

# Town of Jericho, Vermont ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to three Jericho Volunteers  
who passed away in 2016 and 2017



Phyllis Gray, Don Messier and Kelly King all cared greatly about the Town of Jericho and spent countless hours volunteering their time in different capacities. Whether it be serving on various committees, in Town elected positions, or organizing community programs such as the Jericho Farmer's Market, their involvement within the Town was a great benefit to our residents.

**Please bring this report to Town Meeting on March 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.  
Town Meeting and polling is at Mt. Mansfield Union High School**

**The Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26 will provide breakfast. Please see inside back cover for more details.  
Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m.**

TOWN MEETING ~ March 6, 2018, 9:00 am in the Mt. Mansfield Union High School Auditorium

Representative Trevor Squirrell and Representative George Till will be available to discuss legislative issues and answer any questions before Town Meeting beginning at 8 am.

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### **Mark your Calendar.....**

Town Meeting Day ~ 1st Tuesday in March  
Renew Dog License by ~ April 1, 2018  
Property Tax due dates ~ September & March

### **Municipal Monthly Meetings at Town Hall**

#### **SELECTBOARD**

*1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 pm*

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

*1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm*

#### **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

*2nd & 4th Thursday at 7 pm*

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

*4th Wednesday at 7 pm*

#### **MOBBS COMMITTEE**

*4th Monday at 7 pm*

#### **JERICHO ENERGY TASK FORCE**

*3rd Monday at 7 pm*

#### **JERICHO TRAILS COMMITTEE**

*4th Thursday at 7 pm*

#### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm*

### **Community Meetings**

#### **MOUNT MANSFIELD MODIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*please check the website for dates: [www.cesuvt.org](http://www.cesuvt.org)*

#### **JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY BOARD**

*2nd Monday at 5:30 pm at the Library*

#### **DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD**

*3rd Thursday at 7pm at the Library*

*Visit our website at [www.jerichovt.gov](http://www.jerichovt.gov) to sign up to receive information on any of the Municipal monthly meetings or check out our calendar on the home page for meeting times and/or any changes*

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## Child Care provided by the MMU Leo Club

**Child care will be provided from 8:30 a.m. until Town Meeting adjourns. Look for signs for location**

The MMU Leo Club is a group of service-minded students that provide hands-on service around our community. Recently we have helped with Special Olympics events, collected many hundreds of items for the food shelf, been part of a project that bagged and boxed thousands of ready-to-cook meals for Vermont children and families living with food insecurity, raised money for vision testing of children, run a water station for the Vermont City Marathon, and flown to an Indian reservation in South Dakota for a full week of serving the Lakota people. We have approximately 100 members, so 1 out of 8 students at MMU have been a part of the Leo Club.

## A VOTER'S GUIDE TO DOING BUSINESS AT TOWN MEETING, TOWN OF JERICHO

by Dave Barrington, Moderator – Town of Jericho

Town Meeting is your chance to speak your mind about the issues relating to town business, so go ahead, speak up! (Only registered voters of the town of Jericho may speak or vote at town meeting, except by suspension of the rules, a special motion.) The Jericho moderator uses Robert's rules of order (as required by the State of Vermont), except where there is a Vermont law that specifies otherwise.

Ordinarily, you must be recognized by the moderator to speak.\* Always wait for a microphone and give your name for the minutes when you begin to speak, even if you have spoken before in the meeting.

It is a Jericho tradition for the moderator to read and ask you what you wish to do with the various warned articles in the town report. Help the moderator do the town's business by making a motion to accept (not reject) each of the articles. You can also be the one to second the motion. You must give your name when you do these things. Only motions that have been warned in the town report can, if approved, be binding for the voters and officers of the town; all other motions are taken as advice.

You can modify an existing motion ("I wish to amend article # to read...") or make a new motion ("I move that..."). If your sense is that all the points of view have been made on an issue and we are going over the same ground again, you can make a motion (not interrupt) to move to vote on the previous question (meaning the motion on the floor - often said as, "I call the question"). This motion to call the question requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

Though it is my first priority to give all the voters their say, it is also important to me to finish in time to allow the school meeting to begin at the warned time. My ground rules related to time: 1) you may not speak again on a motion until all others have had the opportunity; 2) you may speak a total of twice on a motion; and 3) please speak for a maximum of one minute each time.

My best tool for moving things along is to ask the voters for unanimous consent on a motion if it seems non-controversial to me. The way I do this is to say, "if there is no objection...". This is your invitation to object. It only takes one person, and I am happy to consider anything that any one person wants to. On the other hand, I can avoid a vote and the time it takes with this phrase.

The moderator will ask for a voice vote to begin with on all motions that require a simple majority. Once the ayes and nays have been voiced the moderator will say, "The ayes (or nays) appear to have it...", which is your invitation to disagree with the moderator's opinion by saying "Division". Division means that the voters proceed to a vote by count of hands; it takes only one person asking to require a vote by hands. Any seven voters can require a paper ballot, if it comes to that.

The job of the moderator is to make sure that all the voters who wish to speak are heard, and that order prevails in town meeting. I have considerable influence on the course of events by choice of procedure and the like. If you are unhappy with my procedure please either speak up in meeting (the voters have the privilege of voting on an appeal of the moderator's decision on procedure) or speak privately to me.

New, 2009: If it's on the Australian ballot (the one you fill out in the booth) you can talk about it in town meeting, except that you cannot speak for or against someone running for town office during town meeting.

\*exceptions include appealing my procedure decisions, calling for a division (show of hands) or written ballot, asking for a point of information, or making a point of order

*It is this moderator's conviction that we in Vermont are in the business of modeling how to the run a democracy for the rest of our country.*

## Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

1. A notice of taxes due (including interest and penalties if applicable) will be sent to taxpayers who have not paid their taxes in a timely manner. A notice will be sent each month while the taxes are delinquent unless the Town Treasurer determines otherwise.
2. No payment arrangements will be accepted.
3. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1% per month (interest rate will increase to 1 ½ % three months after final installment payment is due)-no fraction of a month will be considered-until the taxes are paid in full. Interest will be charged on the day following the due date of each installment and will be charged on that same date in the following months.
4. An 8% penalty will be will be applied the day after the final installment due date.
5. Notice will be sent to mortgage holders or lien holders 30 days after final payment is due. (Letter to include notice that the process to sell the property at a tax sale will begin within 30 days.)
6. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure that the Town has the proper address for mailing property tax bills, notices, etc.
7. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the 8% penalty fee, if applicable.
8. All delinquent taxes will be turned over to the Town Attorney for purposes of tax sales within 60 days of the due date of the final installment.
9. The Town Attorney shall be instructed to send an initial letter to the delinquent taxpayer within 10 days of receiving the list. Such letter shall demand payment within 15 days of mailing letter to taxpayer. If payment in full is not received by the due date, Town Attorney shall begin the process to sell the property at a tax sale within 30 days. Such letter shall contain a notice that each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. § 1535.
10. Costs of preparing and conducting the tax sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% (or amount specified by current statute) of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
11. A listing of delinquent taxes will be available in the Town's office for viewing by the public.
12. In the event no one purchases the property at tax sale, or, if in the judgement of the Town Treasurer, proceeding with the tax sale is unadvisable, the Town Treasurer shall collect the delinquent taxes (including interest, penalties and other costs) using any or all of the methods permitted by law.
13. This collection policy is to be published in the Town's Annual Report and is to be publicly displayed in the Town's offices.

## Town Office Hours

### Town Administrator's Office

Monday – Thursday 7:30 - 3:30  
Friday 7:30 - 3:00

### Town Clerk's Office

Monday – Thursday 8:00 - 4:00  
Friday 8:00 - 12:00

### Treasurer's Office/Fin. Coord.

Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 2:45

### Planning Office

Monday – Thursday 8:00 - 3:30  
Friday 8:00 - 3:00

### Zoning Office

Monday 8:00 - 4:00  
Wednesday 8:00 - 4:00  
Thursday 8:00 - 4:00

### Lister's Office

Monday – Thursday 9:00 - 1:00  
(or by appointment)



## Other Contact Information

Animal Control Officer - Ed Stygles	899-4605
Health Officer - Richard Bernstein, M.D.	899-9970 x 3
Fire Warden - Sean McCann ( <i>burn permits</i> )	355-1044
Underhill Jericho Fire Department	899-4025
Game Warden	878-7111
State Police (non-emergency # only)	878-7111

EMERGENCY NUMBER 911

## Town Officials

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Todd Odit, *Town Administrator*

899-9970 x 109 ~ [totdit@jerichovt.gov](mailto:totdit@jerichovt.gov)

Paula Carrier, *Administrative/Personnel Assistant*

899-9970 x 101 ~ [pcarrier@jerichovt.gov](mailto:pcarrier@jerichovt.gov)

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Jessica Alexander, *Town Clerk*

899-4936 x 1 ~ [jerichovermont@yahoo.com](mailto:jerichovermont@yahoo.com)

Lisa Buckton, *Assistant Town Clerk*

899-4936 x 1 ~ [townclerkjerichovt@gmail.com](mailto:townclerkjerichovt@gmail.com)

Sandy Tillotson, *Assistant Town Clerk*

899-4936 x 1 ~ [tc@jerichovt.gov](mailto:tc@jerichovt.gov)

### TREASURER'S OFFICE

Brian Stevens, *Treasurer*

899-4786 x 5 ~ [treasurer@jerichovt.gov](mailto:treasurer@jerichovt.gov)

Amy Morse, *Financial Coordinator*

899-4786 x 102 ~ [amorse@jerichovt.gov](mailto:amorse@jerichovt.gov)

### LISTERS' OFFICE

Lori Dykema & P. Andrew Levi, *Listers*

899-2640 x 107 ~ [listers@jerichovt.gov](mailto:listers@jerichovt.gov)

### PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

Katherine Sonnick, *Planning & Development Coordinator*

899-2287 x 103 ~ [ksonnick@jerichovt.gov](mailto:ksonnick@jerichovt.gov)

Chris Flinn, *Zoning Administrator*

899-2287 x 104 ~ [cflinn@jerichovt.gov](mailto:cflinn@jerichovt.gov)

### SUMMER RECREATION OFFICE

Lynn Wagner, *Summer Rec Director*

899-9970 x 105 ~ [lwagner@jerichovt.gov](mailto:lwagner@jerichovt.gov)

793-6452 alternate

### JERICHO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Doug Siple, *Road Supervisor*

899-3180 ~ [jerichohighway@jerichovt.gov](mailto:jerichohighway@jerichovt.gov)

Roger Miller, Mike Menosky, Jacob Johnson, Steve Towers & Nathan Pelletier, *Road Crew*

*office hours may change, please check the website for updates & changes throughout the year*

# SAMPLE BALLOT- TOWN

## SAMPLE BALLOT

### OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION JERICHO, VERMONT MARCH 6, 2018

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p><b>TOWN BALLOT</b></p> <p><b>TOWN MODERATOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not for one year      more than ONE</p> <p><b>DAVID BARRINGTON</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>GRAND JUROR</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not for one year      more than ONE</p> <p><b>SARAH JOSLIN</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>JERICHO – UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not for four years      more than ONE</p> <p><b>SVEN LINDHOLM</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>TOWN CLERK</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not for one year      more than ONE</p> <p><b>JESSICA R. ALEXANDER</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>TOWN AGENT</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not for one year      more than ONE</p> <p><b>SARAH JOSLIN</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>JERICHO – UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not for three years      more than TWO</p> <p><b>JUDITH T. JONES</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>MARIE LYNCH</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>SELECT BOARD</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not for three years      more than ONE</p> <p><b>TIMOTHY NULTY</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not for three year      more than ONE</p> <p><b>J. BROOKS BUXTON</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>SCHOOL BALLOT</b></p> <p><b>MT MANSFIELD MODIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not for three years      more than ONE</p> <p><b>DIANE KIRSON-GLITMAN</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>

# OFFICIAL WARNING

## Town of Jericho

The legal voters of Jericho, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Mansfield Union High School in said Town of Jericho on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to transact the following:

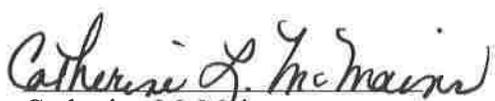
- ARTICLE I            Shall the voters approve the proposed fiscal year ending 2019 budget of \$4,318,234, including spending unanticipated funds such as State and Federal grants and gifts?
- ARTICLE II           Shall the voters approve the raising of \$150,000 in tax revenue for the purchase of 275 Browns Trace, the so-called Rivers Property?
- ARTICLE III          Shall the Town collect its taxes in equal installments due in the Town Offices on September 17, 2018, and March 15, 2019, with postmarks acceptable?
- ARTICLE IV          Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for the temporary needs of the Town?
- ARTICLE V            Shall the Town collect its taxes by its Treasurer in accordance with 32 VSA Section 4791?
- ARTICLE VI           Shall the town exempt from property taxation the lands and premises known as the Jericho Historical Society, which consists of the Old Mill building and 5.9 acres, a residential duplex building, and the old bindery building for a period of 5 years?
- ARTICLE VII          Shall the town exempt from property taxation the lands and premises known as the Jericho Center Preservation Association, which consists of 0.35 acres with the Community Center Building, and 1.0 acre more or less being the old athletic field for the Jericho High School in Jericho Center, for a period of 5 years?
- ARTICLE VIII        Shall the town exempt from property taxation the lands and premises known as the Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26, which consists of 0.1 acres and the Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26 building for a period of 5 years?
- ARTICLE IX          Shall the town exempt from property taxation the lands and premises owned by the Winooski Valley Park District, which consists of 12 acres used for a park, for a period of 5 years?
- ARTICLE X            To hear the reports of the Town Officers.
- ARTICLE XI          Other Town business thought proper when met.

**Polls for voting by Australian ballot will be open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the Mount Mansfield Union High School from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at which time they will close, to vote on the following articles:**

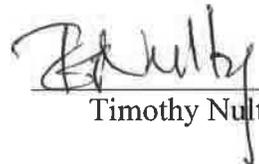
- ARTICLE XII To elect a Moderator for a period of one year.
- ARTICLE XIII To elect a Town Clerk for a period of one year.
- ARTICLE XIV To elect a Selectboard member for a period of three years.
- ARTICLE XV To elect a Grand Juror for a period of one year.
- ARTICLE XIV To elect a Town Agent for a period of one year.
- ARTICLE XVII To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a period of three years.
- ARTICLE XVIII To elect a Jericho Underhill Library District Trustee for a period of four years.
- ARTICLE XIX To elect a Jericho Underhill Park District Trustee for a period of three years.
- ARTICLE XX To elect a Jericho Underhill Park District Trustee for a period of three years.
- ARTICLE XXI To elect all school directors as required by law.

JERICO SELECTBOARD

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D., 2018

  
Catherine McMains

  
Wayne Howe

  
Timothy Nulty

Received for record this 25<sup>nd</sup> day of January, A.D., 2018

  
Town Clerk

# TOWN COMMITTEES - APPOINTED

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tom Baribault (Chair).....*Term expires 2018*  
 Mary Neighbours.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Laura Vallett.....*Term expires 2018*  
 vacant.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Allaire Diamond.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Tucker Shaw.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Ann Kroll Lerner.....*Term expires 2020*  
 Karina Dailey.....*Term expires 2020*  
 Peter Gray.....*Term expires 2020*

## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

vacant (alternate).....*Term expires 2017*  
 Jeff York.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Joe Flynn.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Barry King (Chair).....*Term expires 2019*  
 Bruce Jacobs.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Phyl Newbeck .....*Term expires 2020*  
 Stephanie Hamilton (alternate) .....*Term expires 2020*

## ENERGY TASK FORCE

Phyl Newbeck (Chair)	Eric Bishop
Stuart Alexander	Roger Putzel
Donna Freisinger	Reed Sims
Larry Lamb	Ceilidh Peden-Spears
Kathie Voigt Walsh	
Catherine McMains	

## JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Barbara Adams.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Linda Porter.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Patricia Waite.....*Term expires 2020*  
 Beth Davis Seniw (Chair).....*Term expires 2021*  
 Susan McMillan.....*Term expires 2021*  
 vacant.....*Term expires 2022*  
 Tom Dowd.....*Term expires 2022*

## MOBBS COMMITTEE

Pam Gillis.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Mike Rocheleau (Chair).....*Term expires 2018*  
 Terry Hook.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Andy Dumas.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Chris Smith.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Pete Davis.....*Term expires 2020*  
 Dick Sears.....*Term expires 2020*  
 Sam Graulty.....*Term expires 2021*

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Jason Cheney (Chair).....*Term expires 2018*  
 Samantha Dunn.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Erik Glitman.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Katie Forleo.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Susan Breese.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Conor Lahiff.....*Term expires 2020*  
 Wendy Verrei Berenback.....*Term expires 2020*

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

vacant.....*Term expires 2017*  
 vacant.....*Term expires 2017*  
 Ryan Dudley.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Ruth Dunkley McGowan.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Kim Mercer (Chair).....*Term expires 2018*  
 Tate Brannan.....*Term expires 2018*  
 vacant.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Aimee Randall.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Chris Forleo.....*Term expires 2020*  
 Will Wright.....*Term expires 2020*

## TRAILS COMMITTEE

Michael Finn.....*Term expires 2018*  
 Steven Schwartz.....*Term expires 2018*  
 John Abbott (Chair).....*Term expires 2018*  
 Jim Carroll.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Stewart Brineger.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Dan Treinis.....*Term expires 2019*  
 Patrice Dezon-Gaillard.....*Term expires 2020*  
 Adam Popkin.....*Term expires 2020*

*The Second Annual Pet Parade*



# TOWN OFFICERS - APPOINTED

Administrative/Personnel Assistant.....Paula Carrier  
 Animal Control Officer.....Ed Stygles  
 Assistant Town Clerk's.....Lisa Buckton & Sandy Tillotson  
 C.C.R.P.C. Rep.....Catherine McMains  
     alternate.....Tim Nulty  
 C.C.R.P.C TAC Representative.....Katherine Sonnick  
 CSWD Representative.....Bert Lindholm  
 CSWD Alternate Rep.....Leslie Nulty  
 Delinquent Tax Collector.....Todd Odit  
 Emergency Management Coordinator.....Todd Odit  
 Financial Coordinator.....Amy Morse  
 Fire Warden.....Sean McCann  
 Health Officer.....Richard Bernstein, M.D.  
 Health Officer, Deputy.....vacant

Listers..... Lori Dykema & P. Andrew Levi  
 Planning & Development Coordinator.....Katherine Sonnick  
 Road Supervisor.....Doug Siple  
 Road Crew Members.....Jacob Johnson  
     Roger Miller  
     Michael Menosky  
     Steven Tower  
     Nathan Pelletier  
 Town Administrator.....Todd Odit  
 Town Treasurer.....Brian Stevens  
 Tree Warden.....Don Tobi  
 Trustee of Public Funds.....Selectboard  
 Winooski Valley Park District Rep.....Sonya Schuyler  
 Zoning Administrator.....Chris Flinn

# TOWN OFFICERS - ELECTED

## JERICHO CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

J. Brooks Buxton.....Term expires 2018  
 Bert Lindholm.....Term expires 2019  
 Stuart Alexander.....Term expires 2020

## SELECTBOARD

Tim Nulty.....Term expires 2018  
 Wayne Howe.....Term expires 2019  
 Catherine McMains.....Term expires 2020

## TOWN AGENT

Sarah Joslin.....Term expires 2018

## TOWN CLERK

Jessica Alexander.....Term expires 2018

## TOWN MODERATOR

David Barrington.....Term expires 2018

## GRAND JUROR

Sarah Joslin.....Term expires 2018

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

*(Elected to office February 1, 2017-Terms expire February 1, 2019)*

Donna Boiney	Dan Dixon
Peter Booth	Janet Gallagher
Thomas Cheney	Jim Gallagher
Mary Coburn	Debbie Rackliff
Kathleen Cramer	Bob Robbins
Mary Jane Dickerson	Mike Weinberg

## JERICHO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Sven Lindholm (J).....Term expires 2018  
 Anne Exler (U).....Term expires 2018  
 Sue Vaughn (J).....Term expires 2019  
 Laura Wolf (U).....Term expires 2019  
 Joann Osborne (J) (Chair).....Term expires 2020  
 Connell Gallagher (U).....Term expires 2020  
 Bill McMains (J).....Term expires 2020  
 Elizabeth Lehr (J).....Term expires 2021  
 Kristie Kapusta (U).....Term expires 2021

## JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Judie Jones (J).....Term expires 2018  
 Marie Lynch (J).....Term expires 2018  
 James Massingham (U).....Term expires 2018  
 Livy Strong (Chair) (J).....Term expires 2019  
 Paul Noel (U).....Term expires 2019  
 Carol Smith (J).....Term expires 2020  
 Andrew French (U).....Term expires 2020

(J) = Jericho  
 (U) = Underhill

**Town Meeting**  
**March 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**  
Mt. Mansfield Union High School

Moderator: David Barrington  
Selectboard Members present: Catherine McMains (Chair), Tim Nulty, Wayne Howe  
Town Administrator: Todd Odit

Town Meeting began with a call to order at 9:04 a.m. by the Moderator. The Brownie Unit of the Girl Scouts led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. David Barrington made some opening remarks, including discussing the location of amenities and the many displays around the building. Mr. Barrington, with permission of the family, noted Don Messier passed away recently. He explained Mr. Messier's name is still on the ballot, discussing the options residents have when voting. Mr. Barrington made introductions. He invited Representatives George Till and Trevor Squirrel to make comments.

Mr. Till thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent them. He said although Senator Doyle was not re-elected, the survey continues. He stated the Town Meeting Report that was put together by he and Trevor Squirrel is available. Mr. Till said they hold monthly constituent meetings at the Library, noting the next one will be held March 16th at 6:30 p.m. He also invited everyone to attend the showing of a movie called Resilience in one week, discussing what the movie is about.

Mr. Squirrel echoed Mr. Till's comments, saying it is an honor to represent everyone. He discussed some of the challenges in Montpelier and Washington, D.C. He stated he is on the Natural Resources committee, noting the changes in the committees this year and what the committee has been working on recently. Mr. Squirrel encouraged everyone to reach out to him and Mr. Till anytime, or to stop by the Statehouse to visit.

Mr. Barrington made some additional opening remarks, noting the meeting is being recorded. He discussed some housekeeping matters, noting that only registered voters may speak during the meeting. He explained the role of the moderator, summarizing points from the Voter's Guide on page 2 of the Town Report. Mr. Barrington drew everyone's attention to the official warning in the Town Report. He noted that items on the Australian ballot can be discussed during Town Meeting, noting what types of comments would be appropriate or inappropriate.

ARTICLE I: Shall the voters approve the proposed fiscal year ending 2018 budget of \$3,935,569, including spending unanticipated funds such as State and Federal grants and gifts?

Motion made by Bert Lindholm; seconded by Kelly King.

Mr. Barrington asked the Selectboard to present details of the budget, reminding those present how they may participate. Wayne Howe stated the wealth of this community is found on this stage, the Daisy's, the Brownies and the Girl Scouts. He discussed the revenue portion of proposed budget, noting the following:

- General Tax Revenue is up 1.5%.
- Class 2 Structure Grant is for the Raceway culvert.
- Class 2 Road Grant, there is no grant expected.
- Act 68 Revenue, we anticipate additional State funds for collecting State taxes for the Jericho portion of the Underhill ID school.
- Safe Routes to School Grant, no sidewalk construction is anticipated, so there is no grant income.
- Planning and Zoning Fees increased because the actual fees are higher.
- Summer Recreation Fees reflect a slight increase in fees and increased enrollment.
- School Billable Expenses are a result of consolidation; the Town Finance Office no longer provides any billable services for the schools.
- Road Impact Fees, we are using \$75,000 for the Raceway culvert.
- Heavy Vehicles & Equipment Fund, we are using \$38,000 because the payments will be higher than the \$110,000 budgeted on Line 103.

Mr. Barrington reminded everyone the floor is open for questions at any point. Mr. Howe continued his discussion on page 20, noting the following:

- Bridge Fund reflects use of reserves for the Raceway culvert.
- Record Preservation Fund is zero due to reduced recording volumes; the expenses should be about the same as the revenues, so no transfer is required.
- Sidewalk/Paths Fund, there is no construction planned, so there is no need to use reserve funds. Sidewalks will be discussed further during the Capital Budget presentation.
- Road Improvement Fund, using \$65,000 to offset paving and \$10,000 for an intersection grant match.

Brian Appleberry asked for clarification about spending this year, versus putting in reserves for another year, noting an example. Tim Nulty responded this section appears in the revenue part of our budget; it is not new revenue, it is money we already have in the bank that we are taking out to spend. He said in another section we will show how we are spending the money. He discussed how reserve funds work. Chuck Schwer asked where the actual reserve fund is in the report and how it is looking. Mr. Howe responded on page 27. Mr. Nulty stated we are looking healthy.

Mr. Howe continued discussing revenues, noting the following:

- Road Improvement Fund, we are using \$65,000 to offset paving and \$10,000 for the intersection grant match.
- Capital Projects Fund, we are using \$25,000 for possible salt shed expansion.
- Fund Balance Use is zero because there is no budgeted use.

Anne Marshall-Lavigne asked why the Open Space Fund actual in FY2016 shows \$0, saying it does not match page 27, which shows \$16,428. Todd Odit explained it wasn't a true expenditure of funds. He discussed how the entry was made, as a result of delinquent tax sale of the swamp house. He responded to additional questions from Ms. Marshall-Lavigne, Kathy Voigt-Walsh, and Dave Schuler about the entry. Phyl Newbeck asked why the Open Space Fund would be used for that purpose. Mr. Odit responded that was the decision the Selectboard made because that land is open space and it is available for public use.

Ms. McMains explained the Capital Budget process, which begins in the fall and is open to the public. She discussed the Capital Budget on page 25, noting the following:

- Buildings and Property:
  - o Jericho Library Expansion: Expansion is not the proper word, but we are using \$20,500 to deal with deferred maintenance and stabilize the building.
  - o Highway Garage Improvements: We are using \$50,000 of reserves to expand the salt shed. She explained the expansion will allow us to buy salt in the spring at better prices.
  - o Town Hall Bond: We are using \$89,235 out of operating expenses to repay the bond which was used to finance the renovations of the Town Hall.
  - o Highways:
    - Asphalt Highway Improvement: We are proposing spending \$280,000 on paving. She said \$215,000 will come from operating expenses and \$65,000 from reserves. She discussed what roads will be paved.
    - Gravel Road Improvement: We are going to use \$30,000 out of operating expenses to continue the work on Nashville Road drainage improvements.
    - Skunk Hollow Road/Route 117 Intersection Scoping Study: We have applied for a \$40,000 grant, which requires a \$10,000 matching funds that will come out of reserves. She said the Master Transportation Plan, that intersection was the highest priority to look at because of the line of sight and potential for accidents there; hopefully this will help redesign that intersection.
    - o Bridges & Culverts: We are proposing to spend \$400,000 to redo the bridge on Raceway Road. She said \$225,000 will come out of reserves and we are hoping for a \$175,000 structure grant. She discussed some background on this project, including how the issue was identified and the work that has been done to date. She noted that if the grant doesn't happen, we may have to wait because that is a lot of money.
    - o Heavy Equipment/Vehicles: We budget \$110,000 annually to cover vehicle costs. She discussed how the reserves work for this line item in an effort to keep the amount stable. She said no new vehicles are proposed this year.
    - o Paths and Sidewalks: There is no construction anticipated.
    - Pratt to Lee River Multi-Use Path: We will continue work on the engineering, which will cost \$25,000; \$22,500 in grant funding and \$2,500 out of operating for our matching funds.
    - Owen's Court to Route 15 Sidewalk: We were approved for the sidewalk grant of \$11,250 and will provide matching funds of \$1,250 from operating expenses; engineering costs.
    - o Capital Budget of \$1,105,433; using \$388,198 from reserves; \$468,485 from operating costs; and \$248,750 of grant money.

Mr. Appleberry asked for clarification of where the grants come from and whether all grants are State money, or if there is any federal money. Ms. McMains explained that some of the grants come from the State through the Regional Planning Commission (RPC), noting there is a competitive grant process and we are very fortunate to get them. She stated the sidewalk grants are federal funding.

Dan Warner asked why Raceway bridge will cost \$400,000 and whether it would be two-way when it is constructed. Ms. McMains responded it will be two-way. She explained bridges are expenses, noting some of the reasons and regulations that impact the cost. Ms. Marshall-Lavigne asked what are the top three bridges and culverts the study

identified for needing consideration. Mr. Odit responded the top three identified were: the bridge below Mount Mansfield High School, which already had deck work done on it; the bridge on Browns Trace Road between the Highway Department and Fitzsimonds Road; and Raceway Road.

Peter Booth asked whether there was any discussion, or consideration given to not replacing the bridge on Raceway Road. Ms. McMains responded they did not discuss that, explaining it did not seem appropriate to cause a break in the road which could delay emergency vehicles. Kris Hoffman asked what extent has anyone studied what is causing the need for so much highway construction and whether it is related to the pattern of traffic use, or the weather. Ms. McMains responded it is both, discussing what causes the deterioration.

Mr. Nulty discussed budgeted expenditures, noting the following:

- Town Treasurer: Salaries increased 3% because we added four hours per work for the Financial Coordinator. Travel, Meetings & Subscriptions decreased by half because we haven't spent what we have budgeted, noting the difference between the budget and actual amounts in prior years.
- Administration: The most significant difference is the Advertising budget, which is for official notices. He said we are required by law to publish many notices, noting some examples.
- Town Clerk: The most significant change is in Salaries because of a wage adjustment for the Assistant in Clerk's office. He said that also affected the benefits accordingly. He explained Board Fees/Elections declined radically because there are considerable fees associated with the reappraisal that occurred this year.
- Listing: The hours for the Listers were reduced, so Salaries are down accordingly. He noted the Benefits are also down due to turnover.
- Health Office: We increased Mr. Stygles' stipend to reward his dedication and service.
- Planning and Zoning: Salaries and Benefits increased because we hired a new Zoning Administrator who is more experienced and has a family benefit plan. He said Legal Expense increased because we are using our excellent Town attorney a bit more because there are more issues to address than there have been in the past.

Ms. McMains continued the discussion of expenditures, noting the following:

- Highways and Bridges:
  - o Salaries and Benefits: Increased because everyone got a slight raise and we are converting a seasonal part-time employee to full-time, noting the reasons.
  - o Building Maintenance and Repairs: Reflects the addition of the new salt shed.
  - o Heavy Vehicles/Equipment: We discussed in the Capital Budget.
  - o Road Improvements: There is a \$90,000 decrease because last year we had a Class 2 paving grant; combined with the fact that asphalt prices were down, we paved more road. She said this year we reduced the amount of paving.
  - o Bridge Improvement: This is the Raceway Road bridge.
  - o Gas, Oil and Diesel: Costs are down, so there is a decrease in the amount allocated from \$77,000 to \$60,000.
  - o Cold & Hot Patch: We are reducing, based on historical data, from \$10,000 to \$7,000.
  - o Mud Season Gravel: We are reducing from \$35,000 to \$25,000 because the last few years we have been fortunate that mud season was not that bad, so we have a stockpile of gravel.
  - o The Highway Budget is up \$376,000, or 24% based on the items discussed above.
- Summer Recreation: Salaries are up by \$2,429 because the program is very popular with families, so we anticipate that more counselors will be needed this year. She said that applies to the remaining line items under Summer Recreation. She further explained the increases to Programs and Facility Rental.

Ms. Marshall-Lavigne asked the Summer Recreation program pays for itself. She said I see expenses of \$99,000 and revenues of \$90,000. Mr. Odit responded no, saying we are trying to get there. He discussed some background on the program and funding, including the rationale. He stated next year you will see that there will be much higher revenue, so the amount of tax support will be less. Ms. McMains stated it is much closer than it has ever been. She continued the discussion of expenditures, noting the following:

- Summer Recreation – Other Purchased Services & Recreation Committee: Increased by \$2,000 because we have a new Recreation Committee and they have asked for seed money to be able to offer various programs, noting an example.

Bonnie Dustacosty stated Lines 125 and 129 together total \$19,000. She asked whether Travel was solely for bus-ing and Field Trips were for the entry fees. Ms. McMains agreed, explaining that parents pay for the field trips. Mr. Appleberry asked about the cost of crack sealing, which he saw in the Selectboard Report, but did not see listed in the budget. Ms. McMains explained it is part of the Road Improvements line item. She also responded to Mr. Appleberry's question as to whether crack sealing is ongoing and the cost. She discussed the rationale for reinstat-ing crack sealing and said the cost is between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

Ms. Voigt-Walsh said mowing is an issue for the Jericho Cemetery Commission. She asked whether the new full-time position might help solve it. Ms. McMains responded it is possible, saying we haven't worked through that yet because this is the first time we will have another full-time employee available. Sarah King stated Line 103 is budgeted at \$110,000 a year, but the expense this year much higher. She asked whether it is anticipated to go back down. Ms. McMains responded to the question explaining how the reserves are used to avoid large fluctuations. Mr. Odit noted there is a 5-year Vehicle Replacement Plan which is used to assist with budgeting the use and funding of reserves.

Barbara Merrill expressed appreciation to the Town for the Summer Recreation program. She stated she appreciates the efforts made to keep the program affordable. John Neill stated the Highway Department used to have listing in the Town Report of what equipment the Town owns for maintenance, but it doesn't seem to be in there anymore. Ms. McMains responded we could put it in if people want to see it, noting each year it is more expensive to create and mail the Report. She continued discussion of expenditures, noting the following:

- Insurances: We anticipate a decrease of \$2,000 in Workers Compensation due to lower rates. Property, Casualty & Liability increased by \$3,000 because the actual costs increased and are reflected in the budget.
- Public Health and Safety:
  - o Essex Rescue: Requested an increase of \$1,130 for a budget of \$14,130.
  - o Richmond Rescue: Requested a \$2,000 increase, from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Both of those are continuing to request increases because they are trying to equalize the rates per capita for each of their towns, noting the economies of scale involved.
  - o Police Services: No change, our contracts with the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department and the Vermont State Police are for the same number of hours per week.

Ms. McMains moved to a discussion of the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department (UJFD) budget on page 49, noting the following:

- There is a significant increase between the budgeted amounts from 2015-2016 and actuals because there is an Insurance Reimbursement of \$107,394 and Grant Income of \$109,892. She explained both items, noting UJFD is active in pursuing grants, but unlike the Town they don't anticipate any revenue because receipt of them is uncertain.
- UJFD budget process was different this year, discussing the process which involved the full Selectboard.
- UJFD is asking for increase of approximately 3% from \$326,699 to \$337,484.
  - o Full Time Staff is scheduled to have a slight increase in pay. Full Time Salaries and Benefits are for the 1 ½ staff members; EMS Support is other ½ time employee.
  - o Accounting Services were more expensive than they thought initially, so they have now budgeted for \$9,000, which includes a paid CPA.
  - o Professional Audit Services in 2015-2016 were significant, but that got everything organized, so going forward they have budgeted \$5,500. The audit is available on their website.
  - o Workers Compensation Insurance has gone up \$1,000.
  - o Vehicle Maintenance has increased from \$24,000 to \$30,000 because the vehicles are aging and they want to continue to keep them for a while.
  - o Firefighter Safety Equipment Loan Payment budgeted last year for \$9,400 was the old loan; this year it is \$12,300 for a new loan because rather than buy one unit of the gear, they purchase in clusters and get financing for a stable payment.
  - o Grant Expenses of \$118,092 because they got the grant and used the funds for new radios that are compatible across the board.
  - o Building Repairs changed very little.
  - o Truck Replacement Reserve has a big change because their vehicles are aging and they are trying to put more money in reserves for when they need to buy new truck.
  - o UJFD is in process of revising their capital strategic planning and will present it to the Selectboard when completed.
  - o The UJFD budget for Jericho is \$337,484.

Mr. Schuler said I see no status of Rivers' property and its impact on the UJFD budget or its impact on the Town. Ms. McMains referred to page 50, which shows the Rivers' Land Account Statement, noting we hope that is the last one they have to do. She stated at the moment there has been no money exchanged to cover anything; it is still in their lawyer's hands. She discussed the process, which started in the fall, including what transpired and the timing. Mr. Schuler clarified there will need to be a final statement showing the money moved back and forth. Ms. McMains agreed.

Matt Thomson asked for clarification regarding the statement that UJFD's Buildings and Repairs stayed relatively stable. He said if I understand correctly, up to last year that figure was for loan repayment; the label itself has changed from financing the station to repairing the station. Ms. McMains responded this is the last year of their loan and station maintenance is for the repairs. Mr. Thomson clarified the number has not changed, but the purpose has changed. Ms. McMains agreed.

Tate Brannon asked about the Truck Replacement Reserves of the Fire Department totaling \$26,467 and whether there is a competitive bidding process since the last truck that was purchased was bought from Clark's Truck Center. Ms. McMains responded that since that has been a discussion, it was one of the things the Fire Services Task Force looked into and found that UJFD bids out the trucks, noting that Clark's Truck Center only performs the maintenance. Bill Drislane noted a typo on page 50. Ms. McMains agreed it should be 2016. Mr. Barrington states the Moderator appreciates the effort of the Selectboard to smooth things over, so that we got a better understanding of the Fire Department and their budget.

Mr. Nulty resumed the discussion of expenditures, noting the following:

- Building and Property:
  - o Maintenance/Repair – Town Facilities declined \$111,000 because the repairs on the exterior and the windows of the Town Hall will be completed.
  - o Sidewalks – Construction drops because there will be no new construction in the coming year; there will be in following years.
- Appropriations Mandated are expenses related to institutions outside the Town, which are required and are itemized.

Bert Lindholm, Commissioner for Castle Cemetery, which has no assets. He stated this is a historic cemetery where the original founders of Jericho are buried and we are working to get access. He said on page 27 the Cemetery Fund ties into a personal will that gives very little interest each year, but has been growing for 25+ years. Mr. Lindholm asked whether the Selectboard could research whether that Fund can be applied to the Castle Cemetery Fund. Mr. Nulty asked for clarification as to whether he was asking if it could be used legally. Mr. Lindholm clarified he is not familiar with the terms of the will, but is asking for it to be researched. Mr. Nulty agreed they would look into it.

Mr. Nulty resumed discussion of the expenditures, noting the following:

- Mandated Appropriations:
  - o Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, we are fortunate to have a very diligent member from our Selectboard involved. We benefit considerably from Catherine McMains' work there.
  - o Deborah Rawson Memorial Library is a freestanding municipality with taxing power, so that goes into our budget.
  - o Jericho-Underhill Park District and Vermont League of Cities and Towns are the same, with very little changes.
- Non-Mandated Appropriations are amounts the Selectboard decides to put into the budget.
  - o Champlain Valley Agency on Aging is not a significant expenditure.
  - o Chittenden County Transit Authority (CCTA) is the bus up Route 15. He said the continued existence of that bus line is in question at this time, noting some of the other towns are not continuing their funding. This amount would keep the bus coming at least through the coming year.

Mr. Brannon stated he spoke with David Armstrong, from Green Mountain Transit (GMT) formerly CCTA, about the Jeffersonville commuter route. He said as a whole ridership was down and Underhill and Cambridge are thinking of dropping the route, noting that Jericho ridership is actually up 3%. He discussed the possibilities for continuing the route, noting the benefits and the number of riders from Jericho. Mr. Nulty stated we have been strong supporters of the bus and do not want to see it go away. He said the question is whether we can support it on our own, if other towns were to drop off. The Selectboard members discussed the matter further.

Ms. Voigt-Walsh asked if it is possible for the Selectboard to look into those options, including what the expenses and lines might be. She said as a Jericho resident on the Richmond side, I know I could walk to a bus stop on Route 117 and get myself to Montpelier or Burlington, but there is no such bus line. She asked if that is a possibility, regardless of what happens with Route 15 line. Mr. Nulty agreed to look into that, noting it would be radically more expensive, but it might be worth it. Mr. Barrington clarified the Selectboard just committed to doing what you requested.

Ms. Dustacosty discussed the amounts in the budget pertaining to streetlights and electricity for both the Town and the Fire Department. She asked if we are investing in LED lighting which cuts those expenses significantly. Ms. McMains responded the Town is, saying the building lights are as energy efficient as possible, as are all the street lights. She discussed how the streetlights are leased and which are LED. Mr. Nulty said an interesting question is whether it would be financially feasible for the Town to own all of the streetlights. Ms. McMains noted the Energy Task Force will also look into whether the Town could benefit from having solar.

Mr. Schuler said on the Non-Mandated Expenses, we used to have reports from the organizations, especially when the amount increased. He stated we are up \$11,000, but there is no information; it would be very helpful to have some information. He specifically regarding GMT, the amount fluctuates and there is no information on the rider-

ship. Mr. Schuler stated we don't know what 3% constitutes and whether it is really economically a good idea. He discussed the point further. Mr. Nulty responded that is a fair point, noting these presentations have been made to the Selectboard and included after we have made those assessments. The Selectboard members and Mr. Schuler discussed the matter further, including where the information is available. Ms. McMains also discussed the reason for the fluctuations in the amount for GMT.

Barry King spoke in support of continuing our work with public transportation in general and the bus, in particular. He pointed out that certain people here cannot drive and the bus is infrastructure, making it possible for you to get where you need to go when you can't drive. He said we need to think of it as infrastructure and we need to continue to do that. Mr. Nulty agreed, noting there is always a money question involved. Mr. Brannon stated there are ridership numbers, CCTA keeps them. He stated they are currently doing an assessment of all the bus routes, which may or may not affect our routes. He discussed ridership in Jericho, including the lack of shelter or Park-and-Ride at the Jericho Village bus stop. Mr. Brannon stated the bus needs to be advertised, encouraging people to get more information and to ride the bus.

Ms. Hoffman stated I take the bus regularly, thanking everyone for this conversation. She said public transportation in our Town is intersectional, it promotes a number of different things and it is part of our ongoing transportation. She discussed the benefits of public transportation. Ms. Hoffman stated I am very appreciative and hope more of us will find ways to ride the bus; this is our future, this is where we need to be.

Ed Dubois said some of the issues we have been talking about at Planning Commission and Selectboard meetings are the increased interest the Planning Commission has in the Commercial District and in public transportation being more amenable. He talked about walking as a form of transportation. He stated the ability for people to get on a bus gets more important as we age. Mr. Dubois said along those lines, in Article IV we are going to be discussing a possible sale of the property on the corner of Packard Road and Route 15, suggesting that perhaps we can talk about having the Town keep that land, or lease it to CCTA.

Stuart Alexander said Open Space Acquisition at most might contain \$15,000, but I don't know where it was spent. He said it has been some number of years since we have contributed anything. Mr. Odit responded the balance is on page 27, there is almost \$60,000. Mr. Alexander clarified there is nothing further being proposed to contribute. Mr. Odit said not at this time. Mr. Howe continued a discussion of expenditures, noting the following:

- Non-Mandated Appropriations:
  - o Farmer's Market, we increased the funds for that substantially. He said the Selectboard requested a fuller accounting before signing on in support of that effort. Of the \$11,000 increase in Non-Mandated, the bus and the Farmer's Market are more than half.

Ms. Marshall-Lavigne asked for explanation regarding the thought process for thinking we need to support the Farmer's Market. Mr. Howe responded it is part of community building. He stated there are fees associated with people participating, but there is some coordination required and we wanted to support that effort. Victoria Tibbitts asked what the \$4,000 will be used for. Mr. Howe responded there is some staffing required to coordinate the vendors and to coordinate some of the events that are held. Ms. McMains stated the Farmer's Market had gotten grant funding for a very successful children's program. She said once the grant ran out, they wanted to continue the program because it was so successful and we all want children to learn about healthy eating. Allaire Diamond spoke more about the Farmer's Market request, noting vendor fees cover about half of the expenditures. She explained there are various programs offered; the children's program is the largest expenditure. She discussed the matter further. Ceilidh Peden-Spears said she worked on the children's program the past summer. She discussed how the program worked.

Mr. Howe continued discussion of expenditures, noting the following:

- Non-Mandated Appropriations:
  - o Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations, the unit at UVM are no longer contributing to that, so there is a little increase in our portion of support to their very important work.
  - o No increase in the others, except for the Winooski Valley Park District which has a very modest increase.

Mr. Booth asked whether these budgeted amounts were the amounts request, or if they are level funded regardless. Mr. Howe responded they have to submit a request. Mr. Booth asked whether the amount included in the budget is the amount they requested. Mr. Howe said it is.

Marge Douglass stated on page 64 there is some information about Our Community Cares, but there is no line item in the budget. She asked if this is an opportunity to add a line item to the budget. Mr. Barrington said it is. Mr. Odit responded that it is included in the Summer Recreation budget; the requested \$350. Ms. Douglass put a word in for Our Community Cares, which was founded in Richmond. She said this past summer they provided three weeks' worth of breakfast and lunch to kids attending the Jericho Recreation Program. She discussed the history

and importance of the organization. Ms. Douglass encouraged the Selectboard to make sure it stays in budget, since it's hidden and could get lost. Mr. Nulty said we will break it out and have it listed explicitly next time.

Jean-Marie Milliken stated the Our Community Cares budget seems small. She said I know last year we moved some money from the Jericho Historical Society to the Women Helping Battered Women; I don't see why that needs to stay. She asked why can't we move that money to Our Community Cares. Mr. Nulty noted they only requested \$350 because that is all they can provide. Ms. Douglass responded that she attended their annual meeting and she doesn't know why they only asked for \$350; they are in a deficit and could use more.

Motion by Jean-Marie Milliken; seconded by Bonnie Dustacosty; to amend Line 179, Women Helping Battered Women from \$3,700 to \$2,700; and increase Line 126, Summer Recreation & Recreation Committee – Programs from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Rick Casteo said he is a housing advocate at Community Action and he opposes the amendment because he is familiar with the work of the organization that has requested the money, formerly known as Women Helping Battered Women, who have rebranded themselves Steps to End Domestic Violence. He said there is really an epidemic of domestic violence in Chittenden County and the associated services and housing costs associated with that. He stated they are a very good organization and I would like to support them. Mr. Nulty asked if the Selectboard invite an amendment to the motion to add the \$1,000 to the budget overall; not take it away from somebody else.

Substitute amendment offered by Peter Booth; seconded by Wendell Farrell; to add \$1,000 to Our Community Cares, rather than move the money from Women Helping Battered Women.

Elizabeth Bernstein clarified whether adding \$1,000 means an increase in the request for Article I, in which case everything printed is wrong. She asked for an explanation of the procedure. Mr. Barrington explained the process for amending budget. Mr. Appleberry made a point of order, noting there is a motion on the floor. Mr. Barrington responded no, explaining the rationale and how the substitute motion can be handled. He asked if there was any objection for substituting the additional money instead of transferring the money. Ms. Milliken objected. Mr. Barrington explained what is on the floor is an amendment to the amendment that rather than transfer, we will add funds.

Ann Beneto asked the Selectboard how much money Women Helping Battered Women requested and whether it was reflected in the budget. Mr. Barrington responded the \$3,700 was what they requested. Elizabeth King stated I support adding that money. She said compared to the amount each of us will have to spend, \$1,000 is not much and to this organization \$1,000 is a lot of money. She said \$1,000 divided among all of us to care for both our women and our children, two groups who unfortunately are not necessarily protected; we need to do something to help them in our society, that is worth it. Mr. Till spoke in favor of the substitute amendment. Mr. Barrington asked if anyone wants to speak against the amendment, explaining the approach.

Ms. Bernstein said Elizabeth King voiced my feelings exactly; however, I know both organizations and both organizations deserve all the support we can give them. She stated I believe that when organizations come to this Town and request money, they should have a good idea of how they want to spend their money and where they need help raising money. She said in speaking against the amendment, all organizations, as worthy as both are, all organizations know exactly how much they need and where they are going to spend it because we in the town want to give you what you need.

Leslie Nulty said, with all due respect to Elizabeth Bernstein's comment, she has confused the issue; if you want to validate the requests and not give any more money, then you would vote against the original amendment. She stated what we are being asked to vote on now is the question of increasing the budget, rather than taking from one to pay another. She explained the question that is on the floor, stating I vote in favor of maintaining the funding requested by Women Helping Battered Women.

Mr. Till noted a point of order, saying you refused to let me speak earlier because of who is supporting and I would like to speak. He stated we have a problem in the State with domestic violence; the domestic violence hotline gets over 24,000 calls per year; in this State on a per capita basis we have the 8th highest murder rate associated with domestic violence. He said it is very important to go with the substitute amendment, not the original amendment taking money away from Women Helping Battered Women.

Keith Peden spoke in favor of the amendment to amendment. He said he is not clear on is that per Todd Odit's comment they requested \$350; do they need the extra money. He said we heard a comment they are operating in a deficit, but have they requested it. Mr. Barrington stated I believe Elizabeth Bernstein's comment was germane, we are

talking about the debate of actually doing something for these organizations, rather than how to do it. He explained the motion on the floor is how to do it, either adding or moving \$1,000. Bill Drislane asked if it is fair to say that if we want to keep budget as it is, \$350 to Our Community Cares and \$3,700 to Women Helping Battered Women, we have to vote no on the substitute and on the original motions.

Ms. Marshall-Lavigne called the question. After further discussion, Mr. Barrington explained the vote is whether to vote on the substitute amendment to add \$1,000, or transfer \$1,000 to attend to the needs of Our Community Cares. He said a yes vote adds the money to the budget and a no vote leads to a vote on whether to move the money. Vote: Motion approved, the substitute motion survives.

Mr. Barrington said now we vote on the amendment to add \$1,000 to the Jericho Town budget to Our Community Cares, Line 126 part of Summer Recreation. After further discussion, the question was called. Vote: Motion passed.

Mr. Nulty continued discussion of expenditures, noting the following:

- Debt Service, no change. He discussed what the debt service pertains to, noting it is slowly declining.
- Town Library - Salaries and Benefits increased because the Selectboard discovered Town Librarian was not receiving the standard benefits package that the Town employees get, which was not fair. He said we also added a few hours.
- Transfers to Reserve Funds, previously we discussed transfers out which were income; these transfers to are expenses. He explained there is only one, which is a standard annual payment into the Reappraisal Fund to pay for our mandated property reappraisal.
- Total expenses are \$3,936,569.

Mr. Nulty noted that a few years ago he did a brief exercise, looking at Jericho expenses divided by population. He said he did a quick update last night and discovered we have one of the leanest governments of any towns he could find data on easily. He stated we spend roughly \$770 per person; that is one of the lowest rates of expenditure of any town of comparable size.

Mr. Drislane said in our report we have the actuals from the year that ended nine months ago and the corresponding budget, with the budget from this year, but not the actual year-to-date. He asked how we are doing in respect to budget of Fiscal Year 2017; are there any particular items which are way off budget. Mr. Nulty responded that the question of whether to put in the nine months actuals has come up before, noting it would be six months because of the printing deadline. He explained the rationale for not including that information, adding that if there are indications of significant changes, they have been fed into the budget, noting an example. Mr. Nulty said there are no items that are significant variances to the current budget, saying if that had happened we would have made a change to the budget and mentioned it during the presentation.

Ms. Marshall-Lavigne referred to the Special Revenue Funds on page 27, Sidewalk & Paths, saying the budget shows \$32,520 for 2017, but there is only \$26,283 in reserve funds. She asked how that will work. Ms. McMains responded through grant funding. Ms. Marshall-Lavigne encouraged the Selectboard to expand the Special Revenue Funds report, saying she is very concerned we are not funding our reserve funds as we have in the past. She discussed the levels maintained in the past for emergencies and matching funds. Mr. Odit responded the funding and use of reserves are cyclical. He discussed how they are built up and spent over time, noting we are in a spending cycle now and going forward the reserves will be replenished.

Mr. Nulty stated your suggestion that we have a projection through the end of FY18 is spot on and we will do that. He said this report is only the earmarked reserves, noting there is also the Unrestricted Fund, which doesn't appear here and should. He stated the financial position of the Town is good and strong. Ms. Marshall-Lavigne asked why is it not shown and what the balance is. Mr. Nulty responded it is in the audit and the budget, but it is not clearly highlighted. He said the balance is \$700,000 on top of this \$1 million in Special Revenue Funds.

Mr. Barrington said the question has been called, explaining the motion being voted on is whether to call the question. Vote: Motion passed.

Mr. Barrington called a vote on Article I as amended. Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

ARTICLE II: Shall the Town collect its taxes in equal installments due in the Town Offices on September 15, 2017, and March 15, 2018, with postmarks acceptable?

ARTICLE III: Shall the town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for the temporary needs of the Town?

ARTICLE IV: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to sell or otherwise dispose of 2.23 +/- acres of town land located at the corner of Route 15 and Packard Road (parcel #PA05)?

ARTICLE V: Shall the Town Collect its taxes by its Treasurer in accordance with 32 V.S.A. Section 4791?

Mr. Barrington asked to combine Articles II, III, and V. There was no objection. Mr. Barrington read the Articles. Motion made by Barry King; seconded by Phyl Newbeck. Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Barrington read Article IV. Motion made by Sonia Schuyler; seconded by Pam Gillis.

Ms. Voigt-Walsh asked about the history of the parcel. Mr. Howe explained the history of the property. He said last year the Selectboard was asked to give interested parties time to come up with a proposal, but none was made. He said the Selectboard had an obligation to put the issue back on the table, noting there is no grand plan. Mr. Nulty discussed the history of the property further, noting there was an effort to propose a Park-and-Ride on the parcel that met opposition from the local community.

Kelly King said the Energy Task Force proposed a Park-and-Ride on the property when we were talking about the bus, noting it would be a good location. She discussed the opposition raised at the time, noting she still thinks it would be an appropriate place for a Park-and-Ride, or bus stop. She said she would like the Town to keep the property and look into that further.

Kim Mercer thanked the Selectboard for putting the article on hold. She said the Recreation Committee was interested last year and they were brand new. She stated the committee has discussed the possibilities and couldn't find a recreational use for it because of the size and flooding. Ms. Mercer said the Recreation Committee has no interest in using that property.

Mr. Drislane said the issues about the Commercial District and commercial transportation are still up in the air. He said the property is in a good location and people just parking vehicle there doesn't seem like a bad idea. He asked, since we have a good sized unrestricted and reserve fund, why are we in a hurry to sell the property. Mr. Lindholm said he spoke to a former owner and the property has possibly the best value as a Park-and-Ride. He discussed the history of the property and flooding issues. He asked that we look into using it as a bus stop.

Jim Carroll spoke in support of not selling this property, noting we have heard a lot of contradicting facts. He said if it floods, it is considered wetland and would not have a lot of value. He discussed the efforts underway for multi-modal transportation from Joe's Snack Bar to the Riverside area and the possible benefits of having the property at that time. Mr. Carroll stated Park-and-Rides are not used by tractor-trailer trucks; often bicycles, or people who meet someone. He discussed the number of trip-ends that could be taken off of Route 15. He stated this deserves more time studying the facts before making a decision.

Mr. Brannon said he is also a member of the Recreation Committee and spoke last year about researching possibilities. He said he has been outspoken about the bus, noting that CCTA looked at a number of different places for a Park-and-Ride along Route 15. He discussed other efforts to provide locations in the area. Mr. Brannon stated that corner of Packard Road does flood a lot, saying if we had to do any paving, development, or grading, that could affect the property, how it reacts to weather, and could impact the neighbors. He discussed the matter further, including other options and uses for the property.

Question called on Article IV. Vote: Motion failed.

ARTICLE VI: Shall the voters approve eliminating the office of Town Auditor, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2651b, in light of the town contracting with a public accountant to perform an annual financial audit of all of the town's funds?

Mr. Barrington read Article VI. Motion made by Elizabeth Bernstein; seconded by Liz Robinson.

Ms. McMains stated the Selectboard sends condolences to the Messier family. She discussed the work the Auditors had been doing and the difficulty with getting qualified, elected Auditors. She stated the Town has used an outside auditing firm for years, significantly reducing the role of the elected auditor. Ms. McMains said with the increasing standards for Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as well and the work becoming more complex, we would like the townspeople to consider eliminating elected auditors.

Bob Cotton stated for many years my wife was an elected Auditor and did not understand their purpose. He said it is high time we had simply the professional Auditors. Mr. Neill asked whether 17 V.S.A. as stated in the article allows the elimination. Mr. Odit responded yes. Ms. McMains noted we are not the first town to consider this, quite a

few have eliminated the office. Mr. Howe thanked Don Messier one last time for all his years of service.

Question called on Article VI. Vote: Motion passed virtually unanimously.

ARTICLE VII: Shall the voters approve of the appointment of Jericho Town Library Trustees by the Selectboard pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 143?

Mr. Barrington read Article VII. Motion made by Brian Appleberry; seconded by Barry King.

Mr. Nulty discussed the rationale for the article, noting the intent is to assist the Library in filling its vacancies. He explained the process interested candidates have to go through now, compared to other boards and committees in Town. He stated very few other towns are as successful at filling vacancies as we are, so why not use same process to help the Library fill their positions.

Mr. Appleberry asked whether this is eliminating voting, only when there are vacant positions. Mr. Nulty responded this would mean the Trustees would be selected same way as other commissions and committees are selected. He said it would eliminate voting, noting that right now if vacancy appears in middle of term, the Selectboard appoints someone.

Ms. Tibbitts asked whether someone from the Board could give their opinion on the article. Ms. Adams, Chair of the Library, stated she is in favor of this proposal. She said this will give us a wider range of candidates. Mr. Howe noted this is intended to support the Town Library. Elizabeth Thompson clarified we are voting for Trustees today, so this is for future vacancies. Mr. Nulty agreed, noting anyone elected today would serve out their term.

Question called on Article VII. Vote: Motion passed.

ARTICLE VIII: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Mr. Barrington presented the written reports in the Town Report and stated this is the time to make comments regarding any of the reports.

Andrea Hook requested reports from the Farmer's Market and Our Community Cares group next year. The Selectboard members agreed. Ms. Voigt-Walsh asked whether it is possible to place the access to reports in a more prominent location on website. The Selectboard members agreed.

Ms. Marshall-Lavigne referred to page 41, the Mobbs Farm Committee Report and the discussion about parking on Fitzsimonds Road. She asked whether the Selectboard has considered enlarging that parking area. She stated that is a valuable piece of property in the ownership of the Town; if there is a parking issue, it needs to be addressed. Ms. McMains responded there is parking on Browns Trace Road by the Town Highway Garage, but there have not been any requests for Fitzsimonds Road.

Mr. Nulty noted that was a controversial topic years ago and at the time the neighbors didn't want to see the Fitzsimonds Road parking extended; instead we created a much larger lot near the Town Garage. He said general use of Mobbs Park has gone up and the parking lots are no longer fully adequate. He said we have waited for the Mobbs Committee to tell us when they think it has reached a critical time and action should be taken. Ms. McMains noted the report says the parking lot on Browns Trace Road is still underutilized. They discussed the matter further. Ms. Marshall-Lavigne encouraged the Mobbs Farm Committee to consider enlarging the parking lot on Fitzsimonds Road. Mr. Barrington clarified the Selectboard will communicate with the committee. Mr. Nulty agreed.

Sonja Schuyler, Trustee for the Winooski Valley Park District, said someone requested copies of reports that are not included in the Town Report. She stated there are a few copies of the Park District Report in the hallway.

Mr. Barrington called a vote on Article VIII. Vote: Motion approved unanimously with comments as noted.

ARTICLE IX: Other Town business thought proper when met.

Motion made by Susan Harritt; seconded by Bill McMains; that the citizens of Jericho, Vermont support the efforts of our state and federal legislators regarding proposed laws that require the disclosure of federal tax returns before a presidential candidate's name can be placed on the primary and general election ballots and, upon passage, we request that our local town officials or employees convey our support to the appropriate persons in our state and federal legislatures.

Bob Cochran said on the face of it, it would appear this should be handled at the federal level; that was suggested

but died in committee. He discussed the possible reasons for it not moving forward. He shared a story about Bill Belichick; saying I am in favor of this proposal.

Mr. Drislane said this is an issue about ethics. He stated I believe the national government has already decided that; they require a report from any candidate, full financial report, not taxes and you can look it up anytime. He discussed what he believes prompted the motion, saying the information is available online.

Ms. Bernstein stated the gentleman who spoke first, even though I am not a follower of sports, his analogy was very good. She said certain things are just expected, but without rules in place to guarantee those things. She added our federal government is not doing the things that many voters take for granted and this motion is saying that we want to know all of the financial dealings of those who are running for the highest office in the land. Ms. Bernstein discussed the importance of continuing the practice that has been in place for years.

Ms. Dustacosty stated there is a quote silence is the voice of complicity; as a parent, I would like to know and like my children to know that the Town of Jericho spoke for this. She said I am in support of not being silent about this. Ms. Thompson spoke in favor of this motion, saying that democracy begins at the Town level. She said if our federal government is failing us and not requiring full disclosure, we the citizens of Jericho need to say that we want this to happen. She discussed the importance of supporting our Legislature. Mr. Drislane asked whether anyone has looked at what is available online.

Paul Benoit said I believe if we start this here, if it continues, and it snowballs, our State and its three Electoral College will not have a candidate on our ballot. He briefly discussed the history of candidates disclosing their tax statements. He said I am afraid we will not have a candidate on the ballot if we pursue this. Bill Butler stated the idea of this motion is not to exclude anyone from the ballot; we are looking for clarity and the public has a right to know as much as it can about their Presidential candidates. He discussed the matter further, saying the request is for information the candidate already has in their possession.

Ann Gnagey called the question. Mr. Barrington called a vote on the motion. Vote: Motion passed.

Mathew Champlin apologized for not being here earlier, saying he was in Underhill. He thanked the Selectboard for our work this year on the budget and the citizens for supporting UJFD. He also thanked the citizens who served on and with the Fire Services Task Force, saying the report was in-depth and very well done. Mr. Champlin said some local citizens of Jericho would like to honor a couple members of the Fire Department.

Mr. Carroll said we heard a little while ago that Randy Clark Sr. had served on the Fire Department for over 60 years and Kitty was there also, 30 years of dispatch and 15 years with the auxiliary. He said we wanted to recognize that 100+ year contribution and their sacrifices; recognize the phenomenal donation to the community, so we gave them an award. He stated WCAX will be doing a Super Senior segment on both Kitty and Randy this week. Mr. Carroll discussed the gifts given to the Clark's and asked people to contribute to the 501(c)(3) charity which is our Fire Department in their honor. He asked people to read the report prepared by the Fire Services Task Force, saying we have an exemplary the Fire Department.

Mr. Champlin stated for 60 years and 30 years of service, Randy and Kitty have been there whenever the tones go off; Kitty has the highest attendance and Randy still responds to some calls. He discussed their participation in meetings and trainings. He stated the Clark family has done a phenomenal job.

Edey Graning, representing Mount Mansfield Modified School District, said we are looking for community engagement. She said we currently have an online survey which will be open for another week. She discussed other efforts to get additional community feedback, asking people to reach out to her or anyone on the School Board with comments or questions.

Ryan Dudley asked the Selectboard to consider moving Town Meeting to a time that is better for other members in Town. He said with the recent politically charged environment there are likely more people who are interested in participating. Mr. Nulty responded we are entirely open to such a thing, noting there is a pretty good turnout today. He discussed efforts to change the time in the past that were not successful. He invited any ideas about how to do so that have a reasonable chance of succeeding.

Ms. Marshall-Lavigne stated she picked out the Salaries and Benefits for our Town, which total \$1.1 million, or 28.3% of the budget we just approved. She ask the Selectboard for comments in the report to address whether our staffing, salary and benefit levels are appropriate for a Town our size. Mr. Nulty responded that is a good idea, noting we do that on an ongoing basis, but it is never a bad thing to look at again. He agreed to look at it again. Kelly King said I think the explanation earlier about how our Town runs compared to other comparable towns; I appreci-

ate the work it takes to keep things at a reasonable level and everyone works hard volunteering and doing other things to keep our budget down. She stated it is important to keep pay and benefits appropriate to keep qualified, strong people.

Ms. Schuyler mentioned our Town Clerk found a 1920 checklist that added the first women voters in Jericho, which is displayed in the hall. She suggested people take a look at it. Mr. Appleberry thanked all the volunteers and staff. He noted an important part of Town Meeting is the minutes and would like to thank the person who takes the minutes of the meeting.

Motion made by Ann Beneto; seconded by Sarah King to adjourn Town Meeting. David Barrington adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Richardson

Approved and Attested:

Catherine S. McInnis  
Weston  
T. Nully



**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL  
FY2019**

	<b>BUDGET FY2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY2017</b>	<b>BUDGET FY2018</b>	<b>BUDGET FY2019</b>	<b>\$ CHANGE FY2019</b>	<b>% CHANGE FY2019</b>
<b>REVENUES - DETAIL</b>						
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>						
1	GENERAL TAX REVENUE	\$2,740,331	\$2,730,707	\$2,781,871	\$2,878,286	\$96,415 3.47%
	<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$2,740,331</b>	<b>\$2,730,707</b>	<b>\$2,781,871</b>	<b>\$2,878,286</b>	<b>\$96,415 3.47%</b>
<b>PENALTIES AND INTEREST</b>						
2	INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES	\$18,500	\$24,322	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$0 0%
3	PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES	\$9,500	\$23,867	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0 0%
4	PRIOR YEAR DELINQUENT TAX	\$0	(\$88,101)	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL PENALTIES AND INTEREST</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>(\$39,913)</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>\$0 0%</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>						
5	CURRENT USE	\$29,000	\$32,478	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$0 0%
6	FEMA REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
7	PILOT STATE ANR/UVM PAYMENT	\$1,700	\$1,651	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0 0%
8	COLLECTION FEES ON DELINQUENT TAXES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
9	STATE AID FOR ROADS	\$145,000	\$147,261	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$0 0%
10	CLASS 2 STRUCTURE GRANT	\$0	\$0	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$0 0%
11	CLASS 2 ROAD GRANT	\$175,000	\$173,847	\$0	\$175,000	\$175,000 175000%
12	ACT 60 REVENUE	\$3,000	\$2,085	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0 0%
13	ACT 68 REVENUE	\$12,500	\$16,952	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$0 0%
14	STATE GRAND LIST ASSISTANCE	\$17,800	\$17,723	\$17,800	\$17,800	\$0 0%
15	SPECIAL GRANTS	\$40,000	\$23,014	\$40,000	\$110,000	\$70,000 175%
16	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT	\$292,680	\$39,288	\$33,750	\$112,500	\$78,750 233%
	<b>TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>	<b>\$716,680</b>	<b>\$454,300</b>	<b>\$461,750</b>	<b>\$785,500</b>	<b>\$323,750 70%</b>
<b>LICENSES AND FINES</b>						
17	PLANNING AND ZONING FEES	\$13,500	\$12,089	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$0 0%
18	SUMMER RECREATION FEES	\$80,500	\$98,636	\$90,500	\$118,000	\$27,500 30%
19	LAW ENFORCEMENT FINES	\$40,000	\$36,360	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0 0%
20	DOG LICENSES	\$3,000	\$1,993	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0 0%
21	EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS	\$1,000	\$1,158	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0 0%
22	ALL OTHER LICENSES	\$200	\$606	\$200	\$200	\$0 0%
23	COPIER FEES	\$4,500	\$5,529	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0 0%
24	RECORDING FEES	\$30,000	\$26,348	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0 0%
25	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	\$500	\$261	\$500	\$500	\$0 0%
26	MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$800	\$1,605	\$800	\$800	\$0 0%
27	BURN PERMITS	\$150	\$74	\$150	\$150	\$0 0%
28	ALL OTHER FEES	\$3,000	\$2,408	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0 0%
29	RESTORATION AND COMPUTERIZATION	\$20,000	\$18,241	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL LICENSES AND FINES</b>	<b>\$197,150</b>	<b>\$205,309</b>	<b>\$210,650</b>	<b>\$238,150</b>	<b>\$27,500 13%</b>
<b>INTEREST</b>						
30	INTEREST ON CHECKING	\$10,000	\$2,928	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL INTEREST</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$2,928</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$0 0%</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>						
31	GENERAL DYNAMICS PLOWING	\$30,000	\$42,387	\$30,000	\$0	(\$30,000) -100%
32	COMCAST LEASE	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$36,000	\$6,000 20%
33	SCHOOL BILLABLE EXPENSES	\$2,000	\$205	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
34	RECREATION COMMITTEE	\$0	\$720	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
35	NOT CLASSIFIED	\$100	\$421	\$100	\$100	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$62,100</b>	<b>\$73,733</b>	<b>\$60,100</b>	<b>\$36,100</b>	<b>(\$24,000) -40%</b>
<b>USE OF RESERVE FUNDS</b>						
36	ROAD IMPACT FEES	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$115,000	\$40,000 53%
37	RECREATION IMPACT FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
38	HEAVY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT FUND	\$8,160	\$0	\$38,198	\$51,198	\$13,000 34%
39	REAPPRAISAL FUND	\$12,350	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%

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FY2019**

	BUDGET FY2017	ACTUAL FY2017	BUDGET FY2018	BUDGET FY2019	\$ CHANGE FY2019	% CHANGE FY2019
40 OPEN SPACE FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	0%
41 BRIDGE FUND	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	0%
42 RECORD PRESERVATION FUND	\$1,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
43 SIDEWALK/PATHS FUND	\$32,520	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
44 BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY FUND	\$100,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	(\$25,000)	-100%
45 ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$10,000	(\$65,000)	-87%
46 STORMWATER MITIGATION FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
47 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	(\$25,000)	-100%
48 FUND BALANCE USE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$154,130</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$388,198</b>	<b>\$346,198</b>	<b>(\$42,000)</b>	<b>-11%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,908,391</b>	<b>\$3,427,064</b>	<b>\$3,936,569</b>	<b>\$4,318,234</b>	<b>\$381,665</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES - DETAIL</b>						
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>						
49 SALARIES	\$40,103	\$40,380	\$42,802	\$43,776	\$974	2%
50 BENEFITS	\$30,804	\$30,187	\$31,355	\$33,968	\$2,613	8%
51 LEGAL EXPENSE	\$500	\$1,658	\$500	\$500	\$0	0%
52 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$1,000	\$353	\$500	\$500	\$0	0%
53 ADVERTISEMENTS	\$100	\$1,587	\$100	\$100	\$0	0%
54 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$250	\$21	\$250	\$250	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL TOWN TREASURER</b>	<b>\$72,757</b>	<b>\$74,186</b>	<b>\$75,507</b>	<b>\$79,094</b>	<b>\$3,587</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>						
55 SALARIES	\$132,080	\$132,797	\$136,040	\$139,442	\$3,402	3%
56 BENEFITS	\$50,078	\$48,983	\$50,326	\$53,706	\$3,380	7%
57 TOWN AUDITOR FEES	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$0	(\$300)	-100%
58 OUTSIDE ANNUAL AUDIT	\$15,000	\$11,400	\$15,000	\$12,000	(\$3,000)	-20%
59 LEGAL EXPENSE	\$8,000	\$21,267	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	0%
60 COMPUTER SUPPORT/REPAIRS	\$13,500	\$15,747	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$0	0%
61 OFFICE EQUIPMENT/COMPUTERS	\$10,000	\$8,750	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0%
62 POSTAGE	\$6,000	\$7,900	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	0%
63 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$5,000	\$2,222	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0%
64 ADVERTISING	\$1,000	\$3,107	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0%
65 TOWN REPORT	\$3,000	\$5,193	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0%
66 TELEPHONE	\$4,500	\$3,910	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	0%
67 SUPPLIES/EXPENSES -INTERDEPART	\$8,000	\$9,536	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	0%
68 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS	\$22,500	\$25,812	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$0	0%
69 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$3,500	\$8,681	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$282,458</b>	<b>\$305,306</b>	<b>\$288,666</b>	<b>\$292,148</b>	<b>\$3,482</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>						
70 SALARIES	\$77,751	\$77,716	\$82,740	\$75,458	(\$7,282)	-9%
71 BENEFITS	\$45,864	\$46,077	\$47,104	\$24,460	(\$22,644)	-48%
72 BOARD FEES/ELECTIONS	\$21,744	\$17,920	\$5,000	\$9,100	\$4,100	82%
73 LEGAL EXPENSE	\$150	\$1,398	\$150	\$150	\$0	0%
74 BOOK RESTORATION/DIGITIZATION	\$21,100	\$12,654	\$20,000	\$21,285	\$1,285	6%
75 LAND RECORDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
76 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$1,775	\$1,810	\$1,775	\$1,800	\$25	1%
77 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$100	\$3	\$100	\$100	\$0	0%
78 LICENSE PAYMENTS TO STATE	\$6,050	\$5,985	\$6,050	\$6,050	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL TOWN CLERK</b>	<b>\$174,534</b>	<b>\$163,562</b>	<b>\$162,919</b>	<b>\$138,403</b>	<b>(\$24,516)</b>	<b>-15%</b>
<b>LISTING</b>						
79 SALARIES	\$34,462	\$42,945	\$32,770	\$27,710	(\$5,060)	-15%
80 BENEFITS	\$13,805	\$9,349	\$2,974	\$2,120	(\$854)	-29%
81 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$800	\$975	\$800	\$800	\$0	0%
82 MAPPING	\$3,000	\$325	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0%
83 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT	\$1,800	\$1,432	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0	0%
84 REAPPRAISAL	\$2,000	\$213	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL LISTING</b>	<b>\$55,867</b>	<b>\$55,240</b>	<b>\$43,344</b>	<b>\$37,429</b>	<b>(\$5,915)</b>	<b>-14%</b>

**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL  
FY2019**

	<b>BUDGET FY2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY2017</b>	<b>BUDGET FY2018</b>	<b>BUDGET FY2019</b>	<b>\$ CHANGE FY2019</b>	<b>% CHANGE FY2019</b>
<b>HEALTH OFFICE</b>						
85	HEALTH OFFICER	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0 0%
86	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0 0%
87	DOG WARDEN	\$3,000	\$2,874	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH OFFICE</b>	<b>\$4,650</b>	<b>\$4,374</b>	<b>\$5,650</b>	<b>\$5,650</b>	<b>\$0 0%</b>
<b>PLANNING AND ZONING</b>						
88	SALARIES	\$87,129	\$89,158	\$90,237	\$92,577	\$2,340 3%
89	BENEFITS	\$43,566	\$48,527	\$55,626	\$69,312	\$13,686 25%
90	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$2,500	\$15,481	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0 0%
91	TRAVEL, MEETING & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$1,500	\$1,570	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0 0%
92	ADVERTISEMENTS	\$2,000	\$736	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0 0%
93	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS	\$10,000	\$10,089	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0 0%
94	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$100	\$221	\$100	\$100	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL PLANNING AND ZONING</b>	<b>\$146,795</b>	<b>\$165,782</b>	<b>\$167,963</b>	<b>\$183,989</b>	<b>\$16,026 10%</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES</b>						
95	SALARIES	\$266,563	\$269,747	\$297,342	\$304,708	\$7,366 2%
96	BENEFITS	\$109,441	\$113,340	\$144,625	\$166,252	\$21,627 15%
97	OFFICE EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE	\$500	\$219	\$500	\$500	\$0 0%
98	TRAVEL, MEETING & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$800	\$75	\$800	\$800	\$0 0%
99	TELEPHONE	\$3,700	\$3,073	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$0 0%
100	ELECTRICITY	\$3,800	\$3,342	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$0 0%
101	BUILDING HEAT	\$13,000	\$6,783	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$0 0%
102	BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	\$9,000	\$18,784	\$59,000	\$10,000	(\$49,000) -83%
103	HEAVY VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT	\$118,160	\$141,639	\$148,198	\$161,198	\$13,000 9%
104	SMALL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	\$10,000	\$8,105	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0 0%
105	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	\$61,000	\$66,830	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$0 0%
106	HIRED EQUIPMENT	\$25,000	\$20,837	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0 0%
107	SUMMER ROADS GRAVEL/STONE	\$60,000	\$32,029	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0 0%
108	WINTER SAND	\$56,000	\$16,541	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$0 0%
109	SALT	\$70,000	\$68,732	\$70,000	\$75,000	\$5,000 7%
110	SALT ALTERNATIVES	\$4,500	\$4,828	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0 0%
111	ROAD IMPROVEMENT	\$450,000	\$332,106	\$360,000	\$500,000	\$140,000 39%
112	BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT	\$50,000	\$14,702	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0 0%
113	GAS, OIL AND DIESEL	\$77,000	\$50,294	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0 0%
114	CULVERTS	\$15,000	\$2,356	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0 0%
115	GUARDRAILS	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0 0%
116	COLD & HOT PATCH	\$10,000	\$1,837	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0 0%
117	CHLORIDE	\$26,000	\$23,946	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$0 0%
118	SIGNAGE & STRIPING	\$30,000	\$24,029	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0 0%
119	TREE/BRUSH MAINTENANCE	\$20,000	\$16,600	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0 0%
120	MUD SEASON GRAVEL	\$35,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0 0%
121	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$12,000	\$7,820	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES</b>	<b>\$1,544,464</b>	<b>\$1,248,595</b>	<b>\$1,920,465</b>	<b>\$2,058,458</b>	<b>\$137,993 7%</b>
<b>SUMMER RECREATION &amp; RECREATION COMMITTEE</b>						
122	SALARIES	\$55,500	\$57,088	\$57,929	\$92,000	\$34,071 59%
123	BENEFITS	\$4,303	\$4,515	\$4,432	\$7,500	\$3,068 69%
124	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$7,000	\$5,200	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0 0%
125	TRAVEL	\$6,000	\$8,692	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$1,000 14%
126	PROGRAMS	\$3,650	\$4,175	\$3,650	\$5,500	\$1,850 51%
127	ADVERTISEMENTS	\$60	\$0	\$60	\$60	\$0 0%
128	FACILITY RENTAL	\$1,670	\$1,850	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0 0%
129	FIELD TRIPS	\$12,000	\$22,089	\$12,000	\$25,000	\$13,000 108%
130	CIT PROGRAM	\$1,600	\$1,605	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0 0%
131	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES & REC COMM	\$400	\$1,237	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL SUMMER RECREATION</b>	<b>\$92,183</b>	<b>\$106,451</b>	<b>\$99,071</b>	<b>\$152,060</b>	<b>\$52,989 53%</b>

**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL  
FY2019**

	<b>BUDGET FY2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY2017</b>	<b>BUDGET FY2018</b>	<b>BUDGET FY2019</b>	<b>\$ CHANGE FY2019</b>	<b>% CHANGE FY2019</b>
<b>INSURANCES</b>						
132	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$4,300	\$3,828	\$4,300	\$2,500	(\$1,800) -42%
133	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$21,000	\$19,950	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$0 0%
134	PROPERTY, CASUALTY & LIABILITY	\$43,000	\$48,575	\$46,000	\$34,500	(\$11,500) -25%
	<b>TOTAL INSURANCES</b>	<b>\$68,300</b>	<b>\$72,353</b>	<b>\$69,300</b>	<b>\$56,000</b>	<b>(\$13,300) -19%</b>
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>						
135	RESCUE SQUAD - ESSEX	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$14,130	\$15,600	\$1,470 10%
136	RESCUE SQUAD - RICHMOND	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$2,000 20%
137	UNDERHILL-JERICO FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$326,699	\$326,699	\$337,484	\$321,111	(\$16,373) -5%
138	POLICE SERVICES	\$120,000	\$119,318	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL POLICE AND SAFETY</b>	<b>\$467,699</b>	<b>\$467,017</b>	<b>\$481,614</b>	<b>\$468,711</b>	<b>(\$12,903) -3%</b>
<b>BUILDING AND PROPERTY</b>						
139	BUILDING-ELECTRICITY	\$7,300	\$7,329	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$0 0%
140	STREET LIGHTS	\$14,000	\$17,591	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$0 0%
141	BUILDING HEAT	\$2,800	\$2,213	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0 0%
142	CASTLE AND LOWERY CEMETERIES	\$8,160	\$4,088	\$8,600	\$11,650	\$3,050 35%
143	JERICO CENTER CEMETERY	\$4,750	\$4,167	\$4,952	\$4,400	(\$552) -11%
144	JERICO GREENS	\$11,000	\$6,250	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0 0%
145	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR - TOWN FACILITIES	\$150,000	\$169,976	\$39,000	\$62,500	\$23,500 60%
146	SIDEWALKS - MAINTENANCE	\$14,000	\$15,497	\$14,747	\$6,000	(\$8,747) -59%
147	SIDEWALKS - CONSTRUCTION	\$325,200	\$67,057	\$37,500	\$137,500	\$100,000 267%
148	TREE WARDEN	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0 0%
149	STORMWATER - PERMITS/MAINTENANCE	\$500	\$1,250	\$500	\$60,000	\$59,500 11900%
	<b>TOTAL BUILDING AND PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$538,710</b>	<b>\$295,417</b>	<b>\$136,099</b>	<b>\$312,850</b>	<b>\$176,751 130%</b>
<b>JERICO CONSERVATION</b>						
150	SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$1,000	(\$1,271)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0 0%
151	JERICO CONSV COMMISSION	\$1,700	\$960	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL JERICO CONSERVATION</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>(\$311)</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$0 0%</b>
<b>OPEN SPACE/PUBLIC USE</b>						
152	LAND IMPROVEMENTS	\$8,000	\$5,735	\$8,000	\$48,000	\$40,000 500%
153	MOBBS FARM	\$3,200	\$1,367	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$0 0%
154	OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL OPEN SPACE/PUBLIC USE</b>	<b>\$11,200</b>	<b>\$7,101</b>	<b>\$11,200</b>	<b>\$51,200</b>	<b>\$40,000 357%</b>
<b>LANDFILL</b>						
155	POST CLOSURE COSTS	\$2,000	\$1,550	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0 0%
	<b>TOTAL LANDFILL</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$1,550</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$0 0%</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>						
<b>MANDATED</b>						
156	CHITTENDEN COUNTY TAX	\$28,213	\$28,021	\$28,486	\$29,582	\$1,096 4%
157	CHITTENDEN RPC	\$7,126	\$8,750	\$7,095	\$7,354	\$259 4%
158	JERICO-UNDERHILL LIBRARY	\$156,772	\$156,772	\$159,761	\$157,320	(\$2,441) -2%
159	JERICO-UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT	\$23,776	\$23,776	\$23,766	\$25,827	\$2,061 9%
160	VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS	\$6,460	\$6,460	\$6,690	\$6,835	\$145 2%
	<b>TOTAL MANDATED</b>	<b>\$222,347</b>	<b>\$223,779</b>	<b>\$225,798</b>	<b>\$226,918</b>	<b>\$1,120 0%</b>
<b>NON-MANDATED</b>						
161	AGE WELL	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0 0%
162	CHILD CARE RESOURCE	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	(\$100) -100%
163	GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT SERVICE	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$11,000	\$14,000	\$3,000 27%
164	FARMERS MARKET	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$3,840	(\$160) -4%
165	CHITTENDEN EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0 0%
166	CUSI	\$7,640	\$7,640	\$9,319	\$9,269	(\$50) -1%
167	COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY SHELTER	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0 0%

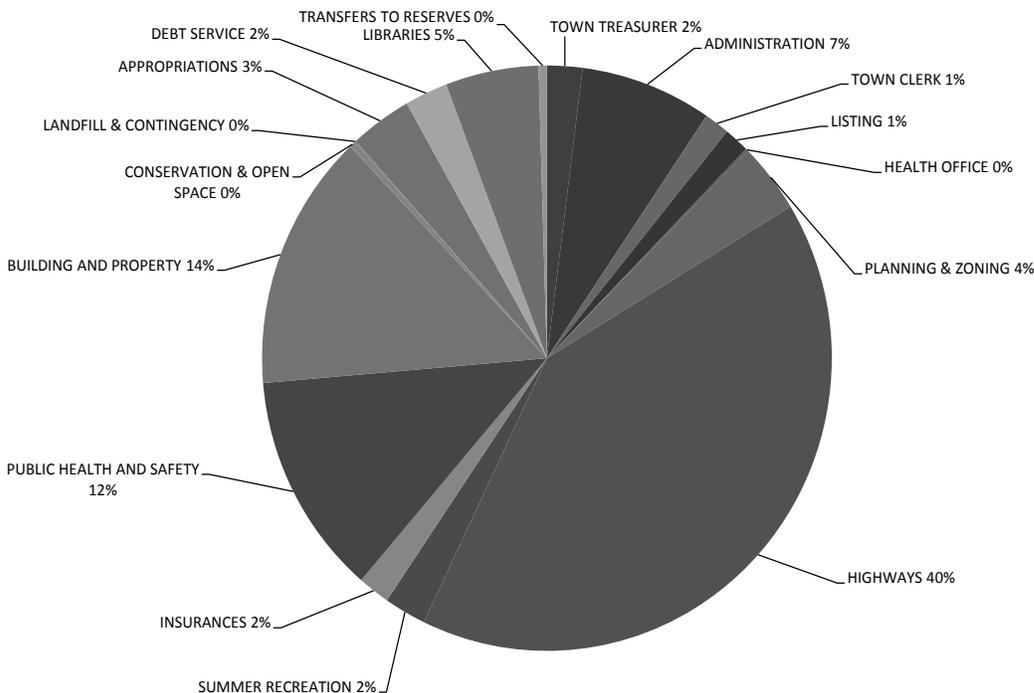
**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL  
FY2019**

	<b>BUDGET FY2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY2017</b>	<b>BUDGET FY2018</b>	<b>BUDGET FY2019</b>	<b>\$ CHANGE FY2019</b>	<b>% CHANGE FY2019</b>
168 THE HOWARD CENTER	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$400	25%
169 JERICHO CENTER PRESERVATION	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$0	0%
170 JERICHO FOODSHELF	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0%
171 JERICHO HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
172 JERICHO YOUTH LEAGUE	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	0%
173 JERI-HILL XYZ SENIORS	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$0	0%
174 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	\$300	\$313	\$300	\$300	\$0	0%
175 OUR COMMUNITY CARES	\$0	\$0	\$1,350	\$500	(\$850)	-63%
176 VERMONT CARES	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0%
177 VCIL	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0	0%
178 VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION	\$18,081	\$18,081	\$18,081	\$18,081	\$0	0%
179 WINOOSKI VALLEY PARK DISTRICT	\$11,266	\$11,266	\$13,109	\$13,428	\$319	2%
180 STEPS TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL NON-MANDATED</b>	<b>\$69,287</b>	<b>\$69,300</b>	<b>\$82,459</b>	<b>\$85,018</b>	<b>\$2,559</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$291,634</b>	<b>\$293,078</b>	<b>\$308,257</b>	<b>\$311,936</b>	<b>\$3,679</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
181 TOWN HALL INTEREST	\$31,483	\$38,043	\$29,235	\$26,860	(\$2,375)	-8%
182 TOWN HALL PRINCIPLE	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$91,483</b>	<b>\$98,043</b>	<b>\$89,235</b>	<b>\$86,860</b>	<b>(\$2,375)</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>TOWN LIBRARY</b>						
183 SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$28,900	\$28,900	\$38,678	\$39,845	\$1,167	3%
184 GENERAL EXPENSES	\$14,200	\$14,200	\$16,100	\$18,600	\$2,500	16%
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$43,100</b>	<b>\$43,100</b>	<b>\$54,778</b>	<b>\$58,445</b>	<b>\$3,667</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUNDS</b>						
185 HEAVY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
186 REAPPRAISAL FUND	\$17,800	\$17,723	\$17,800	\$17,800	\$0	0%
187 OPEN SPACE FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	0%
188 BRIDGE FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
189 RECORD PRESERVATION FUND	\$0	\$6,241	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
190 SIDEWALK/PATHS FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
191 ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
192 STORMWATER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
193 BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
194 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$17,800</b>	<b>\$23,964</b>	<b>\$17,800</b>	<b>\$20,300</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,908,334</b>	<b>\$3,424,808</b>	<b>\$3,936,568</b>	<b>\$4,318,234</b>	<b>\$381,666</b>	<b>10%</b>

The firm of Fothergill, Segale & Valley was engaged to audit the financial statements of the Town of Jericho for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Copies of the audit report, for which they gave an unqualified opinion are on file at the Town office and can be obtained on the Town website at [www.jerichovt.gov](http://www.jerichovt.gov). The budget and actual columns for FY17 above are contained, in summary, in the audit report, in a supplementary schedule. The schedule shows a net increase to unassigned Fund Balance of \$2,256, bringing the total unassigned fund balance to \$678,870.

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FY2019**

	<b>BUDGET FY2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY2017</b>	<b>BUDGET FY2018</b>	<b>BUDGET FY2019</b>	<b>\$ CHANGE FY2019</b>	<b>% CHANGE FY2019</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>						
PROPERTY TAXES	\$2,740,331	\$2,730,707	\$2,781,871	\$2,878,286	\$96,415	3%
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	\$28,000	(\$39,913)	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0	0%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$716,680	\$454,300	\$461,750	\$785,500	\$323,750	70%
LICENSES AND FINES	\$197,150	\$205,309	\$210,650	\$238,150	\$27,500	13%
INTEREST	\$10,000	\$2,928	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	0%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$62,100	\$73,733	\$60,100	\$36,100	(\$24,000)	-40%
USE OF RESERVE FUNDS	\$154,130	\$0	\$388,198	\$346,198	(\$42,000)	-11%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,908,391</b>	<b>\$3,427,064</b>	<b>\$3,936,569</b>	<b>\$4,318,234</b>	<b>\$381,665</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
TOWN TREASURER	\$72,757	\$74,186	\$75,507	\$79,094	\$3,587	5%
ADMINISTRATION	\$282,458	\$305,306	\$288,666	\$292,148	\$3,482	1%
TOWN CLERK	\$174,534	\$163,562	\$162,919	\$138,403	(\$24,516)	-15%
LISTING	\$55,867	\$55,240	\$43,344	\$37,429	(\$5,915)	-14%
HEALTH OFFICE	\$4,650	\$4,374	\$5,650	\$5,650	\$0	0%
PLANNING & ZONING	\$146,795	\$165,782	\$167,963	\$183,989	\$16,026	10%
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SUMMER RECREATION	\$92,183	\$106,451	\$99,071	\$152,060	\$52,989	53%
INSURANCES	\$68,300	\$72,353	\$69,300	\$56,000	(\$13,300)	-19%
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY	\$467,699	\$467,017	\$481,614	\$468,711	(\$12,903)	-3%
BUILDING AND PROPERTY	\$538,710	\$295,417	\$136,099	\$312,850	\$176,751	130%
CONSERVATION & OPEN SPACE	\$13,900	\$6,790	\$13,900	\$53,900	\$40,000	288%
LANDFILL	\$2,000	\$1,550	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0%
APPROPRIATIONS	\$134,862	\$136,306	\$148,496	\$154,616	\$6,120	4%
DEBT SERVICE	\$91,483	\$98,043	\$89,235	\$86,860	(\$2,375)	-3%
LIBRARIES	\$199,872	\$199,872	\$214,539	\$215,765	\$1,226	1%
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES	\$17,800	\$23,964	\$17,800	\$20,300	\$2,500	14%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,908,334</b>	<b>\$3,424,808</b>	<b>\$3,936,568</b>	<b>\$4,318,234</b>	<b>\$381,666</b>	<b>10%</b>



# CAPITAL BUDGET FY19

## FY 2019 - 2023

Project	Line	Total Cost	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; PROPERTY</b>							
Town Hall Exterior Improvements	145	\$230,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$65,000	\$150,000
Jericho Library Improvements	145	\$155,000	\$29,000	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500
Packard Rd Stormwater Basin	149	\$60,000	\$60,000				
Fitzsimonds Parking Lot Expansion	152	\$40,000	\$40,000				
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>							
Town Hall Bond	182-183	\$395,876	\$86,860	\$81,220	\$78,397	\$75,896	\$73,503
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>							
Asphalt Highway Improvement	111	\$1,766,000	\$420,000	\$348,000	\$339,000	\$309,000	\$350,000
Gravel Road Improvement	111	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Barber Farm/VT 117 Intersection Scoping	111	\$50,000	\$50,000				
<b>BRIDGES &amp; CULVERTS</b>							
Raceway Culvert	112	\$400,000	\$400,000				
<b>HEAVY/EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES</b>							
Highway - Equipment/Vehicles	103	\$548,766	\$161,198	\$99,568	\$113,000	\$120,000	\$55,000
<b>PATHS AND SIDEWALKS</b>							
Pratt to Lee River Multi-Use Path	147	\$409,500	\$25,000	\$384,500			
Owens Ct to Route 15 Sidewalk	147	\$237,874	\$12,500	\$5,000	\$220,374		
Riverside Route 15 Crossings	147	\$250,000	\$100,000				
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>		<b>\$4,693,016</b>	<b>\$1,429,558</b>	<b>\$979,788</b>	<b>\$812,271</b>	<b>\$631,396</b>	<b>\$690,003</b>
<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>							
Open Space Fund			\$20,000				
Class 2 Road Grant			\$175,000				
Bridge Fund			\$150,000				
Equipment Fund			\$51,198				
Road Impact Fees			\$115,000				
Road Improvement Fund			\$10,000				
Grants State/Federal/Other			\$397,500				
Operating Funds			\$510,860				
<b>Total Project Costs</b>			<b>\$1,429,558</b>				

CAPITAL BUDGET FY19

<b>PROJECT FUNDING</b>	<b>Exp Line</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>OPERATING</b>	<b>GRANTS</b>	<b>FEES</b>	<b>BORROW</b>
<b>Buildings and Property</b>							
Town Hall Improvements	145	\$15,000		\$15,000			
Jericho Library Improvements	145	\$29,000		\$29,000			
Highway Garage Improvements	102	\$0					
Packard Rd Stormwater Basin	149	\$60,000			\$60,000 (15)		
Winooski River Trail Parking		\$0					
Fitzsimonds Parking Lot Expansion	152	\$40,000	\$20,000 (40)	\$20,000			
<b>Debt Service</b>							
Town Hall Bond	182-183	\$86,860		\$86,860			
<b>Highways</b>							
Asphalt Highway Improvement	111	\$420,000		\$205,000	\$175,000 (11)	\$40,000 (36)	
Gravel Road Improvement	111	\$30,000		\$30,000			
Barber Farm/VT 117 Intersection Study	111	\$50,000	\$10,000 (45)		\$40,000 (15)		
<b>Bridges &amp; Culverts</b>							
Raceway Culvert	112	\$400,000	\$150,000 (41)	\$0	\$175,000 (10)	\$75,000 (36)	
<b>Heavy Equipment/Vehicles</b>							
Highway - Equipment/Vehicles	103	\$161,198	\$51,198 (38)	\$110,000			
<b>Paths and Sidewalks</b>							
Pratt to Lee River Multi-Use Path	147	\$25,000		\$2,500	\$22,500 (16)		
Owens Ct to Route 15 Sidewalk	147	\$12,500		\$2,500	\$10,000 (15)		
Riverside Route 15 Crossings	147	\$100,000		\$10,000	\$90,000 (16)		
<b>*Number in ( ) denotes revenue source in budget</b>							
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>		\$1,429,558	\$231,198	\$510,860	\$572,500	\$115,000	

**CAPITAL PLAN AND RESERVE FUNDS**

Line #	RESERVE ACCOUNTS	FY 2017 (Actual)					FY 2018				FY2019 (Budgeted)				
		Bal as of 7/1/2016	Transfer From General Fund	Charges for Service	Interest Income	Deduction FY 2017	Fund Bal 6/30/17	Transfer From General Fund	Budgeted Deduction FY 2018	Anticipated	Fund Bal 6/30/18	Transfer From General Fund	FY19 Withdrawals	Project	Fund Bal 6/30/19
43	Sidewalks and Paths	26,284	-	-	11		26,295	-	-		26,295		-		26,295
42	Preservation	133,477	6,241	-	61		139,779				139,779		-		139,779
38	Equipment	102,955	-	-	47		103,002	-	38,198	38,198	64,804		51,198	Vehicles	13,606
39	Reappraisal	65,369	17,723		30		83,122	17,800	-		100,922	17,800			118,722
41	Bridge Replacement	209,093	-	-	96		209,189	-	150,000	-	209,189		150,000	raceway culv	59,189
40	Open Space	56,572	-	-	26		56,598	-	-		56,598	2,500	20,000	mobbs PL	39,098
46	Stormwater	20,333	-	-	10		20,343	-	-		20,343		-		20,343
45	Road Upgrade	190,075	-	-	88		190,163	-	75,000	10,000	180,163		10,000	Road study	170,163
44	Buildings and Property	32,568	-	-	15		32,583	-	25,000	25,000	7,583				7,583
47	Capital Projects	26,896	-	-	12		26,908	-	25,000	25,000	1,908				1,908
48	Fund Balance Use						-		-				-		
	<b>Total Reserve Accounts</b>	<b>863,622</b>	<b>23,964</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>887,982</b>	<b>17,800</b>	<b>313,198</b>	<b>98,198</b>	<b>807,584</b>	<b>20,300</b>	<b>231,198</b>		<b>596,686</b>
	<b>TOWN IMPACT FEES</b>														
36	Road Impact	150,624		24,980	77		175,681		75,000		175,681		115,000	paving & culv	60,681
37	Recreational	13,548		600	6		14,154		-		14,154		-		14,154
	<b>Total Town Impact Fees</b>	<b>164,172</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,580</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>189,835</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,000</b>		<b>189,835</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>115,000</b>		<b>74,835</b>
	<b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</b>														
	Bentley Cemetery Fund	2,701			6		2,707				2,707				2,707
	Maude Brown Fund	3,933			10		3,943				3,943				3,943
	Stevens Fund	16,330			49		16,379				16,379				16,379
	<b>Total Expendable Trusts</b>	<b>22,964</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>23,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>23,029</b>
	<b>AGENCY FUNDS</b>														
	Development Escrow	6,855			3		6,858				6,858				6,858
	ID School Impact	-					-				-				-
	School Impact	-					-				-				-
	<b>Total Agency Funds</b>	<b>6,855</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,858</b>				<b>6,858</b>				<b>6,858</b>
	<b>UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>676,612</b>					<b>676,612</b>	<b>2,258</b>			<b>678,870</b>				<b>678,870</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,734,225</b>	<b>23,964</b>	<b>25,580</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,784,317</b>	<b>20,058</b>	<b>388,198</b>	<b>98,198</b>	<b>1,706,177</b>	<b>20,300</b>	<b>346,198</b>		<b>1,380,279</b>

**HEAVY EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES**

Vehicle Type	Vehicle #	Year	Ideal Replacement	Total Cost*	Town Cost**	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	Future Years
Grader	04-1	2005	20 yrs									FY25
Backhoe	08-2	2004	20 yrs	\$40,000	\$40,000							FY24
Freight 2017	08-1	2017	7 yrs	\$150,892	\$166,459	\$62,172	\$62,172					FY25
Low Pro 2017	09-1	2017	8 yrs	\$95,000	\$98,325	\$26,298	\$26,298					FY27
Tandem Int 7600	10-1	2010	7 yrs	\$141,187	\$158,563			\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000		FY28
Pick Up		2016	6 yrs	\$37,500	\$37,500					\$20,000	\$20,000	FY22
Large Truck Frt 114SD	13-4	2013	7 yrs	\$140,000	\$160,000				\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	FY28
Loader	03-1	2016	11 yrs	\$80,000	\$82,500	\$21,568	\$21,568	\$21,568				FY30
Mack CV712	06-6	2006	7 yrs									
Tandem Fre 2015	15-7	2015	7 yrs	\$180,231	\$190,800	\$38,160	\$38,160					FY24
Tractor Sdwb							\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000			
<b>FY Total</b>						\$148,198	\$161,198	\$99,568	\$113,000	\$120,000	\$55,000	
Capital Fund Carryover						\$103,303	\$65,105	\$13,907	\$24,339	\$21,339	\$11,339	
GF Capital Funds						\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	
<b>Total Funds Available</b>						\$213,303	\$175,105	\$123,907	\$134,339	\$131,339	\$121,339	
Use of Reserve Funds						\$38,198	\$51,198	-\$10,432	\$3,000	\$10,000	-\$55,000	
Reserve Fund Net						\$65,105	\$13,907	\$24,339	\$21,339	\$11,339	\$66,339	

**HEAVY EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES**

# SELECTBOARD REPORT

## FINANCES

According to the Town's FY17 audit, the cost of the Town's programs was \$3,194,676 as compared to the FY16 cost of \$3,267,307. The fiscal year also concluded with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$2,258. That excess increased the town's unassigned fund balance to \$678,870. The net position (total assets less total liabilities) increased by \$390,478 or approximately 4.86% as a result of the past year's operations from \$8,037,856 to \$8,428,334. Of the Town's total net position, \$6,649,465 is invested in capital assets, net of debt, and \$435,765 is in restricted assets while \$1,343,104 is in unrestricted assets.

## PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed FY19 budget of \$4,354,922 is an increase in total spending of \$418,353 compared to FY18. On the revenue side, the amount raised by taxes is increasing by \$133,103 due the expectation of an additional \$323,750 in grant funds.

Major projects included in the budget are: Barber Farm Road Reconstruction (line 111); Raceway Rd culvert replacement \$400,000 (line 112); Riverside Route 15 crosswalk improvements (line 147); and Packard Road Stormwater basin (line 149).

## PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

There were no changes in personnel during the previous fiscal year.

## HIGHWAYS

The previous year was fairly quiet for the Highway Department. A wheeled excavator was added to the fleet, which has proven to be very useful. The replacement of the Raceway Road culvert needed to be delayed a year due to timing issues related to the long lead time needed to order a new pre-cast concrete structure and the commitment of grant funds from the State. A planning study to look at a possible street network for the former sawmill property in Riverside was initiated. Also, the town was awarded a grant to study options for improving the Route 117 and Skunk Hollow Road intersection.

## SIDEWALKS & PATHS

During FY17, improvements to the crosswalks in Riverside on Route 15 were supposed to be completed. However, last minute design concerns by VTrans staff prevented the town from putting the project out to bid. A new design has been completed and it is anticipated that the project will be completed in the summer of 2018. In furtherance of other sidewalk projects, the town was awarded a design and construction grant to install a sidewalk on Lee River Rd between Sunnyview Drive and Route 15. That project is currently in the design phase with construction likely a few years away.

## OTHER NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

- New windows were installed on the first floor of the Town Hall and all exterior wood trim was painted and repaired;
- The Town received a grant to install a stormwater retention basin on the Packard Rd/Route 15 parcel;

As always, we welcome your input on all town-related issues and invite you to attend our meetings on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month starting at 7:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Jericho Selectboard

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Jericho's Conservation Commission has promoted our community's interests in preserving ecologically significant habitat since its inception in 1989. In order to better serve town governance with decision making regarding the stewardship of all the natural features of both public and private lands, the JCC developed four main objectives:

- To help citizens of all ages find value in Jericho's working landscape and connect with the natural world
- To focus community awareness of watershed health, habitat connectivity, and biodiversity in the context of a shifting climate and the economics of housing development and creating business opportunity
- To maintain reliable inventories of Jericho's resources for use in town planning that will ensure the conservation of the town's vibrant ecosystems for its citizens
- To provide the Selectboard, Planning Commission and town staff with reliable feedback in developing dynamic conservation policies

The commission has up to nine volunteer members appointed by the Selectboard with a rotating set of 3-year terms and a yearly budget that is supplemented via grant awards (both private and public). Continued cooperation with other town boards, schools, local landowners, professional consultants, and neighboring towns' conservation commissions is essential in carrying on our mission. With our diverse ecological and natural resource experience, we are dedicated to improving interactions among community members and the natural systems around us. Recent activities can be reviewed via the link at [www.jerichovt.gov](http://www.jerichovt.gov). Public involvement and community education constituted the majority of our effort in the past twelve months:

- Actively participated in DRB hearings involving natural resource considerations
- Hosted the "Natural Places of Jericho" series consisting of a field study of invasive species at Mobbs Park led by Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper, a native insect pollinator walk at the Mill Brook Fish and Game Access, a geology field trip to Bolton Notch, and an early autumn tree rehabilitation work party at the Jericho Center Green as the initial stage of a "Make the Green Great Again" project
- Cooperated with Jericho's Planning Commission to draft an improved set of subdivision regulations relative to natural resource protection based upon more reliable inventories
- Received a grant from the New England Wildflower Society to construct a showcase insect pollinator garden at the Jericho Center Green
- Followed up on the 2016 Mini Canopy Grant that included replacement of a diseased spruce tree at the Jericho Center Green by maintaining a watering regime for the disease resistant Norway Spruce sapling
- Collaborated with the Mobbs Committee, local artist Chris Cleary, Cleary Stone Co., and Peter Gray and his family in establishing a tribute bench honoring the late Phyllis Gray

Planned activities in 2018:

1. Sponsor Natural Places of Jericho to help encourage deeper connections between the community and the natural systems within the town
2. Assist Planning Commission and Zoning Office in implementing the use of a revised Natural Resource Overlay District
3. Enlist volunteers to assist in local invasive plant removal efforts, GreenUp activities and restoration projects in natural areas in Jericho
4. Host an insect pollinator workshop to be presented by the New England Wildflower Society this Spring

Monthly meetings are always open to the public. Be our guest at 7 PM every 4th Wednesday at Jericho Center Town Library. Current members are: Ann Kroll Lerner, Laura Vallett, Karina Dailey, Allaire Diamond, Peter Gray, Mary Neighbours, Tucker Shaw, and Tom Baribault (chair). Feel free to contact any of us with your questions or comments. Transitions: we thank retired member Brian Swisher for his many dedicated years of service and welcome guest colleague Sabina Ernst who has been a frequent contributor to our recent projects. Sincere thanks to all donors to the Phyllis Gray Commemorative Bench project.

# DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The purpose of the Development Review Board (“DRB”) is to review proposed land use changes to see that they conform to the subdivision and land use regulations. The regulations are developed by the Planning Commission and Town Planner, then adopted by the Selectboard or by referendum. The Zoning Administrator administers the regulations. For some kinds of applications, such as subdivisions or conditional uses, the regulations refer the application for review by the DRB.

The DRB is a group of volunteers appointed by the Selectboard. The DRB normally meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month if there are any applications to review. Besides our work to review applications, we have worked to improve our process by attending training by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission on DRB procedures, and training provided by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns on the Vermont Open Meeting law.

I am often asked how the public can stay informed of DRB hearings. When an application that requires a DRB hearing is processed, the application materials are on the Town website. Also, besides the legally required notices to neighbors, the Zoning Administrator always publishes the formal notice in local papers, including the Mountain Gazette, and posts them on public bulletin boards such as at the Post Office, libraries, and general stores around town. We also post each agenda on Front Porch Forum.

If you would like to see the agendas for upcoming meetings, or the minutes of past meetings, you can find them on the town web site. Go to [www.jerichovt.gov](http://www.jerichovt.gov), click on the “Boards & Commissions” heading, then click on “Development Review Board”. The materials for each hearing are listed by hearing date. Also, on the home page at [www.jerichovt.gov](http://www.jerichovt.gov), you can subscribe to email updates for any of the town boards and committees so they are sent to you automatically. To get the DRB agendas and minutes, just check the “Development Review Board” checkbox when you sign up. Mount Mansfield Cable TV (public access channel 15) usually records our meetings, so if you have cable TV, you can watch the past hearings on public access TV. You can also see them online on MMCTV's channels. We post a link to the videos on the DRB page on the town website.

The Zoning Administrator is the Town staff person that assists the Board and applicants in the hearing process. If you have questions on an upcoming hearing that are not answered by the materials posted on the website, the Zoning Administrator is the person to contact. Every public hearing includes an opportunity for public comment on the application. To contact the Zoning Administrator, on the Town website, click the “Departments” heading, then click on “Planning + Zoning Office”, or call the Town Office.

As Chair, I’d like to say thank you to Joe Flynn, Phyl Newbeck, Jeff York, and Bruce Jacobs for their faithful service, contributing their talents to the work of the DRB.

-Barry King, Chair, Jericho Development Review Board

# JERICHO CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The Cemetery Commissioners held two cemetery commission publicly warned meetings in 2017.

The Commission worked in coordination with the Good Shepard Lutheran Church committee to install a new access path to the cemetery. After extensive design and review, the church awarded excavation and construction work to Jim Bedell Excavation, a local contractor. The work was completed in July and early August. We now have a fine parking and access path with handicap slope from the church parking area to the cemetery.

We gratefully thank the Good Shepard Lutheran Church for their work, support and cooperation in providing this new access to the cemetery.

A Castle Cemetery Review was made of broken monuments. Local firms have been contacted to provide bids to repair and replace some seventeen broken and damaged monuments. The work will be considered for next year.

Lowrey Cemetery has been reviewed. The cemetery has much over grown trees and shrubs. The cemetery has many missing monuments that may be broken and covered with soil. A probe survey of the site will address the condition for next year.

The Cemetery Commission looks to provide interest, support, and participation in maintaining these historic Town of Jericho cemeteries. The cemeteries contain the persons that were original Jericho settlers and founders. Any of your suggestions or comments would be most welcome.

Bert Lindholm  
J. Brooks Buxton  
Stuart Alexander

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## JERICHO CENTER CEMETERY REPORT

Monument Repairs: Major repair and cleaning of 16 fallen monuments was complete this summer. Every year a number of old monuments shift and degrade on the hillside. Work done by a local professional monument firm fit broken pieces together with epoxy and reset the monuments. Then they carefully cleaned them so that they will be preserved for the future. This is necessary major expense every few years.

Lawn Mowing: The contract coordinated between cemetery and Town was continued this year. This is the major annual cemetery expense. The contractor provided a satisfactory spring clean up and summer mowing. We look for him to continue next year.

Help from Will Drislane, an MMU student, completed projects that improved the grounds, fences, and over all site conditions. Many thanks to Will for his effort and support.

As volunteer time, and donations permit, the Association continues to provide cemetery improvements.

Many, many THANKS go out to everyone for their continued interest, support and participation in the cemetery. Please let us know of your suggestions or comments.

Cordially yours, Bert Lindholm  
for the J.C.C.A Board of Trustees:

Jim Adams  
Isabella Martin

Stuart Alexander  
David Tillotson

Mary Jane Dickerson  
Terry Hook

Wayne Ellis

# JERICHO CENTER PRESERVATION REPORT

The Community Center in Jericho provides Jericho and its neighboring towns with an historic setting in which residents gather, learn play and are entertained. It enhances the sense of community among the people who live here – that feeling of belonging to, caring about and enjoying our wonderful community.

It has been a collaborative and fun year at the Community Center. Many classes, events, parties and other gatherings were held at the Community Center this year. The building continues to be a focal gathering point in our community with an average of 150 people using the building each week with 75% of those people being Jericho residents. Regular gatherings include Zumba twice a week, dance classes through Dance Junction, teen ballroom dance, ballet modern dance and hip hop as well as yoga and watercolor classes. Many people hold baby and bridal showers as well as birthdays and other celebratory gatherings at the Community Center.

Our annual Green-Up Day breakfast in May was a great success and staff from New England Subaru joined us which made for an extra special event. In July, the Community Center Board and friends hosted the second annual pet parade. This parade brought the community together in a unique and fun way. Additionally, the Artisans Market returned to the Community Center again in early-November which was well attended. A successful benefit concert for the Community Center was also held in November featuring the woman's vocal ensemble "Anima" and the instrumental group "Full Circle". In another fun holiday event, the Jericho Congregational Church donated profits from their 3rd annual cookie swap held at the Community Center, to the Community Center and the Jericho Town Library

The 2017 calendar theme was "Historic Jericho" featuring historic sites and buildings throughout our community landscape. Additionally, many members of our community came together for what will hopefully become an annual winter potluck. The Jericho Center Preservation Association has been assembling and delivering welcome packets to new members of our community.

June Taylor made a generous donation, in memory of her parents, Clara and Clarence Manor, to rebuild the Community Center front steps. We are incredibly grateful for June's generosity.

We invite any and all members of our community to join us in planning community building events throughout the year!

Contact Us: The Community Center has an active online presence with an increasingly popular facebook page as well as a website [www.CommunityCenterinJericho.com](http://www.CommunityCenterinJericho.com). To schedule use of the Community Center or to find out about upcoming meetings of the Community Center Board, please call Andrea Hook at 899-2366 or email Andrea at [AndreaHook@aol.com](mailto:AndreaHook@aol.com).

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## JERICHO XYZ SENIOR CITIZEN REPORT

The mission for the Jeri-Hill XYZ Senior Citizens is to provide a social environment, companionship and a nutritional meal while having some fun together. This group was formed in the early to late 70's and it has a president, vice president, officers, secretary and a treasurer.

Seniors from both Jericho and Underhill are welcome to attend this monthly meeting (50+ years), which meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Catalyst Church on Raceway Road in Jericho. The 1st Wednesday there will be entertainment and the 3rd Wednesday is usually a business meeting. There is a shuttle provided by SSTA that will assist in bringing you there. All seniors are welcome and there are no income restrictions to be a part of our group.

The funds are used to defray the cost of food, prep and to help cover the cost of outings, bus trips and other group activities.

The group of seniors who do attend these meetings seem to enjoy the time spent with other seniors, laugh and enjoy companionship while they eat a good nutritional meal and take in a few activities while they are there.

# JERICHO ENERGY TASK FORCE REPORT

The Jericho Energy Task Force started the year with a joint meeting with the Underhill Energy Committee to discuss our past activities and ways to collaborate on future events, but that was not the only collaboration between the JETF and other groups. One member of our committee met regularly with a Jericho advocate and representatives from Underhill and Cambridge to ensure the continuation of the Route 36 commuter bus from Jeffersonville to Burlington and two members of the task force attended a Jericho Recreation Department event for kids which centered around the bus and energy issues.

JETF was further involved in public transportation with discussions about the possibility of a solar-powered bus shelter in front of the Town Hall. We also assisted with a survey about bus use on Front Porch Forum to help Green Mountain Transit make important decisions regarding the route.

In 2017, the JETF continued our winter movie/talk series at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. On January 26, we showed the movie Just Eat It about food waste, on March 23 we presented Leonardo Di Caprio's Catching the Sun which was followed by a talk by local contractor Chris West about proper solar panel siting, and on April 19, the VNRC led a discussion about carbon pricing. Attendance at each of these events was in the 20's and included people from Hinesburg and Underhill.

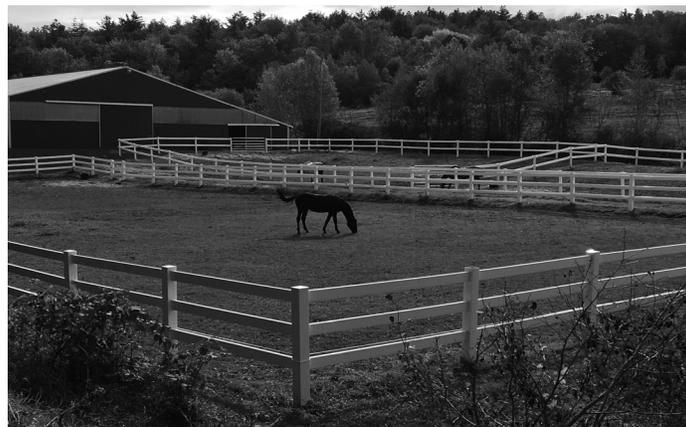
Six households entered our annual icicle contest and 135 people cast ballots for the most impressive icicles on Town Meeting Day. The winner received a free home energy audit which was generously provided by Jim Bradley of Caleb Contracting. We intend to have another icicle contest in 2018.

In our quest to become a repository of information for residents regarding solar power we compiled a list of questions people need to answer before they start their search for a solar provider, questions they might ask the task force for assistance, and questions for them to ask whichever vendor they choose for the work. We discussed ways to help meet the CCRPC's request that towns use 90% renewable energy by 2050 and educated ourselves regarding a tool called the Community Energy Dashboard - [www.vtenergydashboard.org](http://www.vtenergydashboard.org).

In the fall, JETF partnered with Sun Common to promote an event "unveiling" a solar canopy at a home in Jericho Center. We followed that with a heat pump presentation by Efficiency Vermont in October, and in November, task force member Kathie Voigt Walsh invited people to her house to learn about installing insulation. The latter two events were held in conjunction with Button Up Vermont and the first one attracted 44 people.

The Jericho Energy Task Force meets on the third Monday of every month at Town Hall. Since we are a task force, anyone can join and there is no requirement that you attend every meeting. We'd love to see some new faces and get some new ideas.

Task Force Members: Stuart Alexander, Eric Bishop, Donna Freisinger, Larry Lamb, Catherine McMains, Phyl Newbeck (Chair and Secretary), Roger Putzel, Reed Sims, Ceilidh Peden-Spear, and Kathie Voigt Walsh.



## JERICHO FOOD SHELF REPORT

The Essex-Jericho-Underhill Ecumenical Ministry is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, which serves residents of Essex, Jericho and Underhill who are in need of food and emergency aid. The organization is comprised of members of eleven churches and many other committed individuals from the towns we serve. Our board and all individuals who work at the food shelf are volunteers.

As you know, the demand for food shelf services has steadily increased from year to year. Looking at recent demand data, we see the same trend:

11/2016 thru 10/2017 we served 1,102 families

We have every reason to believe demand will continue to increase in the near future considering the economic state in Chittenden County and unemployment rate are still making huge impacts on families.

We feel very fortunate that we receive strong support from residents, school groups, service organizations and small businesses of our towns. This support comes in the form of frozen, canned and packaged food items along with fresh vegetables in season and monetary donations. These donations support more than 75% of the demand. This year we again have found the need to buy food more often since donations have been inadequate to meet our demand.

We are very grateful that the towns of Jericho and Underhill have contributed financially to our organization each year, and we hope that you will consider doing so again in 2017.

This year we are requesting that the towns of Jericho and Underhill each consider including a \$700 line item in their 2017 budgets for the Essex-Jericho-Underhill Ecumenical Ministry Food Shelf. Please help us to continue to support the needs of our neighbors.

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## JERICHO YOUTH LEAGUE REPORT

Thank you to the Town of Jericho again for continuing to support the Jericho Youth League baseball program. 2017 was yet another great year for the Jericho Youth League baseball program. Over 180 players were part of the town league plus we had another 16 girls combine with the Richmond softball league. The league also continued increasing our inter-town play for both on the baseball and softball leagues including the farm division. Three baseball divisions represented Jericho well in the District 3 all-star tournament with one team moving on to the state tournament.

This year also came with further facility enhancements with the help of a few corporate sponsors and many, many local volunteers. Jericho Youth League continues to make further upgrades to the fields and more are planned for 2018 and 2019. The league completed the build of a new press box, continued material additions to all three of the fields at Jericho Elementary School (JES), and completed further work on the snack shack. Coordinating with JES we also added a portable fence in the next few years. Other notable items include JYL being one of 60% of the VT leagues to pass and exceed the safety standards set forth by Little League International, hosting umpire and coach's clinics during the year, and providing umpires for district and state championships. In 2018 we hope to host a District 3 baseball tournament in Jericho; a big step for the program based on field conditions several years ago. Finally, we also continued enhancing the league website that can now be found at [www.brownsriverlittleleague.org](http://www.brownsriverlittleleague.org). We believe this commitment to moving the program forward and creating a positive environment for all players is what has led to the continued success of the league.

Per capita Jericho continues to have the largest participation in the region, much in part to the support of our town and amazing volunteers. 2017 was also the highest number of recorded "scholarships" yielded by the league to players in need of financial and equipment assistance; this is truly one of the direct benefits of the aid given by the town allowing any children wanting to participate the opportunity.

The league would again like to thank the town for their continued support of the Jericho Youth League baseball program. If you have any questions or comments please contact Sean Luitjens at 899-3648 or [sean.luitjens@gmail.com](mailto:sean.luitjens@gmail.com)

# JERICHO FARMERS MARKET REPORT

During the 2017 summer market season, the Jericho Farmers' Market (JFM) continued in its multi-part mission to serve as a family friendly community gathering space, support local farmers and artisans, and ensure that all residents of Jericho have access to fresh, local, food.

A number of popular programs contribute to the community atmosphere at the Market, including the Music at the Market program. In 2017, we had music nearly every week, which was enjoyed by many members of the community. This program continues to be supported by local business sponsors as well as local community members. Another important community program of the JFM is the Power of Produce (POP) Kids Club. The POP Club runs fun educational activities for kids at the market, including enabling them to make their own healthy food choices by giving each participating child \$3 that they can spend on fresh fruits and veggies at the market. The POP program served 128 individual children in the community, with 23% of those participating at least 5 weeks or more during the summer. Many children participated for more than 10 weeks. POP Club promotes healthy habits in Jericho residents from a young age.

Another major goal of the Farmers' Market is to fill the community need for a direct sales outlet for local farmers and an incubator for local businesses. Through our wonderful community of vendors, the Jericho Farmers' Market brought almost \$238,000 into our local economy during the 2017 season, with 64% of those gross sales being in the agricultural sector. This source for Jericho residents to buy directly from farmers and artisans is a vital part of our local economy, and central to the mission of the Jericho Farmers' Market.

As well as supporting the economy as a whole, the Jericho Farmers' Market is committed to serving the food insecure residents of Jericho by offering the option of using SNAP benefits (previously known as food stamps) at the local market. 16% of kids enrolled in Jericho Elementary School qualify for free or reduced lunch,<sup>1</sup> and according to a publication from the Vermont Department of Health, families "who are food insecure must too often compromise quality for quantity, eating higher-calorie but lower cost and nutritionally deficient foods."<sup>2</sup> Through creating access to fresh food, as well as offering SNAP doubling coupons, the JFM works to help all Jericho families have access to high quality local food. As well as supporting Jericho residents through creating access to food, the combination of SNAP redemption and matching programs brought almost \$2,000 in federal food assistance money to our local economy.

Like so many of the wonderful community organizations in the Town of Jericho, the Farmers' Market relies upon volunteers to keep the market running. If you are interested in our mission and want to find out more about volunteering with us, please contact the Market Manager, Elizabeth King at [jerichofarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:jerichofarmersmarket@gmail.com). Additionally, we have a role for a highschool or college student to serve as an Intern with the Farmers' Market in 2018. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in applying for this position, please contact Elizabeth. As always, a thank you is due to all our vendors and especially to our non-vendor board members, Susan Adams and John Koier for all of their help during the 2017 market season. Thank you all, we couldn't do it without you!

Submitted by: Elizabeth King, Jericho Farmers' Market Manager



# JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT

## JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

2016 - 2017

### LIBRARY STAFF

Lisa Buckton, Director  
Skye Ellicock, Assistant

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Beth Seniw, Chair  
Barb Adams, Secretary  
Pat Waite, Treasurer  
Tom Dowd  
Sue MacMillan  
Linda Porter

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 2-5pm  
Tuesday: 2-5pm  
Wednesday: 10am-Noon & 2-7pm  
Thursday: 2-5pm  
Friday: 2-5pm  
Saturday: 10am-Noon

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## 2016-2017 HIGHLIGHTS

### MISSION

To offer free access to books, programs, and other educational resources to promote cultural awareness, and lifelong learning with an emphasis on early literacy for children. The library will provide a welcoming atmosphere that inspires all people in the area it serves to learn, grow, and become better citizens.

### COLLECTIONS & CIRCULATION

JTL has more than 7,900 items in its collection, as well as downloadable e-books and audio books via the Green Mountain Library Consortium. The library continues to expand its collection in unique ways, including its Library of Things, Seed Library, and museum and activity passes. In the last fiscal year, JTL circulated more than 7,750 items.

### COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

JTL facilitated a variety of dynamic programming for patrons of all ages, including: Community Coffeehouse, open mic nights, knitting and sewing workshop series, computer tutoring, book groups, environmentally focused lectures, story times, LEGO club, yoga, and more!

JTL proudly worked in collaboration with the Jericho Farmers Market, MMCTV, Mt. Mansfield Cooperative School, Jericho Elementary School, Jericho Congregational Church, Transition Town Jericho, Jericho Center Country Store, Chittenden County Waste District, Jericho Conservation Commission, Branch Out Burlington, Eagle Scout Troop 627, and the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library.

Collaborative community projects included the installation of Little Free Libraries across Jericho with Eagle Scout Troop 627, cultivating an engaging Summer Reading Program with DRML, and establishing new inter-generational programming to bring community together.

### LOOKING FORWARD

Lisa Buckton, MLS, is newly serving as the Director at JTL. In the upcoming year, Lisa looks to expand the library's programming and engage the greater Jericho community in new and innovative ways. She believes in libraries' ability to transform lives and learning.

"My childhood library was small enough not to be intimidating. And yet I felt the whole world was contained in those two rooms. I could walk any aisle and smell wisdom."

-Rita Dove

# JERICHO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT REPORT

## Library Statistics and information:

The Deborah Rawson Memorial library had 29,323 people visited the library this past year. 59,404 items were checked out. The library had programs for all ages including 200 programs for youth, 220 programs for adults. The library continues to provide books to the XYZ Senior Luncheon as well as the Jeri-Hill Apartments thanks to the volunteer efforts of Nancy Craig. Homebound delivery is available if you physically are unable to come to the library. Just call to request a visit. 899-4962

Currently the library has 26,360 items that include books, magazine subscriptions, DVDs, Books on CD and Music CDs. Downloadable audiobooks and ebooks are also available using our website and a current library card.

The library continues to add new items and offer a wide variety of programs. If you have an idea for a program you would like the library to offer let us know! Sign up to receive our newsletter to see what is happening at the library. You can sign up for it on our website [www.drml.org](http://www.drml.org)

If we don't have what you are looking for we are happy to borrow it from another library for you! DRML is part of a statewide courier system so we can easily get items for you as long as some library in the state owns it. We can also borrow out of state which might take a bit longer. Call the library for more details or with questions. 899-4962.

No computer at home? Stop by and use ours! We have six desktop computers available for anyone to use as well as laptops that adults can use in the building. Our staff is always available to assist you. WiFi is available 24/7 with no password needed. We also have a fax machine, a copier and a scanner available to use for a small fee.

Our Master Gardeners and volunteers delivered to the Jericho Underhill food shelf and Jeri-Hill Apartments produce from the library gardens.

The library hours are Tues. and Thurs. 12-8, Wed. and Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-2 and Sun. 1-4 (Sept through May). The library is closed on Mondays.

## FRIENDS OF THE DRML REPORT

The Friends of the DRML meet once a month at the library to collaborate and coordinate resources and programming with our local library Board and library Director. An Annual meeting is held each November to review the Friends of the DRML current financials and discuss the current year of activities. Both the monthly meetings and the Annual meeting are posted at the library and are open to the public.

The Friends of the DRML provide the library with requested and needed programs, supplies, and equipment that enhance and strengthen our local library. The Friends group sponsors a variety of engaging programs and speakers, reflective of youth and adult interests. Recently, the Friends group has purchased multiple museum memberships.

Revenues are raised by way of donations to the Friends of DRML, the sale of books, buttons, bumper stickers, tote bags, and puppets. Opportunities to attend a Friends of the DRML meeting and support the important and valuable asset of our community library are posted on the Friend's bulletin board above the library photo copier. Please join us!

Friends of the DRML, Christine Ryan, Secretary/Treasurer

# JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT REPORT

The spectacular view of Mt. Mansfield welcomes many visitors to Mills Riverside Park. This 216-acre property encompasses diverse habitats that include river corridor, open meadow with a pond and many acres of forested hillside. Six miles of trail accommodate recreational use year round. This summer a people counter was installed in the covered bridge to give the Park District an idea of daily traffic. Over 400 visitors frequent the park per day on average. The most popular reason to visit the park is to exercise one's dog. The off-leash area provides a wide loop trail that lends itself to socializing. Many enjoy meeting up with friends throughout the day to ensure a fun walk for both canines and humans alike. The Park District distributes doggie pick up bags in three locations and collects in three as well. About 10,000 pick up bags are utilized per year.

Besides the regular visitor, the Park is becoming very popular for all day school field trips. This year, students from Burlington, Essex and Jericho explored the river for water quality, the pond for amphibians, the meadows for butterflies, and the forest for wildflowers and animal tracks. The park has an abundance of habitats that are easily accessed and fit neatly into a school curriculum. The pavilion serves as a gathering area and lunch spot.

The Park District's Summer Concert Series is always well attended. Families arrive with a blanket and picnic for several hours of enjoyable music. Every year, a schedule of five bands is created to entertain the community and to celebrate summer.

The athletic playing fields are heavily utilized in the spring with boy's and girl's lacrosse and soccer. There is a one-week soccer camp in July and football starts in August and continues into November. Fields are scheduled on a first come, first served basis with community teams given priority.

The Farmers' Market has become a tradition. A wide variety of vendors offer local produce, specialty products, ready-made entrees, crafts and more. Music frequently enhances the event. Park picnic tables help establish the location on the broad front lawn.

The Park District Board of Trustees is dedicated to managing the park and scheduling the pavilion and the athletic playing fields. In addition, a focus has been to restore and improve our hillside trail system. Clay soils, ledge and water have eroded the trails over time. A grant application to the Department of Parks and Recreation was not successful but will be applied for again. In the meantime, the Park District hired Timber and Stone LLC to begin the trail work on West Fieldstone Loop. We will continue this work as our budget allows and with grant support, more will be accomplished. Another activity was the revision and adoption of the Park's Management Plan.

Balancing the popularity of the park and its many recreational uses with important wildlife habitat is also the responsibility of the Park District. Trails were designed to take advantage of scenic views and interesting natural features but not to intrude on the more sensitive habitat. A sizable area of the park at higher elevation has no trail and is identified by a sign as a "Wildlife Habitat Area". Other important habitats also have restrictions.

The Jericho Underhill Park District meets the first and third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Rawson Library's project room. The public is always invited to attend and we welcome any comments or concerns. The Park's website, [www.millsriversidepark.org](http://www.millsriversidepark.org) provides a lot of information about the park, how to reserve, park documents and more. A Facebook page is also useful.

The Jericho Underhill Park District Board of Trustees is comprised of seven, hardworking members with a sincere interest in the park. There are plenty of opportunities to assist at the park and volunteers are welcome!

Livy Strong Chairperson  
Marie Lynch Vice-Chair  
James Massingham Secretary

Carol Smith Treasurer  
Andrew French (Website)  
Judie Jones (Field scheduling)  
Paul Noel (land stewardship)

See you at the park!

# JERICHO-UNDERHILL WATER DISTRICT REPORT

Former JUWD trustee president, Peter Mitchell, served as Moderator for the 2016 Annual Meeting. The Board consisted of Joseph P. O'Brien, President, Jason P. Ritter, Trustee and Stephen Jennings, Trustee. Jane Maheux served as Clerk and Treasurer and the assistant Clerk was Jason Ritter. Meter Reader and Collector was Dwight DeCoster, and the Auditors were Vicki Milton, Harland Blodgett, and Bill VanDeVenter. Marc Maheux performed the duties of Chief Operator and was assisted by Assistant Operator Michael R. Willard. Helen Miller was our local water tester. The Board wishes to thank everyone for their work this past year.

The Jericho-Underhill Water District provided drinking water and fire hydrant access to 324 residential and business connections representing about 900 people within the District. During the past year drinking water supplied to the District averaged about 48,000 gallons per day. Water delivered to District customers this year was of high quality and adequate quantity and met all state and federal requirements.

Listed below are some highlights of the past year:

- Our staff continued identifying all roadside curb stops so that we could have all locations mark by GPS technology as part of the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant that we received. Mapping of all assets will be completed throughout the year and all data will be digitalized.
- The Board of Trustees worked on new language and made editing changes in the district's Regulations Manual. Work on this continued for most of the year.
- The Board was informed that our engineered plan of improvement for customers on Maple Ridge Road was approved by the State as a 'fundable project'. The estimated cost of \$350,000 that would take customers off the cistern at the top of the road and provide required pressure levels was discussed. The Board decided not to bring the funding question (bonding vote) to our customers for the project because of the cost and improvements for only eight homes.
- The Board and staff reviewed our Allocation for Service application process and added new language requiring more details from those seeking to become customers of the JUWD. We now require engineer drawings for all new hook-ups.
- We were very pleased with the work of O'Leary and Burke Engineering of Essex in their continued documentation by GPS of all curb stops and all service lines and other JUWD assets.
- Marc Maheux, our Chief Operator, created a computer application that accompanies our meter reading program that monitors overuse for individual house readings. This program alerts us to possible leaks, especially in homes that may be vacant for extended periods.
- The JUWD Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed throughout the year. Items of improvement needs with time lines and estimated costs are tracked with this plan. The Board has a goal of slowly building up funds for Capital Improvement so that we can make need repairs and improvements without bonding or borrowing money.
- Assistant Operator Mike Willard temporarily supported the JUWD in the role of Chief Operator as Marc Maheux had back surgery and physical therapy. Marc continued to advise the district in a limited role for over a month.
- Testing of water continued throughout the year with excellent results. We tested for lead, nitrates, radium, coliform bacteria and acids.
- A large loss of water was recorded in April and we finally found an extensive break in the service line at the Underhill I D School. Repairs were complete and approximately 15,000 to 20,000 gallons of water per day were save from going into the ground. Underhill ID School had another break in the service line in June and was required to replace their entire service line.
- A large leak was also discovered on Maple Ridge Rd in July. A quick fix was completed on a cracked pipe feeding the cistern. Thanks to Ralph Russin Excavating for their quick and steady response.
- The Board adopted a budget for the 2019 FY with a 3.5% increase in rates.
- The average water use through the year has been about 48,000 gallons per day with the exception of two months when leaks and broken pipes were discovered. We are presently investigating problems with one of our wells and pumps. Repairs have been made to bring pumping capacity up to previously recorded levels. More investigation is continuing on Pump #1 while Pump #2 is producing all water being pumped to our three tanks.

Joseph P. O'Brien, President  
Jason Ritter, Trustee  
Stephen Jennings, Trustee

# MOBBS FARM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Mobbs Farm committee is a group of residents serving to manage the Town-owned 278-acre property. Committee members are appointed by the Selectboard on a rotating schedule. Anyone interested in serving may contact the committee (mobbscommittee@hotmail.com) or the Town Hall.

In 2017 the committee oversaw rebuilding of the Riverview trail; this was in response to extensive erosion over the years. In addition, a new trail (Working Dawgs) was built to bypass a particularly wet (and environmentally sensitive) section of the Out n' Back trail. In both cases the work was performed by trail builders from Fellowship of the Wheel. More trail hardening and wet spot improvements will be pursued in 2018 and 2019, as well as updates to the trail maps.

Trail mowing was contracted to AKT Property; field brush hogging was contracted to All Seasons Property Maintenance. The fields are brush hogged (three sections) on a three-year rotating basis; the trails are mowed as needed.

Fruit trees were planted in the sumac meadow; these will provide (in a number of years) food for both residents and forest friends.

Numerous volunteers participated in our Spring and Fall workdays, at which a number of projects were undertaken. Many thanks to Brian Stone of the Garden of Eatin' for providing sandwiches and soup for the crew.

The largest committee concern is excessive parking at the Fitzsimonds parking lot (the parking off Browns Trace continues to be underutilized). The committee is aggressively considering the development of more trails on the hill side, and improved parking on Fitzsimonds road.

The committee maintains a Facebook page and a presence on the Town website, where meeting agendas and minutes are available. The Mobbs Farm Committee meets on the 4th Monday of every month, 7 pm, at the town hall.



Fall cleanup crew

# LISTERS' REPORT

The housing market in Jericho continues to be strong. Jericho is seeing an increase in new homes being built and properties are selling at or above asking prices. Realtors are still reporting that inventory of houses on the market still remains low, which has an impact on price and speed at which properties are selling.

The listers will be out throughout the year verifying zoning permits, updating information, etc. If you have an outstanding permit that requires an interior inspection, we would appreciate if you would call the Listers Office to make an appointment when the work is complete at 802-899-2640 X107 or email us at [listers@jerichovt.gov](mailto:listers@jerichovt.gov).

The Listers' Office is and continues to be a resource to the community with a wealth of information all of which is public. Feel free to stop by and visit us, whether it be to review your record, gather information or just say "HI".

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## PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The 2017 year started with the reversal of previously accepted changes to zoning regulations by Australian Ballot. 485 voters approved the changes 493 voters rejected the changes

In the spring of 2016, the Planning Commission bid a sad good-bye to long-time member, Phyl Newbeck. In her stead, we welcomed Wendy Verrei Berenback. In the fall we also said good-bye to Katie Forleo, at this time we await a new member heading into 2018.

A Municipal Planning Grant funded project on the Commercial District brought out many interested parties, the project was ultimately put on hold while the Planning Commission focused on updates of the Land Use and Development Regulations that they had begun in 2016. The updates were mostly small in nature, bringing the regulations in line with 2016 Town Plan language, such as a change in the names of two of our districts (Agricultural to Rural/Agricultural Residential and Rural Residential to Low Density Residential) and clarifying how development may occur in the Riverside Character Based Zoning District. These amendments were adopted by the Selectboard in August 2017.

Following the January Vote, the PC felt their time was best served trying to hear the public speak. Through the spring and the early summer, we held additional monthly meetings where we invited the public to attend and offer comments on any issue that was planning related, good or bad. We heard about varying issues such a green burials, updating the Land Use telecommunication standards, traffic and bike/pedestrian concerns, allowing for and developing affordable housing for young families and seniors and continued support for working on the Commercial District. In the late summer and early fall we had a table at the Jericho Farmers Market. Our goals were in to interact with the public outside of Planning Commission meetings, communicate with members of the public that don't typically attend meetings and increase the public's knowledge about planning projects in town. We heard from a variety folks about issues and were encouraged to continue further outreach at upcoming events. Additionally, we made an effort to make the work of the Commission available to the public through providing meeting updates on the Town website, Front Porch Forum and Facebook.

Members of the Jericho Planning Commission attended educational events including a state sponsored planning workshop, and a workshop on regional economic development. We also learned about the Planning Commission's role as enabled by state statute and revised our operating procedures.

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. and we invite members of the public to come and provide input as we help shape Jericho's future. If you are unable to attend, you can watch the MMCTV videotapes of our meetings online or on television.

Susan Bresee (vice chair), Jason Cheney (chair), Samantha Dunn, Erik Glitman, and Conor Lahiff.

# RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Jericho Recreation Committee was formed in January 2016 with the goal of improving the well-being of our community by expanding and supporting a variety of recreational opportunities for young and old, and bringing cohesiveness to the diverse recreational activities already provided in the community. We meet twice a month, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. If you are interested in serving your community within a hands-on committee devoted to making and having fun, please send a message to [todit@jerichovt.gov](mailto:todit@jerichovt.gov) or call the town administrator at 899-9970.

In February of 2017, the recreation committee completed the “Recreation Needs Assessment and Planning Report”. The assessment can be viewed on the Jericho Recreation Committee website at [www.jerichorecreation.org/assessment](http://www.jerichorecreation.org/assessment). Bob Barcelona, PhD, and his team from the Department of Recreation Management & Policy at the University of New Hampshire conducted the study which allowed the community to take a good look at itself through eyes of a recreation-minded survey. Strong community participation was the key in producing the assessment that is providing valuable information as we continue to promote high quality recreation in Jericho.

The Recreation Committee has sponsored events such as bus and theater tickets to the Flynn Theater in Burlington. During the summer of 2017, we partnered with Green Mountain Transit and The Jericho Energy Task Force to present an a program for Summer Recreation campers about alternative sources of transportation.

Please visit [www.jerichorecreation.org](http://www.jerichorecreation.org) to browse recreation events and activities in our community! It’s an online catalog, with simple tools for anyone to add events, classes, clubs, and team information. We hope this easy-to-use website will be a useful tool for everyone hoping to find some recreation, and also for people who want to promote their activities.

If you have any ideas for us, please let us know by coming to a meeting, send a message to [jerichorecreation@gmail.com](mailto:jerichorecreation@gmail.com) or call committee chairperson Kim Mercer at 899-5190.

Jericho Recreation Committee: Tate Brannan, Ryan Dudley, Ruth Dunkley, Christopher Forleo, Kim Norman Mercer, Aimee Randall, and Will Wright



*Memorial bench for Phyllis Gray at Mobbs Park*

# SUMMER RECREATION REPORT

Jericho Summer camp opened another season on Monday, June 26th and completed the summer on Friday, August 4th. Assistant Directors, Dakotah Patnode (older camp) and Madison Sanguinetti (younger camp) helped lead the camp under the direction of Lynn Wagner. Dakotah Patnode returned for her 4th summer as the Assistant Director. Her expertise with middle school aged children is beyond evident as she sets a positive environment filled with exciting activities throughout the day. Dakotah has built upon relationships from the previous summers and has made new relationships with new families that joined our camp family. Madison Sanguinetti returned as an experienced and beyond valued Assistant Director at the younger camp. Madison has an amazing smile and she makes superb connections with campers and families. Her personality is a perfect match for our camp. We are privileged to have Madison at our camp. Darcy Patnode and Victoria Rosales have joined our leadership team and help implement camp activities and makes connections with campers to make camp a positive place to be!

This summer (2017) Browns River Middle School was not able to house our summer camp due to construction . Mount Mansfield was willing to host. It is to be noted how incredible the staff was at MMU. Very welcoming, accommodating and clearly making sure these campers had a great experience.

The camp served 301 campers this summer – 157 at Jericho Elementary Camp and 144 at Mount Mansfield. There were 22 CIT's (Counselor In Training) and 20 local counselors benefited from the summer program. Twenty-one campers received scholarships from local organizations, churches, community donors, and businesses which are coordinated by Janet Grant. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please contact Janet Grant (899-5534) for further information.

Campers explored many different activities throughout the summer such as basketball, cooking class, scavenger hunts, floor hockey, volleyball, many creative arts & crafts projects, water activities, tag games, nature walk/activities, ball games, building, volleyball, lacrosse, kickball, the whimsical world of games, board games, computer, playdough, card games, dance and many more! The Jericho Elementary ventured on 6 different field trips: Get Air, Waterbury Reservoir with Kayaking from Umiak Kayaks, Majestic 10, Sandbar, Lake Iroquois, Northern Rock and Ice, and Pizza Putt. Browns River Camp ventured on six field trips as well to: Majestic 10, Bowling, Lake Elmore with BBQ, Jay Peak, Lake Iroquois and Arbortrek.

The Jericho Elementary Camp offered an opportunity by Gym Kids Academy, Inc. this summer. The program taught the campers simple choreographed dance moves and cheers. A performance for parents was held The Gym Kids Academy Inc., also offered tennis lessons to preK – 3rd grade campers. Other programs such as Outdoor Laser tag (BRMS), Bouncy House (JES) and Supersounds (BRMS) were utilized this summer. These events are very popular.

For more information about the Recreation Program, please visit the Town of Jericho website at [www.jerichovt.gov](http://www.jerichovt.gov). This website will provide information such as counselor and counselor in training applications, an informational brochure, a registration form and newsletters that describe the daily activities and field trips that are offered. Please also feel free to email the camp director, Lynn Wagner at [lwagner@jerichovt.gov](mailto:lwagner@jerichovt.gov).

Lynn Wagner, Director of Jericho Summer Camp  
[lwagner@jerichovt.gov](mailto:lwagner@jerichovt.gov)



*Last years Summer Rec Camp adventure*

# TOWN CLERK REPORT

## Jericho Town Clerk

### Annual Town Report 2017

#### Vital Records

During the 2017 calendar year there were: 25 marriages, 56 births, and 35 deaths (13 of whom died in Jericho).

#### Election

Election dates this year include: Town Meeting on March 6, Vermont State Primary on August 14, and the General Election on November 6, 2018. The Secretary of state has been developing an online Election Management System (VEMS). You can register to vote online or check your registration at <https://www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>.

#### Dog Registration

The Select Board is continuing the incentive to waive the fee for timely dog registration by April 1, 2018. There were 923 dogs licensed in Jericho for 2017 and 15 unlicensed dogs. Jericho dogs should be wearing the new orange acorn shape tag by April 1, 2018. A copy of a valid rabies certificate needs to be on file in the Town Clerk Office in order for the new tag to be issued.

#### Continuing Education

In May 2017 I traveled to Montreal for the annual meeting of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), the global parliament of town clerks. The IIMC was founded in 1947 and is the leading professional association serving the needs of municipal clerks, secretaries, treasurers, recorders, and other allied associations from cities and towns worldwide. The goals of IIMC are to promote education and training, professional development, certification, public service, mutual assistance and goodwill, and skill development. As I crossed the boarder back into the States with the Shelburne and Williston Town Clerks, the customs agent asked, "What do you do at an international meeting of Town Clerks?" We answered, "Create world peace." It was interesting to hear from the Netherlands and Belgium Town Clerks about how their municipalities were handling the migration of refugees from Syria.

#### With Thanks

The Town Tea was held the second Sunday in January 2018 at the Jericho Town Hall. We honored the Conservation Commission. Stanely Knapp of Jericho Corner's will be turning 90 this year on Town Meeting Day March 6. Stanley Knapp, a Korean War Veteran has kept a watchful eye over the only veteran memorial in Jericho at the triangle by Joe's Snack Bar. Thanks to Tina Gallagher and Frank Popeleski for helping maintain the plantings by the veteran memorial.

#### Respectfully Submitted

Jessica R. Alexander, Town Clerk for Jericho  
Certified Vermont Clerk through the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association and  
Certified Municipal Clerk through International Institute of Municipal Clerks



#### CLERK OFFICE STAFF

Jessica Alexander,  
Town Clerk

Lisa Buckton,  
Assistant Town Clerk

Sandra Tillotson,  
Assistant Town Clerk

Caroline Hill,  
Junior Town Clerk

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# TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Select Board created the JTC as an advisory committee to: maintain existing non-motorized public trails, educate neighbors regarding access and use and to work to create new public recreation trails. Currently designated uses of non-motorized trails and pathways include: walking, running, skiing, biking, and horseback riding as terrain, infrastructure and landowner permission allow. The JTC has inventoried local trails & pathways and have catalogued designated uses. We have created a comprehensive, town wide, bicycle-pedestrian map in conjunction with Chittenden County Regional Planning (CCRPC) that now available on the Town of Jericho website.

In 2017, the JTC has continued to progress a number of projects and initiatives we believe will broaden recreational, non-motorized trail access for our neighbors.

- This summer, pedestrian safety was significantly improved with the addition of a raised crosswalk in Jericho Village in front of the Jericho General Store. In addition, flashing beacons approaching crosswalks when entering village were installed. This improvement was the result of a multilevel VTRANS grant the town received after soliciting input from the JTC on pedestrian safety priorities.
- After meeting the conditions of approval from the Development Review Board for parking lot redesign and construction at the Rt. 117 access, the JTC received a permit for construction of a parking area that will provide public access to the 1.3 mile river trail running parallel to the Winooski River. The JTC has submitted budget estimates for the required lot & trail clearing work to the Select Board as it strategizes budget priorities for FY '19. We hope to see work begin next Spring.
- In 2017, we have continued efforts to develop trail connectivity between the Kikus Farm Land Trust and the Barber Farm Land Trust and are pursuing a long-term vision to create hiking, biking & x-country ski trail connectivity across Barber Farm Rd. that would pass through VTrans land between Rt. 117 and Tarbox Rd, the Jericho Research Forest and ending in the Mobbs Valley trail network. Discussion with involved landowners is underway, a crossing site on the Mill River has been identified. Completion of needed agreements, easements and trail mapping will be another top JTC priority for 2018.
- In 2018, we will work with the town to secure grants and funding to confirm an alternative for extending bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure within Jericho Corners and for connecting the Western end of Lee River Rd. to existing Jericho Corners bike/ped infrastructure.
- A significant logging effort to remove problem trees from the perimeter of the Jericho Town forest took place this Fall. In addition, the same parcel sustained significant tree damage and downage from the October 29th wind event. In 2018, the JTC will initiate efforts to work with volunteers and adjacent landowners to address and remediate these impacts. When completed, the JTC will post signage and mapping of the recreational trails network at entry points to make designated trail use clear and navigation easier for walkers and bikers.
- We continue to actively assess pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure recommendations and are working to identify bike/ped opportunities on town-owned easements and connectivity with adjacent landowners willing to confer easements or access. The Town of Jericho completed a comprehensive transportation plan in 2015 that serves as guidepost for JTC planning strategies for a bike/pedestrian friendly future.

The JTC meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. We encourage neighbors with interest in extending trail access on their property to others in the community to contact us. Any use or development of trails on private lands will progress only with the permission of the landowner and with signed landowner agreements presented to the Select Board. The current chair of the JTC or committee members may be contacted should usage or development issues arise. The current (2016-2017) Chairperson is John Abbott, who may be reached at 802.324.3694.

# OUTSIDE AGENCIES

A full report of these agencies is posted on our website under the tab “Town Meeting”. Outside Agencies are organizations and institutions that provide diverse services to the citizens of the Town of Jericho. **In order for any outside agency to be awarded monies from the Town of Jericho they need to submit the following: a discretionary funding application and a letter of support for the request. You can see a copy of the Discretionary funding application on our website.**

## Mandated:

Chittenden County Tax 175 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 951-5106	
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission 110 West Canal Street, Winooski, VT 05404	(802) 846-4490	www.ccrpcvt.org
Deborah Rawson Memorial Library (JULD) 8 River Road, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-4962	www.drml.org
Jericho Underhill Park District (JUPD) PO Box 164, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-2693	www.millsriversidepark.org
Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602	800-649-7915	www.vlct.org

## Non-Mandated:

Age Well previously known as Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA) 76 Pearl Street, Suite 201, Essex Jct., VT 05452	800-642-5119	www.agewellvt.org
Child Care Resource (CCR) 181 Commerce Street, Williston, VT 05495	800-339-3367	www.childcareresource.org
CCTA-now Green Mountain Transit 15 Industrial Parkway, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 864-2282	www.cctaride.org
Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf (CEFS) 228 N. Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 658-7939	www.feedingchittenden.org
Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) 50 Cherry Street, Suite 102, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 652-6800	www.cusi-vermont.org
Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) PO Box 1616, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 864-7402	www.cotsonline.org
Essex Rescue, Inc. (ERI) 1 Educational Drive, Essex Jct., VT 05452	(802) 878-4859	www.essexrescue.org
Jericho Farmers Market 26 Saxon Lane, Jericho, VT 05465		jerichofarmersmarket.com
Greater Burlington Industrial Corp. PO Box 786, 60 Main Street, Burlington VT 05401	(802) 862-5726	www.gbicvt.org
Howard Center 208 Flynn Avenue, Suite 3J, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 488-6900	www.howardcenter.org
Jericho Center Cemetery Association PO Box 1106, Jericho Center, VT 05465	(802) 899-3879	
Jericho Center Preservation (Community Center) PO Box 1084, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2366	www.CommunityCenterinJericho.com
Jericho Food Shelf -Essex/Jericho/Underhill Ecumenical Ministry(Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) PO Box 65, Jericho, VT 05465		
Jericho Town Library On the Green, 7 Jericho Center Circle, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-4686	www.jerichotownlibrary.org

outside agencies continued.....

Jericho Youth League PO Box 350, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-3648	please contact Sean Luitjens at sean.luitjens@gmail.com
Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors	(802) 899-4446	
Memorial Day Observance (Cub Scouts put Flags on gravesites)		Cub Scouts
Our Community Cares Camp PO Box 503, Richmond, VT 05477	(802) 434-6006	www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org
Richmond Rescue 216 Railroad Street, Richmond, VT 05477	(802) 434-2394	www.richmondrescue.org
Underhill Jericho Fire Department PO Box 150, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-4025	www.ujfd.org
Vermont Cares PO Box 5248, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 863-2437	www.vtcares.org
Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) 11 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602	800-639-1522	www.vcil.org
Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden County (VNA) 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446	800-427-1908	www.vnacares.org
Winooski Valley Park District (WVPD) Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington, VT 05408	(802) 863-5744	www.wvpd.org
Steps to End Domestic Violence previously known as Women Helping Battered Women PO Box 1535, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 658-3131	www.stepsvt.org

**Other agencies:**

Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) 1021 Redmond Road, Williston, VT 05495	(802) 872-8100	www.cswd.net
Jericho Cemetery Association Pleasant View Cemetery	(802) 899-1165	Sexton: Ron Douchie
Jericho Underhill Library District 8 River Road, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-4962	www.drml.org
Jericho Underhill Land Trust (JULT) PO Box 80, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2693	www.jult.org
Jericho Underhill Park District PO Box 164, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-2693	www.millsriversidepark.org
Jericho-Underhill Water District (JUWD) PO Box 174, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-3810	http://jerichounderhillwater.org
Village of Jericho Water District 4B Red Mill Drive, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2938	email to : jerichovtvillage@comcast.net



## UNDERHILL – JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Non-Emergency Phone Number: 802-899-4025

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

The UJFD considers the FY 16 – 17 year a success. This year we executed our mission safely and under budget.

During the year we were able to complete the evaluation and purchase of 26 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for our firefighters. The funding for this purchase was obtained via a Fire Act Grant. After receipt of the SCBA's we had a full training night with the manufacturer's representative to familiarize our firefighters with the features of the new SCBA. In the following weeks we held hands on training. Following the final hands on training all the new SCBAs were placed in service. We now have units that will keep our firefighters safe and we comply with the latest safety standards. Included in the grant were funds to allow the department to purchase an enclosed filling station that is now NFPA compliant. This unit allows the cylinders to be placed in a blast proof housing while filling them to prevent any injuries to our firefighters while filling the cylinders.

We also applied for and received a grant to purchase a new gear extractor and drier. The latest research shows that our protective gear holds the carcinogens from a fire and that washing that gear immediately after a fire is one of the best ways to protect our firefighters from the risks of cancer. After a thorough evaluation we have chosen the units that will serve our department well and have made the preparations for their arrival.

The department has started to act on the Fire Service Task Force recommendations to update our bylaws for a modern 501(c3) organization. The work is being accomplished by a committee of department members and is proceeding. An open item from the Task Force report are to work on a new contract with the towns. We hope to start that process in the coming year.

In regards to the Rivers Land, the UJFD is still committed to working with the Town of Jericho to meet the objectives of both the department and the town in regards to use of the land and preservation of the Gateway to Jericho. We have been working with the town as time allows to further the process. It has been slow going but progress is being made.

### **Budget Report**

For FY 16 – 17 the UJFD saw our call volume remain the same from the previous year. For FY 15 – 16 we had 320 calls while in FY 16 – 17 we had 321 calls. Unfortunately our second full time firefighter Sean McCann departed the organization for other endeavors. Sean is still a volunteer member of the department. We completed the year within our allocated budget. If anyone has questions regarding the UJFD budget, please contact us at 899-4025 or by email at [info@ujfd.org](mailto:info@ujfd.org) and we will gladly discuss any questions you may have.

The UJFD has produced a much more detailed report that can be viewed at the department's website, [WWW.UJFD.ORG](http://WWW.UJFD.ORG). Please take a few minutes to review our report and learn about the UJFD.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mathew Champlin Chief  
Underhill – Jericho Fire Department

**UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE  
DEPARTMENT INC.  
2016 - 2017 Budget Report  
2018 - 2019 Budget Request**

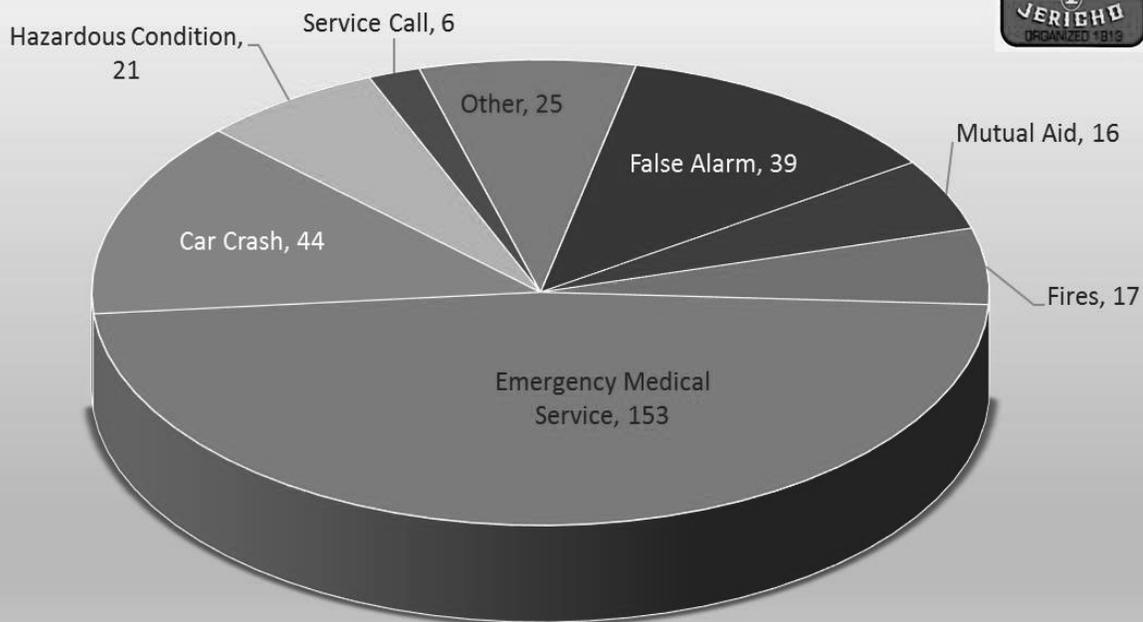
	BUDGET 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2016-2017	BUDGET 2017 - 2018	BUDGET REQUEST 2018 - 2019
<b>INCOME:</b>				
UNDERHILL	217,799	217,799	224,989	214,074
JERICHO	326,699	326,699	337,484	321,111
ESSEX RESCUE OVERTIME REIMBURSEMENT	0	417	0	
OTHER	0	4,226	0	
RENT ESSEX RESCUE	0	30	0	
DONATIONS	0	1,209	0	
GRANT INCOME	0	180,167		
INCOME FROM RESERVES FIREFIGHTER PHYSICALS				2,794
INCOME FROM FULL TIME PAYROLL RESERVE				40,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$544,498</b>	<b>\$730,546</b>	<b>\$562,473</b>	<b>\$577,979</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
PAID ON CALL STIPENDS	67,600	58,656	63,000	60,000
FULL TIME STAFF				
FULL TIME SALARY	71,000	77,332	73,500	104,000
FULL TIME BENEFITS	15,000	7,927	18,000	25,000
FULL TIME UNIFORM		1,953		3,000
EMS SUPPORT	37,990	0	39,800	0
FICA & MEDICARE FULL TIME AND PAID ON CALL STAFF	11,410	10,543	14,000	14,000
LEGAL	300	793	300	500
ACCOUNTING SERVICE	8,000	8,379	9,000	9,000
PROFESSIONAL AUDIT	5,000	10,584	5,500	8,000
INSURANCE				
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	16,000	19,346	17,000	22,500
INSURANCE AUTO	16,000	14,128	16,000	16,000
INSURANCE, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, LIABILITY	16,000	18,563	16,000	18,000
INSURANCE ACCIDENT / DISABILITY	4,300	3,433	4,500	4,000
HEAT/PHONE/INTERNET/ELECTRICITY/WATER	18,200	16,032	18,000	18,000
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	24,000	32,435	30,000	30,000
VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT FUEL	8,500	4,157	7,500	6,500
NFPA ANNUAL PUMP TEST	1,500	1,460	1,550	1,100
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	3,000	535	2,500	2,500
NFPA ANNUAL HOSE TESTING	3,500	2,934	3,500	3,500
FIRE EDUCATION/PREVENTION/TRAINING	3,000	3,238	3,000	3,000
STATION MAINTENANCE	14,000	10,761	14,000	16,000
FIREFIGHTER SAFETY EQUIPMENT	13,000	12,764	13,000	13,000
FIREFIGHTER SAFETY EQUIPMENT LOAN PAYMENT(Capital)	9,400	8,843	12,300	0
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	5,000	1,872	4,000	4,000
NEW EQUIPMENT & HOSE	10,000	7,097	10,000	9,000
DRY HYDRANT INSTALLATION PROGRAM	1,000	0	1,000	500
EXTRICATION & HAZMAT EQUIPMENT	4,000	2,301	3,000	3,000
FIREFIGHTER PERSONAL SAFETY	6,000	3,777	6,000	10,000
ANNUAL AWARDS AND APRECIATION	3,500	3,193	3,500	3,500
MISCELLANEOUS	450	280	450	500
OFFICE EXPENSE	6,000	6,248	6,000	6,250
INSURANCE EXPENSES (BLDG AND TRUCK REPAIRS)		0		
GRANT EXPENSES		204,352		
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>				
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				100,429
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$544,498</b>	<b>\$693,844</b>	<b>\$562,473</b>	<b>\$514,779</b>
<b>TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUNDS</b>				
CAREER SALARY RESERVE	0	36,702	0	
CAPITAL FUND				63,200
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$36,702</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$63,200</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$544,498</b>	<b>\$730,546</b>	<b>\$562,473</b>	<b>\$577,979</b>

## UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

Reserve Account Statement	Ending Balance As of 6/30/2016	Transactions	Ending Balance As of 6/30/2017
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>			
CAPITAL FUND	\$103,278	\$22,373	\$125,651
<b>PAYROLL RESERVES</b>			
PAID ON CALL PAYROLL RESERVE	\$40,053	\$0	\$40,053
FULL TIME SALARY RESERVE	\$37,901	\$36,702	\$74,603
<b>MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES</b>			
NEW EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$11,114	\$0	\$11,114
PRIVATE DONATIONS	\$8,416	\$3,465	\$11,881
MEMORIAL PARK	\$1,577	-\$350	\$1,227
TRAINING CENTER	\$3,975	\$0	\$3,975
FIREFIGHTER PERSONAL SAFETY (PHYSICALS)	\$2,794	\$0	\$2,794
CAR SEAT SAFETY	\$4,930	\$0	\$4,930
<b>Explanation of changes to reserve accounts:</b>			
<b>Capital Fund:</b> \$22373 Budgeted transfer amount added			
<b>Paid on call Payroll Reserve:</b> No Change			
<b>Full Time Salary Reserve:</b> \$36702 transferred underspend			
<b>New Equipment Reserve:</b> No Change			
<b>Private Donations Fund:</b> Donations of \$3465 dollars			
<b>Memorial Park:</b> Net Expenses of \$350 for care of the garden			

Rivers Land Account Statement		
	Actual 2015-2016	Actual 2016-2017
<b>INCOME:</b>		
STARTING CASH BALANCE	\$47,357	\$35,884
RIVERS HOUSE RENTAL	\$14,308	\$14,340
GRAVEL PIT	\$9,507	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$20	\$22
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$61,685</b>	<b>\$50,246</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
HOUSE REPAIRS	\$3,512	\$277
WELL	\$0	
PERMITS	\$0	
UTILITIES FUEL\ELECTRICITY		
PIT CLOSURE BOND	\$1,950	\$1,950
LEGAL		\$3,220
PROPERTY TAXES	\$9,445	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$10,894	-\$223
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$25,801</b>	<b>\$5,224</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>\$35,884</b>	<b>\$45,022</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
SECURITY DEPOSIT	\$2,390	\$2,390
TAXES DUE		\$27,435
LEGAL EXPENSES DUE		\$14,880
OTHER DUE	\$74	\$297

**UJFD Incident Breakdown 2016 - 2017**

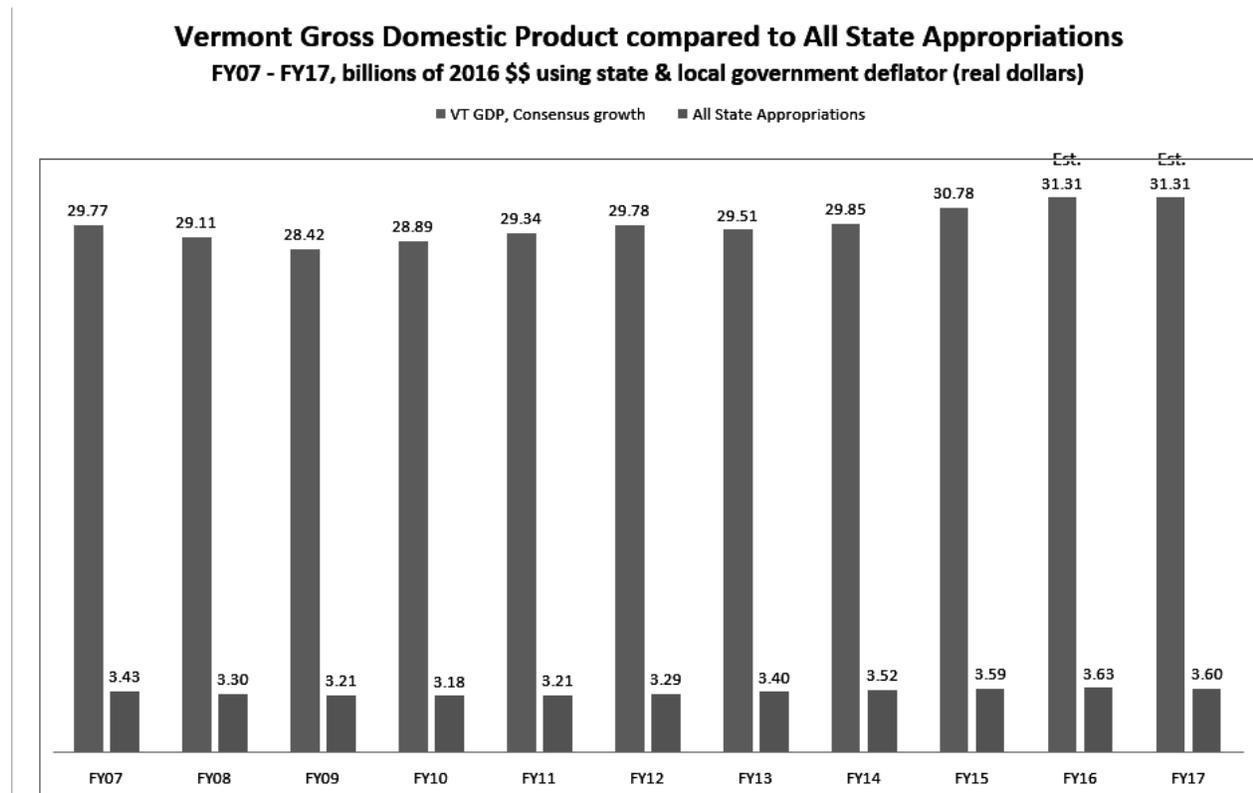


# Representative George Till

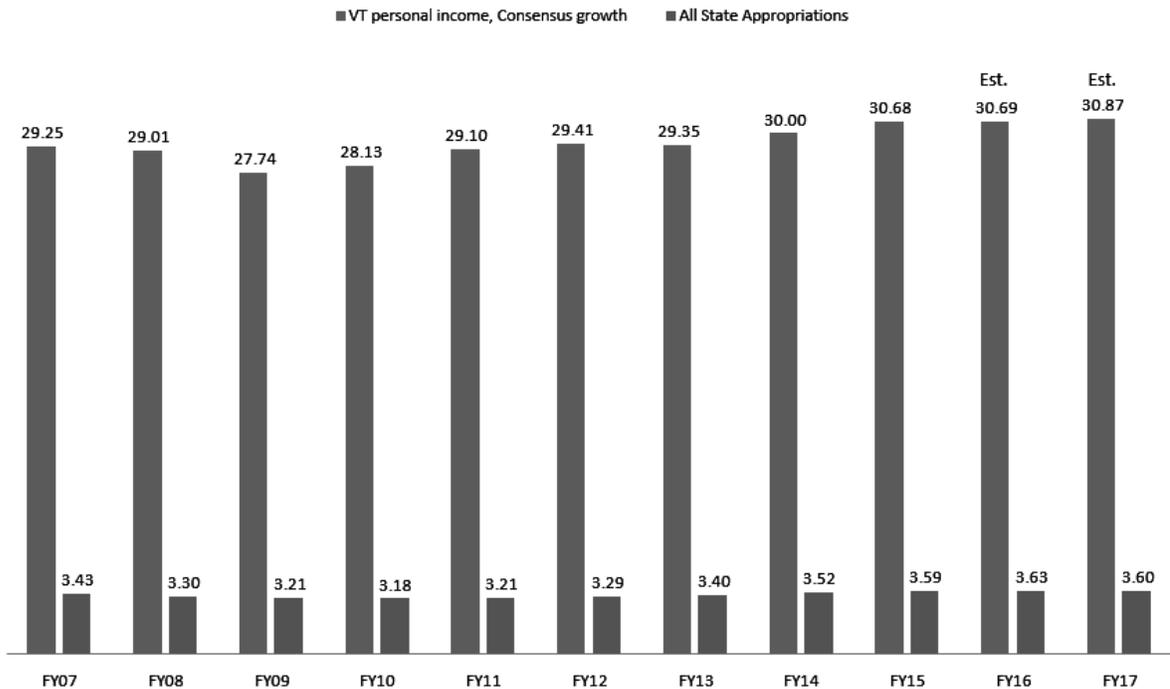
Town Annual Report 2018

I want to begin by again thanking the voters of Jericho and Underhill for allowing me to represent you in the Vermont Legislature. I will continue to do my best to work for transparent government, responsive to the needs of Vermont. I will continue to work in a non-partisan manor with my only goal being what is best for Vermont. I will continue to think independently and not have my votes dictated by party leadership.

First, I'd like to share several interesting charts. We often hear that Vermont state spending is "out of control". In fact, Vermont state spending levels have remained relatively constant when compared with both Vermont Gross Domestic Product and Vermonters' Personal income over the past decade as shown below.



**Personal Income compared to All State Appropriations**  
**FY07 - FY17, billions of 2016 \$\$ using state & local government deflator (real dollars)**



Note: 2009, 2010, and 2011 State Appropriations include federal ARRA funds that were as flexible as General Fund  
 Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, JFO budget data

Other important issues for 2018 include:

Likely legalization of marijuana growing and possession in Vermont. As of this writing, it appears that H.511 a bill passed by the House, altered slightly by the Senate, and now sitting on the House Calendar will be voted on the first week of the session and will be signed by the Governor. The bill allows for private growth of 2 mature marijuana plants or 4 immature plants as well as possession of up to 1 ounce of marijuana.

Vermont Health Connect survived the enrollment period without drama for the first time. Although healthcare costs have risen more slowly in the recent past, insurance is still too expensive. The most effective way to reduce costs is to reduce the burden of disease.

Some issues I'd like to focus on for the coming session are tax reform, to lower the burden of all taxes on the middle class who carry the heaviest burden in Vermont, and to weigh taxes paid against tax expenditures (tax breaks given to individuals and corporations).

I plan to continue work on the root cause of so many of our social and health problems, Adverse Childhood Experiences. This issue is a major cause of school problems, addiction problems, later incarceration, poor job performance and poor health. The experiences are common in Vermont and the effect is so strong that with 6 or more categories of adverse

experiences one has a life expectancy reduced by nearly 20 years. ACE contributes strongly to the most frequent causes of death and health care expenditures in Vermont. ACEs are responsible for 25% of heart disease and 25% of cancer. ACEs underlie health problems, depression, suicide, school failure, incarceration, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, domestic violence, and many other issues. ACEs are preventable and we have programs which demonstrated ability to do so. We need to find the funding to apply these programs statewide. Furthermore, having a history of ACE is not fate, it is a risk. Individuals are able to build resilience and overcome the negative effects, avoiding the huge financial and societal costs associated with ACE.

Additionally, I will continue to push to raise the age to purchase tobacco products to 21. The data is clear that this dramatically reduces tobacco addiction and subsequent health care costs. We currently spend \$277 million OF YOUR DOLLARS on smoking related illnesses each year. If an individual does not begin smoking before the age of 21, there is very little chance they will ever become addicted.

I will work to expand the legalization of firearm suppressors to allow use while hunting, not just at shooting ranges which we approved previously. The issue to me is a health issue. Hearing loss is a substantial issue among hunters. Ear plugs and over ear protection do not reduce noise enough to save hearing. It requires both suppressors and ear protection.

I will continue the push for primary enforcement of required seatbelt use in Vermont. States with primary enforcement universally have increased seatbelt usage reducing both deaths and injuries related to traffic accidents.

I plan to be at Town Meeting at 8:00am in Jericho and later in the morning in Underhill. I look forward to hearing your thoughts in a sit down prior to the start of the Jericho Town Meeting.

I would be happy to hear from you by email at: [Rep.GeorgeTill@gmail.com](mailto:Rep.GeorgeTill@gmail.com) or by phone at 899-2984. My mailing address is: 74 Foothills Dr., Jericho 05465. If you would like to share your thoughts or need assistance navigating State Government please contact me. Along with Representative Trevor Squirrell, I will continue monthly constituent meetings for informal discussions at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Rd, Jericho. The meetings are 6:30pm to 8pm. Meeting dates will be available on the Library website.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Representative.

Sincerely,  
George Till



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Jericho friends and members of the community,

Last year I was sworn in as one of your two State Representatives to the Vermont Legislature. I am now embarking on my second year of the Biennium. My first year was an exciting time adjusting to the day to day regimen and having a chance to delve into the many issues facing Vermont and the challenges and opportunities they present to Vermonters and the residents of Jericho and Underhill. I was very pleased to have been appointed to the Natural Resources Committee which covers water resources, land resources, land use, geology, fish and wildlife, habitat, air quality, environmental permitting, climate change, scenery, solid waste, and toxic substance management. I know that these were and continue to be areas of great interest in our district so I encourage citizens to contact me with your thoughts and opinions on pending legislation.

Clean water funding, toxic chemical reforms, climate action, and healthy forests are high on the Natural Resources committee agenda this year. The general assembly more broadly will be addressing the budget, impacts of the new tax bill out of DC, educating our children and the changing demographics of Vermont, paid family leave, minimum wage, and the clean water initiative.

Please continue to stay in touch with me about issues of concern to you. I look forward to seeing you and talking with you at Town Meeting. Rep. George Till and I also invite you to meet us at the Deborah Rawson Library on January 11<sup>th</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm. Feel free to contact me any time via email at [tsquirre@sover.net](mailto:tsquirre@sover.net) or [tsquirrell@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:tsquirrell@leg.state.vt.us) , call me at 899-2382 or write to me at PO Box 128, Underhill Center 05490.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

*Trevor J Squirrell*



# MMMUSD - CESU

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January 12, 2018

## Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District Annual Report

The Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District (MMMUSD) Annual Report will be available February 12, 2018. The report will include a proposed 2018-19 school district budget, tax rate information, Chittenden East Supervisory Union expenses and a review of accomplishments and assessment results for Mount Mansfield Modified Union's eight schools:

- *Smilie Memorial School (PK-4)*
- *Jericho Elementary School (K-4)*
- *Richmond Elementary School (PK-4)*
- *Underhill ID Elementary School (PK-4)*
- *Underhill Central School (K-4)*
- *Browns River Middle School (5-8)*
- *Camels Hump Middle School (5-8)*
- *Mt. Mansfield Union High School (9-12)*

The MMMUSD/CESU Annual Report can be found at your local town office, public school, Chittenden East Central Office or online at [www.cesuvt.org](http://www.cesuvt.org). Upon request, a printed copy will be mailed to you by calling 434-2128.

If you have questions, please contact the MMMUSD/CESU Central Office at 434-2128 or by email at [cesu.office@cesuvt.org](mailto:cesu.office@cesuvt.org).

### *FY16 School District Audits*

To view the following audits go to: <http://go.cesuvt.org/auditsfy17>

*6/30/17 Chittenden East SU Audit Report & Financial Statements*

*6/30/17 Mt. Mansfield Modified Union SD Audit Report & Financial Statements*

*John R. Alberghini, Superintendent of Schools*  
*Smilie Memorial School, Jericho Elementary School, Richmond Elementary School, Underhill ID Elementary School, Underhill Central School*  
*Browns River Middle School, Camels Hump Middle School, Mt. Mansfield Union High School*

**OFFICIAL WARNING  
MOUNT MANSFIELD MODIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**February 22, 2018 & March 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District comprising the voters of the town school districts of Huntington (Grades 5-12), and Bolton, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill, (all Grades PK-12) are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Mansfield Union High School on **Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.** to transact any of the following business not involving Australian Ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named for each of the above-referenced town school districts on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018** at 7:00 a.m. (Huntington at 6:30 am) at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

- Article 1: To elect the following officers:  
a Moderator for one year,  
a Clerk for one year,  
a Treasurer for one year.
- Article 2: To hear and act upon the written reports of the District Officers.
- Article 3: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?
- Article 4: This time serves as a public information hearing for public review of the 2018-19 proposed budget--for discussion purposes only.
- Article 5: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

**March 6, 2018 -- Australian Ballot Question**

- Article 6: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District approve the School Board to expend **\$44,866,964**, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the 2018-19 fiscal year?
- It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$15,390** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **0.16%** lower than spending for the current year.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill under the supervision of the Clerk of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District.

The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond on February 15, 2018 commencing at 6:30 pm, Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho on February 22, 2018 commencing at 6:30 pm, and Browns River Middle School in the Town of Jericho on March 1, 2018 commencing at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of explaining the 2018-19 proposed budget.

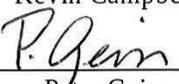
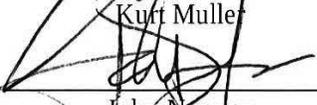
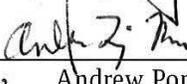
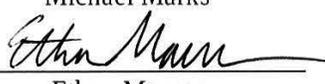
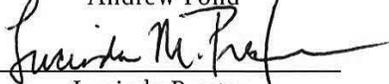
**Polling Places**

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

Bolton	*	Smilie Memorial School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Huntington	*	Brewster-Pierce Memorial School	*	6:30 am - 7 pm
Jericho	*	Mt. Mansfield Union High School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Richmond	*	Camels Hump Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Underhill	*	Browns River Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm

Dated this 8th day of January, 2018.

**SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

 _____ Kevin Campbell	 _____ Breck Knauft	 _____ Kurt Muller
 _____ Peter Geiss	_____ Susan Lillich	 _____ John Noorjan
 _____ Edye Graning	_____ Michael Marks	 _____ Andrew Pond
_____ Leslie Kanat	 _____ Ethan Maurer	 _____ Lucinda Preston
 _____ Diane Kirson-Glitman	 _____ Derek Miodownik	 _____ Beth Racine

Received for record this 9 day of January 2018, A.D.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk, Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District

# Mt. Mansfield Union High School



**Michael Weston,  
Principal**



**Richard Wright,  
Assistant Principal**



This past year at Mt. Mansfield Union High School has been one of implementation and reflection. The Class of 2019 will be the first class to graduate with a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) and the Class of 2020 will be the first to graduate with Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements (PBGR). We have been putting to use the structures, systems, lesson plans, and assessment strategies that we have developed to implement PLPs & PBGRs. We also



have been reflecting on our work to see if it led to student outcomes that we had hoped for and how to improve upon these outcomes regardless if the outcomes were desired or not.

This reflective work has allowed the faculty to step back and examine a “traditional” high school education with a critical eye. We believe the work we are doing now and in the future is going to lead to graduates of Mt. Mansfield Union High School experiencing success in their initial endeavors after graduation and help them become Effective Engaged Citizens who are prepared to move their communities forward now and in the future.

The 2016-2017 school year also contained much student success for MMUHS. On June 17th the Fiftieth Commencement Ceremony was held for Mt. Mansfield Union High School at The University of Vermont. The Class of 2017 had two hundred and seven graduates, of these, sixty-four percent went on to pursue higher education. We had fifteen Summa Cum Laude graduates, the most ever. To graduate with this distinction, students must have a 4.05 or higher grade point average. Also, eighty-eight percent of our students who took AP Exams received a score of 3 or higher; this compares to a

Vermont average of sixty-nine percent, and a global average of sixty-one percent. Our students shine outside of the classroom as well. The MMU Dance

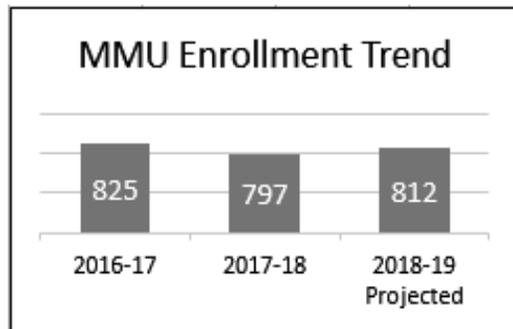


team were state champions in Hip-Hop and Jazz. Over twenty students were members of the New England Music Festival Band and Chorus. MMUHS also plays an active role in supporting community events. It is not hard to find a MMU student giving their time to support great causes in and out of our local community.

If you have any question or feedback for our school, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Grades: 9-12  
 Total Faculty: 63  
 Classroom Teacher FTE: 44.2  
 # ESP Staff: 64  
 # Students: 797  
 Student/Teacher Ratio: 18.1  
 Student Assessment Results Link:  
<http://go.cesvvt.org/MMUAssessments>



# Jericho Elementary School



**Victoria Graf,  
Principal**



This has been an exciting year at Jericho Elementary school. The Spanish Immersion program joined our school community. We have 18 kindergarten students from Jericho, Underhill and Richmond who are learning to speak Spanish. Students are immersed in the Spanish language and are learning to read, write and count in Spanish. Next year, these students will move to first grade Spanish Immersion and then we will have another kindergarten class.

This past year, we took our Four Winds program outside. With the amazing dedication of our parent volunteers, we are exploring our monthly Four Winds topics at Mills Riverside park or in our own backyard.



Once a month, Kindergarten and 1st grade students participate in learning centers in the morning and students in grades 2, 3, and 4 participate in learning centers in the afternoon. The topics we are studying this year are leaves, disguises, snow, tracks, nests and frogs.

Enrichment continues to innovate by integrating STEM activities as well as offering computer science, coding and robotics experiences at all levels. Early computer science skills help students prepare for future jobs that don't yet exist! The Enrichment program also continues to support school-wide events and programs such as the Cardboard Challenge, Flight Night, the Farm and Forest program as well as creating video content that helps us share these JES events and daily happenings through social media.

Mary-Lou Lapierre, our school cook, retired after feeding Jericho students for 28 years. Mary-Lou served over 1,200,000 meals. Dustin Smith has joined Holly Aube and Alissa Angolano to head our school breakfast and lunch program as our school chef



and to also support Farm to School activities with the goal of increasing local foods in our school lunches. We want to acknowledge Mary-Lou's dedication to the Jericho community and we want to welcome Dustin.



Jericho Elementary School achieved the "VTPBIS Exemplar School" status for the 2016-2017 school year. PBIS is the basis of our school wide discipline program. Exemplar status means that we have implemented Positive Behavioral

Interventions and Supports with fidelity, used behavioral data to improve student outcomes and have had positive effects on students' academic and behavioral performance.

Reading and writing are taught using a workshop model. These are the programs used throughout the school district. Reading and Writing Workshop has been fully implemented in all of the K-4 classrooms. Our teachers have participated in professional development this year to deepen their understanding of this literacy model. Students are reading and writing more and are engaged and excited about their learning.



Grades: K-4

Total Faculty: 24

Classroom Teacher FTE: 15

# ESP Staff: 19

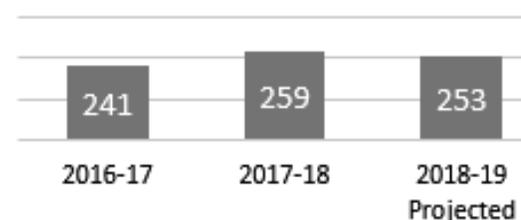
# Students K-4: 259

# PreK Partnerships: 59

K-4 Classroom Teacher Ratio: 17.3

Student Assessment Results Link:

## JES K-4 Enrollment Trend



# Browns River Middle School



**Kevin Hamilton,**  
**Principal**



**Elaine Archambault,**  
**Assistant Principal**

**Technology:** All Browns River Middle School students continue to have access to their own personal laptops. We are currently using Chromebooks. Students are continuing to move towards Cloud-based applications that will better



prepare them for their future in the 21st century. 7th and 8th grade students are allowed to take devices home to complete

assignments and to manage their workload. 5th and 6th grade students use their devices during the school day. Students are using the Schoology learning management system to organize their work and to receive feedback from their teachers.

**Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs):** The PLP process was introduced to our 7th and 8th grade students in the fall of 2015. Students will continue to use the PLP for exploring life and career options while still in school. This year 7th grade students will be exploring their core values and writing goals for their 8th grade year at BRMS. 8th Grade students will use the PLP process to explore different careers and write goals pertaining to their academics and co-curricular activities as they prepare for the transition to MMU.

**Facilities:** BRMS/JID completed the long awaited parking lot upgrade in the summer of 2017. The new configuration has greatly improved the traffic flow and safety for students and parents of both schools.



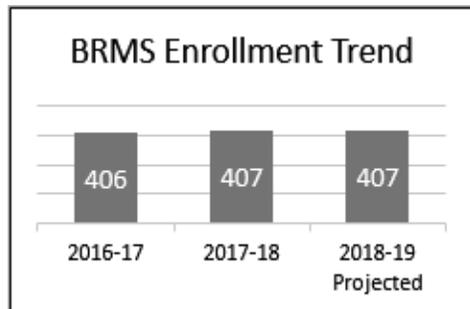
**Team EVOLVE:** In the second year at BRMS, the former Mansfield Academy Program has had a successful transition. Students are able to fully utilize the BRMS staff and facilities. Many students have successfully transitioned into the mainstream classes during the school day.



**Delayed Starts:** BRMS staff have continued to benefit greatly from the additional professional development time built into the district calendar. Teachers have been using the time to work toward the implementation of Reading Workshop, professional development with the Connected Math Program and plan for the implementation of PLP's. Para-educators have been receiving training in technology and resiliency training with Dr. Joelle Van Lent.



Grades: 5-8  
 Total Faculty: 36  
 Classroom Teacher FTE: 20.0  
 # ESP Staff: 31  
 # Students: 407  
 Student/Classroom Teacher Ratio: 20.4  
 Student Assessment Results Link:  
<http://go.cesuvt.org/brmsassessment>



# Underhill ID Elementary School



**David Wells, Principal**

As the principal of Underhill ID Elementary School, I am proud to share the accomplishments of our teachers and students. We welcomed two new teachers to our school with Sara Baer-Farrell teaching our kindergarten class and Abigail Bernier teaching our third grade class. Both Sara and Abigail had previously worked in CESU and have been wonderful additions to our teaching staff. Heather Scandale has also joined us as our long-term substitute for guidance this year.

All of the teachers at Underhill ID are working to fully implement Readers and Writers Workshop. The volume of reading and writing going on in our classrooms has increased substantially.

We have partnered with Underhill Central School for our professional development work in literacy. It is a great benefit for our teachers to share ideas and strategies with their same grade colleagues from



another school. We also partnered with Underhill Central to expand the capacity of our student support systems with a focus on resilience and supporting students who experience stress in their lives.

I am also proud to share just a few of the additional accomplishments of our school community. We had another successful holiday giving campaign with our craft fair and donations raising \$1,003 to support a local family in need of assistance. Service to the community has been an ongoing theme for many of our classrooms. A few examples are our third grade class supporting



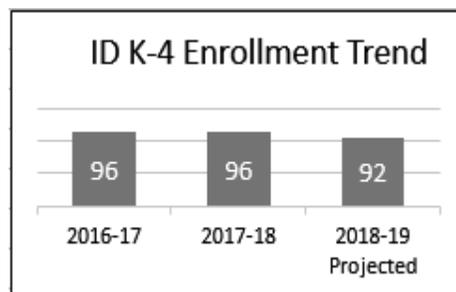
the Chittenden County Humane Society throughout the year and our fourth grade class working with guidance counselor, Heather Scandale, to support causes such as the Committee on Temporary Shelter.



Our students learn so many important communication and organizational skills through this work while they also learn to think of others. We are proud of our school and welcome community members to visit and see all of the learning going on at Underhill ID.



Grades: PreK-4  
 Total Faculty: 11  
 K-4 Classroom Teacher FTE: 5  
 # ESP Staff: 10  
 # Students PreK-4: 120  
 # PreK Partnerships: 28  
 K-4 Classroom Teacher Ratio: 19.2  
 Student Assessment Results Link:  
<http://go.cesuvt.org/idassessments>



## Tune into our local Front Porch Forum

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. More than half of Vermont households participate with hundreds more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors, organize local projects, share crime reports, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>

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## Mount Mansfield Community Television

Launched in 1997, Mt. Mansfield Community Television is the public access center for Jericho, Richmond, Underhill and a small part of Essex. In early 2018, we were scheduled to launch a new channel (Comcast Cable 17), in addition to our existing Comcast Channel 15. Our local town programs, such as selectboard meetings (many live) will shift to the new channel, which will specialize in government-type content. MMCTV videos are accessible online at [www.vimeo.com/mmctv](http://www.vimeo.com/mmctv).

With a mission to provide a platform for free speech, we film and archive local meetings and offer gear and training for folks to make their own shows. Our small, dedicated staff works closely with vibrant community producers and enthusiastic volunteers. We offer media education opportunities for all ages, such as middle school TV camps. Our 501(c)3 nonprofit provides some 350 hours a year of original ultra-local programming each year. We are on 24/7 and primarily air our own programs and those of other PEG (Public, Educational, Government) channels in Vermont.

Interested in getting involved? We are always looking for volunteers and can help anyone produce their very own TV show. Donations of any size are also always appreciated.

Contact: Angelike Contis, Executive Director

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## Vermont 2-1-1

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## Boy Scouts of America Troop 627

The Underhill/Jericho Boy Scout troop has been a proud member of this community since 1963. The Troop was started by long time Underhill resident, Gael Boardman, who is still an active member of the Troop Committee, which helps to oversee the administration of the Troop. Our communities are blessed with some outstanding members who volunteer their time, every week, to the advancement of our youth through the Boy Scout program. Without the adult leaders, our program would not survive. "Thank You" to everyone who has been a part of this program over the past 54 years. Our Troop recently celebrated its 75th Eagle Scout! A very proud accomplishment! We currently have 23 scouts enrolled in our program. We are fortunate to have one of the most active troops in Vermont. Through our volunteers, we are able to provide a wide range of activities for the scouts participate in. In 2017, we had two more Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout! Their Eagle Scout projects have benefited the Winooski Valley Park District at Old Red Mill Park (Wildlife Habitat Boxes) and MMU High School (Junior Varsity Football Equipment Shed). In the coming months and in 2018, we have three more Scouts in the process of completing their Eagle projects. This year we continue to have enthusiastic and energetic families who want administer an excellent program for our youth to meet new challenges and to explore the outdoors.



# UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT



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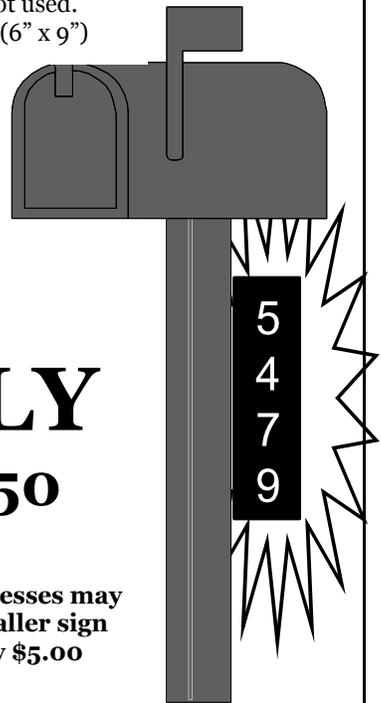
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## **2018 Town Meeting Buffet Breakfast**

### **Provided by Mt Mansfield Lodge #26 F&AM**

Last year marked our 17<sup>th</sup> year for providing meals for Jericho's Town Meeting Day. This year we will offer a Grab-and-Go Breakfast for the good citizens of our Town.

**7:30am to 9:00am – Main Foyer**

**Assorted Breakfast Sandwiches \$3.00**

**Sandwich with Coffee \$4.00**

***These funds will go toward our scholarship program for graduating high school seniors.***

### **Report from Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26 F&AM**

The Masonic fraternity or Freemasonry has been a part of the Jericho community landscape for over 197 years. As the world's oldest fraternity it has been a magnate and rallying point for men of good character and goodwill who wish to make a positive difference in their communities, their lives, and even the world.

Each year Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26 F&AM awards up to three scholarships to worthy high school seniors headed to post-secondary education. We do this in the spirit of being a contributing, thoughtful community member.

This is the reason why the Masons of Mt. Mansfield lodge team up with the Underhill-Jericho Ecumenical Council to cook, pack, and deliver substantial, hot, nutritious Holiday meals for those in need every year just before Christmas. This project has been in motion for eleven years and has grown to the point where it now provides 251 meals to residents in need. We wish to thank the Jericho Elementary School for allowing us to use their cafeteria facilities for the preparation and staging, and the many citizens who volunteered with distributing the meals.

Although our fraternity puts considerable effort into serving the community it also provides a platform for each of our members to continue to grow and evolve as members of a cultivated society. The men of Mt. Mansfield Lodge feel it is important to aspire and attain to the highest levels of personal conduct, morality, and mental and spiritual development. With that shared ethic, all Masons are able to share in the fellowship of trustworthy, supportive, and talented associates.

Also this year our Grand Master for the State of Vermont, RWGM Victor Stone, a member of Mt. Mansfield #26, had the distinction of being invited to attend the 300th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England, where the Grand Lodge of Vermont F&AM Chartered in 1794, was recognized as the 18th Lodge to be established in what is now the United States.

Jericho and Freemasonry have had a good fit for nearly two centuries, and we look forward to continuing this relationship in the future.

Submitted by: Rob Connelly – Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26