicators. Because we realize that students learn best when provided opportunities for hands-on activities, to team with peers, and have choice in demonstrating depth and breadth of knowledge, we encourage self-direction, and continue to build on student strengths to assist them in their acquisition of foundational skills. Teachers are utilizing Google Classroom, Negotiated Curriculum, FlipGrid and SeeSaw, to name just a few of the programs that compliment a personalized approach to learning. Five teachers are piloting a new reporting system, JumpRope, that will be used by all GRCSU schools, starting in the Fall of 2019, and our fifth and sixth grade team is partnering with the Tarrant Institute as part of ongoing professional development in the learner-centered model. PoES has spent time in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to develop Habits of Work rubrics, Grades PreK-6, so that students can understand and reflect on attributes such as preparedness and organization as part of goal setting. There are 14% of our student population on EST Plans, 2% meet the criteria under Section 504, and 14% qualify for Special Education services. We are extremely lucky that we have a school nurse, a half-time guidance counselor, a school-based clinician with us one day per week, and a full-time Rutland Mental Health clinician to address health, social and emotional needs, as well. The partnership with RMH now includes a Behavioral Interventionist and has proven to be an essential piece in addressing the needs of the whole child; many children have experienced significant trauma, and it is our responsibility that they learn and maintain coping strategies that allow them to access their education. Title I funding continues to service students, school-wide, in order to increase our efforts in helping all children flourish, grades PreK-6. The Response to Intervention model identifies students per data gathered in the areas of math and literacy. A cross-graded format is used so that we can optimize our resources. It is important to increase students' confidence levels, as well as address their academic needs. Forty-six percent of our students are eligible for free/reduced meals. Currently, through a Universal Meals Grant, all students are able to receive breakfast at no cost to parents. Once again, we were recipients of a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant, which gives funding for students to have fruits/vegetables three times per week; this in addition to participation in Walk, Bike and Roll to School, are only some of the ways we encourage students to make healthy choices. We also work in collaboration with Come Alive Outside and Marble Valley Grows, as part of the Harvest of the Month Program, where student use fresh foods to prepare recipes for their peers to enjoy, giving all the chance to learn about, and taste new fruits and/or veggies.

## **READING/LANGUAGE ARTS**

PES strives to provide a continuum of learning for our literacy program by utilizing the research-based program, *Reading Street*, for grades 2-6. This program offers many online connections for science and social studies such as leveled readers and integrated writing across the content areas. Students express their thoughts and ideas in writing (drawing) to share information starting in

PreK. In addition, students are exposed to technology through webpages, assessments and various online programs as they progress through the units of study. Grades K-1 are using the *Foundations* program, to provide students with a strong foundation for reading and letter formation; this program is also being integrated into PreK lessons, and is used to supplement our 2-3 reading instruction, for differentiation purposes. Students show great gains as it is strongly based in early literacy, and phonemic awareness skills. We offer supplemental programs such as Wilson Reading and *Read Naturally*, which promote fluency, vocabulary and comprehension skills, as well as assist us in the creation of data mechanisms that will provide tangible evidence of student performance. Students in the primary grades are offered Guided Reading as well as the online intervention of *Lexia*.

**MATH**

Poultney Elementary School has had extensive professional development in mathematics, and uses strategies learned regarding the identification of non-negotiable standards based on CCSSM, and teaching of mathematical progression to help students gain a deeper understanding that helps them become strong problem solvers and critical thinkers. We know that it is important to ensure skills and activities, as well as assessments, are connected vertically, and aligned to math standards as identified by the Common Core. Students use hands-on activities and manipulatives, and games continue to be integrated into daily practice, so that students are able to solidify their understanding of mathematical concepts; differentiation and creative means of instruction are used to educate every PoES learner. Web-based activities and programs are offered as part of classroom routines, and are tailored to specific, targeted areas of focus.

**SCHOOL DATA and ASSESSMENTS**

Poultney Elementary School partakes in multiple forms of assessments which provide information about our students to aid us in supporting them in their educational growth. We maintain the use of AIMSweb, a technology-based system, that is used to benchmark and progress-monitor our students in the areas of reading and mathematics; it has proven to be a reliable measure of fluency and conceptual knowledge. This will be our sixth year of using an online system called Track My Progress which provides information about classroom, as well as individual student performance as compared to CCSS, and allows us to view actual problems students have answered, in order to identify their thought processes and misconceptions. By comparing these measures to program and classroom data such as pre and post assessments, instruction can be modified to be school-specific per skills and concepts. All, in conjunction with looking at statewide results, allow us to have a comprehensive view of students’ skills and abilities thus having information to supplement individualized instruction, as well as school-wide programs as necessary. The Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment continues to provide additional information so that we can have conversations school-wide as well as when working in collaboration with our district partners.

Poultney Elementary School  
**ACCOUNTABILITY INFORMATION**

The Criteria for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is in the process of being determined by the Agency of Education. There are Educational Quality Standards that will be one measure. These standards address other components that are important when looking at the school’s progression and success, as well as student growth over time; student achievement is examined in a holistic manner, considering many factors that make a child who they are. PoES was part of the Educational Quality Review process this year, which provided opportunities to examine

other schools and practices, as well as host Integrated Field Review teams to provide us with feedback to be utilized for future planning. Teams included community members, teachers, students and parents, in collaboration with members of the Vermont Agency of Education. Feedback is given in the form of commendations and recommendations at the Supervisory Union level.

**Poultney Elementary School**  
**Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium**  
**(SBAC)**  
**Three Year Comparison**  
**2015-2017**

*Average of students proficient or above, Grades 3-6:*

Grade	Content	2015	2016	2017	Three-year Avg.
3	E/LA	59%	62%	69%	63%
3	Math	66%	71%	51%	63%
4	E/LA	40%	52%	55%	49%
4	Math	48%	68%	45%	54%
5	E/LA	35%	48%	63%	49%
5	Math	27%	37%	34%	33%
6	E/LA	47%	48%	48%	48%
6	Math	30%	52%	41%	41%

**Poultney Elementary School Continuous Improvement Plan**

We are extremely fortunate, to have the support of our local community, colleges and businesses, and also a faculty and staff who are dedicated to pursuing avenues that allow for them to acquire new knowledge and be participatory in leading the charge to better our school; and thus assist every child in reaching their fullest potential. Each school is required to have a Continuous Improvement Plan that has strategies and goals, some of which must correlate with those of the Supervisory Union. Our current plan focuses on building culture and climate, differentiated instruction and personalized learning, and school discipline and behavioral supports. As education is changing with added responsibilities, it is more necessary than ever that teaching become integrative as students learn best when they are able to make connections and expand upon their thoughts and ideas; the learning process for students should be individualized and allow for students to showcase their unique qualities and creativity.

**TECHNOLOGY**

Educators utilize technology through the use of Smartboards, ELMOs, Eno Boards and document cameras; as well as various programs available to us in our computer lab and/or Math and Literacy Lab. Students are often found taking weekly spelling tests using *Spelling City*, practicing math facts and concepts, and following the news through the use of technology. The Google Docs platform allows for the sharing of online documents, communication and resources. Grades 1-6

have 1:1 Chromebooks. We have a host of iPads and other Apple tools to increase our exposure to a variety of programs. This past spring, PoES was able to create a MakerSpace complete with dry-erase tables, green screen, 3D printers and a cricut. Students are experimenting with Strawbees, Lego Robotics and coding as part of our quest to foster 21st Century skills and provide challenging activities for students.

### **COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS**

PoES is proud to work with students from Green Mountain College and Castleton University. Each year, college students serve as volunteers in mentoring programs, such as the DREAM Program, and other capacities. In addition, college students work with Poultney Elementary School to fulfill various course requirements, including student teaching, which also benefit our PoES kids. We look forward to the expansion of community outreach and environmental education opportunities, as well as the continuation of these partnerships to meet the diversified needs and interests of our students. We are lucky to have the opportunities that are extended to us by our college partners!

### **SCHOOL CLIMATE AND CULTURE**

This year, Poultney Elementary School has been recognized as an official “PBIS School” and will be participating in Level 2 training. Our PBIS Leadership Team meets monthly to ensure that expectations for work and behavior are consistent. Our goal is that all of our children grow up to be productive members of society that contribute to their community; one way we add to this effort is ongoing collections for the Poultney Food Shelf to assist families in need, helping the rescue squad and providing a system to allow children to help younger and/or same-aged peers with various tasks within the school setting. We continue to encourage students to be a S.T.A.R. by being safe, trustworthy, accepting and respectful. “STAR” students are selected monthly and are recognized at school assemblies, in addition to joining various community leaders at special breakfasts and luncheons. The program includes a school-wide reward that is selected by students at the end of the year, should the set goal be realized. We are happy to have added a student group to our PBIS team, who helps in the planning of activities and assemblies, as well as seeks input from their classmates regarding the aforementioned.

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Under the supervision of Mr. Rich Holcomb, our Chief of Maintenance, our buildings receive many compliments in regard to their cleanliness and pristine condition, due to planning and prioritizing. By communicating on a regular basis, we are able to problem solve should issues arise. Being proactive allows us to anticipate future needs as part of the planning process, so that many tasks are performed in-house, thus being cost-effective. This year we completed the third and final phase of our paving project and installed two, live-feed TV monitors. In addition, we installed and/or upgraded security cameras, issued new key cards to all staff, and installed three interior scanning mechanisms which allow us to limit access to the main part of the building. Collaboration with our Chief of Maintenance is crucial in developing our procedures and protocols in the event of a crisis; and through the implementation of our Emergency Preparedness Plan, which includes practice drills and debriefing, our hope is to ensure the safety of each and every person within the PES community. We are very grateful for our maintenance crew and their commitment to making our school a place to be proud of!

## **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

General music instruction occurs weekly; forty-five minutes per class. There are currently forty-six students involved in the instrumental program, each one receiving twenty to thirty minutes of either individual or small group lessons per week. Beginning Band is for students who are in their first year of instrumental music, and Advanced Band is for students in their second or third year of playing. The chorus is offered to students in grades 4-6 and has twenty-seven participants. Chorus performs during concerts in December and May, as well as at school assemblies. Grades K-3 will join the band and chorus performances in the spring, so that all grade levels are represented and able to share their talents. We have a supply of instruments, reeds and books available to students who may be interested in pursuing instrumental music. Added to our reserve were new music stands, tone bells and trumpets, to allow students to have access to instruments they are most interested in. We hope that students will try and learn something new, and build confidence through participating in the arts. Many volunteers come forth in preparation of these events, and we are grateful for the community support and high attendance shown during these special occasions.

## **SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS and COMMUNITY**

We are extremely proud of students here at PoES and want to do all that we can to honor and support them in becoming proud, confident individuals. By having students lead assemblies, celebrations and morning announcements, we are providing opportunities for voice and choice, as well as strengthening leadership skills. Poultney Elementary School is happy to host VIP Luncheons and Back-to-School BBQs, that invite and welcome parents, family and community members into the school on a regular basis. It has become an annual tradition during the month of February to host guests from the Young at Heart Senior Center for a luncheon where they are served by our students who also share a meal and visit with them; it continues to be a meaningful event for us. We are proud to host public events such as our Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies, as we want our students to know the value of patriotism and citizenship. Poultney is a community that holds education in high regard and we know that there are many things to applaud as each year brings new triumphs and wonderful memories!

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen L. Caliguiri, Principal

## 9-1-1 Highway Directory

### Road Name

Allen Avenue  
 Alumni Drive  
 Amerio Road  
 Amerio Road Ext.  
 Ames Hollow Road  
 Autumn Way  
 Beaman Street  
 Bentley Avenue  
 Bird Street  
 Birdseye Road  
 Blair Road  
 Blissville Road  
 Boyce Avenue  
 Brayton Road  
 Brennan Circle  
 Broughton Avenue  
 Candlestick Lane  
 Chelsea Lane  
 Church Street  
 Clark Hollow Road  
 Cold Spring Lane  
 College Street North  
 College Street South  
 Cones Point Road  
 Dayton Hill Road  
 DeBonis Quarry Road  
 Depot Street  
 East Main Street  
 East Road  
 Elrena Road  
 Endless Brook Road  
 Evergreen Road  
 Fairway Lane South  
 Farnam Road  
 Fenton Road  
 Ferncliff Camps Road  
 Ferncliff Road  
 Ferncliff Road Ext.  
 Fieldstone Drive  
 Finel Hollow Road  
 Furnace Street  
 Gorhamtown Road  
 Granville Street  
 Griffin Road  
 Grove Street  
 Hampshire Hollow Road  
 Hannon Road  
 High Road  
 Highland Grey Road  
 Hillside Road

### Road Name

Hilltop Road  
 Ideal Way  
 Jay Drive  
 Jones Road  
 Kerber Lane  
 Kinni Kinnic Lane  
 Knapp Street  
 Lake Road  
 Lakeview Hill Road  
 Lennox Road  
 Lenwood Lane  
 Lewis Road  
 Lily Pond Lane  
 Main Street  
 Maple Street  
 Maslack Drive  
 McCarthy Quarry Road  
 Meadow Lane  
 Morse Hollow Road  
 Mountain View Lane  
 New Boston Rd  
 Norton Avenue  
 Old Lake Road  
 On The Green  
 Oxbow Bay Drive  
 Partridge Lane  
 Peninsula Drive  
 Pine Shadows Lane  
 Pond Hill Ranch Road  
 Potter Lane  
 Poultney Avenue  
 QSI Road  
 Rae Terrace  
 Ridgeview Lane North  
 Ridgeview Lane South  
 River Street  
 Roberts Avenue  
 Ruby Road  
 Saltis Road  
 Sandy Beach Drive  
 School Circle  
 South Street  
 Stonehenge Lane  
 Stonehenge Road  
 Stonehenge Terrace  
 Thrall Road  
 Town Farm Road  
 Town Hill Road  
 Tucker Road

### Road Name

Upper Road  
 Vaughn Lane  
 VT Route 140  
 VT Route 30 North  
 VT Route 30 South  
 VT Route 31  
 Ward Road  
 Walker Road  
 Watkins Hill Road  
 Westlake Road  
 Wheeler Avenue  
 White Road  
 Wilson Avenue  
 Wilson Avenue Ext.  
 Windy Wood Acres Ext.  
 Windy Wood Acres Rd  
 York Street  
 York Street Ext.