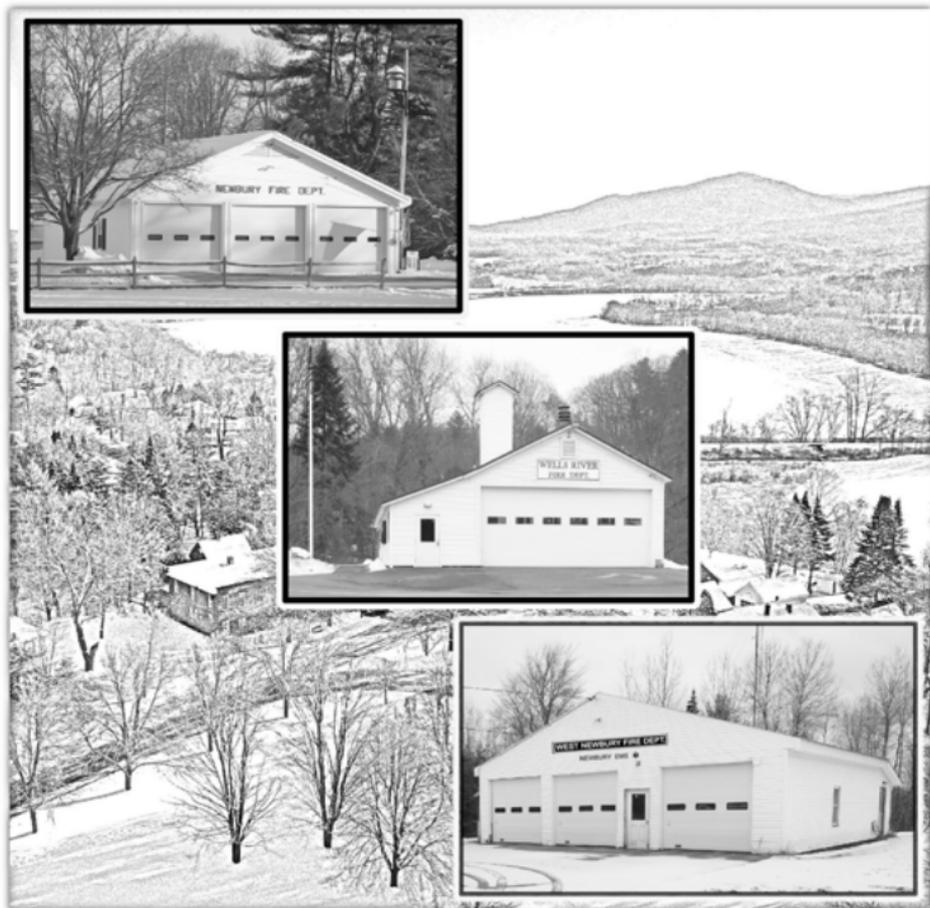


# Town of Newbury, Vermont

## Annual Report

for the year ending December 31, 2019



Town Meeting: March 3, 2020 10:00 am

Pictured on this year's cover is our town's three fire stations.

In 2019 the town of Newbury was the recipient of a \$106,286 FEMA Aid to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the purchase of 18 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) packs and 36 air cylinders. SCBA is essential firefighting equipment. It allows firefighters to safely enter environments that would otherwise pose immediate danger to life and health due to heat and poisonous air. The grant will be used to replace the aging packs and cylinders currently in use by Newbury Fire Department's 3 stations. Most of the existing cylinders are past their insurance-mandated 15-year expiration date and we can no longer reliably get replacement parts for the packs. This grant will save taxpayers an estimated \$50 per \$100,000 of assessed value. In 2019, the highly competitive FEMA AFG program awarded grants to 1834 towns and cities across the United States. 181 of the grants were awarded in New England and 16 were awarded in Vermont.

We would like to thank Robert "Bob" Taylor for all his hard work and persistence in successfully writing this grant resulting in very significant Newbury taxpayers' savings. Again, THANK YOU BOB!

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## 2019 Town Officers

Moderator (elected)		Brad Vietje
Town Clerk (elected)	expires 2021	Nikki Tomlinson
Treasurer (elected)	expires 2022	Mary Collins
Selectboard (elected)	expires 2020 expires 2021 expires 2022	Stephen C. Cole Alma Roystan Joseph Parsons
Listers (elected)	expires 2020 expires 2021 expires 2022	Janis Moore Amanda Beaulieu David Tansey
Town Constable (elected)	expires 2020	Glen Godfrey
Delinquent Tax Collector		Mary Collins
Town Agent (elected)		Robert Beaulieu*
Grand Juror (elected)		Jeff Taylor*
Auditors (elected)	expires 2020 expires 2020 expires 2022	Gail Bromley*** Jean Welch Jody Engle
Budget Committee (appointed)		Sam Calley Marvin Harrison Denis Hopta
Animal Control Officer (appointed)		Glen Godfrey
Cemetery Committee (appointed)		Greg Allen Glen Godfrey
Conservation Commission (appointed)		Michael Thomas Chelsea Lynes Carol Stoll
Development Review Board (appointed)		Amanda Beaulieu Robert Beaulieu Emily Hausman Robertta Jewett Ruth Kennedy

Development Review Board (Cont'd)

Charles Schulze  
Larry Scott

Fire Chiefs (appointed)  
Newbury Village  
Wells River  
West Newbury

John Renfrew  
Jeff Morin  
Steven Willett

Fire Warden (appointed)

Jeff Morin

Highway Foreman (appointed)

Robert Beaulieu

Justices of the Peace  
(county officers elected by the town  
at November General Elections  
for a two-year term)

Amanda Beaulieu  
Patsy Spear Cole  
Ginny Fuller  
Rick Hausman  
Catherine Kidder  
Scott Labun  
Art Morris  
Dustin Putnam  
Sarah Putnam  
Wayne Richardson

Planning Commission (appointed)

Larry Scott, Chair  
Frank Tegethoff  
Brandi Young

Recreation Board (appointed)

Jamie Rogers, Chair  
Molly Dugan-Sullivan, Vice Chair  
Tim Ross, Treasurer  
Felicia Kingsbury, Secretary  
John Girard  
Two Vacancies

Solid Waste Commission (appointed)

Gavin A. Reid, Chair  
Jim Collins  
Mary Collins  
Connie Philleo  
Claude Phipps

Zoning Administrator (appointed)

Dennis Marquise

\*appointed in 2019

\*\*\*One year position appointed in 2019

# **Warning**

## **Annual Town Meeting**

### **March 3, 2020**

To the Voters of Newbury, Greeting:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury, legal voters of the Town are hereby warned and notified to meet in Newbury Village Hall, in said Newbury Village, Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.

Article 2: To elect all other Town Officers:

Selectperson, 3 years; Lister, 3 years; Constable, 2 years; Auditor, 3 years; Auditor, 1 year; Town Agent, 1 year. Voting to be by Australian Ballot. Polls Open: **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Article 3: To hear and dispose of reports of Town Officers and hear and dispose of accounts.

Article 4: To see if the Town of Newbury will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 5: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal municipal property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer on or before August 10, 2020, with delinquent taxes subject to penalty of 8% and interest charges of one percent per month?

Article 6: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal education property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer in four installments due October 10, 2020, December 10, 2020, February 10, 2021 and May 10, 2021, with interest on late installments at the rate of 1% per month and penalty on delinquents amounts at 8%.

Article 7: To fix the compensation of all Town Officers.

Article 8: Shall the voters authorize expenditures for the Orange County Restorative Justice Center (aka Orange County Court Diversion) a not-for-profit service agency in the amount of \$350.

Article 9: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$640,000 to defray the general expenses of the Town?

- Article 10: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$185,000 from the town's account that is used to collect school taxes to the highway equipment reserve fund to satisfy the outstanding debt owed this account as a result of funding the purchase of the grader as approved at the 2019 town meeting.
- Article 11: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$815,000 for highway purposes?
- Article 12: To transact any other business necessary to come before said meeting.

Gema Royston  
Stephen Cole  
[Signature]  
Selectboard

Newbury, Vermont, January 23, 2020

I hereby certify that the foregoing  
was recorded before posting.

Attest,

[Signature]  
Town Clerk

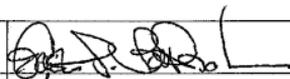
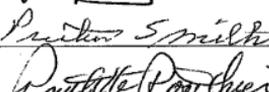
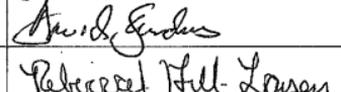
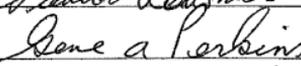
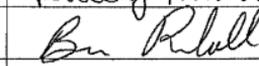
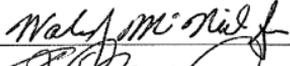
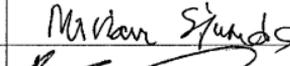
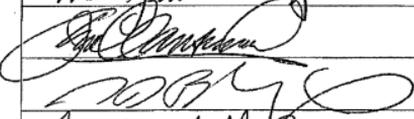
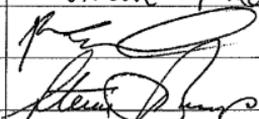
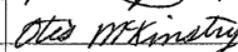
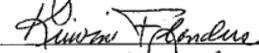
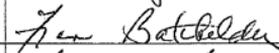
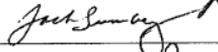
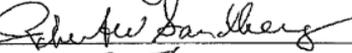
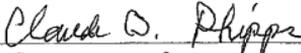
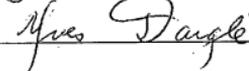
# WARNING

## NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

### MARCH 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 to act on the following article.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$794,823?

	
Cynthia Smith	David Enders
	
Danielle Desjardis	Rebecca Hill-Louson
	
Renee Perkins	Ben Pell
	
Wally McNeil	Marvyn Spinks
	
Tom Conner	Steve Jones
	
Elizabeth Fuller	Otes McKinstry
	
Kevin Flanders	Dan Doyse
	
Timothy P. Dale	Ken Batchelder
	
Jack Smiley	Kenneth W. Hinton
	
Robert Sandberg	
	
Mir R. Sodola	
	
Claude D. Phipps	
	
John Cole	
	
Yves Dangle	

2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2019	2020 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	\$400.00	\$263.75	\$200.00
Audit -- Financial	\$7,595.00	\$8,595.00	\$7,595.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,000.00	\$1,135.00	\$600.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$1,760.00	\$1,920.00
Copier	\$2,000.00	\$1,551.83	\$1,500.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$6,976.12	\$4,600.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$918.36	\$1,500.00
Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$15,000.00	\$13,816.00	\$13,000.00
Planning	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legal Fees	\$1,500.00	\$2,895.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,124.45	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$3,925.44	\$3,600.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,000.00	\$2,949.88	\$3,000.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,100.00	\$932.72	\$1,100.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$47,715.00</b>	<b>\$47,843.55</b>	<b>\$40,765.00</b>
Gross Wages	\$394,610.00	\$378,076.79	\$387,800.00
OT Wages--Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$4,856.87	\$5,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$24,466.00	\$23,772.93	\$24,000.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,722.00	\$5,559.94	\$5,625.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$1,613.48	\$2,212.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$21,010.00	\$20,635.87	\$21,000.00
Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$57,000.00	\$55,000.00
Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$8,454.13	\$7,000.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$4,000.00	\$2,275.37	\$3,200.00
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$406.26	\$250.00
Training	\$1,500.00	\$774.72	\$500.00
Travel	\$100.00	\$75.14	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$524,408.00</b>	<b>\$504,001.50</b>	<b>\$512,137.00</b>
Loss of Use-Baler	\$0.00	\$16,542.76	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LOSS OF USE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$16,542.76</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>			
Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$2,462.59	\$500.00
Electricity	\$9,000.00	\$5,357.24	\$7,300.00
Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$2,341.31	\$500.00
Misc. Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,085.16	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,246.30</b>	<b>\$12,300.00</b>

## 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2019	2020 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>			
Purchases	\$500.00	\$498.25	\$0.00
Baler Loan Payment	\$40,000.00	\$64,000.00	\$40,537.00
Baler Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,944.00
Baler Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$6,323.68	\$8,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,200.00	\$2,193.24	\$2,500.00
Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$992.72	\$3,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Skidsteer Fuel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$2,319.38	\$4,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$3,150.31	\$2,000.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$21,000.00	\$21,753.75	\$22,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$12,000.00	\$22,094.89	\$12,000.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$97,700.00</b>	<b>\$123,326.22</b>	<b>\$97,481.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$306.25	\$500.00
Permits & Fees	\$450.00	\$235.00	\$500.00
Composting	\$20,000.00	\$19,426.50	\$20,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$3,000.00	\$2,263.68	\$1,500.00
Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$10,000.00	\$10,762.53	\$11,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$24,000.00	\$33,307.06	\$23,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,849.72	\$3,000.00
Sale of Recyclables--Processing	\$25,000.00	\$32,172.59	\$22,000.00
Special Collections	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,589.05	\$600.00
Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$14,506.50	\$14,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$96,250.00</b>	<b>\$118,418.88</b>	<b>\$96,140.00</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$781,073.00</b>	<b>\$823,379.21</b>	<b>\$758,823.00</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	\$44,000.00	\$28,060.00	\$36,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$44,000.00</b>	<b>\$28,060.00</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$825,073.00</b>	<b>\$851,439.21</b>	<b>\$794,823.00</b>
Grants--St of VT & USDA	\$59,000.00	\$150,002.52	\$82,000.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$41,000.00	\$43,240.00	\$48,000.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$3,500.00	\$6,333.65	\$5,400.00
Interest Income	\$25.00	\$10.61	\$10.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$1,703.79	\$1,200.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,000.00	\$1,152.00	\$1,600.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$130,000.00	\$61,254.75	\$88,000.00
Compost Income	\$18,000.00	\$20,624.33	\$19,225.00
Electronics Income	\$15,000.00	\$25,670.27	\$21,200.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$25,000.00	\$13,283.90	\$18,000.00
Battery Income	\$8,000.00	\$5,520.75	\$6,500.00
Tire Income	\$12,000.00	\$14,257.40	\$16,000.00
Per Capita Assessment	\$41,500.00	\$42,834.60	\$42,538.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$470,398.00	\$449,359.26	\$445,000.00
<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$825,073.00</b>	<b>\$835,322.83</b>	<b>\$794,823.00</b>

# Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.

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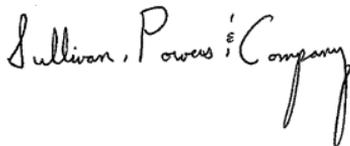
Fred Duplessis, CPA  
Richard J. Brigham, CPA  
Chad A. Hewitt, CPA  
Wendy C. Gilweo, CPA  
VT Lic. #92-000180

January 27, 2020

Selectboard  
Town of Newbury  
P.O. Box 126  
Newbury, Vermont 05051

We have reviewed the financial statements of the Town of Newbury, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Offices.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

TOWN OF NEWBURY, VERMONT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2019

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Building Maintenance Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash	\$ 607,609	\$ 0	\$ 352,953	\$ 119,886	\$ 71	\$ 1,080,519
Investments	44,563	0	176,078	135,814	123,736	480,191
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	155,062	0	0	0	6,198	161,260
Due from Other Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>183,796</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,902</u>	<u>71,868</u>	<u>278,566</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 807,234</u>	<u>\$ 183,796</u>	<u>\$ 529,031</u>	<u>\$ 278,602</u>	<u>\$ 201,873</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,536</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,168	\$ 13,212	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2	\$ 22,382
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	3,566	8,372	0	0	1,573	13,511
Due to Other Funds	270,041	0	2,327	0	6,198	278,566
Unearned Revenue	106,286	0	0	0	0	106,286
Due to School Tax Account	<u>35,186</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>220,186</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>424,247</u>	<u>21,584</u>	<u>187,327</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,773</u>	<u>640,931</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Prepaid Property Taxes	109	0	0	0	0	109
Unavailable Property Taxes, Penalties and Interest	<u>101,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>101,000</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>101,109</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>101,109</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Nonspendable	0	0	0	0	5,307	5,307
Restricted	619	162,212	10,468	0	75,417	248,716
Committed	0	0	331,236	0	0	331,236
Assigned	174,576	0	0	278,602	113,376	566,554
Unassigned	<u>106,683</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>106,683</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>281,878</u>	<u>162,212</u>	<u>341,704</u>	<u>278,602</u>	<u>194,100</u>	<u>1,258,496</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 807,234</u>	<u>\$ 183,796</u>	<u>\$ 529,031</u>	<u>\$ 278,602</u>	<u>\$ 201,873</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,536</u>

TOWN OF NEWBURY, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Building Maintenance Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Property Taxes	\$ 649,874	\$ 750,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,399,874
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	38,304	0	0	0	0	38,304
Intergovernmental	72,056	295,045	0	0	66,391	433,492
Charges for Services	25,861	0	0	23,839	62,076	111,776
Permits, Licenses and Fees	28,917	410	0	2,551	0	31,878
Investment Income	856	0	1,166	0	647	2,669
Donations	413	0	0	0	5,293	5,706
Other	2,301	642	0	0	0	2,943
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>818,582</b>	<b>1,046,097</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>26,390</b>	<b>134,407</b>	<b>2,026,642</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
General Government	440,086	0	0	0	12,011	452,097
Public Safety	207,028	0	0	0	0	207,028
Highways and Streets	1,349	846,225	0	0	0	847,574
Culture and Recreation	55,521	0	0	0	84,126	139,647
Cemetery	8,459	0	0	0	0	8,459
Solid Waste/Recycling	24,270	0	0	0	0	24,270
Capital Outlay:						
Highways and Streets	0	494,489	0	0	0	494,489
Debt Service:						
Principal	27,600	0	0	0	0	27,600
Interest	6,401	0	0	0	0	6,401
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>770,714</b>	<b>1,340,714</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96,137</b>	<b>2,207,565</b>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	47,868	(294,617)	1,166	26,390	38,270	(180,923)
<b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</b>						
Transfers In	3,750	336,967	170,000	0	0	510,717
Transfers Out	(70,000)	(100,000)	(336,967)	(3,750)	0	(510,717)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)</b>	<b>(66,250)</b>	<b>236,967</b>	<b>(166,967)</b>	<b>(3,750)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(18,382)	(57,650)	(165,801)	22,640	38,270	(180,923)
Fund Balances - January 1, 2019	300,260	219,862	507,505	255,962	155,830	1,439,419
Fund Balances - December 31, 2019	<u>\$ 281,878</u>	<u>\$ 162,212</u>	<u>\$ 341,704</u>	<u>\$ 278,602</u>	<u>\$ 194,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,258,496</u>

# DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

as of December 31, 2019

## TOWN & HIGHWAY

Delinquent taxes presented by warrant on 08/15/19 - \$125,845

Collected in 2019 - \$132,979 taxes, \$11,610 interest

Year(s) Billed	No. of Accounts		Amount	
	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>
2013-2016	18	3	\$ 7,616	\$ 484
2017	55	11	26,032	5,039
2018	145	57	64,046	28,292
2019		122		56,745
<b>Delinquent Town and Highway Taxes</b>			<b>\$ 97,694</b>	<b>\$90,560</b>

## SCHOOL

Delinquent taxes presented by warrant on 5/15/19 - \$197,968

Collected in 2019- \$209,251 taxes, \$25,943 interest

Year(s) Billed	No. of Accounts		Amount	
	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>
2013-2016	43	8	\$ 33,554	\$ 6,473
2017	74	26	79,130	17,214
2018		83		77,714
<b>Total Delinquent School Taxes</b>			<b>\$112,684</b>	<b>\$101,401</b>

**Collections continue to be steady with a slight decrease in the outstanding totals. A tax sale held in December cleaned up most accounts with balances for tax years 2017 or earlier. Remaining accounts with 2017 or earlier balances are following a payment plan or have balances too small to handle through tax sale.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Collins, Delinquent Tax Collector

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED  
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

<b>Grand List – 06/21/19</b>			
	Town	\$2,286,236	
	Highway	2,095,219	
<b>Billed:</b>	Town tax	2,286,236@ .28	\$ 640,146
	Highway tax	2,095,218@ .36	754,278
	Billing Adjustments		<u>1,361</u>
<b>Total Taxes Receivable</b>			\$ 1,395,785
<b>Current Taxes Collected</b>			1,234,680
<b>State Payments</b>			35,260
<b>Warrant to Delinquent Tax Collector</b>			\$ 125,845

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**AUDITOR’S REPORT**

We have examined a cross section of the Town of Newbury’s account for 2019 and to the best of our knowledge, the statements and accounts are correct.

Gail Bromley  
Jody Engle  
Jean Welch  
**Auditors, Town of Newbury**

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**Statement of Indebtedness**

<b>Beginning Balance - 01/01/19</b>	\$ 193,200
<b>Additions</b>	0.00
<b>Deletions</b>	27,600
<b>Ending Balance - 12/31/19</b>	\$165,600.00

**Note Payable** – Wells River Savings Bank, Fire Engine, \$276,000 plus interest due annually for ten years, interest of 2.9%. Final payment due 07/13/2026.

The town also borrowed \$185,000 for purchase of the grader from the account used to collect school taxes. This will be addressed at town meeting under Article 10.

# BUDGET REPORTS

TOWN ACCOUNT	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2020 BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property Taxes	631,500.00	656,078.35	24,578.35	640,000.00
State of VT - Hold Harmless Payment	62,000.00	63,506.00	1,506.00	63,500.00
Licenses	4,500.00	5,635.00	1,135.00	5,000.00
Investment Income	300.00	731.71	431.71	350.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	10,000.00	11,579.10	1,579.10	10,000.00
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	17,000.00	26,725.05	9,725.05	17,000.00
Zoning Fees & Fines	4,500.00	5,675.30	1,175.30	4,500.00
Current Use Payback		1,691.00	1,691.00	-
Tire Recycle Fees	200.00	107.00	(93.00)	100.00
Recording, Copies, Misc	17,500.00	25,341.49	7,841.49	20,000.00
Grant	-			106,286.00
School Tax Account - Collection Costs	17,500.00	17,500.00	-	17,500.00
School Treasurer Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	-
State of Vermont - Fines	1,000.00	653.50	(346.50)	750.00
State of Vermont - Legal Fees	-		-	5,000.00
Land lease, user fees	-	150.00	150.00	100.00
Insurance Claim/ Refund	-	1,630.00	1,630.00	-
Sale of Assets - FD air pack bottles	-		-	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>767,000.00</b>	<b>818,003.50</b>	<b>51,003.50</b>	<b>893,086.00</b>

## General Government

<b>Personnel</b>				
Salaries	167,000.00	166,457.51	542.49	176,000.00
Penalties - Del Collector	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	4,500.00
Social Security	13,000.00	13,385.58	(385.58)	13,800.00
Insurance Benefits/Unemployment	31,900.00	31,204.06	695.94	28,000.00
Retirement	5,300.00	5,171.52	128.48	5,500.00
Reimbursed Expenses	400.00	186.60	213.40	400.00
Education	500.00	385.00	115.00	500.00
<b>Total Personnel Expense</b>	<b>221,100.00</b>	<b>219,790.27</b>	<b>1,309.73</b>	<b>228,700.00</b>

<b>Office</b>				
Building Maintenance	6,000.00	6,394.07	(394.07)	5,000.00
Cleaning	3,000.00	2,803.58	196.42	3,000.00
Equipment	1,500.00	3,789.99	(2,289.99)	2,000.00
Equipment Repairs/Contract	400.00	325.00	75.00	350.00
Listers Office	7,500.00	6,381.95	1,118.05	8,600.00
Postage	4,800.00	4,171.64	628.36	5,000.00
Printing & Advertising	4,500.00	2,818.54	1,681.46	4,500.00
Software Contract/Consultant	8,000.00	8,342.89	(342.89)	13,000.00
Supplies	4,000.00	2,843.27	1,156.73	4,000.00
Telephone/Internet Service	2,400.00	2,192.52	207.48	2,400.00
Utilities	6,200.00	6,145.08	54.92	6,200.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>48,300.00</b>	<b>46,208.53</b>	<b>2,091.47</b>	<b>54,050.00</b>

<b>Professional Services</b>				
Audit	8,800.00	8,600.00	200.00	8,800.00
Insurance	70,000.00	60,932.72	9,067.28	65,000.00
Legal	20,000.00	24,577.73	(4,577.73)	20,000.00
Taxes, Licenses, Dues	63,000.00	64,941.88	(1,941.88)	68,000.00
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b>161,800.00</b>	<b>159,052.33</b>	<b>2,747.67</b>	<b>161,800.00</b>

<u>General Govt continued</u>	2019	2019		2020
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET

**Other**

Building Repairs and Renovations	4,000.00	3,750.00	250.00	4,000.00
Interest	700.00	339.80	360.20	400.00
Justices/Election	2,500.00	623.70	1,876.30	4,000.00
Pound	3,000.00	2,262.24	737.76	3,000.00
Dog Listing	400.00	373.58	26.42	400.00
Zoning/Planning Commission	4,325.00	4,917.67	(592.67)	4,575.00
Conservation Commission	800.00	786.35	13.65	800.00
Solid Waste - Recycling	27,000.00	24,270.26	2,729.74	27,000.00
Ordinance Enforcement	4,000.00	1,978.00	2,022.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	200.00	800.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>47,725.00</b>	<b>39,501.60</b>	<b>8,223.40</b>	<b>47,175.00</b>

<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>478,925.00</b>	<b>464,552.73</b>	<b>14,372.27</b>	<b>491,725.00</b>
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**Emergency Services**

**Fire Department**

Payroll	28,500.00	21,430.00	7,070.00	28,500.00
FICA	3,000.00	2,394.88	605.12	3,000.00
Consumables	1,600.00	193.56	1,406.44	1,600.00
Education & Training	2,300.00	2,150.00	150.00	2,300.00
Dues	1,250.00	1,507.00	(257.00)	1,250.00
Insurance	1,100.00	1,057.00	43.00	1,100.00
Lights	2,700.00	2,830.23	(130.23)	2,800.00
Heat	4,800.00	3,528.94	1,271.06	4,800.00
Telephone	3,200.00	3,181.91	18.09	3,200.00
Answering Service	4,700.00	4,556.50	143.50	4,700.00
Rent	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
Water	540.00	540.00	-	540.00
Repairs	16,300.00	14,800.68	1,499.32	16,300.00
Gas & Oil	2,550.00	1,327.47	1,222.53	2,550.00
Propane	250.00	91.81	158.19	250.00
Supplies	1,300.00	205.10	1,094.90	1,500.00
Equipment	39,650.00	32,934.50	6,715.50	149,286.00
Forestry Equipment	500.00	496.50	3.50	500.00
Building Maintenance	4,000.00	1,801.26	2,198.74	4,000.00
Dry Hydrant	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	50,000.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	34,000.00	34,001.01	(1.01)	33,200.00
<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>203,440.00</b>	<b>179,228.35</b>	<b>24,211.65</b>	<b>312,576.00</b>

**Other**

Emergency Management	950.00	503.02	446.98	950.00
EMS	12,500.00	12,324.65	175.35	12,500.00
Emergency Services Administrator	7,500.00	6,875.00	625.00	7,500.00
Emergency Medical Co-ordinator	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Police Protection	15,500.00	5,650.32	9,849.68	15,500.00
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>39,450.00</b>	<b>28,352.99</b>	<b>11,097.01</b>	<b>39,450.00</b>

<b>Total Emergency Services</b>	<b>242,890.00</b>	<b>207,581.34</b>	<b>35,308.66</b>	<b>352,026.00</b>
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<b>Town Account continued</b>	<b>2019 BUDGET</b>	<b>2019 ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>2020 BUDGET</b>
<b>Bridges &amp; Rails</b>				
Bridges & Rails	7,000.00	1,349.27	5,650.73	7,000.00
<b>Total Bridges &amp; Rails</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>1,349.27</b>	<b>5,650.73</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
<b>Public Safety &amp; Health</b>				
Capstone	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Central VT Council on Aging	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Clara Martin Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Green Mt Economic Development	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Green Up Vermont	500.00	424.40	75.60	500.00
Orange County Diversion	175.00	175.00	-	0.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
Safeline	700.00	700.00	-	700.00
Stagecoach	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	4,500.00
Vermont Congregational Home	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance & Hospice	8,500.00	8,500.00	-	8,500.00
VT Assoc of Conservation Districts	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
VT Center for Independent Living	460.00	460.00	-	460.00
Wells River Action Program	400.00	400.00	-	400.00
Health Officer	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Ambulance Service Contract	42,939.00	42,939.00	-	50,760.00
<b>Total Public Safety &amp; Health</b>	<b>74,274.00</b>	<b>74,198.40</b>	<b>75.60</b>	<b>81,920.00</b>
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>				
Recreation Department	13,500.00	9,982.35	3,517.65	14,000.00
Beach Program	5,000.00	4,154.43	845.57	4,800.00
4th of July Parade	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Baldwin Memorial Library	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Halls Lake Association - Milfoil Control	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Lower Cohase	550.00	550.00	-	550.00
Mentoring Project of Upper Valley	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Newbury Historical Society	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Orange East Senior Center	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	3,500.00
Tenney Memorial Library	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
<b>Total Culture &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>65,550.00</b>	<b>61,186.78</b>	<b>4,363.22</b>	<b>65,850.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
Cemetery Maintenance	8,500.00	8,459.52	40.48	12,000.00
Memorial Day	900.00	900.00	-	900.00
Veteran's Park	1,000.00	732.50	267.50	1,000.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>10,400.00</b>	<b>10,092.02</b>	<b>307.98</b>	<b>13,900.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>879,039.00</b>	<b>818,960.54</b>	<b>60,078.46</b>	<b>1,012,421.00</b>

Town Account continued	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2020 BUDGET
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>879,039.00</b>	<b>818,960.54</b>	<b>60,078.46</b>	<b>1,012,421.00</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	(112,039.00)	(957.04)		(119,335.00)
Transfer to Bridge Reserve Fund	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)	-	(20,000.00)
Transfer from Bridge Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	-	
Transfer from Building Maint Fund	4,000.00	3,750.00	250.00	4,000.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Transfers Out	(128,039.00)	(17,207.04)	(110,831.96)	(135,335.00)
<b>Fund Equity - January 1</b>	<b>242,225.62</b>	<b>259,225.62</b>		<b>242,018.58</b>
<b>Fund Equity - December 31</b>	<b>114,186.62</b>	<b>242,018.58</b>		<b>106,683.58</b>

## HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

	2019 Budget	2019 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2020 Budget
Property Taxes	750,000.00	750,000.00	-	815,000.00
State of Vermont - Hold Harmless Pymnt	78,000.00	83,163.00	5,163.00	83,000.00
State of Vermont Grant-In-Aid	187,000.00	189,675.53	2,675.53	189,000.00
Misc	-	22,206.83	-	-
Misc	-	641.50	641.50	-
Weight Permit & Access Fees	400.00	410.00	10.00	400.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,015,400.00</b>	<b>1,046,096.86</b>	<b>8,490.03</b>	<b>1,087,400.00</b>

### Personnel

Salaries	275,000.00	272,823.56	2,176.44	285,000.00
Social Security	21,000.00	21,436.72	(436.72)	21,800.00
Insurance Benefits	93,000.00	92,306.82	693.18	93,000.00
Retirement	15,000.00	15,861.03	(861.03)	16,700.00
Clothing Allowance & Misc Benefits	3,500.00	3,584.00	(84.00)	3,500.00
Unemployment	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>408,000.00</b>	<b>406,012.13</b>	<b>1,987.87</b>	<b>420,500.00</b>

<b>Highway Account continued</b>	<b>2019 BUDGET</b>	<b>2019 ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>2020 BUDGET</b>
Gas & Oil	90,000.00	74,508.62	15,491.38	85,000.00
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	55,000.00	50,332.14	4,667.86	55,000.00
Stormwater, Environmental Compliance	1,500.00	1,750.00	(250.00)	500.00
Hired Equipment	35,000.00	29,941.43	5,058.57	35,000.00
Sand	42,000.00	53,656.83	(11,656.83)	50,000.00
Gravel	100,000.00	98,534.00	1,466.00	115,000.00
Salt	57,000.00	55,123.51	1,876.49	57,000.00
Chloride	19,500.00	9,164.00	10,336.00	19,500.00
Cold Patch	1,000.00	406.55	593.45	1,000.00
Resurfacing/Reconstruction	140,000.00	121,816.59	18,183.41	140,000.00
Grants-in-Aid	-	13,180.00	(13,180.00)	-
Culverts & Other Infrastructure	7,000.00	6,526.71	473.29	7,000.00
Signs	4,000.00	4,038.33	(38.33)	4,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00	1,588.27	411.73	2,000.00
Tools	1,500.00	1,059.73	440.27	1,500.00
Telephone/Communications	1,500.00	1,272.14	227.86	1,500.00
Contracted/ Professional Services	1,000.00	884.00	116.00	1,000.00
Utilities	10,000.00	8,767.11	1,232.89	10,000.00
Garage Building Repairs & Maint	12,500.00	21,078.21	(8,578.21)	10,000.00
Grader Loan Repayment to Town	35,000.00	35,000.00	-	35,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00	705.40	294.60	5,000.00
Pavement Maintenance	8,500.00	8,000.00	500.00	8,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	400.00	600.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>626,000.00</b>	<b>597,733.57</b>	<b>28,266.43</b>	<b>644,500.00</b>
Non - Recurring Equipment Expense	152,000.00	151,966.80	33.20	160,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,186,000.00</b>	<b>1,155,712.50</b>	<b>30,287.50</b>	<b>1,225,000.00</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Rev over Expenses	(170,600.00)	(109,615.64)	60,984.36	(137,600.00)
Transfers To Capital Fund	(100,000.00)	(100,000.00)	-	(105,000.00)
Transfers From Capital Fund	152,000.00	151,966.80	(33.20)	160,000.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Transfers	(118,600.00)	(57,648.84)	61,017.56	(82,600.00)
<b>Fund Equity January 1</b>	<b>219,861.63</b>	<b>219,861.63</b>		<b>162,212.79</b>
<b>Fund Equity December 31</b>	<b>101,261.63</b>	<b>162,212.79</b>		<b>79,612.79</b>

## BUDGET NOTES

### **Revenues**

#### Taxes

The town uses the modified accrual basis of accounting that requires revenue received within sixty days of the end of the year to be accounted for in the prior year. An estimate of anticipated tax collection through February 2020 is included in this line.

#### Homeland Security Grant

Although received in 2019, accounting procedures require this be recognized in the year it will be expended.

#### State of Vermont Legal Fees

Anticipated revenue for reimbursement of legal costs associated with the defense of the Great River Hydro tax assessment multi-year appeal.

#### Sale of Assets

Replacement SCBA air cylinders purchased in 2019 will be sold as they are not compatible with the 18 air packs being purchased with grant and local funds.

### **Expenditures**

#### General Fund

##### Software Contracts/consulting

This reflects a substantial increase in the tax assessing, tax collecting and accounting software support as well as upgrades to the operating system of all office computers.

##### Legal

Defense of a multi-year tax appeal, review of policy and ordinance rewrites and establishment of agreements with the school and Newbury Women's Club regarding the use of the common were a few of the issues requiring legal action and advice.

##### Fire Department Equipment

18 SCBA units with 2 cylinders per unit will be purchased using grant and local funds.

## Highway Fund

### Garage Building Repair

Improvements to the building's insulation and modification to one of the doors were completed. The 2020 budget includes fund for refastening the metal roof.

### Equipment Purchases

A 2019 International dump truck and John Deere grader were purchased. The 2009 6 wheel dump truck is due to be replaced in 2020.

Although we intended to finance the grader using existing funds to be repaid in yearly installments of \$35,000, review of funds in the account used to collect school taxes and the change in the structure of our local schools prompt us to ask voters to transfer funds from this account to the equipment reserve account to satisfy the outstanding debt of \$185,000. Refer to Article 10 on the warning.

## Equipment Reserve Funds

The balances of the reserve account funds as of December 31 were: highway equipment - \$195,470; fire equipment - \$140,322; and bridge fund - \$190,912.

## Other Designated Funds Balances

Preservation of Records	40,864
Bandstand Fund	1,543
Building Fund	278,602
Reappraisal Fund	105,851
History Publishing	39,241
Cemetery	7,005
Bayley Fund	71
Cemetery Endowments	5,669
Forest Management	2,429
Woodchuck Mt. Conservation	1,006
Conservation Committee Fundraising	2,556
Listers' Education	2,506
Recreation Fundraising	619
After School Program	3,840
Tucker Mountain Management	20,758
School Tax Collection Account	232,395
06/30/19 cash balance	

## Report of the Town Budget Advisory Committee

Throughout the fall of 2019 and the month of January in 2020, the volunteer Town Budget Committee met several times with the Selectboard to hear and review proposals from the town departments, committees and the two libraries. The 2019 budget presented in the Town Report is the result of discussion, debate and collaboration with the Selectboard and Town Treasurer.

	<u>Basis</u>	<u>2019 Rate</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Rate</b>			
Selectboard Member Stipend	Annual	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Selectboard Chair Stipend	Annual	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
Selectboard Meetings	Per Meeting	\$50.00	\$50.00
Town Clerk	Hourly	\$22.31	\$22.87
Town Treasurer	Hourly	\$23.69	\$24.28
Tax Collector	Monthly Stipend	\$250.00	\$375.00
Listers	Hourly	\$18.90	\$19.37
Constable	Hourly	\$20.09	\$20.59

To address the need to attract and maintain staff members for town office personnel and the highway department, salary/hourly increases have been included in the 2020 budget. The salaries line for the Highway Department represents a 3.0% increase over last year's figures/rates. The salaries line for General Government represents a 2.5% increase over last year's figures/rates. Mileage accrued for town business in personal vehicles will be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.50/mile.

A list of the Selectboard Chair duties will be available at the town office, as was requested at the 2019 town meeting. In addition, a list of specific town wages will also be available at the town office. If you wish to obtain a copy of these lists please see the Town Clerk or Town Treasurer.

We also recommend the following additions to the various Town Department Reserve Accounts:

Fire Department Reserve Account	\$50,000.00
Bridge Reserve Account	\$20,000.00
Highway Equipment Reserve Account	\$105,000.00

Respectively submitted by the Newbury Town Budget Advisory Committee,  
Dennis Hopta, Marvin Harrison, Sam Calley

## After School Program

Our fourth year of offering quality after school care at a very affordable price to the students of NES and BMU has gone very well. After extensive administrative work with the State of Vermont, we were able to secure a new license for the program at BMU under the auspices of the Town of Newbury. We would like to publicly thank Alma Roystan, Selectboard Chair, Steve Cole and Joseph Parsons, Selectboard Members, and finally Mary Collins, Town Treasurer, for their tremendous support of this process. We offer a safe and nurturing environment for students Kindergarten to sixth grade five days a week from 2:40-5:30 p.m.

This past summer we ran a very successful summer program for six weeks, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at BMU for approximately 18 children from both NES and BMU. With great support from K-6 Principal at BMU, Scott Blood, we were able to offer an exciting and fun-filled learning environment at BMU and other local communities. The program took field trips to the Montshire Museum, Squam Lake, Harvey's Lake, and Star Theater. We are very much looking forward to hosting our second summer program at BMU starting in late June 2020 and running through the month of July.

We are now offering a new daily schedule for children attending the program. Students with homework are offered the opportunity for the first 20-30 minutes to complete their assignments, while all other children have a recess period. When the students with homework are finished, they join the others for recess. This is followed by a nutritious snack and a planned activity. Each month, the program puts out a calendar of the activities planned for each day of the program. Some activities include: crafts, chess, soccer, yoga, musical performances, puzzle making, holiday events, and much more! Also this year we hired professionals in the areas of art (Ashley Lefebvre), music (Jackie Verley), technology (Laurie Williams), and reading (Sarah White).

We would like to thank, once again, the following volunteers for helping us create a positive learning environment at both programs this year: Art Morris and Rick Hausman (cider-making), Rick Hausman and Cathy Damon (Tucker Mountain hike), Marten Smit (chess), Dan Berna (photography), Mary Burnham (Tenney Library), Craig Hervey (Halloween hay ride), and Cody Sanborn (musical performance). There are two other community members who deserve a major "thank you" for their time, patience, and professionalism! These two women, Kim Merrill (crafts) and Kelsey Root Winchester (yoga) have given children a true gift in their respective fields. Their efforts have exposed the children to skills they can use for the rest of their lives. The children attending this program are very fortunate to have had the experiences provided by all of you. Our program would not be the same without your time and effort! If anyone reading this report has an interest in volunteering for the program please contact Paul Jewett at (802)-584-3088. Please note, finger printing is not required to be a volunteer for the program.

Daily cost ranges from \$10.00 to \$16.00 depending on the number of days students are enrolled for. Our average daily attendance has jumped from 25 to 29 in the past year and we fully expect that to continue to grow. Our commitment to running the program effectively with no tax dollars has been very successful. Tuition assistance is available through the state of Vermont.

Finally, we would like to thank the Town of Newbury, the Select Board, the BMU School Board, Morgan Moore (principal of NES), and Scott Blood (K-6 principal of BMU) for supporting us this past year. Thanks to your support, our program has continued to grow to meet the needs of the children in this community. We would also like to thank our hardworking staff for making this program a success. We are very excited to see what the rest of this school year brings!

**Staff:**

Paul Jewett – Administrator  
Theresa Rouelle – Site Director  
Lindsey LeBeau – Administrative Assistant  
Billie Lamarre – Program Staff  
Jennifer Allen – Program Staff  
Zach Kane – Program Staff  
Jackie Verley – Program Staff  
Ashley Lefebvre – Program Staff  
Laurie Williams – Program Staff  
Mark Locke – Program Staff  
Melanie Minshull – Program Staff  
Sarah White – Program Staff

## NEWBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NCC)

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

Visit Us on Facebook

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** To increase public awareness of natural resources in Newbury through educational campaigns and gathering resource data in order to provide residents with the information they need to make informed decisions.

**Thank you to Dianne Norton** for her years of service to NCC. Dianne is moving on to pursue other interest. We will miss her help and wisdom. Dianne has been our web-master, creating, updating and maintaining the site. Her energy and organizational skills have helped NCC better communicate with town residents and the public.

### WE NEED FOUR NEW MEMBERS! HOW ABOUT YOU?

Come to a meeting learn about our projects. Bring your ideas to the table.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

NCC wants to add to our **volunteer list**. If you would like to help out with events, trail work, fund-raising projects, and tree planting, **let us know!** If you are looking for projects for your church group, 4-H, Boys & Girl Scouts, service group, or school related community service, NCC can help you with ideas that will benefit both your group and our community.

*NCC meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Baldwin Library in Wells River at 7:00pm.* All Newbury residents are invited to attend, share, and learn.

### PROJECT REPORTS FROM 2019 and EVENTS FOR 2020:

**Paddle the Border** continues to grow and in our 17<sup>th</sup> year has become a tradition in the valley.

This canoe and kayak paddle on the Connecticut River is held semi-annually, May and October.

Event sponsors include Newbury Conservation Commission, Haverhill Recreation Commission, Cohase Chamber of Commerce and Bradford Conservation Commission, with support from Upper Valley Land Trust and Upper Valley Trails Alliance. The Paddle is followed by a cookout provided by the Cohase Lions Club, live music by Strawberry Farm Band, and displays set up by Community groups to promote historical, cultural, educational, and environmental information about the Connecticut River Valley.

**Join us in 2020 to celebrate the event's 17<sup>th</sup> year!**

- The May paddle begins from the Woodsville Community Field and goes to Bedell Bridge State Park (**Sunday, May 17th**).
- The October Paddle goes from the Newbury-Haverhill Crossing boat launch to Bugbee Landing in Bradford (**Sunday, October 4th**).

**Birding With Bill:** This May event is held with Bill Shepard, Executive Director of the Connecticut River Birding Trails, and local host Alice Allen. The group explores the Wells River Nature Trails, successfully calling and identifying a large variety of birds. This is a popular event and group size is limited. For more information call Alice Allen at 802-584-4077 or visit our web site.

**Trails Day Work Day:** National Trails Day is held every year on the first Saturday in June.

**2020 will be the 23rd year.** Volunteers can participate locally by joining NCC and Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA) in a workday involving the upkeep of local hiking trails. This year we will be working on the Cross Vermont Trail from Boltonville parking area to the access trail to Blue Mt. School. We meet at Blue Mt. School on **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**Trail Maintenance** is a year-round effort. The most effective way to maintain the trail system is by using volunteers. What a great way to enjoy the outdoors and assist others at the same time. If you are not familiar with the hiking trails in Newbury and would like to volunteer your time, please contact any NCC member and we will gladly show you the trails.

**Cross Vermont Trail Fall Foliage Bicycle Ride:** This year is our **23rd** annual ride on the Cross Vermont Trail. The ride starts from Kettle Pond in Groton State Park and goes to Blue Mt. School. We had a great turnout in 2019 and saw a lot of new riders, both local and from out of the area. This is a family friendly ride, and an ideal way to introduce teens to the sport of trail riding. The CVT Fall Foliage ride is held every year on the last Saturday of September.  
(2020 Saturday, September 26).

**Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA) News:** Imagine a multi-use, four-season, off-road trail across the width of Vermont following the Winooski River & Wells River Valleys—a 90 mile greenway for cyclists, skiers, and walkers that connects communities, schools, and the natural areas between. This vision has steadily moved toward reality through the quiet work of the Cross Vermont Trail Association.

**CVTA local success in 2019:** CVTA was awarded a Vermont Community Foundation “Spark Grant” and Vermont Recreational Trail Grant. With these funds we will be resurfacing the trail from the CVT Trail Head parking area off Route 302 in Boltonville to the Blue Mt. Nature Trails leading to Blue Mt. School. This work will include adding four inches of new top surface to the trail, improving drainage along the trail, adding a new gate at the trail head parking in Boltonville, and placing boulders at strategic spots along the trail to help prevent illegal use. This work will continue into 2020 and volunteer work-days will be scheduled.

The Cross Vermont Trail Association, formed in 1999, is an incorporated, private non-profit organization that is member-based and volunteer-driven. We are funded by winning competitive grants and through individual donations from trail users. Residents of all towns through which the trail route passes are invited to get involved in the CVTA. Get better trails near where you live. Maps, guidebook, and more information on the trail routes are available at [www.crossvermont.org](http://www.crossvermont.org), or call us at 802-498-0079.

Greg Western, Trail Programs Coordinator ~ Michael Thomas, Regional Coordinator

**Basin 14 Watershed Plan 5 year update:** NCC will be working with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and White River Natural Resources Conservation District on the five year update of the Basin 14 watershed which includes the Stevens, Well, Waits, and Ompompanoosuc Rivers. This includes a review of the water quality restoration and protection efforts previous done on the Wells and Waits River. We will also be starting new studies of the many ponds in the watershed and the streams that flow through Newbury into the Waits, Wells, and Connecticut Rivers.

**Many Volunteers will be needed over the next few years for these programs.**

#### **NCC GOALS FOR 2020**

1. NCC will continue our public outreach by working with local educators. NCC will continue hosting educational workshops to increase community interest and involvement in local conservation efforts.
2. NCC will review the forests management plans and begin developing a town forest policy that balances conservation, recreation, public access, education, and good forestry stewardship.
3. In 2020 we will be looking at town owned property on Jefferson Hill, Rogers Hill, and the Old Ski Tow in West Newbury.
4. NCC will continue to work with the Tucker Mt. Town Forest Management Committee as they move forward implementing their management plan, and work with them on projects in the field. NCC and the Tucker Committee have attended each other's meetings and have attended workshops together. This partnership is strong and growing, and we both look forward to a busy year to come.
5. NCC will continue our work with Upper Valley Trails Alliance (UVTA), concentrating our efforts in two areas:
  - I. Work on trails within Newbury that lead to Tucker Mt. Town forest and look at a potential trail from Tucker Mt. Town Forest to Wrights Mt. Town Forest in Bradford.
  - II. Work on establishing safe bicycling routes along select roads in Newbury. Working with UVTA will also give NCC more opportunity to network with other Conservation Commissions and like-minded groups and help NCC expand our volunteer networks.
6. NCC will continue improving our Web-Site and Facebook presence to promote events, share pictures, stories, and adventures in Newbury. NCC is exploring ways to open our meeting through the use of video programs like Facetime, Snap-chat or Skype.

**Our website: [www.NewburyConservation.org](http://www.NewburyConservation.org).**

Find us on Facebook under Newbury Conservation Commission  
Contact Michael Thomas 802-757-3960 or [mikethom1@charter.net](mailto:mikethom1@charter.net)

Submitted by: Carol Stoll, Chelsea Lynes, Michael Thomas

## Emergency Management Director's Report

As promised, 2019 brought around many changes in emergency management and the fire department. The first of these being the change from Emergency Services Coordinator to Emergency Management Director. The main purpose of this change was to make a more effective way to manage the town's three stations and other emergency services and to streamline communications between the three station Chiefs and the Select Board regarding town resource needs.

This September, the town was awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$106,285.71 to help offset the cost of purchasing 18 sets of new SCBA packs and spare bottles, with a total cost of \$123,445.80. SCBA packs allow for interior firefighting and rescue. A HUGE THANK YOU from the Newbury Fire Department to Bob (Robert) Taylor for all of his hard work and countless hours spent on the long grant-writing process, thanks Bob.

I would like to thank Doug Merrill and Dan Martin for their assistance in helping me get my feet under me and started in the right direction. With constant changes in fire service and emergency management, there are ongoing revisions to current policy. These take time to adapt to and understand. I hope to continue to build a good working relationship between the town's three fire stations, EMS, highway department, and select board.

I would like to thank ALL of members Newbury Fire Department, and Newbury EMS, the tax payers are lucky to have so many members of our community willing to donate so much time away from their families, jobs, and private interests. Without all of you there would be no Newbury Fire Department or Newbury EMS.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin D. Ilsley  
Newbury Emergency Management Director

## Newbury EMS



During 2019, Newbury EMS responded to 282 calls providing a medical response by trained EMS personnel on a 24 hour basis for all 365 days of the year. Working in conjunction with our ALS partners, Woodsville Ambulance, we are proud of the quick response and the quality of care that we can provide. We also thank the members of our community for their continued support and, as EMS Chief, I would like to also thank all Newbury EMS members for always being there.

All members are licensed by the National Registry of EMT's and Vermont EMS. All are required to take a minimum of 40 credit hours of training/education every two years to maintain their EMS license. In addition, our own Steve Willett, who also works full time at Woodsville Ambulance, is currently in school pursuing his paramedic license.

We do need your help in two crucial areas. In the event of a call for a patient in cardiac arrest, we need you to start life-saving CPR to help keep the person alive until advanced help arrives. Please consider taking a CPR class if you are not already trained. The second area where you could help us is to be sure you have your 911 address clearly visible from the road so that our responders can find you as quickly as possible in an emergency.

### Newbury EMS Run Summary

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total # of Calls:	289	292
# of Medical Calls:	195	176
# of Trauma Calls:	84	99
# Fire Related Calls:	10	7
MV Accidents	35	39
Mutual Aid Provided	20	18
Average # Responders per call	2.9	3.0

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Martin, EMS Chief

## Fire Warden's Report

The Warden and assistants issued over 300 permits for **BRUSH, GRASS AND LEAVES** during the year 2019. Remember if you burn without a permit or burn illegal items the town can issue a bill for reimbursement of containment of and extinguishment of the fire. There could also be a fine and or community service. Please don't burn any thing other than what is legal and remember

**WE MAY ONLY ISSUE PERMITS FOR BRUSH, GRASS AND LEAVES.**

With snow on the ground you may burn without a permit, but we would appreciate a call letting us know that you are going to burn, and remember **YOU MAY ONLY BURN BRUSH, GRASS AND LEAVES**. If you have anything else to burn (such as old buildings, boards, collapsed or partially burned buildings ect.) you must contact the VT Dept. of Air Pollution Control at 1-802-272-4088. They will advise you of the procedure to follow.

We are getting more and more reports of burning without a permit and burning illegal items. When you obtain a burn permit it does not mean you can burn anything you want. Follow the law and burn what is legal.

**BURN BARRELS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE STATE OF VERMONT UNLESS YOU ARE BURNING BRUSH, GRASS OR LEAVES.**

Thank you to all of you who continue to call for permits even when there is snow on the ground; it makes our job much easier and safer.

Fire Warden  
Jeffrey Morin

During the non-snow season, times for burning are as follows:  
Monday through Friday after 5PM out by 9AM the following day.

(Weekends) Permits MAY be issued for **BRUSH, GRASS OR LEAVES ONLY** during any hours as long as weather permits, and the fire is out by 9AM Monday. All fires must be monitored, don't leave your fires unattended. (Remember your permit is a privilege not a right and it can be revoked at any time by any of the following people regardless if they issued it or not. Also, you the permit holder are bound by State of Vermont Forestry Regulations regarding fire laws.)

To obtain a fire permit please call one of the following:

Jeffrey Morin - 757-2706  
Steve Willett - 429-2008  
Ben Ilsley - 505-1577

John Paye - 603-726-0642  
Ryan Moore - 603-991-6349

Steve Sharf - 429-2292  
Dylan Kidder - 505-5481

To obtain a permit you may have to call more than one person. If you get no answer from whom you normally get a permit, call the next person listed. We all work during the day so please be patient and wait for one of us to call back.

**ONLY THE NUMBERS LISTED CAN ISSUE PERMITS**  
**DO NOT CALL THE FIRE DEPT EMERGENCY NUMBER**  
**FOR PERMITS**

## Newbury Village Station

Newbury Village station's close-knit family of firefighters provided fire protection for the village, surrounding homes, and neighboring towns in 2019. We were toned out to 9 structure fires, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 4 alarms, 4 trees on wires, 3 chimney fires, and a variety of other calls. Beyond these calls, our 14 firefighters put in many, many hours of volunteer time in training, taking care of equipment, and community service. 10 of our calls were mutual aid to nearby towns. Volunteer fire departments are challenged to keep trained firefighters available for response throughout the day. Just as Newbury Village station's assistance is important to our neighbors, Newbury's other two stations and Haverhill NH's stations continue to be an important part of the safety net for Newbury Village. We're all working to help each other.

2019 found us celebrating firefighter Dick Swenson's 87th birthday! Our firefighters drove the Engine and Tanker over to his house and surprised him and his family in the driveway where we issued a burn permit for having that many candles on a cake. Dick's service to the Newbury community continues to be an example to us all.

On September 11th we held a successful stair climb event commemorating the 343 firefighters who lost their lives in the World Trade Towers during the attacks in 2001. Firefighters from Newbury and Haverhill along with quite a few children climbed the stairs of the Newbury Elementary School 48 times, the equivalent height of the towers, raising money for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. It was a wonderful team and community building event.

In 2019 students of the Newbury Elementary School visited the station twice and we counted 62 trick or treaters on Halloween. We'd like to send special thanks to village resident Lynne Rider who continues to provide delicious home-baked goodies on our meeting and drill nights. Thanks Lynne! We'd also like to thank everyone who supported our Fall Festival boot drop fundraiser and those who donated to the station in other ways. Your contributions show the community's commitment to its firefighters. Thank you.

We'd like to make the community aware of a dangerous intersection in town. Please use extra care around the intersection of Route 5 and Snake Rd. Statistics show that year after year we have a high number of motor vehicle accidents in this location.

In 2019 we responded to structure fires that were difficult to find due to poorly posted or missing street numbers. Please help us find you when you call 911 by placing reflective numbers visible in both directions from the street. Please change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors every 6 months. Take care of those devices so they can take care of you while you sleep.

Respectively submitted,  
Chief John Renfrew

## Wells River Station

Ten (10) of our 12 members on the roster are FF 1 or FF 2 certified. These firefighters have to have 24 hours of continued training in Haz Mat, SCBA and CPR to maintain their certification. We are very fortunate to have these trained members who are willing to do this training for you, these hours are only a small part of the many hours spent training each year.

The members of the Wells River Station responded to 51 calls totaling 550 hours of time in the year 2019. We responded to structure fires, auto fires, trees and wires down, CO alarms, mutual aid calls, alarm activations, EMS assists, and auto accidents. We meet each month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and have training on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.

In early November 2019, I attended a seminar on Fire Safety and Carbon Monoxide Awareness in Lebanon, NH. This training was very eye opening in the fact that many homes do not have carbon monoxide alarms in them, some even do not have smoke alarms. In some of the situations that were discussed if the homes or motels had had this very inexpensive item lives would have been saved. The main speaker lost her parents in a hotel in Kentucky due to CO and it took her and her brother doing research about their parent's death to uncover the problem, but not before another person lost his life in the exact room. Our stations each have CO detectors to let us know if CO is present in the homes that we go to for an alarm. Many departments have individual alarms worn by firefighters and EMT's who respond to a call for CO for their personal safety. Some of the symptoms include feeling sick, dizzy, feeling like you have the flu etc. Remember this odorless, colorless and tasteless gas mixes with your breathing air and can be in all parts of the home. An alarm should be on each level of your home to help protect you. Please contact Chief Morin if you don't have an alarm, smoke or carbon monoxide and he will assist you with the process of obtaining one for your home.

On February 8, 2020 we will have our annual Super Raffle. This event is held at the Happy Hour in Wells River and all who attend have a good meal and lots of fun.

Thanks goes out to Bob Taylor of Newbury Village Station who wrote our grant for new Air Packs.

Every Firefighter is awaiting the arrival of the new units.

Thank you to all the community members for your continued support of the fire department.

Respectfully Submitted  
Chief Jeffrey Morin  
802-757-2706

**REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE  
ALARMS MONTHLY AND CHANGE THE BATTERIES TWICE A YEAR.  
YOUR 911 NUMBER NEEDS TO BE VISIBLE AT THE ROAD FOR  
RESPONDING FIRE, EMS OR POLICE.**

## West Newbury Station

The eleven members of the West Newbury Fire Station had 27 events this year, of which 5 were structure fires, 7 wires down/trees down, 8 mutual aid calls, 1 carbon monoxide investigation, 1 brush fire, 4 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 medical assist.

Along with the calls, the members also attended one meeting per month and one drill per month. Many members also attended the Twin State Fire School at BMU. Members that were unable to attend fire school made it to other classes throughout the year.

This year we were focused on training for new members, additional training for officers, operators, updating interior firefighting gear (turn out gear), and putting money towards the SCBA grant.

West Newbury Station continues its fundraiser's including a chicken BBQ at the Darlings car show, and this year our 25th annual "Gunther Wernecke" EMS golf tournament. Money raised during these events are planned to be used on replacing the current forestry/equipment truck.

If you see a fire fighter in passing, please be sure to thank them for donating their time to keep our community safe.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK CO AND SMOKE DETECTORS  
TWICE A YEAR.  
REMEMBER TO CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven Willett, WNFD Chief

## Highway Department

In “2014” we had to raise the gravel line item in the budget, and said that there will likely be another increase next year. Now we are in “2020” and we have made no further increases. The need is there to increase this line again and on a more regular basis just to try to keep up. We proposed a \$25,000.00 increase in this line but due to other necessary increases and an effort to keep taxes in check, we cut back to a \$15,000.00 increase. For those that are not aware the Town has approximately 75 miles of gravel roads and there is always the need for resurfacing areas due to loss from traffic and weather related issues. In past years we seem to use 30 to 40 percent of our gravel budget just to get through mud season. Gravel is also used for every culvert replacement that we perform. And all erosion control stone work done also comes from the gravel line.

This coming spring we will be applying for a Structures Grant to replace a deteriorating stone culvert on the Darling Road.

This past year we improved the insulation in the ceiling of the Highway Garage in an effort to save on heating costs. It is a little early to tell for sure, but it seems to be helping a considerable amount.

Some progress has been made on the “Boltonville Bridge Project”. Plans have been approved and construction is now forecasted to take place in 2021.

Sincerely,  
Bob Beaulieu  
Highway Department



**NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
Museum at the old West Newbury School House  
Post Office Box 33 – Newbury, Vermont 05051  
At 155 Tyler Farm Road – West Newbury, Vermont  
[newburyhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:newburyhistorical@gmail.com)

The Newbury Historical Society in 2019 dealt with activities ranging from a storm damaged roof to the presentation of three Newbury based historic programs. It was a busy year - it was a financially challenging year.

The Society, as well as the president, is blessed by a dedicated Board of Directors. The members of this board are Amanda Beaulieu, Diann Cottrill, Emmy Hausman, Aroline Putnam, Richard M. Roderick, Justin Squizzero, Carol Stoll, Sandy Titus, Jean Welch and George Willard.

Throughout the summer season, the Society holds regular Open Houses at the Schoolhouse Museum on Tyler Farm Road in West Newbury. Most are on the third Sunday of the month, at 2:00pm, those coming in May, June, July and September. The exception is in August, when, in conjunction with the West Newbury Festival, this year on Saturday, August 10, we hold an Open House from 10:00 until 2:00. This year, for the third year in a row, the Society participated in the West Newbury Festival parade.

The Society's annual historic program series began in 2019 with a presentation by Michele Arnosky Sherburne, "Newbury's Silence Broken: Reporting on the Orville Gibson Murder Case", dealing with the tragedy of December 1957. We co-sponsored this program with the Ryegate Historical Society, and welcomed more than 175 people to the cafeteria at Blue Mountain Union on Route 302, Wells River on Sunday, June 30 at 2:00pm. Ms Sherburne captivated the large crowd, detailing the events leading up to and following the tragic event in Newbury, and then fielded questions and comments from those in attendance. Kingdom Access TV out of St. Johnsbury filmed the event and has made it available on their website. A DVD of the program is available to borrow from the Tenney Memorial Library in Newbury, and also at the Baldwin Memorial Library in Wells River.

The second part of the series was held on Sunday, July 21, at 4:00pm at the vestry of the Newbury Congregational Church. The program was "Newbury's Frances Parkinson Keyes – Renowned Around the World", and was viewed by a packed house. The audience included Ms Keyes granddaughter, local folks who had known and worked for her and the current owners of the Keyes property in Newbury. The PowerPoint presentation was prepared by the Beauregard-Keyes House and Garden in New Orleans, and finished with a video phone call from Lily Elkins of the New Orleans museum, who handled questions from our audience. Once again, Kingdom Access TV from St. Johnsbury filmed a Newbury Historical Society event, and made it available on their website. The Tenney and Baldwin libraries have DVDs of this event available to borrow.

The third, and final, event in the series was a guided caravan tour of 6 of Newbury's historic one room schoolhouses, which took place on Saturday, August 18, beginning at 2:00pm at the Newbury Historical Society's home, the former schoolhouse in West Newbury. The caravan moved on to the Brock Hill schoolhouse, then past the Newbury Center schoolhouse, on to the Boltonville schoolhouse, then past the Leighton Hill schoolhouse, followed by the Town Farm schoolhouse and the DAR Oxbow Chapter House, a former one room schoolhouse. An enthusiastic group, numbering about 45 persons, coming from far and wide, caravanned around Newbury, finishing the tour at the South Newbury schoolhouse, now the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church, where refreshments were served. All participants received a booklet, with pictures and histories, of the former one room schoolhouses included in the tour.

The Newbury Historical Society participated in several special events held in various locations around the town, opportunities to support the efforts of others, as well as a chance to make people aware of the Society. The first such event was the Wells River Community Picnic, sponsored by Wells River Action Program (WRAP), on Saturday June 29, where we set up our canopy, flew our banner, and held a Story Corps event, hearing and recording stories from Newbury residents, and former residents, telling of their experiences as students in one of the one room schoolhouses in the Town Of Newbury. The interviewer, and recorder, was Tom Kidder. Our first story teller was Roland Burroughs, who attended the Town Farm School for 8 years. Following Roland, two more members of the Burroughs family brought memories of days at Town Farm School and the West Newbury School, Mary Lou (Burroughs) Boyce, and our own Jean (Burroughs) Welch, who attended the West Newbury School for 6 years. Capturing these stories of Newbury's past, our heritage, is very important to the Newbury Historical Society, and once recorded are being transcribed, so that that part of our history will be there for future generations to enjoy.

In 2019, the Newbury Historical Society resurrected a long time Society activity, the Gilbert H. McClintock History Prize. The McClintock award was presented to Moses Andrews at the June 2019 Newbury Elementary School graduation exercises. The fund supporting the award, given to the student who had expressed the greatest interest in history, particularly local history, was established in 1990 to honor Gilbert McClintock's service to the community. The award, dormant for a few years, was brought back to life.

On Saturday, August 31, the Society put up their canopy on the sidewalks of Wells River in order to participate in WRAP's "So Long Summer - Hello Fall" Festival. From 9:00am until 2:00pm festival goers stopped at our booth, not only to learn about the Society, and Newbury history, but also to test their knowledge of Wells River history. A multiple choice pictorial quiz asked the contestants to identify what today stands in sites pictured in the quiz.

A windstorm on April 3 resulted in serious damage to the roof of our schoolhouse home in West Newbury. A portion of the metal roof on the south side of the building was curled back, exposing the old shingles underneath. Because of the shingles, no leakage occurred, but the cost to repair the metal roof was \$2200.00. The repairs were done by Kendall Roofing, and insurance paid for all of the repair, except for the \$500.00 deductible. The roof repair was not in our budget.

As we work toward providing a usable research center for folks interested in Newbury history, it becomes necessary to complete certain repairs, and upgrades, to our building, built in 1894, the major need being to be able to store the many documents, pictures and other artifacts in a climate controlled area. We have cleared away trees and shrubs which led to high humidity in the building, upgraded the temporary de-humidifiers, made some gutter improvements to move water away from the building and at the recommendation of Efficiency Vermont have installed temperature and moisture monitors which will, after upcoming modifications, determine what is needed for permanent de-humidification. We will soon start work on the needed repairs and modifications, estimated at almost \$7000.00, and have submitted a request for a Vermont Historic Preservation Grant of nearly \$2000.00. Even with the grant money, our budget will be severely pressed, calling on us to find new means of raising funds.

We are reluctant to ask the Town of Newbury for more help than they annually provide to the Newbury Historical Society, but do hope that \$3000.00 can be counted on in 2020.

## Board of Listers

Team work is #1 in this office and we enjoy being out in the field, in all kinds of weather, measuring dwellings and outbuildings.

We appreciate property owners contacting us for re-assessments, grievance notices, permit completions and demolition of buildings. Inspections are done in an expedient manner and are helpful for our data collection. Special thanks to everyone who has completed and returned a Sales Analysis form in a timely manner.

Our main goal is to keep all Newbury property up to date, and equitable, at all times.

Please remember that when you take DOWN a structure to let us know, so we can remove it from your file, as well as when you ADD\*\*\*\* a structure to your property, please inform us so we can include it in your file. Listers are required, by April 1<sup>st</sup>, to measure/assess all new structures.

Please be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by Federal & State TAX DAY to avoid any penalties. This should be done EVERY YEAR.

The board would like to remind everyone in town that we are available to answer questions about how your property values are determined and provide you with any other information concerning your property valuation. Our office is open MONDAY-THURSDAY to answer questions and provide information to townspeople, appraisers, attorneys, etc.

The Newbury website is at: [www.newburyvt.org](http://www.newburyvt.org) and has a page dedicated to the Lister's office as well as all regulations regarding ZONING & PERMITS. The Grand List can be found there and is available for public viewing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Beaulieu, Janis Moore & David Tansey

Hours:

Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

802-866-5026

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## Recreation Committee

Two years ago I joined this board to provide service, give back to the community, and make sure all children had safe recreational opportunities. Today as Chair, I want to take this moment to appreciate our volunteers who help me achieve these goals. None of this would be possible without them. The parent coaches are what make our teams possible. Adults who help run the benches, keep books, and pitch in when needed help keep everything running smooth. We are always in need of more coaches, and helpers. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help. You are the key to our success.

2019 has been an interesting year from a membership perspective. In total we said thank you and goodbye to three long term members- Chris Bean, Shannon Young, and Matt Nusbaum. We have been fortunate to have John Girard and Tim Ross join the Recreation Committee. They bring great experience into unique roles to the Committee; Tim has been named treasurer and John is the CVLL Coordinator; both also coach various teams throughout the year. The board is currently seeking to fill two vacancies. We are an active hands-on group and would love to fill the seats with community members who are interested in the recreational happenings in Newbury. If you are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to any of the current NRD or Select board members.

With the ongoing success of our athletic programs, we have chosen to invest in new uniforms for many of our teams. We will continue to upgrade the older ones as we cycle through them in 2020. Well fitting, good looking uniforms represent our town nicely and instill a sense of pride in our athletes. Our coaches have been helping to keep them in great shape, and ensuring all items are returned at the end of the season.

Safety equipment for sports continues to be kept top of mind. New helmets for our baseball and softball teams were ordered this year as appropriate per pre-season inspections. This inspection process caused us to purchase new catching equipment at a considerable cost. NOCSAE gear was invested in 2019, even though the rules are not expected to go into effect until 2020. We did not want to upgrade for one year and then be forced to reinvest to be compliant with regulations. League regulations for these sports also require newer bats for safety purposes. We thank the Newbury Women's club for graciously sharing the softball field space with us over the years. We look forward to working with the club and town as this parcel changes hands.

As our programs grow, we are adapting by offering more levels of opportunity. In 2018 we split our youngest basketball athletes, creating an introductory level, as well as an educational level. Using this success, we modeled the 2019 soccer program the same way. Splitting our preschool and kindergarten aged children on to one team and the 1st and 2nd grade students on another.

Due to the success of our sports programs, we've implemented a new parent meeting before each sports season. We encourage all parents and athletes to come learn about the new season. We cover parent and athlete expectations for behavior

in the stands and on the playing surface. We go over the rules, discuss attendance importance, and remind everyone that our programs are for education and enjoyment.

Our two traditional holiday celebrations were successful once again. Easter includes over 600 eggs stuffed by members 'hidden' across the Newbury common. This event is open to all ages and many families attend. Inside the NES cafeteria games, egg dying and the Easter Bunny himself round out this fun celebration.

Halloween is a shared event with Friends Of Newbury Elementary School (FONES). The committee takes the lead in the gymnasium by hosting the dance and coordinating the costume contest. With many families joining us for this weekend event, we've begun including group and adult costumes to include everyone.

2019 saw a new tradition solidified. The 5th/6th grade semi-formal was better attended than the previous year and a great success overall. The Committee will continue to enhance this event and looks forward to the new tradition for our senior NES students. Refreshments and decorative donations from Walmart of Woodsville, NH and Hannafords of Bradford, VT were greatly appreciated.

We are hoping to expand on the success of our athletic teams in 2020 and support more Newbury children in pursuing recreational opportunities. The Newbury Elementary School is in a unique position to offer the town students an opportunity to learn downhill and cross-country skiing at Burke Mtn in East Burke, VT, or learning to skate at Fenton Chester Arena in Lyndonville. Unfortunately, there are some students who are unable to participate due to the lack of familial finances. The Board would like to allocate scholarship funds to be used to support equal access for these children.

Looking ahead for 2020 our main goals include filling the two vacant seats, creating a new spring event for families, and continuing to finesse the growing sports teams. We know that short- and long-term goals are easier when everyone helps. Please think if joining the board or coaching is right for you, or someone you know. It truly takes a village.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jamie Rogers

## Selectboard Report

In March the Selectboard welcomed Joe Parsons to the Board. He has been an active and valuable member. Welcome to him.

It has been a busy and active year. Early in the year the Tucker Mt Forest Management Committee was appointed and immediately got very busy under the leadership of co-chairs Tom Kidder and Dianne Norton. As you will see from their report, it has been an active committee with the support of many volunteers.

With the generous donation of an AED defibrillator to the Town Office, courtesy of the “Ammonoosuc River Turkey Run”—a charity motorcycle event, and Zoll Medical Corporation, there is now an AED device in the Town Office. Dan and Nancy Martin hosted a training event for everyone who was interested and will hold periodic refreshers.

Agreements with Norwich Technologies to erect a solar array at the town garage property were finalized. The array has been installed and is operating.

Through the efforts of the Zoning Administrator, attorneys, court hearing and negotiations, a zoning violation was settled with Wells Fargo Bank for \$7000. Other violations are currently in various stages of settlement. The Selectboard continues to work with the State and our Attorney to settle the tax assessment appeals by Great River Hydro (formally TransCanada)

With the town accepting ownership of a majority of the Common, the Selectboard and our town attorney worked collaboratively with all interested parties to develop an agreement for use of the Common.

The REDI District is diligently working to “get on their feet”, so’s to speak. The Town Treasurer and Selectboard have been heavily involved in meetings and assisting with grant applications.

Because of ever changing laws and insurance regulations, the Selectboard has been active in updating policies and procedures, enacting new Ordinances if/when necessary.

2019 saw expansion of the After School Program to include a second one at Blue Mt Union School. This self-funding program provides a safe, educational and fun experience for our families and their children.

There were numerous complaints at Town Meeting, and to municipal officials, about the deteriorated condition of Rte. 302 between Ryegate and Wells River. Thanks to those complaints/concerns being passed on by our State Representative, local officials and the many people who travel Rte. 302, our VTrans District 7 Engineer,

Shauna Clifford, was able to get a layer of pavement applied to that section of Rte. 302. It's a temporary fix, but a welcome one.

The Selectboard continues to work/discuss with Emergency Management Services and our Fire Department Steering Committee trying to find an acceptable solution for the increasing costs of maintaining our Fire Department to the high standard it has always held.

One issue that remains a dilemma for the Board is law enforcement. While we do have a contract with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, they have the problem of being understaffed as many law enforcement agencies are. Ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Volunteers! As always, the Selectboard expresses its sincere "thank you" to our volunteers. These individuals are a vital part of Newbury and how well it functions. Most of our Boards and Committees, however, need more members. Please give some consideration to volunteering a few hours a month to one of our committees. We need you.

Thank you, Newbury. Please share your ideas and suggestions as well as any concerns.

Your Selectboard:

Alma Roystan, Stephen Cole and Joseph Parsons

## Vital Statistics Registered in Newbury

<b>Births.....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Deaths.....</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Marriages.....</b>	<b>8</b>

## Solid Waste Committee

The Solid Waste Committee assists the town Selectboard in handling solid waste issues consistent with the town's responsibility for the management and regulation of the storage and collection of solid waste within the town. Members of the committee during 2019 were Gavin Reid, James Collins, Mary Collins, Claude Phipps, and Connie Philleo.

**This report notes or references appropriate times and places to dispose of solid waste. Please call the town office (866-5521), a member of the committee, or the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (802-626-3532 or toll free 800-734-4602) with any questions.**

### Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

Newbury continues to be a member of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD). The costs of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events are borne by NEKWMD. In 2017, the waste management district began charging a fee for picking up the materials that we recycle through them. Owners and renters of Newbury properties can also recycle at the facilities in Ryegate and Corinth which are part of the same waste management district.

Incidental to membership in NEKWMD, town voters also have an opportunity to vote on the annual NEKWMD budget at the Newbury annual town meeting. A copy of the NEKWMD Executive Committee report is included in the town report along with the proposed NEKWMD budget. The NEKWMD waste plan is available upon request. As a prerequisite to joining NEKWMD, the Town of Newbury was assured that the waste facility siting criteria in its revised Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) would be honored. Claude Phipps is the town representative to NEKWMD; John Narowski is the alternate.

### Former Boltonville Landfill

The old landfill off Route 302 adjacent to the Wells River was covered with a synthetic cap in 2003. Regular testing and review of sampling from monitoring wells in the area continues. Copies of semi-annual results from such tests are available on request. They are also posted at the town clerk's office.

### Household Hazardous Waste

In addition to other household hazardous wastes, products containing mercury have been banned from all landfills in Vermont. This means that full size tube and compact bulb fluorescent lamps, non-digital thermostats, thermometers, switches, relay devices, batteries, or like products containing mercury cannot be placed in your trash. Vermont law provides that every person who discards solid waste within the state shall separate labeled mercury-added consumer products from the waste. The mercury-added products should be set aside and taken for proper disposal to a household hazardous collection day. Assistance in disposing mercury-containing products can also be obtained from NEKWMD. The 2019 schedule for household hazard waste (HHW) collections is attached along with a list of acceptable HHW materials. Please note that latex paint is now accepted along with hazardous waste.

### Electronic Waste

Since 2011, most electronic items have been banned from landfills, but computers, computer monitors and peripherals, cathode-ray tubes (CRT's), printers, and televisions can be recycled free of charge under Vermont's electronic recycling program. Ryegate and Bradford are both collection depots and designated sites for this program. See E-Cycling locations listed at the end of the recycling chart. Other electronic devices are also banned from landfills, and while not specifically listed by the state's electronic recycling program, most any device can be recycled for free through NEKWMD. If you have concerns regarding possible fees, call 802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602.

## Trash Disposal

Household and commercial trash disposal continue to be handled by individual contracts with various waste haulers in the private sector or through so-called fast trash operators who set up at various sites and accept waste on a fee-per-bag basis. Whenever the recycling depot in Newbury Village is open, the trash is collected by one of these haulers. The committee encourages proper disposal of the waste you produce as well as the continuation or initiation of recycling and composting efforts in your homes and businesses. **The use of burn barrels as a means of disposing of waste is illegal.** In addition to being unlawful, such activities are often offensive to one's neighbors and are harmful to air and water quality and human health, especially that of infants and the elderly.

## Recycling

The recycling depot is located behind the fire station in Newbury Village and is open on Saturday mornings from 8 AM to 12 PM. In 2019, the coordinator was Glen Godfrey assisted by Charles Mabey.

**Look for future changes in the way we handle mixed containers in order to reduce our costs while continuing to recycle as many types as possible.** NEKWMD gets better market prices, because its materials are clean and properly sorted. Our cardboard, mixed paper, books, and plastic bags go to NEKWMD. We would like to begin sending our mixed containers there as well. This will require that plastic, glass, tin and aluminum containers be deposited into separate bins and no longer be comingled. This changeover may happen gradually or all at once. Sending all of our materials to NEKWMD will require additional sorting but will be environmentally and economically advantageous.

	2019 Quantities in Tons		
Mixed containers	37.28 (net)	Plastic bags	0.91
Mixed paper	19.01	Alkaline batteries	0.07
Cardboard/Boxboard	20.75	Hardcover Books	1.29

Consistent with the town's obligation to provide recycling services, the town covers the cost of recycling by a line item in the town budget. **The use of the Newbury facility is restricted to owners and renters of Newbury properties.** No fees or stickers are required. **Please consult our recycling chart or the website <http://nekwmd.org> for current guidelines.** Recyclables must be clean and properly sorted.

## Scrap Metal, White Goods, and Tires

Owners and renters of Newbury properties can recycle scrap metal and white goods (used appliances) at the Ryegate recycling center or the NEKWMD facility in Lyndonville throughout the year. Neither facility charges extra for appliances containing Freon. The yard operated by Stockley Trucking, Inc. in Lisbon, New Hampshire (603-838-2860) will pay by weight for metals. Due to low volumes of material collected, Newbury has not had a scrap metal collection day since 2014. If one is scheduled in 2020, it may be held in conjunction with the Household Hazardous Waste event.

Tires in small quantities can be recycled through the Town of Newbury. The fee for disposal of passenger vehicle and small truck tires (diameters of 17 inches or less) is \$3.00 for tires off the rim and \$5.00 on the rim. The charge for larger tires is \$7.00 without rim or \$14.00 with rim. **Vouchers or prepaid receipts for disposal of tires must be obtained at the town clerk's office before the tires can be accepted at the town garage on Scotch Hollow Road.** (Tires may be recycled at a lower cost if taken to NEKWMD in Lyndon, Vermont.)

## What You Can Do

Help reduce the waste stream and pollution of our environment by purchasing products in recyclable containers. A chart of items acceptable for recycling is available at the town office and is included with this town report. It should be noted that there are different rules and sorting requirements for materials taken to the recycling centers in Ryegate and Corinth.

Items, such as lead-acid batteries, tires, mattresses, and appliances should be returned to retailers when and where replacements are purchased. Rechargeable batteries, as well as alkaline and "button" batteries, can all be taken to the Newbury recycling center.

## The Future of Recycling

**Recycling makes sense.** In 2019, we recycled approximately 79.31 tons of material at the Newbury Village facility. By reducing the volume of waste, we reduced the individual cost of waste disposal and extended the life of landfills. Because of the shortage of landfills in Vermont, the legislature approved Act 148 in 2012. This Universal Recycling Law is requiring adherence to a specific timeline for recycling:

### Collection services required by the law

Facilities that offer trash services must also provide services for managing:

- Mandated recyclables by 2014
- Leaf and yard debris by 2015 (Newbury is exempt)
- Food scraps by July 1, 2017

Trash haulers that offer curbside service must also provide services for:

- Mandated recyclables by 2015
- Leaf and yard debris by 2016
- Food scraps by July 1, 2017

Facilities and haulers cannot charge a separate fee for collecting mandated recyclables.

### Timeline of the law for residents

- 2015: Mandated recyclables were banned from landfill
- 2016: Leaf and yard debris and clean wood scraps are banned from landfill
- July 1, 2020: Food scraps are banned from landfill. (Large generators of these materials, such as food processors and restaurants, were banned from sending these materials to the landfill sooner, beginning with the largest producers in 2014.)

## Thanks

The committee extends thanks to the recycling attendants and members of the town road crew who assist with collection of tires and scrap metal, including those improperly discarded along our roads. We also thank members of the public who continue to recycle and participate in special waste collection days, including the annual Green Up Day. We hope they will encourage their friends and neighbors to join in these efforts. We also welcome public input regarding any matters relating to solid waste disposal.

### Contact Information

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802-866-9008

Jim & Mary Collins  
802-866-5441

Gavin Reid, Chairman  
802-866-5951

## TOWN OF NEWBURY RECYCLING GUIDELINES

EFFECTIVE 2020

## COMMINGLED PAPER

MATERIAL	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	PREPARATION
ENVELOPES & OPENED MAIL	WHITE, MANILA, COLORED, GUMMED & WINDOWED ENVELOPES	TYVEK OR PLASTIC ENVELOPES, MAILERS PADDED WITH BUBBLE WRAP	REMOVE NON-PAPER ENCLOSURES (CDs, PLASTIC CARDS) & STRINGS. WINDOWS & LABELS ARE OK.
MAGAZINES, CATALOGS & BOOKS	GLUE- OR STAPLE-BOUND PUBLICATIONS, PHONE BOOKS, PAPERBACK BOOKS	CDs, PLASTIC WRAPPING OR PLASTIC COVERS <b>HARDCOVER BOOKS ARE RECYCLED SEPARATELY (SEE NOTE 3.)</b>	MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY. REMOVE PLASTIC OR METAL BINDERS.
NEWSPAPER	ALL SECTIONS & INSERTS	NEWSPAPER THAT IS WET OR CONTAMINATED WITH PAINT, OIL, OR PET WASTE.	MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY. REMOVE PLASTIC BAGS. DO NOT TIE WITH STRING.
PAPER BAGS	ALL COLORS (EXCEPT BROWN KRAFT BAGS)	PLASTIC-COATED OR PLASTIC-LINED ANIMAL FOOD OR KITTY LITTER BAGS	REMOVE STRING & PLASTIC HANDLES.
SHREDDED PAPER	CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS	PLASTIC BAGS, SHREDDED PLASTIC (CREDIT CARDS)	DEPOSIT LOOSE (NOT BAGGED).
WHITE & COLORED PAPER	OFFICE PAPER, GLOSSY FLYERS & BROCHURES, MANILA FILE FOLDERS, POSTER PAPER, CONSTRUCTION PAPER, GIFT WRAP (PAPER) & CARDS	BLUEPRINT PAPER, CARBON PAPER, NCR FORMS, WAX PAPER, MYLAR OR FOIL PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, FACIAL TISSUE, PAPER PLATES, CUPS, NAPKINS, STICKERS OR STICKER BACKING	MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY. REMOVE PLASTIC TABS, PAPER CLIPS & HANGING-FILE STRIPS. STAPLES ARE OK.

## CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, KRAFT PAPER

MATERIAL	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	PREPARATION
CARDBOARD & KRAFT PAPER/BAGS	CONTAINERS WITH CORRUGATED CENTER LAYER, KRAFT PAPER/BAGS	OIL, PAINT, OR CHEMICAL STAINS; WAX COATING, PLASTIC / METAL STRAPPING, STRING, WOOD, PLASTIC FILM OR FOAM PACKING MATERIALS	MUST BE CLEAN, DRY, AND <b>TOTALLY FLATTENED</b> . REMOVE EXCESS TAPE. STAPLES & LABELS ARE OK.
BOXBOARD & PAPERBOARD	FOOD & CLOTHING BOXES; 6 & 12-PACK BEV. CARRIERS, TISSUE BOXES, <b>PAPER TOWEL &amp; TOILET PAPER CORES</b> , PAPER EGG CARTONS	PAPER PLATES OR CUPS (INCLUDING TAKEOUT COFFEE CUPS), FROZEN OR REFRIGERATED FOOD BOXES (UNLESS MARKED RECYCLABLE), FOIL BEVERAGE CARRIERS, DRINK BOXES, MILK, JUICE, OR SOUP CARTONS	EMPTY AND FLATTEN. DISCARD PLASTIC LINERS. REMOVE METAL POUR SPOUTS.

COMMINGLED CONTAINERS				
MATERIAL	DESCRIPTION	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	PREPARATION
GLASS	BOTTLES, JARS	FOOD & BEVERAGE CONTAINERS	LIGHT BULBS, HEADLIGHTS, STAINED GLASS, PYREX, CERAMICS, DRINKING GLASSES, WINDOWS, & MIRRORS	RINSE CLEAN. DETACH METAL & PLASTIC LIDS; NECK RINGS ARE OK.
METAL	AEROSOL CANS EXCEPT PAINT & PESTICIDE	COMPLETELY EMPTY (SEE NOTE 2.)	(SEE NOTE 2.)	<b>DO NOT PUNCTURE.</b> DETACH PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS FROM THE CONTAINERS.
	ALUMINUM	CANS, PIE PLATES, TRAYS & FOIL	SCRAP METAL (SEE NOTE 1.) SNACK BAGS & CANDY WRAPPERS (ARE NOT ALUMINUM FOIL).	RINSE CLEAN. LABELS ARE OK. ALUMINUM LIDS ARE OK.
	STEEL (TIN) CANS	FOOD & BEVERAGE ONLY	OIL CANS OR FILTERS, FUEL CANS OR CYLINDERS, EMPTY PAINT CANS (SEE NOTE 1.) MEDICAL NEEDLES	RINSE CLEAN. LABELS ARE OK. STEEL (TIN) LIDS ARE OK.
PLASTIC	#1 THROUGH #5 (MUST BE NUMBERED) CANNOT BE BLACK	BOTTLES & JUGS (ANY SIZE), TUBS & TRAYS, TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS, PLASTIC LIDS 2+ INCHES WIDE	MOTOR OIL, PESTICIDE, OR POOL CHEMICAL CONTAINERS. (FOR OTHER EXCLUSIONS, SEE NOTE 4.) STYROFOAM IN ANY FORM	RINSE CLEAN. DETACH PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS. NECK RINGS ARE OK. (SEE NOTE 4.) NO BLACK PLASTIC CONTAINERS

- SOME OR ALL MAY BE RECYCLABLE IN RYEGATE. CHECK WITH RYEGATE REGARDING OIL CANS, OIL FILTERS, AND FUEL CYLINDERS.
- IF AEROSOL CAN IS EMPTY, BUT ONCE CONTAINED PAINT OR PESTICIDE, IT MUST BE RECYCLED AS SCRAP METAL. IF AEROSOL CAN STILL CONTAINS PAINT, PESTICIDE OR OTHER SIMILAR MATERIALS, STORE UNTIL THE NEXT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT.
- HARDCOVER BOOKS HAVE THEIR OWN COLLECTION BIN AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. COVERS MAY REMAIN ATTACHED.
- NO BIODEGRADABLE PLASTICS (PLA), CHILDREN'S TOYS & SLEDS, UTENSILS, PLASTIC HOUSING FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, CLEAR MOLDED PLASTIC DISPLAY PACKAGING, OR WOVEN PLASTIC BAGS. RECYCLABLE PLASTIC BAGS (#2, #4, & BUBBLE WRAP) GO INTO SPECIALLY DESIGNATED CONTAINERS.

**NEWBURY RECYCLING CENTER ACCEPTS CELL PHONES AND ALL BATTERIES (EXCEPT WET-CELL) WEIGHING UP TO 11 POUNDS EACH. DISTRIBUTORS THAT SELL AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES WILL ACCEPT WET-CELL BATTERIES.**

#### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Vermont E-Cycles electronic recycling collection locations **operate year-round. All computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals and TVs - regardless of brand, age, or condition - are accepted for FREE recycling.** Other electronic devices accepted at these locations may involve a fee. See locations below:

Bradford Transfer Station and Recycling Center	143 Fairground Rd	Bradford	802-775-7722
Groton/Ryegate Transfer Station and Recycling Center	269 School St	E Ryegate	802-584-3880

# 2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 6	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 13	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Glover Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 20	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Jay Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 25	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Corinth Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Maidstone 1342 V.T. Rte.102
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Barnet Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Peacham Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29	7:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Waterford Transfer Station
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

**\*\*HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS\*\***

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early if storage capacity is reached.

**Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 30 gallons.**  
**HHW Collection events are limited to District Households.**

If you have more than 30 gallons, or need to dispose of business' HHW, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 1 – Oct. 2, 2020.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from *May 1, 2020 to October 2, 2020*. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that **may be**:  
*Toxic*- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin  
*Corrosive*- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin  
*Reactive*- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water  
*Explosive*- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure  
*Flammable/Ignitable*- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

**CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY**  
**802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org)**

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$73,936.94

# Acceptable HHW Materials

\*ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

## HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, MI-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES \*
- ALKALINE BATTERIES \*

## GARDEN SUPPLIES

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

## GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID \*
- CORROSIVES
- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS
- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS \*
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE
- LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES \*
- LIGHTER FLUID
- OIL-BASED PAINT
- LATEX-BASED PAINT
- PAINT THINNER
- PROPANE CYLINDERS
- SEALANTS
- STAINS/STRIPPERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- TRANSMISSION FLUID \*
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS \*

### **PLEASE DO NOT BRING:**

- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS

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## **Zoning and Planning**

### ***Development Review Board***

The Development Review Board (DRB) hears applications for subdivisions, conditional uses, variances, waivers, and appeals of the Administrative Officer's decisions. The DRB is a citizen's panel appointed by the Selectboard. It generally meets once a month depending on permit activity.

In 2019, the DRB conducted 8 hearings which included 7 conditional use permits and /or site plan reviews, and 1 waiver of a setback. All applications were approved and most had conditions attached.

The hearing process can take up to two month to conclude (or longer depending on the complexity and public input) because of advance public notice requirements and the appeals waiting period following a hearing.

The Administrative Officer is clerk to the DRB and the person to contact to commence the process and for help to guide you through it.

DRB members are: Amanda Beaulieu, Bob Beaulieu, Emmy Hausman, Bobbie Jewett, Chuck Schulze, Ruth Kennedy and Larry Scott.

### ***Planning Commission***

The Planning Commission completed a comprehensive re-write and update to the Newbury Town Plan in 2015. That plan has a shelf life of eight years.

The Planning Commission also completed a comprehensive bylaw update that combines zoning, subdivision and flood hazard regulations which was adopted by the Selectboard on October 11, 2017, and is now the operative law.

The Planning Commission generally meets once a month and the Administrative Officer provides staff support to the Commission. The Commission, after its tireless efforts over the last several years to update the town plan and revise the zoning/subdivision rules has been idle of late. It will be reviewing the current ordinance in early 2020 to determine if any changes need to occur.

Planning Commission members are: Larry Scott (chair), Frank Tegethoff and Brandi Young

### *Administrative Officer*

Dennis Marquise is Newbury's Administrative Officer . The phone number to reach him is 866-5026 and his e-mail is [zoning@newburyvt.org](mailto:zoning@newburyvt.org). Office hours are Tuesdays from 2 PM to 6 PM and Wednesdays from 8 AM to 10AM or by appointment.

There were 51 zoning permits issued in 2019, which is about the same level as 2018.

Of the permits issued, several were after-the-fact permits where the parties neglected to obtain a permit in advance of their project and the offenders were fined in accordance with town rules.

The Administrative Officer reminds everyone to review the ordinance before undertaking *any* work on your property and/ or contact him to discuss your project. Most, but not all, projects require a permit. The ordinance can be found at: <https://www.newburyvt.org> and follow the link to the Newbury's zoning/subdivision regulations. If you have any questions call or preferably send an e-mail. That advance contact may save you money and hassle later.

## Baldwin Memorial Library

When he wasn't brutally quelling labor strikes in the steel industry, Andrew Carnegie gave millions of dollars to build public libraries. They were architectural show-pieces. They were also among the first public places open to everyone, free of charge, no exceptions. Carnegie called them "palaces for the people". No one walking through the door of Baldwin Library will call it a palace in the traditional sense. But according to Eric Klinenberg who wrote a book titled *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and Decline of Civic Life*, we qualify. For Klinenberg (and for Carnegie), palaces for the people are spaces that encourage recurring interaction across lines of income, race, age, or political inclination. This could explain why, when you walk through our door, you may hear animated conversations, occasional tears & tantrums, even a loud belch or two. People get comfortable and talk to each other here. We accept each other's quirks. Everyone is welcome, warts and all!

### Taking a look at the year's activities:

- Tim Lewis presented a lively history of the Mt. Washington Cog Railway
- Ian Clark took us on a virtual photographic tour to see puffins off the coast of Maine.
- Wendy Buhner offered a series of story times for kids.
- We brought skates & snowshoes to the Ticklenaked Pond Winter Festival.
- We held a community service day for kids.
- Wendy Buhner led a poetry-writing workshop for kids.
- We hosted a Head Start family outing.
- Blue Mountain School kindergarten visited as part of their village field trip.
- Cooperatively with Tenney Library, we participated in VT READS (Humanities Council program).
- Dan Burwinkel and Orange County Sheriff Ken Schaffer provided free bike tune-ups and bike helmets.
- Marko the Magician amazed and enthralled the crowd on Wells River Picnic Day.
- Southern VT Natural History Museum brought a car-load of turtles to S. Ryegate for a program we co-sponsored with the libraries in Groton & S. Ryegate.
- We observed July 4 by "Reading Frederick Douglass". (Humanities Council program)
- Fairbanks Museum brought a mobile planetarium to Blue Mtn. School. (co-sponsor: Groton Library)
- Our "little red wagon" brought free children's books to the Ryegate Summer Fest.
- We made our annual "bike for ice cream" trip on the rail trail to Hatchland.
- We joined Tenney Library in the W. Newbury parade and gave away kids' books.
- Tiffany Plamondon demonstrated painting with assistive technology.
- We held two huge book sales on July 4 and Labor Day weekend.
- We participated in the Blue Mountain School open house.
- Kids carved pumpkins, created their own costumes, and read spooky stories for Halloween.
- Dinosaurs made mischief all over the library in our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual DINOvember.
- Damian Costello presented the life and spiritual leadership of Black Elk. (Humanities Council program)
- We participated in The Giving Fair in Bradford.
- The annual Polar Express Party served the world's best cocoa (thank you Pulaski Masonic Lodge) while Santa handed out children's books.
- Our winter coat & boot exchange helped keep some neighbors warm & dry.
- We provided meeting space for the Conservation Commission, Wells River Action Program, 302 Cares, VSAC, the Newbury Historical Society, and the US Census Bureau.

### Thank you volunteers!

Rachel Thibault, Barbara Zimmer, Jim Marsden, Alicia & Kaylee King, Abigail Tellier, Sierra Gilmore, Zoe Buhner, Adam Chilefoe, Brian Clough, Coco Huang, Betty Kane, Bruce Usher, Larry Clark, Mike Adam

### All the ways that people help:

Bake refreshments for programs, shovel snow, prepare new books for the shelves, donate snacks for kids after school, run errands, set up window displays, work at the desk, water plants, answer computer questions, set up/take down book sales, catalog books

### Donations this year:

In addition to the hundreds of items given for the book sales, we received the following donations for our collection: 57 adult books, 73 children's books, 96 DVDs, 7 music CDs, 15 audiobooks, numerous puzzles, and several pairs of skates & snowshoes. Hope Hutchinson, John Mahnker, Nessa Flax, Dorothy & Peter Giunta, and Barbara & Steve Elliott gave magazine subscriptions, and Richard Roderick gave a subscription to *The Valley News*. We received memorial gifts in remembrance of Al Stevens, Jim Newberry, and May Davis.

Annual Materials Circulation	7,690 (148/week)	Not counted: free downloaded audio/e-books.
Library Visitors	5,477 adults, 1,252 children	
Reference Questions	635 (12/week)	
New Members	46 adults, 13 children	
Inter-library Loans	97 sent to other libraries; 356 received from other libraries	
Computer Use	904 adults, 133 children	Not counted: wi-fi usage

### TRUSTEES

(Elected at Wells River Village Annual Meeting)

Joyce Powers and Karen Kreis (terms end 2020)

Chip Conquest and Chris Buhner (terms end 2021)

Ann Marie Fredella and Kim Goody (terms end 2022)

### TREASURER

Nancy Ranno

### LIBRARIAN

Peggy Hewes

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 10-5, Wednesday 12-6, Friday 12-7

### CONTACT INFO:

33 N. Main, P.O. Box 337, Wells River, VT 05081

802-757-2693 [librarian@baldwinlibraryvt.org](mailto:librarian@baldwinlibraryvt.org)

*And check out The Little Baldwin Branch at Tuttle's Family Diner in Wells River!*

**Baldwin Memorial Library**  
**2020 Budget**

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Librarian	22,308.00	22,308.00	22,308.00*
Custodian	1,144.00	860.00	1,144.00
Substitute	324.00	78.00	324.00
Social Security	1,790.00	1,765.05	1,790.00
Books for Adults	3,500.00	2,994.21	3,500.00
Books for Children	1,700.00	1,453.19	1,700.00
Subscriptions (print)	400.00	63.97	400.00
Subscriptions (electronic)	700.00	682.24	700.00
Computer Maintenance	700.00	319.97	700.00
Supplies	800.00	795.24	800.00
Equipment	0	0	0
Programs	800.00	883.00	800.00
Advertising	400.00	356.25	400.00
Insurance	2,000.00	2,148.00	2,000.00
Heating Fuel	3,500.00	3,386.01	3,500.00
Electricity	1,000.00	1,180.61	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,600.00	1,821.48	1,600.00
Water/Sewer	450.00	416.05	450.00
Postage	1,300.00	1,214.02	1,300.00
Building/Grounds	200.00	158.98	200.00
Travel/Professional	300.00	300.00	300.00
Miscellaneous	400.00	155.00	400.00
Grant Spending	200.00	350.00	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,516.00</b>	<b>43,689.27</b>	<b>45,516.00</b>
<u>Income</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Ryegate Town	200.00	200.00	200.00
Wells River Village	20,600.00	20,600.00	20,600.00
Newbury Town	16,200.00	16,000.00	16,200.00
Donations	5,800.00	5,831.00	5,800.00
Fundraising Events	2,116.00	2,165.20	2,116.00
Interest/Dividends	400.00	450.17	400.00
Grants	200.00	350.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	0	168.19	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,516.00</b>	<b>45,764.56</b>	<b>45,516.00</b>

\* In response to requests at Town & Village Meetings for full transparency of public employees' salaries,

Please note that the librarian is paid for 26 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, at \$16.50 per hour.

## Capstone Community Action

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 13,360 people in 7,256 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 44 Newbury & Wells River households representing 127 individuals this past year included:

- 4 individuals in 2 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 21 households with 63 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 34 individuals in 11 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 1 homeless individual worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 5 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 9 additional family members.
- 1 household received an emergency furnace repair at no charge, making it warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- 3 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 10 residents, including 1 senior and 1 resident with disabilities.

**Capstone Community Action thanks the residents of Newbury & Wells River for their generous support this year!**



Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Newbury residents for fifty-four years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16- 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Newbury is served by our learning center in Bradford. The site has welcoming learning rooms (with computers, laptops and internet access to support instruction). CVABE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed.

Last year, 6 Newbury residents enrolled with CVABE, engaging in almost 200 hours of service. Additionally 1 Newbury resident volunteered with CVABE last year. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. *Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels.* By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Newbury residents for generations to come.

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 500 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,320 per student to provide a full year of instruction. *Nearly all students are low income.* Over 100 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Newbury's voter-approved past support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life. For more information regarding CVABE's adult education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

**Bradford Learning Center**  
24 Barton Street · Suite 1  
Bradford, Vermont 05033  
(802) 222-3282  
[www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org)

## Central Vermont Council on Aging

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- CVCOA Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 50 Newbury (including West Newbury) residents. Case Manager, Marianne Barnett is designated to work directly with the seniors in Newbury.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Newbury for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.





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## *Cohase Chamber of Commerce*

*erving Haverhill & Piermont, & Orford, NH  
and  
Fairlee, Bradford & Newbury, VT*

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Thank you so much for your continued support of the Cohase Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is committed to fostering a vibrant economic climate by encouraging cooperation and communication among the region's communities, while ensuring a high quality of life.

Some of our major accomplishments for 2019 include but are certainly not limited to the following:

- ✓ Our **Annual Meeting** at Court Street Arts in January which included the presentation of our Citizen of the Year award and Business of the Year Award.
- ✓ A successful **Regional Economy Business Breakfast** in May with a turnout of about 40 business leaders and representatives to discuss challenges and successes within our regional communities.
- ✓ Co-sponsorship of the **Paddle the Border** event in October which brings people from all over to our region twice a year to celebrate our beautiful Connecticut River.
- ✓ An extremely successful **Regional Garden Tour and Tea** in July featuring regional gardens and an afternoon tea. Over 110 people attended from all over New England.
- ✓ Our **Regional Farm Tour** in August which celebrated our area's agricultural heritage and featured open houses and tours at local farms. This year's event had good participation with some farms reporting over 100 attendees.
- ✓ Our **48 Hour Film Slam** in September. Four teams participated this year from throughout our region with many local attendees attending the public screening.
- ✓ **Business After Hours** events which brought together businesspeople from throughout our region for networking and conversation.
- ✓ Educational workshops targeted towards our regional business community including a **QuickBooks** seminar and co-sponsorship of classes with file The Space On Main.
- ✓ Promotion of a "**Buy Local**" mentality in our region through press releases, articles, social media and presentations.
- ✓ Active participation in and facilitation of community meetings and discussions centered on **Economic Development and Workforce Development**
- ✓ Our annual **Regional Economic Summit** is brought together local leaders, legislators and businesspeople to discuss possible solutions to the economic challenges in our region.

Your support is vital to us achieving our goals and helping to continue to make the communities within the Cohase region a vibrant and attractive place to live, work and do business.

With gratitude,

Sarah H. Pushee  
Executive Director



*Connecticut River Joint Commissions – FY 2019 Annual Report*  
*July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019*  
Suite 225, 10 Water St., Lebanon, NH 03766.  
Website at <http://www.crjc.org>

CRJC continues its mission to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley. With five local subcommittees and over 100 volunteers, CRJC is guiding the watershed's growth by reviewing and commenting on hydro-electric dam relicensing, regulatory proposals, shoreland protection, and initiatives on clean water.

CRJC continues to bring policy makers from both states and the public together to keep them abreast of the issues facing the Connecticut River Watershed.

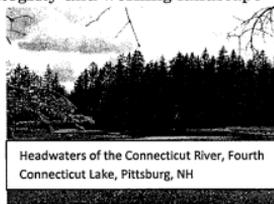
During FY19, the CRJC continued its practice of convening bi-State meetings on important topics that impact both NH and VT. This past year we brought together ranking experts from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, the VT Natural Resources Council, and the Watershed Management Division of NH to discuss land use, forests, and wildlife issues in the Connecticut River Valley as well as water quality activities and concerns in both states.

On the local level, the Mt. Ascutney Local River Subcommittee held its annual "Septic Smart" Workshop for property owners.

Going forward into FY20, the CRJC successfully applied for grants to conduct a future event focused on the Connecticut River economy and to undertake a 2020 strategic planning initiative.

The current Officers of the Joint Commissions are Steven Lembke, President (VT); Alex Belenz, Vice President (NH); Jennifer Griffin, Treasurer (NH); and Christopher Campany, Secretary (VT). The Commission currently has several openings available for residents of both New Hampshire and Vermont. For more information on responsibilities and the appointment process e-mail [contact@crjc.org](mailto:contact@crjc.org)

For more information on CRJC see <http://www.crjc.org>.



Headwaters of the Connecticut River, Fourth Connecticut Lake, Pittsburg, NH



Connecticut River Joint Commissions  
10 Water Street, Suite 225  
Lebanon, NH 03766  
(603) 727-9484  
<http://www.cric.org>

### *CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee Annual Report - 2019*

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets quarterly and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by participating municipalities. Current members of Vermont are Deborah Noble from Concord, Mary Dole from Ryegate, Ami L. Norton and Scott Labun from Newbury, and openings in Guildhall, Lunenburg, Waterford, and Barnet. Current members of New Hampshire are Bob Elwell from Lancaster, Michael Crosby and Gal Potashnick from Dalton, Jim Sherrard and Jan Edick from Littleton, Ken Hunter from Monroe, Rick Walling from Bath, and Pauline Corzilius and Lewis Dale from Haverhill. Those with only one representative have an opening for a second volunteer.

The Subcommittee provides a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting a portion of the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. Meeting and events are open to the public. The Subcommittee is one of five that make up the Connecticut River Joint Commissions since 1989. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and maintaining a corridor management plan.

The Subcommittee stayed up to date on a number of issues including dam management and the FERC relicensing process. The Subcommittee reviewed and commented on a series of permits, including a new bridge in Munroe. In April, Rebecca Brown of the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) presented on ACT's updated Strategic Conservation Plan. Members are exploring a water quality monitoring training and/or sampling event for the 2020 season. One option is a school teacher training and student led sampling effort. This winter, members plan to learn about and discuss the Vermont basin management plan update. NHDES has shared legislative changes to the wetlands permit and is expected to share guidelines for implementation in December 2019.

If you or someone in your community is interested in learning about or contributing to river conservation issues in the region or serving as a liaison to the Riverbend Subcommittee, please contact our staff support Olivia Uyizeye at [ouyizeye@uvlsrc.org](mailto:ouyizeye@uvlsrc.org) to learn more.



## Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation

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

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

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# GREEN UP IN NEWBURY



May 4, 2019

The “magic” of Green Up is due to the commitment of many dedicated volunteers working in unison. Our thanks to everyone who supports this effort and makes it a priority to protect the scenic beauty of our town. This year, rainy weather kept many participants from completing their cleanup on or before Green Up Day which delayed disposal of the trash. Even the state was late in cleaning its routes, adding to the impression of a less than successful effort. We collected some very troublesome items including a clothes dryer, a chest freezer, two huge tents with heavy steel poles made up of numerous 8’ sections, and several large carpets. There were 32 tires, three TVs and the usual scrap metal. The sorting of cans and bottles garnered a refund of \$146.65 to help pay the \$390.40 cost for the disposal of 1.14 tons of trash with a total volume of about 12 cubic yards. Once again, we thank Pete’s Rubbish Removal for waiving the \$50 fee for delivery of the dumpster.

## WHO AND WHERE

**Bailey Pond Rd:** Rick & Emmy Hausman · Lori Constantine **Bailey’s Eddy:** Ken Rower **Baldwin Rd:** Robert & Amanda Longmoore **Bible Hill Rd:** Chip Conquest, Fay Homan, Carmen Gonzalez · Tim & Mary Corey, Joe & Cheryl Provost **Bolkum Rd:** Joseph Mahr, Walter Morse, Jr. **Boltonville Rd:** Wade Trask, Elaine Dunbar **Bowen Rd:** Royce Thompson, Richard Waterhouse, Dan Butler · Elaide Gahn · Michelle Redmond · Gwenyth, Micheala & James LaCount, Kimberly & Lilly Lee, Patrick Colby **Brock Hill Rd:** Russ & Peg Haviland **Brookside Ln:** Dante, Emma, Molly, Arthur & Ben Sargent **Cesari Rd:** Gene & Judy Cesari **Center St:** WRSB\* **Chalmers Hill Rd:** Daniel Lemay **Chapel St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Cheney 4-Corner Rd:** Jack Edwards **Cole Rd:** Jeff, Jace & Evan Page, Patsy Cole **Cookman Rd:** NES Student Council 2018/2019 · Hayden Grant, Aiden Hervey, Alyssa Vance, Amy Vaughan, Tessa Cook, Liliانا Dicks, Chase Fischer, Alizabeth Macgregor, Mallari Young, Heather Long, Kim Goody **Corey Hill Rd:** Dylan, Alison, Cyrus, Elsie & Lucas Kidder · Forrest Block, Jodi Dube **Creamery St:** WRSB\* **Cross St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Crusher Hill Rd:** Paul & Erin Pellegrino **Darling Rd:** Michelle Redmond **Deerfield Ln:** Russ & Peg Haviland **Depot Rd:** Elizabeth Upton **Dickey Rd:** Randy & Jennifer Oakley · Cathy Blake **Doe Hill Rd/Doe Ln:** Tom Burnham **Elm St:** Ronald & Jean Welch **Fish Pond Rd:** Marc & Barbara Krulewitz, Gerry Estill **Fisk Rd:** Daniel Primmer, Brianne Thurston **Flanders Brook Rd:** Troy, Erin, Natalie, Emma, Abby & Marley Perry · Cathy Blake **French Rd:** Tom & Catherine Kidder **Fuller Rd:** Robert Chapla · Jeff Daigle · Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo **Fulton Rd:** Dennis & Olga Amaral · Cathy Blake · Troy, Erin, Natalie, Emma, Abby & Marley Perry **Gahn Rd:** Elaide Gahn **Golf Links Rd:** Tim & Mary Corey, Joe & Cheryl Provost **Grapes Rd:** Michael Heffernan, Barbara Briggs **Grove St:** WRSB\* **Halls Lake Rd:** Dante, Emma, Molly,

Arthur & Ben Sargent • Doug Speck, Claire Bolon • Scott Wheeler, Jim Densmore  
**Industrial Park Rd:** Chris, Wendy, Emma, Zoë & Noah Buhner **Jefferson Hill Rd:**  
 Lucas, Kristina, Lizzie, & Amy Vaughan • Laura Austin, Matt Price **Johnson Dr:**  
 Don Waterman, Art Hull, Wayne Whipple **Ledger Rd:** Robert & Amanda  
 Longmoore **Leighton Hill Rd:** Johnny, Hayden, David & Debra Grant • Tracy  
 Dunn, Lisa Gurney • Jane Booth, David Tansey • Jeff, Jamie & Jenna Mills •  
 Barbara Briggs, Michael Heffernan **Lower Meadow Rd:** Hannah, Harper & Cooper  
 Leland **Mace Rd:** (Not cleaned) **Main St North:** WRSB\* • Ronald & Jean Welch  
**Main St South:** Elizabeth Upton • Judith Lerner • Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina  
 Calley • Kevin & Melanie Lawrence **Maple Hill Rd:** Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo  
**Maple St:** WRSB\* **McClure Farm Rd:** Wade Trask, Elaine Dunbar **Montebello Rd:**  
 Judith Lerner **Moore Hill Rd:** Craig & Lisa Hervey • George & Julia Guay • Jeff  
 Goodell with “Poppy” **Newbury Center Rd:** James Stoops **Newbury Crossing Rd:**  
 Kevin & Melanie Lawrence **North Rd:** Bruce & Lucy Mays, Cynthia Maltbie • Skip  
 & Carol Metayer • Susan Underwood • John & Caroline Nininger **O’Gorman Rd:**  
 David & Diana LaPlante **Old County Rd:** John & Harrison Renfrew **Old  
 Schoolhouse Rd:** Kathy Damon **Old Stagecoach Rd:** Leslie Arnett, Catherine  
 Ceranini **Old West Newbury Rd:** Tommy Girard & John Girard, Sr. **Oxbow Rd:**  
 Elizabeth Upton **Page Hill Rd:** Troy, Erin, Natalie, Emma, Abby & Marley Perry  
**Peach Brook Rd:** Dan Gilson, Cody Armitage, Landin Harness, Sally Spear • Tom  
 Chaffee, Lyman Beecher • Daniel Lemay **Perini Rd:** Karl & Nathan Neubauer •  
 Daniel Berna, Susan Gaelic **Pine St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Putlaski  
 St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Putnam Rd:** Russ & Peg Haviland  
**Railroad St:** Ronald & Jean Welch **Ricker Rd:** Walter & Jennifer Fischer **Rogers  
 Hill Rd:** Hannah, Harper & Cooper Leland • Paul & Amy Perry **Romance Ln:** NES  
 Student Council 2018/2019 • Hayden Grant, Aiden Hervey, Alyssa Vance, Amy  
 Vaughan, Tessa Cook, Liliana Dicks, Chase Fischer, Alizabeth Macgregor, Mallari  
 Young, Heather Long, Kim Goody **Round Barn Rd:** Robert & Amanda Longmoore  
**Route 5 North:** State Highway Crew in Bradford **Route 5 South:** State Highway  
 Crew in Bradford **Route 302:** State Highway Crew in Wells River **Route 302/Mill  
 St:** WRSB\* **Schaeffer Hill Rd:** Don Waterman, Art Hull, Wayne Whipple **Scotch  
 Hollow Rd:** John & Harrison Renfrew • Kevin & Olivia Kane • Scott Magrath •  
 Doris McClintock, Dennis & Sue Hopta • Frank & Jeanne Tilghman • Brad Vietje,  
 Linda Ide • Crystal Sweeney, Nathan Smith • Alicia Malcher • Claude Phipps,  
 Connie Philleo, Lori Constantine **Scott Rd:** Tom Burnham **Snake Rd:** Steve, Jan,  
 Brynn & Mark Cole • Tom Williams, Michelle Kupiec • Dan, Danielle, Samuel &  
 Matthew Corti **Stevens Place:** (Unassigned) **Swamp Rd:** Daniel Primmer, Brianne  
 Thurston • Chip Dolan • Laramie Jon Bobar • Timothy Spooner • Wendy Block,  
 Nancy Martin, Maureen Flynn, Martha Ward • Mary Ellen Davis, Mim Spencer •  
 Diane & Cecil Sweat • Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo **Swift Rd:** George & Mary  
 Emerson, Sid & Barb Young **Tenney Pond Rd:** Jeff, Jamie & Jenna Mills **Terry Hill  
 Rd:** Daniel Primmer, Brianne Thurston **Toll House Rd:** Tom Burnham **Topsham  
 Rd:** George & Mary Emerson, Sid & Barb Young **Tucker Mt Rd:** Bill & Carolyn  
 Keck • Tim & Alexandra Ross • Jessica Loeffler, Parrish & Rafferty Eiskamp with

“Huxley” ♦ John & Hannah Narowski Tullar Rd: Ronald & Jean Welch Tyler Farm Rd: Tom Kidder ♦ David & Diana LaPlante Upper Rogers Rd: Paul & Amy Perry ♦ Steve, Patti & Bryn Clark Urquhart Rd: Bill & Carolyn Keck ♦ Renée Weeks Vaughan Rd: Lucas, Kristina, Lizzie & Amy Vaughan Wallace Hill Rd: Susan Kennedy ♦ Kathryn Smith ♦ Cameron & Rachel Sweet ♦ Walter & Jennifer Fischer Water St: Scott Darling, Katie Thayer Welch Rd: Melissa, Gaige, Teegan & Adley Gilmore Wheeler Rd: Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo Whitcher Rd: Mary Ellen Davis, Mim Spencer Whitelaw Rd: Wade Trask, Elaine Dunbar Wrights Mt Rd: Steve, Patti & Bryn Clark

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\* Wells River Savings Bank: Brandi Dennis, Irene Emerson, Roxanne Russell, Mary-Ellen Gray, Ashleigh Putnam, Danielle Hunt

#### AT THE COMMON

The following persons sorted cans and bottles or helped in other ways: Dianne & Ami Norton, Carol Stoll, Tom Beers, Mary Durfee, Laramie Jon Bobar, Derry Gleason, Walter & Carol Cottrell, Susan Kennedy, Kathy Smith, Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo

#### MANY THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS!

*If you participated but are not correctly represented, please let us know for future reports. Thanks!*

#### GREEN UP DAY IS ALWAYS THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY.

To volunteer your help in 2020, please send an email to [here4now@sover.net](mailto:here4now@sover.net) or call (802) 866-9008.

To become a Green Up Coordinator, please contact the Town of Newbury.

## Halls Lake Association

The Halls Lake Association is a non-profit organization of lake residents established solely to promote and maintain the health and well-being of Halls Lake.

We would like to thank the Town of Newbury for the generous assistance to our efforts to control the Eurasian Milfoil infestation at Halls Lake. This summer AE Divers were contracted to harvest milfoil from the lake and deposit it on the properties of two of our lake residents where it dried and decayed harmlessly. AE Divers committed three men, boats and harvesting equipment for six and one-half days in August at a total cost of \$10,350. Newbury's grant of \$6,000 was supplemented by contributions from the lake residents. Many residents also contributed time, effort and boats to assist in collecting and removing harvest debris from the lake. In total, approximately 300 gallons of milfoil were removed. While milfoil infestation cannot be totally eliminated, it can be controlled. Our collective efforts have been effective. Continuing harvesting will always be necessary.

The health of Halls Lake is important to all town residents. It is a valuable town asset that provides outdoor and water recreational venues for all. In addition, the lake's summer camps and cottages constitute a significant source of property tax revenue for Newbury. We appreciate everyone's efforts in maintaining this resource.

Sincerely,

Pete Timony  
President, Halls Lake Association

## The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley

**Our Mission** is to “encourage self-confidence and academic growth among children & adolescents by creating mutually beneficial relationships with responsible adult volunteers.” Our overarching goal is to monitor and support those mentoring relationships through high school graduation, via opportunities for wholesome activities, which include community service projects, training for Mentors, and experiences that promote cohesiveness and a sense of community.

**Trainings** included one for new Mentors on the Policies and Procedures of The Mentoring Project, followed by training for all Mentors provided by We R Hope, with a focus on how to help kids with anxiety issues. This second training also included steps for promoting a growth mindset in youth.

### Wholesome group activities:

- A rousing sliding party and cook-out kicked off the New Year on a hillside near a Mentor’s home.
- The group volunteered at the Upper Valley Haven, on M L King National Day of Service, preparing lunch for residents in the house for adults. Following lunch, all went swimming at Upper Valley Aquatics Center.
- A Graduation Party was held at Veteran’s Memorial Park at Hall’s Lake for TMP’s high school graduates, and graduates from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade to mark their achievements and to celebrate moving on to another level. The afternoon included kayaking and swimming and a cook-out.
- A summer group excursion included visiting Bradford’s Waste Water Treatment Facility. Lunch at Colatina Exit was followed by a visit to the Caterpillar Lab at Bradford Elementary School. Stephens Precision provided a tour of their factory with its very impressive machinery and the day was topped off with treats at Red Kite Candy.
- In the fall, we picked apples at Wild Hill Organics and then pressed 30 quarts of cider, with all mentees taking home fresh cider to share with their families.
- A pizza party for parents & families brought the year to a close with certificates awarded to all mentor/mentee teams and recognition of parents for their roles in ensuring a successful mentor/mentee relationship.

**Public Recognition** TMP’s Annual Mentor Appreciation Dinner was held at the Space on Main and catered by Colatina Exit. It featured a panel of former mentors and mentees who shared their experiences with The Mentoring Project. One former mentee, who will soon graduate from college, shared about her former mentor: “When you know someone loves you, you want to be the best you can be.” Another former mentee, when asked what is the key to getting the most out of being with a mentor said: “Be willing to try new things, and my advice for the mentor is don’t give up on encouraging your mentee to try new things.” One mentor responded to the question about ensuring a successful mentor/mentee relationship said: “Just show up; be consistent.”

**Quotes from a Parent** of two mentees, including one who graduated from the Program:

When asked “What aspect of the program did you like best?” responded “That they really care how my children feel.” She also said, “Thanks for helping my children with problems I couldn’t. I hope other children get to experience the same.”

Susan Underwood, Board President  
Nancy Jones, Program Coordinator

# Newbury Rural Economic Development Infrastructure District Newbury REDI.net

Newbury REDInet is excited to announce that fiber optic broadband is much closer to reality for Newbury residents!

We have accomplished a lot this year. We were able to re-submit our USDA Grant which was funded the second time around, and were awarded 2 other broadband development grants! These funds are being used for a detailed engineering study by Consolidated Communications, and to develop a business plan for the development of a lightning fast, fiber-to-the-premises broadband network serving all Newbury residents and businesses.

Major accomplishments in 2019:

- Think Vermont Grant \$8,000
- USDA Grant \$19,000
- Broadband Innovation Grant \$34,000
- Commissioned a detailed engineering study required for feasibility analysis and comprehensive business plan.
- Hired Tilson Technology as our consultant to develop our business plan and help us negotiate terms with broadband providers and installation partners.

Our goals for 2020:

- Analysis of feasibility study by Tilson Technologies
- Development of a business plan to attract funding for building our fiber optic broadband network, insuring lowest rates for broadband subscribers
- Sign up residents for high-speed internet
- Arrange funding for fiber optic network
- Start installing fiber-to-the-premises high-speed network!

We are planning to begin signing up Newbury residents for fiber optic broadband by this summer! Why should YOU sign up? The benefits are many, but this will be *our* network that *we* own and control. Our Board is working hard to get you the very best value for internet, voice communication, and streaming content, which will eventually include everything currently provided by both cable and satellite providers. **We will need you to sign up! The more subscribers, the lower the cost -- it really is that simple.**

Many thanks to Ken Rower and Nathan Dudenhofer, who retired from our governing board, and welcome to Bonnie Taylor and Luke Birch, who stepped up to fill those seats. We also thank Rick Hausman and Connie Phileo for their many contributions, Jim Henderson for maintaining our web presence, and Laurie Williams for her extraordinary grant writing skills.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at *The Space on Main*, in Bradford, where we can accommodate remote participation in our meetings. Our meetings are open to all, and we encourage participation of anyone with knowledge, experience, or passion about broadband or fiber optic networks.

Newbury REDInet Governing Board:

Liane Allen  
Luke Birch  
Daniel Burwinkel

Lenice Cicchini  
Edward Childs  
Chip Conquest

Claude Phipps  
Bonnie Taylor  
Brad Vietje

For additional information or any questions, please contact Claude Phipps, chair, [here4now2@myfairpoint.com](mailto:here4now2@myfairpoint.com), or 866-9008. Our important documents can be found online at [www.NewburyREDI.net](http://www.NewburyREDI.net)

## Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2019 by processing less recycling compared to 2018 – 2615 tons in 2019 compared to 2750 tons in 2018. Significant drops in mixed paper, cardboard, and glass were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including compostable materials, batteries, and metal saw increases in tonnage. E-Waste, tires, and plastics tonnages were approximately the same as 2018. Recycling markets remained low throughout all of 2019.

The District ended 2019 with a deficit of \$16,116.38. The District ended 2018 with a deficit of \$41,069.02. Revenues in 2019 were 1% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 3% above projections. The catastrophic failure of our baler on September 24, 2018 was the largest reason for the deficit. Even though the baler was replaced in February of 2019, we incurred significant costs for the first quarter of 2019 that were directly associated with having limited or no processing capacity.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2019. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2020 with a proposed budget of \$794,823 – a decrease of 3.6% compared to 2019. The decrease reflects the continued poor markets for recyclables. The surcharge rate of \$24.75 will remain unchanged for 2020. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.59. The NEKWMD will be raising hauling fees by \$10 for facilities and schools. The new rates for 2020 are \$45 for facilities and \$30 for schools.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and two part-time employees in 2019. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 57,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

*NEKWMD Executive Committee*



## Orange County Parent Child Center

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, six free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. We are a public pre-k partner under Act 166. You can learn more at [www.orangecountypcc.org](http://www.orangecountypcc.org).

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 7 families from Newbury including 10 adults and 17 children.

Mary Ellen Otis  
Executive Director

Orange County Parent Child Center  
693 Vermont Rte. 110 Tunbridge, VT 05077  
802-685-2264 [www.orangecountypcc.org](http://www.orangecountypcc.org)

## Orange County Restorative Justice Center

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJ), also known as Orange County Court Diversion, is a community based restorative justice program, offering cost effective alternatives to the criminal and civil court system. Our programs include:

- **Court Diversion** for youth and adults referred by the State's Attorney who are facing criminal charges in court. A Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, works with clients to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Clients must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel.
- **Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP)** for youth receiving civil complaints for underage alcohol or marijuana possession;
- **Driver's License Suspension Program (DLS)**, helping Vermonters reinstate their licenses through income-sensitive fine repayment plans;
- **Pre-Trial Services Program**, providing support and services related to mental health and substance abuse for adults facing charges in criminal court.
- **Reparative Panels**, for adults found guilty of crimes. As part of probation, participants work with a Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Participants must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel.
- **Restorative Re-entry**, for adults returning to our communities after incarceration. A case manager works with participants to access housing, employment and, where applicable, services and treatment for underlying issues. Volunteers help support successful re-entry.
- **Circles of Support and Accountability**, for offenders re-entering community who are at a high risk for re-offense. Participants meet weekly with a case manager and volunteers for 12-18 months, to support their successful and safe re-entry into community.
- **Victims Assistance**, for those impacted by the crimes referred to OCRJ programs. A dedicated case manager works with harmed parties to address their concerns and needs related to the individuals and the incidents referred for restorative programs.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019, 258 clients were referred for services, a 21% increase from the previous year. Of those, 103 were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, 62 were referred for YSASP, 11 for DLS, 67 for Pre-Trial Services, and 15 were referred for re-entry services. With few exceptions, all cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. In FY19, OCRJ worked with 14 cases in which the offender either resided in and/or the offense occurred in Newbury.

OCRJ's FY19 operating budget was \$180,409.15. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Newbury appropriated \$175 for FY19 to support Orange County Court Diversion. Orange County Court Diversion requests \$350 for 2020 to support its expanded mission, as it now does business as the Orange County Restorative Justice Center.

Thank you for your continued support. For additional information contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Restorative Justice Center at 802-685-3172 or [jessie@occdp.org](mailto:jessie@occdp.org).

## Orange County Sheriff

In 2019 the Orange County Sheriff's Office provided a wide variety of proactive and reactive services in the town of Newbury. In addition to the town contract hours, the Sheriff's office utilized funding from grants and other sources to provide Newbury with law enforcement presence.

The Sheriff's office responded to a wide varied of calls to include larcenies, vandalisms, family problems, juvenile problems, sex crimes and traffic problems to name a few. Some of the bigger issues this year were motor vehicle complaints, suspicious persons, thefts and citizen assists/disputes. Our main focus was the patrolling of back roads, due to the on-going burglaries.

The ongoing drug abuse mainly opiates and Meth appears to be the biggest factor behind family disturbances, thefts and burglaries.

Our community service deputy has been working with Community members, school officials and the prevention partnership group. Our goal is to work together and look at strategies to help reduce the number of people addicted to heroin. Education of our youth appears to one of the best methods of fighting the opiate problem. LEAD program is now in 11 schools throughout Orange County.

### **LEAD – Law Enforcement Against Drugs**

DUI patrols and safety check points were conducted in Newbury at various times throughout the year. Once again, patrols have been focused on the back roads due to the burglaries throughout the area.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office looks forward to continuing to provide law enforcement services to the Town of Newbury.

William Bohnyak  
Sheriff

***Orange East Senior Center***  
*176 Waits River Road, Bradford VT 05033*  
*Phone/Fax (802) 222-4782*

**Our primary focus is helping seniors.  
How did we do in 2019?**

Being open Monday through Friday each week (except for certain holidays) allowed us to:

- \* serve a record number of meals this year
- \* serve and deliver 3,216 meals in Newbury.
- \* offer foot and flu clinics, Chair Massage
- \* hold classes in exercise, balance, line dancing, and computer instruction with internet.
- \* offer services of income tax preparation, filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- \* have available a Wii game system
- \* distribute donated medical equipment.
- \* provide our space to AA, ALANON and Cribbage Club.
- \* Thai-Chi Class

Our volunteers gave 3,451 hours to our Center and drove 20,425 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

The money we receive from your town is primarily used to offset the cost of providing meals either at the Center or delivered to homes. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry

For the first time in more than 10 years, the Orange East Senior Center is requesting an increase in support from our member towns. We are making this request based on several factors. We are seeing increased numbers of seniors in all of our towns. We are seeing increased use of the Center and need for Meals on Wheels. Last year there were over 15,000 visits to the Center and we served over 17,000 meals. Our costs are going up while our reimbursement for meals has remained relatively flat. We estimate that the cost per meal is \$8.02; our reimbursement is \$3.65 per meal. While we receive some donations for meals, they do not make up the difference. In order to make our programs and meals available to all regardless of ability to pay, we are asking for an increase to \$3.00 per resident of each town.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Victoria R Chaffee

**Thank you for helping Orange East Senior Center!**

**Everyone is welcome for meals and events!**

**OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM, INC.**

**ADULT DAY SERVICES**

*P.O. Box 25, 4621 Main Street South, Newbury, Vermont 05051-0025  
www.osipads.com Phone (802) 866-5465 FAX (802) 866-3571 osipads@gmail.com*

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For over 30 years, Oxbow Senior Independence Program's Adult Day Services has been serving elderly and adults with disabilities from Newbury, Bradford, Fairlee, Corinth, Thetford, Groton, Ryegate, Topsham, and beyond.

**Who are we?** OSIP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with an important mission for its Adult Day Services: we promote the greatest possible level of health and independence for our participants, while providing relief for their families and caregivers. There are only 14 such adult day services in the state. We're an all-volunteer board, so every penny donated goes to the program.

**Where are we?** In Montebello Hill Apartments, at the north end of Newbury Village.

**Why are we here?** We know that it's very difficult to keep loved ones living at home, especially if they have serious medical conditions. It's hard to go to work each day if you're not sure whether or not your loved one will be safe. And even if you are able to stay home most days, sometimes you need time to run errands, do work around the home, or just to reenergize. That's why we're here!

**What do we do?** (This is the important part.) We provide a safe and happy place for frail elders or adults with disabilities. Our friendly and wonderful staff plan activities that stimulate minds and exercise bodies. We sing songs and socialize. Our RN and LNAs monitor participants' health and medical conditions, and our certified chefs cook healthy and delicious meals on site, so that the smell of home cooking fills the air at lunchtime. This past year, we provided 9,500 hours of direct-care service. 4,990 hours were specific to Newbury. More than 1,000 hours of uncompensated services were donated by our volunteers, staff, and board.

**When do we do all this?** Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Why do we count on Town support?** Although we are State-certified and regulated, budget cuts have taken away nearly all of our State funding. We must raise our operating costs through individual donations and Town funds. We are very grateful for the financial assistance we receive from the towns we serve.

**Thank you for your support!**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

M. Robin Barone, *President*; Michael Kolakowski, *Vice President*; Priscilla Connolly, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Linda Bryan, Penny Carrier, Susan Goodell, Michael Heffernan, Wayne Richardson.

**ADULT DAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Julia O'Donnell

## **SAFELINE, INC.**

P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038

safelineinfo@safelinevt.org

(802) 685-7900 office

(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 2,732 services for 355 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. 81 services were provided for 11 victims who identified themselves as residents of Newbury. This is an increase in number of services and in the number of victims from last year. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most of the victims have children within their family.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7 days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. This year, Safeline's staff provided Relationship Status booklets for Blue Mountain School students, presented information to joint Newbury and Wells River congregations, and tabled at Blue Mountain School Resource Fair.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Newbury.

## Stagecoach Services

Thank you for your support of community transportation services. **In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 2,513 door-to-door rides for Newbury residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Additionally, 3,327 trips were provided for passengers boarding at Newbury Bus Stops.** Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-a-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of 112,571 rides. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. Thank you for your past support of community transportation services.

**Dial-A-Ride System** – Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. In Newbury, **Dial-A-Ride** offers direct access from home to social services, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, and food shopping.

**Bus System** – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. Newbury residents can access **River Route** bus services to employment and shopping centers in White River Junction, and the Hanover-Lebanon NH. Newbury residents can utilize the **Circulator**, a weekday deviated fixed-route bus service to access local destinations in Bradford, Newbury, Wells River, and Woodsville.

**Volunteer Driver Program** – Stagecoach uses an extensive network of **Volunteer Drivers** to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services and are the foundation of our Dial-A-Ride Program. *Volunteer Drivers connect friends, support independence and promote healthy living.*

If you are interested in becoming a Stagecoach Volunteer Driver, please contact our office.

**Information**– Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on Stagecoach services at 802-728-3773.

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## Tenney Memorial Library

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” Margaret Fuller

We are dedicated to providing and supporting diverse, lifelong learning opportunities in an inclusive environment for people of all ages. If you have not been to the library recently, please drop in. We are not just about books but offer public computers and Wi-Fi, also.

We are happy to note that our circulation has increased this year, as has the use of our public computers. (See below for details.) We have added over 73 new patrons to our roster this year, including 43 new families whose children attend Newbury Elementary School. We are also helping patrons of Blake Library in East Corinth as they will be closed for 3 months for major renovations. Through the support of the Town and Village of Newbury we have been able to increase and improve our collection, adding many of the best-selling and award-winning books and DVDs. ( We have all of “Downton AbbeY” and are awaiting the delivery of the movie.)

**CIRCULATION:** Total· 6,098· including 1,025 videos and DVDs, 480 eBooks and audiobooks and 4,649 books.

The library has hosted special programs throughout last year: Pre-K Story Time, Thursday night Scrabble, Uncommon Newbury Artists, CAPSTONE at Oxbow, Trails in Newbury (NCC), 2nd Annual Poetry Slam w/ NES students, Making Space for Pollinators for Pre-K and Seniors, Penny Patch, in support of the Vermont Reads book, *March 3rd* Annual Master Storytellers, “Christmas at the White House” presented by Kimberly Merrill, and VHC programs “Meet Sojourner Truth”, “Doubletalk/Doubleday· Baseball Myths & the Civil War”, “Vermont’s Musical Ladies”.

In addition, the library was used for AARP, tax prep classes, the trainees helped people complete 125 tax documents for and helped with 25 more,, Girl Scouts of America mother-daughter information session, Women’s Fellowship program on David’s House, public input on using Tucker Mountain, Mindful Meditation, Pins and Needles, and Women’s Club Book Group.

Contact: [tenneylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:tenneylibrary@gmail.com) for more information or to propose a library sponsored group.

*The Dolly Parton Imagination Library* is serving 23 Newbury children from birth until 5 years of age. Each month children receive a developmentally appropriate book at their home. Carol Cottrell, a library Trustee, has been fundraising to pay for postage. Please consider enrolling your child since you are a resident of Newbury.

Inter-library loans are another way we serve our patrons. We can get just about any book within a week to ten days. This year we have borrowed 119 books and lent out 180 books. These are the books that we did not have to purchase and pay the postage.

Thanks to a bequest from Betty Ludwig, TML was able to level, add drainage and surface the library parking lot. This also made space for a few more vehicles. The beautiful desk that is part of the 1896 original library is being repurposed as a computer station through

the Ludwig bequest. Thanks to another generous donation TML will be adding 3 more public computers for our patrons.

We have also repaired the plaster on the ceiling of the Children's Room and touched up the paint on the walls. The exterior woodwork at the front entrance of TML has been restored and looks beautiful. Both of these jobs were made possible through a grant from the Vermont Historical Department with matching funds from the town.

2019 marked the completion of the fundraising efforts to create the *Frances Mallary Memorial Fund*. Fanny was a Newbery author, entrepreneur and Tenney Memorial Library trustee. We especially want to express our heartfelt thanks to her daughter, Rebecca Mallary, Emmy and Rick Hausman and everyone who put together this amazing fundraising effort. Early this year we were able to put \$11,800.00 to work in a fund which invests in the highest-rated companies in the world for advancing women through gender diversity on their boards and in executive management. The yearly dividend will be used to purchase books for the library. These books will be identified with *Frances Mallary Memorial Fund* bookplates that will be affixed to each book that is purchased with monies from the fund.

The library is becoming a center for the community to use for meetings. In addition to providing space for programs we have had members of both Democratic and Republican caucuses, Girl Scouts, Women's Fellowship, Woman's Club, Conservation Commission, Chamber of Commerce and "Meet the New Principal" gatherings that utilize the space. We encourage the community to consider using the library on the days we are usually closed for their meeting needs.

Thanks go out to our volunteers, but especially Elizabeth and Tom Burnham, Steve and Kathy Gale and Walt Cottrell. They provide invaluable help to keep the library running smoothly.

Without doubt the person who makes a huge difference to our ability to maintain positive strides to meet the needs of the community is Peg Hastings. She is the best volunteer in Vermont.

This year your Library Director earned her Certificate of Vermont Librarianship. Thank you all for your encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Burnham, Library Director

**Library Trustees:**

Greg Eaton, Chair  
Carol Cottrell, Acting Chair  
Jennifer Fischer, Secretary  
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Kathleen Gale  
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Karen Kreis

**Library Hours:**

Tuesday – 10:5:00pm  
Thursday – 2-8:00pm  
Saturday – 9-4:00pm

# Tenney Memorial Library

	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2019	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Appropriations			
Town of Newbury	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Town of Newbury Match (Grant)	3,750.00	4,000.00	0.00
Village of Newbury	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	21,750.00	22,000.00	18,000.00
Dividends	14,712.30	12,820.00	14,180.00
Fundraising Income			
Appeal Letter	4,270.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fall Festival	781.75	500.00	700.00
Other Fundraising	0.00	1,000.00	3,500.00
Speakers/Events	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncommon Jam	<u>243.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Fundraising Income	5,294.75	6,900.00	9,400.00
Gifts, Grants, and Bequests			
Annual Donations	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bayley Fund	1,925.72	1,350.00	1,500.00
Grants	3,950.00	4,050.00	0.00
In-Kind Donations	312.63	500.00	500.00
Memorial donations and Bequests	19,398.05	20,398.05	1,000.00
Online donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Donations	<u>5,387.42</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
Total Gifts, Grants, and Bequests	30,971.82	31,298.05	11,000.00
Interest	35.56	25.00	35.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>1,465.71</u>	<u>1,850.00</u>	<u>1,650.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>74,230.14</b>	<b>74,891.05</b>	<b>54,265.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Bank Fees	55.00	55.00	55.00
Books	5,739.99	7,050.00	6,500.00
Francis Mallory Mem. Collection	120.59	420.00	430.00
Education	125.00	400.00	400.00
Fundraising Expenses	887.55	855.00	980.00
Maintenance			
Bldg Maintenance	16,392.50	10,070.00	10,170.00
Grounds Maintenance	<u>12,769.92</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>2,625.00</u>
Total Maintenance	29,162.42	12,370.00	12,795.00
Mileage	311.84	150.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	1,117.93	300.00	300.00
Operations			
Advertising	0.00	50.00	50.00
Equipment maintenance & repair	1,478.70	500.00	1,129.00
Equipment, Software, etc.	54.95	1,000.00	1,500.00
Insurance	1,363.00	1,450.00	1,450.00
Memberships, Dues	563.00	700.00	700.00
Postage	646.27	850.00	850.00
Supplies	<u>1,158.85</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Operations	5,264.77	5,550.00	6,679.00
Payroll Expenses	23,987.55	23,551.68	25,666.46
Programs	1,216.75	1,200.00	1,540.00
Utilities	<u>6,930.23</u>	<u>6,319.30</u>	<u>6,608.50</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>74,919.62</b>	<b>58,220.98</b>	<b>62,203.96</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>(689.48)</u></b>	<b><u>16,670.07</u></b>	<b><u>(7,938.96)</u></b>

## Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Committee

2019 has been a productive first year for the Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Committee. People are enjoying the new Town Forest and making frequent use of it for hiking, skiing, hunting, mountain biking, dog walking, snow mobile riding, and driving various off-road vehicles. We have used signs, public meetings, the local press and word of mouth to encourage good stewardship, and visitors have been treating the property well. Drivers are staying on the roads and so there is much less damage to the open meadows than we've seen in a long time. Grasses are growing back over old erosion and the meadows are healthier. It's encouraging to see the forest's healthy response. We are grateful for the love and respect Newbury citizens have shown as partners in protecting the land, and we appreciate the affirmative support of the Selectboard.

Newbury and other friends of the town forest have come forward in other ways as well. 80 volunteers have helped reclaim meadowland, opened views and taken on many other tasks listed below. Many of the 80 have come to multiple volunteer events.

Included in that number were 16 members of the Newbury Elementary School staff who made the Town Forest their community service project. Oxbow, too, sent 12 students and a teacher to volunteer. The R & R Family Trust brought 17 of their group to work for from 2 to 4 days, helping to build and install the two kiosks and providing funds for the materials.

### 2019 in Review

In this first year, the Committee and volunteers have

- Convened two well-attended public meetings to solicit input from the community in preparation for writing our management plan
- Conducted an on-line survey to prepare for the management plan
- Wrote the Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Plan, which is now in its approval stage
- Created an active Facebook page and began work on a web page
- Created a Friends of Tucker Mountain email list with nearly 200 subscribers (write to [tuckertownforest@gmail.com](mailto:tuckertownforest@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on it)
- Established a partnership with the Newbury Conservation Commission
- Presented talks with slides about the Town Forest to elementary schools.
- Applied for NH Charitable Foundation Grant for \$5,000 (denied)
- Cleared numerous old stone walls near the summit to improve views
- Removed invasive honeysuckle
- Felled trees for a view of Wright's Mountain
- Turned one old woods road into a hiking trail and scouted other potential hiking trails
- Built and installed two kiosks with maps and information
- Provided educational awareness signs to help control erosion
- Walked and flagged 80% of the boundaries of the Town Forest
- Created a float and marched in West Newbury Parade
- Led the Green Mountain Club Ottauquechee Section on a tour of the Town Forest
- Led Newbury Elementary summer campers to the summit of Tucker for a picnic
- Hosted Newbury Elementary School's fall hike to the summit of Tucker
- Contracted and supervised tree felling services to improve the view of the White Mountains to the east, brush hogging of the meadows and brush removal
- Walked and inspected the roads with four excavation contractors in preparation for trailhead parking areas and possible road improvements
- Announced a logo contest (deadline January 31, 2020). Please contact us if you or someone you know is interested in participating

- Applied for Recreational Trails Program Grant for trailhead parking (\$20,000, in process)
- Met with local representatives and officials of law enforcement, Fish & Game, VAST, a Vermont wetlands ecologist and others to discuss and develop a greater awareness of issues and developments in the new Town Forest
- Engaged County Forester David Paganelli to be the Town Forest forester
- Committee members have participated in an educational town forest management conferences and conservation conferences

#### Goals for 2020

- Gain final approval for our management plan
- Finish walking and flagging the boundaries.
- Complete two trailhead parking areas, one on the east boundary, one on the west boundary
- Seek grant funding to repair erosion near the summit of Tucker and rebuild the half mile spur road from Tucker Mountain Road to the summit
- Produce a brochure and map
- Make and install trail signs and other signage
- Build bog bridges for our new section of trail
- Research solutions to improving Tucker Mountain Road and develop a maintenance plan
- Create water bars on portions of Tucker Mountain Road to help prevent further washouts
- Scout and flag new trails including a loop trail up Woodchuck Mountain and a west side approach to the summit of Tucker Mountain
- Construct a trail from the Old Boulevard to the Tucker Mountain summit separate from the road
- Clear more of the upper meadows of encroaching saplings
- Promote Youth Deer Weekend on Tucker
- Organize projects with schools such as field trips, community service, and academic capstone projects
- Involve River Bend Career and Technical Center in projects such as timber stand management, tree felling, and bog bridge projects
- Invite naturalists and other leaders to organize public educational walks such as bird habitat studies and wildlife tracking
- Develop policies on camping, trapping, hunting and tree stands, and events such as weddings

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to lead in the stewardship of this treasured acreage of forest, wetland, meadows and mountains. Please visit your Town Forest!

Interested in volunteering? Write to [tuckertownforest@gmail.com](mailto:tuckertownforest@gmail.com) and we will add you to our email list or call 802-505-5279. Volunteer opportunities are also announced on our Facebook page.

Like us at **Tucker Mountain Town Forest**

Tom Kidder, Chair  
 John Nininger, Vice-Chair  
 Kathy Damon, Secretary-Treasurer

Cortney Blake  
 Kirk Morrison  
 Susan Culp

## TRORC

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

### Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

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

### Water Quality

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

### Creative Economy and Public Health

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

### Emergency Management and Preparedness

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

### Energy

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

### Transportation

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

Specifically in Newbury this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan. As part of the Grants in Aid program, ditching and culvert improvements on Swamp Road were completed.

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

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

**TRORC**  
Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee  
REGIONAL COMMISSION  
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## The Vermont Center for Independent Living

For 40 years, 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 FY19 (10/2018-9/2019) VCIL responded to thousands of 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 250 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and 6 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 163 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 122 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 86 individuals with information on assistive technology; 46 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 499 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 40 people and provided 31 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 '19, 3 residents of Newbury received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program (HAP)  
(\$6,000.00 spent on modifications)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)  
(over \$350.00 spent on meals for residents)
- 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).

## Vermont League of Cities and Towns

*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

### About the League

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

### Member Benefits

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

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

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

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

## VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

### *Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Newbury, VT*

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

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

Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 VNH made 2,493 homecare visits to 75 Newbury residents. This included approximately \$48,300 in unreimbursed care to Newbury residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 759 home visits to 34 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 634 home visits to 14 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 1,077 home visits to 22 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 23 home visits to 5 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Sincerely,



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

<p><b>WRAP</b>  <b>WELLS RIVER ACTION PROGRAM</b>          Post Office Box 538          Wells River, Vermont 05081  <a href="mailto:wrapwr@gmail.com">wrapwr@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>President – Don Waterman          Vice President – David W. Wilson          Secretary – Judi Waterman          Treasurer – Connie Philleo</p>
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The Wells River Action Program had a busy and productive 2019 thanks to the concentrated efforts of our members. As an organization, we are a small but dedicated group of community-minded volunteers. The mission of WRAP is to enhance the quality of life in Wells River Village and its immediately surrounding villages and towns by promoting affordable and accessible housing, supporting and developing business and economic development, preserving the rural and historic character and ambiance of Wells River Village and establishing avenues of cooperation with other organizations and governmental agencies. Membership in WRAP is open to all who are interested in improving and preserving the Wells River area whether or not they are residents of Wells River.

**Housing and Commercial Spaces** – At the beginning of 2019, WRAP held a fifty percent (50.0 %) ownership interest in five multifamily/commercial properties located in Wells River. The properties included 29 residential units and six commercial spaces. WRAP, along with its partner, Housing Vermont (HVT), has since negotiated a new partnership agreement that will renovate the buildings, formalize WRAP's role with respect to HVT, and provide an annual fee to WRAP to assist with its mission. WRAP transferred its ownership to HVT for \$20,000. WRAP will send a liaison to the HVT Development Team meetings and will continue its role as a link between Housing Vermont, its property management company, and the Wells River community. Documents outlining the agreement are available upon request.

**Annual Meeting** – The 2019 Annual meeting was held at the Happy Hour Restaurant on February 10, 2019. The guest speaker was Cheryl Chandler, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital's Regional Prevention Partnerships Coordinator. Cheryl discussed the role and history of 302 Cares in the fight against substance abuse.

**WRAP Up** - Volume 14, Issues 1 and 2 of the WRAP Up were published in May and November of 2019. The newsletters were delivered to the apartments and businesses in Wells River and were mailed to Wells River property owners through the generosity of Wells River Savings Bank. The WRAP Up provides a supplement to WRAP's annual report and informs the public of coming events. It couldn't be published without all the volunteer writers, photographers, and the production and distribution crew.

**Flower Barrels and Holiday Lights** - During the spring, summer and fall, bright flowers graced the village with a variety of colors. Holiday trees and lights brightened the village during the winter season. All flowers, barrels and trees were purchased locally.

**Rowe Community Garden** - The seventh season of the garden was successful, with veteran gardeners returning to grow vegetables for themselves as well as for the Wells River Congregational Church UCC Food Shelf, the Harvest Share Basket at Baldwin Memorial Library and the So Long Summer Hello Fall Festival. The garden received many donations of labor, seeds and seedlings, tools and sawdust.

**Welcome Center** - The number of visitors that signed in at the Welcome Center in 2019 was 2,230. For the first time, visitors came from all 50 states! Visitors also arrived from England, Taiwan, Israel, France, New Zealand, Australia, Sweden, Austria, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Spain, Iceland, Switzerland, Belgium, The Netherlands, and five Canadian provinces. The Welcome Center usually opens for Memorial Day weekend, then opens for the season on Father's Day weekend, and closes on Indigenous Peoples' Day.

**Community Picnic** – The sixth annual community picnic and ice cream social was held at the Berry Field on the last Saturday in June. Baldwin Memorial Library sponsored a performance by Marco the Magician, the Newbury Historical Society recorded stories about Newbury’s one-room schoolhouses at the Story Corps tent, and the event ended with WRAP dishing up free ice cream generously donated by Big Cones.

**So Long Summer – Hello Fall Festival** – This event is always held on the last Saturday before Labor Day. This was the eighth year for the festival and its Giant Zucchini Contest. The fantastic sunny weather brought a large turnout of curious folks that stopped by to check out the various retail, food, craft, and area nonprofit booths. Cohase Chamber of Commerce held its third annual Rubber Ball River Race on the Wells River.

**302 Cares** - This committee of WRAP continues its initiatives to reduce substance misuse in Wells River and neighboring communities. The 302 Cares committee, previously called the WRAP Prevention Group, was organized after the first community drug forum “Drugs Are Here” in 2016. Since then, it has been helping individuals in need of care and those in recovery. A second forum “Drugs Are Still Here” was held in 2017.

In 2019, 302 Cares sponsored the third forum entitled “Where Are We Now?” Approximately 25 people attended the program which included presentations by individuals connected to BMU, Little Rivers Health Care and others. The goals were to attract at least 20 people to the event, gain new members, and to show the positive, measurable results of the committee’s work which has made a noticeable difference. “The Streets are quiet, and although gas is still being stolen from vehicles at a local car dealership, other thefts seem to have declined.” the Valley News wrote following the most recent forum.

Currently, at least one to four members of 302 Cares meet monthly with a prevention coalition at BMU and one in Haverhill with the purpose of sharing information and exploring ways to work together. For further information about the meetings and the mission, contact Don Waterman at [h2oman@charter.net](mailto:h2oman@charter.net) or [wrapwr@gmail.com](mailto:wrapwr@gmail.com) or Cheryl Chandler, Regional Prevention Partnership Coordinator at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, telephone 802-748-8400, or email [c.chandler@nvrh.org](mailto:c.chandler@nvrh.org).

**Appreciation** – We thank the Baldwin Library for providing space for WRAP to meet; WYKR, the Journal Opinion, the Bridge Weekly/Sho-Case and Trendy Times for their ongoing coverage of our events, and local businesses for sponsoring the publicity of the So Long Summer - Hello Fall Festival.

**Wells River Action Program 2019 Income and Expense Report/Budget 2020**

Income	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Reconciliation	Checking
	2018	2019	2019	2020		
Dues, Donations, Souvenirs*	890.00	1000	1883.29	800	Balance on Hand 12/31/17	15964.82
Flowers/Welcome Center	60.00	60	50.00	50	Income - 2018	3078.96
Town of Newbury	400.00	400	400.00	400	Total Available	19043.78
Village of Wells River	0.00	400	400.00	400	Disbursements	-4046.12
Wells River Ltd Partnership**	0.00	1320	2640.00	0	Balance on Hand 12/31/18	14997.66
Baldwin Block**	0.00	540	1080.00	0	Balance on Hand 12/31/18	14997.66
WRAP/HVT Agreement	0.00	0	20000.00	2000	Income - 2019	27799.99
So Long Summer-Vendors	230.00	290	245.00	250	Total Available	42797.65
So Long Summer-Bake Sale	103.75	130	344.00	350	Disbursements	-32485.71
So Long Summer Ad Donations	683.40	800	713.70	750	Balance on Hand 12/31/19	10311.94
Community Picnic & WRAP Up	0.00	0	10.00	10		
Retained Earnings (in checking)	967.16	3290	4685.72	2525		
Holiday Decorations	20.00	50	34.00	40		
Chris Gray Fund	691.81	0	0.00	0		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4046.12</b>	<b>8280</b>	<b>32485.71</b>	<b>7575</b>		

Expense	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	WRAP CD 12/31/18	0.00
	2018	2019	2019	2020		
Publicity/Annual Meeting	300.18	325	279.02	300	2019 Deposit	23720.00
WRAP Up	189.42	530	331.23	350	2019 Earnings	19.50
Welcome Center	500.00	300	253.19	300	WRAP CD 12/31/19	23739.50
Investment in 24-Month CD	0.00	0	23720.00	0		
Flowers/Trees/Lights/Barrels	1304.99	1500	1197.60	1500		
Cohase Chamber of Commerce	75.00	75	55.00	75		
Rowe Community Garden	30.00	500	0.00	100		
So Long Summer -Hello Fall	999.15	1100	1063.83	1100		
Community Picnic	346.38	350	262.40	350		
Community Ads & Donations***	235.00	300	169.00	200		
Unanticipated Expenses****	6.00	200	556.74	200		
Office/Postage/Miscellaneous	60.00	100	11.00	100		
Consulting/Legal Fees/Insurance	0.00	3000	4586.70	2000		
302 Cares	0.00	0	0.00	500		
Village Signs	0.00	0	0.00	500		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4046.12</b>	<b>8280</b>	<b>32485.71</b>	<b>7575</b>		



Footnotes for 2019: \* Includes a \$1116.22 donation from Three Rivers (Woodsville/Wells River Merchants Association), \*\* Investor Service Fees, \*\*\*2019 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and ads to welcome The Wellness Center, \*\*\*\* 302 Cares Forum

#### OTHER ACCOUNTS OF THE WELLS RIVER ACTION PROGRAM

Welcome Center Balances	12/31/18	12/31/19
Welcome Center CD	7844.30	7866.55
Welcome Center Savings	236.06	431.16
Welcome Center Checking	207.87	226.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>8288.23</b>	<b>8523.74</b>

Most of the seed money that funded the Welcome Center CD was ISTEAs transportation reimbursement funds granted to the center, Jane Wilson's donation of payments she received while working at the White River Welcome Center, and money left over from the building of the Welcome Center.

WRAP acted as the Fiscal Agent for the following account.

ReNewbury established an account on 3/17/2015 to manage funds from grants and donations intended for a community-wide planning meeting which was held March 27-28, 2015. Funds were used again for the "ReNew the Feeling" event held April 1, 2016 to discuss the outcomes of the various committees established the previous year. The original groups were Newbury Connect Committee, Events Committee, Community and Cultural/Recreational Center Committee. Full Internet Access and Cell Phone Coverage Committee (now REDInet) and the Local Food Network Committee.

Funds have since been used for the 2016 and 2017 printing of the Events Committee's annual Spring-Summer-Fall poster of Newbury events. There was no account activity in 2018. On May 26, 2019, a check was written in the amount of \$13.40 to print posters listing Newbury Happenings. Due to its small balance and infrequent activity, the account was closed on 11/21/2019, and the remaining balance of \$52.07 was transferred to the WRAP checking account.

ReNewbury	Balance	12/31/2018--\$65.47
		5/26/2019--\$13.40 Copies and More
		11/21/2019--\$52.07 Transferred to WRAP
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>12/31/2019--\$0.00</b>

**Annual Town Meeting Minutes  
Town Of Newbury, Vermont  
Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

Alma Roystan, Selectboard Chair, opened the meeting at 10:00 am, read the annual town meeting greeting, the heading of the Warning and declared polls were open for Australian ballot voting for elected town officers under Article 2 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Two Newbury Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance. Several other members of the classes invited everyone downstairs for a luncheon of soups and bread made by them to raise money for their annual class trip to Boston. They will also have a donation bucket just outside the gym door for those who cannot stay and still wish to help them reach their goal.

Alma then announced that long term Selectboard member Brian Emerson had decided to not to seek reelection due to increasing work responsibilities. She spoke of his dedication, thoughtfulness to the town and his humor and how much he will be missed. Brian was given a standing ovation of thanks for his years of service and Alma also announced there was cake in the corner of the gym for all to enjoy in his honor. Brian made a few remarks about his years in this position, thanked the community for all their support and shared a few funny stories.

Brian then went on to Article 1.

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

Brian asked for nominations, Emmy Hausman nominated Brad Vietje, Judith Lerner seconded. There were no other nominations, Brad was unanimously elected. Brian then turned the meeting over to Moderator Vietje.

Moderator Vietje made sure the sound system was working, noted that we only had one microphone and asked that people be respectful and quiet during the meeting and to please come up and use the podium and microphone attached when speaking. He pointed out exits and bathrooms, reminded everyone of the luncheon in the cafeteria and encouraged everyone to stay for that. He then moved to announcements and told everyone he and his wife will be moving out of Newbury so he will not be able to be moderator next year and suggested people look around the room and think about a possible moderator for next year's Town Meeting. He also asked for a moment of silence for the new arrivals and those that we have lost this year.

Moderator Vietje discussed how small towns and small government operate, how hard our Selectboard works and asked for the attendees of Town Meeting to join him in thanking them with applause.

Moderator Vietje then asked the crowd about their attendance at Town Meetings over the years and the crowd acknowledged with applause, Dick and Ginny Swenson for attending for over 65 years and Aroline Putnam for coming since the 1950's.

Moderator Vietje explained how Vermont State Law required him to run the meeting, that Robert's Rules of Order are used for this meeting. He also explained how to address people and that we can only act on articles that are on the warning. Only registered voters are allowed to vote and unregistered voters are allowed to speak if the all registered voters agree.

Moderator Vietje read Article 2.

## **Article 2: To elect all other Town Officers:**

Selectperson, 3 years; Treasurer, 3 years; Lister, 3 years; Auditor, 3 years; Auditor, 2 years; Grand Juror, 1 year; Town Agent, 1 year. Voting to be by Australian ballot. Polls Open: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## **Article 3: To hear and dispose of reports of Town Officers and hear and dispose of accounts.**

Moderator Vietje mentioned last year there were some pages that were not mentioned in discussion, so we will go thru all pages in the Town Report.

Brian Emerson moved, Emmy Hausman seconded.

The following reports had discussions:

**Page E – Warning NEK Waste Management** - Brian Emerson asked for clarification on metal recycling thru NEK Waste Management. Claude Phipps explained that we belong to this waste management division thus it can go to the East Ryegate facility. Their contact information is in their budget report in the book.

**Page 5- Statement of Indebtedness** - Claude Phipps asked if this report is missing some information specifically regarding the loader payoff and new grader financing. Mary Collins, Town Treasurer, responded that our Auditors have informed her that those items are not considered indebtedness, the lease items terms are less than 10 years so they are not required to be included in that report.

Moderator Vietje pointed out that this meeting is being recorded.

**Page 16 – Newbury Conservation Commission**- Michael Thomas spoke as a member of the NCC. They currently have two openings on the board and are requesting volunteers to come forward. He has information on Emerald Ash Borer, Tucker Mountain and events on the display table he set up. He announced that there are scheduled work dates later this year and made pleas for people to please volunteer, especially hoping families with school age children will come out and get involved.

**Page 25 – Fire Department Steering Committee**- Claude Phipps asked for more information about centralized fire stations, location options, land, etc. and if there is any new news on consolidation. Alma stated that the committee had done a lot of research and presented it to the Select Board however they have not made any decisions yet and there is more work to be done. Marvin Harrison, committee member, just wanted to let people know it has been a very complicated process. The committee found in all their research there is no easy solution or easy fixes for this consolidation. Marvin stated the costs of fire trucks, equipment, training and services has been increasing at a very fast rate and our grand list has not been. How we can solve this is the big question. There needs to be more discussion and options as to how this will impact our town and long-term sustainability.

**Page 27- Newbury Historical Society** – Carol Cottrell gave an update on their progress with the 3<sup>rd</sup> volume of the Newbury History. They now have a website – [newburyhistorythree.com](http://newburyhistorythree.com) and 43 people signed up to help with this project. If anyone else is interested in helping with this project please contact her. Richard Roderick announced the Historical Society has a display table in the corner with information. They are offering a contest named “How Well Schooled Are you” and everyone was invited to take part and see how many of the old one room schoolhouses they can identify. Richard spoke about membership and fundraising activities. He also wanted to thank everyone for their past and continued support.

**Page 29 – Board of Listers** - Claude Phipps reminded everyone to file their homestead tax declaration as was mentioned in this report and that he and Connie Phileo are available to help people file their annual income taxes at the Tenney Library and at the Orange East Senior Center.

**Page 30 – Recreation Board**- Claude Phipps asked what happened to the swim program. Brian Emerson replied the town has been unable to find anyone to run it. A question was asked about who is currently on the Recreation Committee. Alma introduced, Shannon Young, Chairman of this Board and Shannon identified members as: himself, Molly Dugan-Sullivan, Felicia Kingsbury, Jon Girard, Matt Nusbaum, Chris Bean and Jamie Mills. Shannon also announced that they would love any volunteers in April for a clean-up day on the Common. Once determined, that date will be advertised and lunch will be provided. Richard Roderick asked how the Wells River residents are made aware of the Recreation Department activities and how do those residents participate. Shannon noted the coaches and schools have a good relationship and notifications are put in the paper and announced in the school setting. Brian discussed how the Wells River residents pay taxes to Newbury which allows their children to participate in these events, yet they attend BMU which runs their own school events. Parents of Wells River children can choose to partake in Newbury sports. Newbury and BMU have also combined teams in the past and may in the future for Little League Season.

**Page 32 – Selectboard Report**- Claude Phipps wanted clarification on three issues, 1) the State Highway Garage on 302 and why the town/Select board opted not to acquire that property when approached by the State; 2) the house in Newbury Village (formerly owned by the Shaws) which the town had violations against and what the resolution of that situation was and 3) police protection. Alma addressed each one. 1) The Selectboard had no purpose for that building, it would have had to be used for highway purposes only and the town did not have that need. It was also discussed that if the State sells it to another entity that the Town would then be receiving taxes from that. 2) The house was finally sold in a private sale from the foreclosure company. The amount of zoning and solid waste violations that had accumulated were reduced when the private sale went thru on the advice of the Town's legal counsel. The amount received was \$10,000.00 and it is listed as revenue in the Town Report. 3) Newbury has had for a number of years a contract with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Many small towns are in the same predicament as Newbury, trying to find a way to provide more law enforcement coverage. There has been discussion with surrounding towns that do not have full time coverage to combine hours and share a full time officer.

**Page 34 – Solid Waste Committee**-Claude Phipps stated there would be a Hazardous Waste Day and mentioned again the option of taking items to East Ryegate. He encouraged people to reference this report over the year when trying to decide how to dispose of items. Mike Thomas asked about other locations and if we were still looking into other options. Claude noted when we still had residents of Haverhill as part of our recycling center we needed to look into that but now that it is just Newbury using the facility, our current set up and location is sufficient. Richard Roderick asked how trash haulers that serve apartment buildings are handling recycling as they were given an extension to comply with the new law. Claude was allowed to speak again and stated that they are supposed to be following the same recycling rules of the State.

**Page 42- Baldwin Librarian Report**- Peggy Hewes reported that every year the Vermont Humanities Council chooses a novel for community reading and discussion. This year's book is March by Senator John Lewis. She has copies available for people who wish to borrow it.

**Page 55 Green Up in Newbury** – Connie Phileo announced they are still looking for a Green Up Coordinator.

**Page 58 – Halls Lake Association** – Claude Phipps was pleased to see the reduction in milfoil at the lake and wondered if someone was at the meeting could explain why they need \$6000 this year. There was not anyone available.

**Page 60 – Newbury REDi.net** – Claude Phipps announced they have received notice of their first grant in the amount of \$8000.

**Page 70 – Tenney Memorial Library** – Carol Cottrell announced the library has begun a partnership with the Dolly Parton Foundation. She explained this foundation provides a free book every month from birth to age 5 to Newbury residents who are enrolled. The foundation has a team of preschool educators that select the books that are sent. She noted the postage is \$2.10 per book and the funds are Tenney fundraising funds, not from the regular library budget. She had forms available for families to sign up as well as a donation jar.

**Page 83 - Last year's Annual Town Meeting Minutes-** Claude Phipps mentioned there were some typos in last year's minutes; it was his understanding that they would be fixed and posted on the Town's website. Richard Roderick stated that he had asked at last year's meeting for more clarification on town employee jobs and salaries and he hoped that that it will be included in next year's Town Report.

No opposition, Article 3 carried.

**Article 4: To see if the Town of Newbury will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay expenses in anticipation of taxes.**

Ray Fotion moved the article, Priscilla Connolly seconded. No discussion, no opposition, Article 4 carried.

**Article 5: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer on or before August 10, 2019, with delinquent taxes subject to penalty of 8% and interest charges of one percent per month?**

Paul Jewett moved the article, Deidre Gleason seconded. No discussion, no opposition, Article 5 carried.

**Article 6: To fix the compensation of all Town Officers. Shall the Town accept the compensation recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee?**

Lenice Cicchini moved the article and Mike Thomas seconded. Walt Cottrell stated in last year's minutes there was discussion of transparency in the form of number of hours worked and compensation or hourly rate and asked if we had that information. Mary Collins stated she did not have exact figures. Walt referenced the Selectboard pay and Mary stated their pay is considered stipends and not based on an hourly rate. Brian spoke that maybe there should be more of an explanation as to the difference in pay between the Selectboard Chair and the other two Selectboard members. He explained that Newbury does not have a Town Manager or Assistant. Alma Roystan as the Selectboard Chair performs those duties. Brian discussed the difference in what those salaries cost surrounding towns versus what we pay as a stipend to our chairperson. Brian noted we have a unique situation and that Alma's schedule allows her to fulfill those duties. Brian also explained that things have and are changing with government and the small towns are required to do so much more. Aroline Putnam states the town should be aware that when Alma is not in that position this may cost us a lot more. Marvin Harrison suggested maybe having a job description for that future change. Alma also stated if anyone has questions about what she is doing that she would be more than happy to answer any questions about time and duties being performed. Claude stated he is concerned that we are having this conversation again and maybe we need more of an explanation. Lenice wondered about separating those roles in the future. Don Waterman stated that anyone that has questions should attend the yearly budget meetings and that would be the appropriate time get that information. Marvin said this was his first year on this committee and that in next year's budget report they will do their best to make more information available as well. Richard Roderick thinks all the employees' not just Selectboard members should have their salaries stated not just hourly rate.

No opposition, Article 6 carried.

**Article 7: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$631,500 to defray the general expenses of the Town?**

Brian Emerson moved the article, Rick Hausman seconded. Discussion: Claude Phipps proposed an amendment to the Halls Lake Association funding request, reducing the amount to \$2,000 and this was seconded. Walt Cottrell thinks this would be a mistake, as they are making progress and should be supported. Brian explained that last year the Association had a hard time finding divers; however they have and are keeping the lake cleaner so the budget committee supported that. Priscilla Connolly thinks it makes sense to continue our support of the Association's milfoil reduction. Deidre Gleason thinks sending a strong message of support is the way to go but does think they should be represented at Town Meeting if questions arise. Mike Thomas says the Newbury Conservation Committee has been working to be involved with the Halls Lake Association and their efforts to control the milfoil and supports them. Tom Kidder says they should have someone available to defend their request however in lowering their budget he believes we are just hurting ourselves and the progress they are making with keeping the lake clean.

Brad restates the amendment of reducing this allocation, only 1 year all others opposed. Allocation stays at \$6000.

Tom Beers asked why the property taxes are set at a tax rate that doesn't fully cover the town's expenses; Mary Collins explained the Town's practice of applying fund balances.

Moderator Vietje re read Article 7: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$631,500 to defray the general expenses of the Town?

No opposition, Article 7 carried.

**Article 8: Shall the voters authorize purchase of a grader, for an amount not to exceed \$246,000, to be paid from existing Town funds that will be refunded by annual appropriations over a period not to exceed 7 years?**

Brian Emerson moved the article, Claude Phipps seconded. Discussion: Warren Rollins questioned if the new one will be large enough to cover our needs. Highway Foreman Bob Beaulieu replied the machine is comparable to the size and weight of what we have now. He also stated this is not an additional machine; this is a replacement of a grader that has gone a little longer than it should have. Bob also stated that if there are particular issues with specific roads to please contact him directly outside of today's meeting and he would be happy to address those with any residents. Bobbie Jewett credited the highway crew with doing a great job. Mike Thomas asked about the financing breakdown of this purchase. Bob explained that different financing options were explored and we went with self-financing that will save the town money and was the most sensible decision. Don Waterman asked what accounts the money is coming from. Mary Collins answered most of it will come from the building fund, which is comprised of rents from the bank and post office buildings, we will not use existing reserve funds. There will be an accounting in next year's report. Carol Cottrell questioned if we can legally do this. Mary explained it is treated like a note and if we need that building fund money for some reason in the future we would have acquire outside financing at that time. Marvin Harrison explained there are many options to finance if need be.

No opposition, Article 8 carried.

**Article 9: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$750,000 for highway purposes?**

Emily Hausman moved, Ray Fotion seconded, no opposition, Article 9 carried.

**Article 10: To transact any other business necessary to come before said meeting.**

Joan Morris discussed a Beacon light that has been installed at the North Haverhill Airport. She has a petition against this and thinks it is important to send a message to Haverhill that we do not want this. Priscilla Connolly stated that the Haverhill Select board voted to put this on hold for a year.

Moderator Vietje introduced our Representative Chip Conquest. Chip let everyone know about the updated unclaimed property report and that he was leaving it with the Town Clerk along with directions on how to claim those funds.

Representative Conquest thanked Bob Beaulieu and our road crew for their hard work on our roads. He discussed the frustration with the condition of US Route 302 in Newbury and suggested complaints be directed to District No. 7 Agency of Transportation (802-748-6670) He noted that road is scheduled to be redone in 2021 but will be cold and hot patching as weather allows. Representative Conquest will still be working on getting a solution earlier if possible. He encouraged everyone to contact the district office with their concerns about the bad condition of this road. Representative Conquest stated he is now on the appropriations committee and discussed what they have currently been working on. He had an update on the Act. 46 lawsuit that Newbury Elementary School is currently involved in. The injunction they were seeking was denied and they are awaiting a decision from the Senate. The lawsuit to fight consolidation can move forward, however it will most likely be a lengthy pursuit. He left a stack of cards with his contact information for anyone to take.

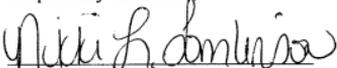
Moderator Vietje reminded everyone that the Newbury Women's Club had desserts available and there was cake for Brian Emerson so everyone should feel free to get some before going down to lunch.

Deidre Gleason came forward to discuss Act. 46 and shared her own personal experiences with how Oxbow was made to reduce staff to conform to this Act requirements. She feels they were forced to make decisions that were not in the school's best interest. She also brought up issues with how OESU handled employee insurance this year. She would like to see our children have other options and suggested joining with BMU instead of Oxbow and Bradford Elementary School.

Cathy Kidder announced the West Newbury Pancake Breakfast will be held this coming Saturday, March 16 at the West Newbury Hall.

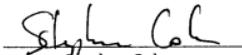
It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 12:19 pm.

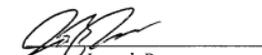
Respectfully Submitted,

  
Nikki L. Tomlinson, Town Clerk

Approved:

  
Alma Roystan

  
Stephen Cole

  
Joseph Parsons

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**Monthly Board Meetings**

Selectboard - Town Office – Second, Third, and Last Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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**Recycling**

Newbury Village

Hours - Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm

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**Emergency Number – 911**

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**Dog License Information**

All dogs and wolf hybrids six months of age or older must be licensed annually anytime after January 1 but *before* April 1. The license must be signed by the owner or keeper. You can obtain a license in person or by mail by sending the appropriate fee with a stamped return envelope. Before obtaining a license, a copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate must be provided unless the clerk's office has one on file.

- (1) All dog and wolf-hybrid vaccinations recognized by state and local authorities shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
  - (2) All dogs and wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination.
  - (3) All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months.
  - (4) All vaccinations, including the initial vaccination, shall be with a US Department of Agriculture-approved three-year rabies vaccine product.
- License Fees - Neutered or Spayed - \$9:00; Male or Female - \$13.00 on or before 4/1**  
Proof of spaying or neutering must be exhibited at first time of licensing.

- ❖ **Dates, times, and places of rabies clinics are posted in the town office window and watch local newspapers for dates and times.**