

Annual Report of the  
**Town of Topsham**



**Barbara Partington**  
Topsham History Book Committee  
Auditor  
Schoolteacher

Year Ending  
December 31, 2017

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CHECK LIST:

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO SEE THAT HIS OR HER NAME IS ON THE CHECKLIST. See Town Clerk or a Justice of the Peace for application for addition to the checklist.

### Selectboard Meeting:

Second & Fourth Mondays of each month: 7:00 PM at Town Office in East Topsham.

### School Board Meeting:

Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at Waits River Valley School.

**Lister Meeting:** Listers meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday mornings – 9:00 to Noon and by appointment.

Call 439-9723 for appointment.

**Town Office Hours:** 6 Harts Road, PO Box 69, Topsham, VT. 05076

Phone 439-5505

Monday 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday - CLOSED

Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday by Appointment

**Town Garage:** 2 Schoolhouse Road, Topsham, VT 05076, Phone 439-5666

**Town Transfer Station:** 2 Lime Kiln Road, Topsham VT 05076

The Transfer Station is opened from 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM on Saturdays.

A transfer station permit is required and is available at the town clerk's office.

Effective September 1, 2015, each resident/tax payer is allowed one large bag (equals two 30 gallon bags) at no cost. Each additional 30 gallon bag costs \$2.00 per bag. Those with no permit will be charged \$5.00 per bag for all bags. Recycling and metal items are free.

Town Reports Needed to complete a set for binding 1884 - 1893

If anyone has copies of these but does not want to give them up to the Town, please allow a Xerox copy to be made for Town Records.

### DATE OF TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM**

**Topsham Town Hall**

Annual Report

of the

Officers

of the

**Town**

of

**Topsham**

Vermont

**Chartered: August 17, 1763**

**Area: 30,400 Acres**

**Altitude: 1284 feet**

**2010 Census 1173**

**Organized: March 15, 1790**

**for the**

**Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2017**

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**TOWN OFFICERS -2017**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>ELECTED OFFICIALS</b>	<b>TERM</b>
Moderator:	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2018
Town Clerk:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2018
Selectboard:	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2018
	Thomas Flannigan, Topsham	2018
	Carl Hildebrandt, W. Topsham	2019
	James Bulger, W. Topsham	2020
	Wendell Downing, Topsham	2020
Listers:	Grant Gibby, W. Topsham	2018
	David Trombley, Topsham	2019
	Patricia Plaisted, Topsham	2020
Town Treasurer:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2018
School Directors of the Waits River Valley School:		
	Shellie Stevens, W. Topsham (Resigned)	2018
	Suzanne Kingsbury, Topsham (Appointed)	2018
	Stacy Emerson, Topsham	2019
	Alison Bruce, Topsham	2020
Auditors:	Amber Downing, Topsham	2018
	Elaine Smith, W. Topsham	2019
	Eva Downing, Topsham	2020
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Brooke Hayward, Topsham	2018
Town Agent:	Brooke Hayward, Topsham	2018
Town Grand Jurors:		
East Side:	Janice Emerson, Topsham	2018
West Side:	Georgiana Spooner, W. Topsham	2018
Justices Of The Peace:	Amber Downing, Topsham	2019
	Janice Emerson, Topsham	2019
	Thomas Otterman, W. Topsham	2019
	Lewis Smith, Topsham	2019
	Heidi Wright, W. Topsham	2019

**TOWN OFFICERS – 2017 Continued:**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>APPOINTED OFFICIALS</b>	<b>TERM</b>
Appointed by Town Clerk: Assistant Town Clerk	Polly Stryker, Topsham	2018
Appointed by Treasurer: Assistant Treasurer:	Polly Stryker, Topsham	2018
Appointed by Selectboard: Health Officer	Richard McAllister, W. Topsham, (Resigned) James Bulger, W. Topsham (Appointed)	2019 2018
Road Liaison	Thomas Flannigan, Topsham	2018
Board of Directors/ VNAV TNH:	Nancy Frost, Topsham	2018
Fence Viewers:	Paul Hodge, Topsham Thomas Flannigan, Topsham Russell Batten, W. Topsham	2018 2018 2018
Animal Control Officer:	Michele Boyer, Orange	2018
Tree Warden:	Bernie Powers, Jr., Topsham	2018
Inspector of Lumber:	Bernie Powers, Jr., Topsham	2018
Energy Coordinator:	Maureen Hurley, Topsham	2018
Fire Warden: Key Man:	William Appleton, W. Topsham Edgar Downing, Topsham	2019 2018
Planning Comm.:	Matthew Stacy, W. Topsham (Resigned) James Clark, W. Topsham (Appointed) Carl (Joe) Maxwell, W. Topsham Polly Stryker, Topsham (Secretary) Brooke Hayward, Topsham Stephen Otterman, W. Topsham (Chair)	2018 2018 2018 2019 2020 2020
Flood Zoning Administrator:	James Bulger, W. Topsham	2018
VT Emergency Manager:	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2018

## TOWN OFFICERS – 2017 Continued

OFFICE	APPOINTED OFFICIALS	TERM
Green-Up Chairman:	Naomi Tilton, W. Topsham	2018
Constable:	David Mott, Topsham	2018
911 Committee:	Yvette Tomlinson, W. Topsham	2018
	Nancy Frost, Topsham	2018
	Gary Tomlinson, W. Topsham	2018
	Board of Selectmen & Town Clerk	2018

### OTHER OFFICIALS:

Game Warden: Mark Schichtle, Ryegate (802) 584-3958

Notaries Public: Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham  
Gertrude Hodge, Topsham  
Sonya Sweet, Topsham  
Donna Welch, Topsham  
Polly Stryker, Topsham  
James Bulger, W. Topsham

Board of Civil Authority: Justices, Selectboard & Town Clerk

Board of Abatement: Justices, Selectboard, Town Clerk /Treasurer, Listers

### Your State & US Representatives

#### Topsham State Legislators:

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Sen. Bernard Sanders U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20215  
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**OFFICIAL WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Topsham, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2. To see if the Town Report will be accepted and adopted.
- Article 3. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three years.
- Article 4. To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of three years.
- Article 5. To elect a Selectperson for a term of three years.
- Article 6. To elect a second Selectperson for a term of three years.
- Article 7. To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 8. To elect a School Director for the Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) for a term of three years.
- Article 9. To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
- Article 10. To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 11. To elect an Agent to deed land and to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town may be interested for a term of one year.
- Article 12. To elect two Grand Jurors for a term of one year.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to exempt the Riverside Grange, in whole or in part, from taxes for a period of five years.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to exempt the West Topsham Community Hall, in whole or in part, from taxes for a period of five years.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to use the sum of \$7,304.00 from FY 2017 Town Operations surplus to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes for 2018.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend unanticipated funds received during the year, such as grants and gifts, for the purposes for which they were intended.
- Article 17. To authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes collected by the Treasurer and fix the date, or dates, for payment of the same.
- Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to pay for expenses and indebtedness for the ensuing year.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will appropriate sums of money, in addition to the sum approved in Article 19, for the following organizations which have filed requests set forth below:

Clara Martin Center	\$ 1,652.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	500.00

Northeast Ski Slopes	1,173.00
Orange County Diversion Program	125.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	4,000.00
Orange East Senior Center	2,200.00
Capstone Community Action	300.00
Blake Memorial Library	2,346.00
Little Rivers Health Care	1,100.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	800.00
Safeline, Inc.	500.00
Stagecoach Transportation	850.00
Topsham Corinth Little League	500.00
OxBee Quilt Guild	200.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	500.00

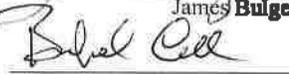
TOTAL \$16,746.00

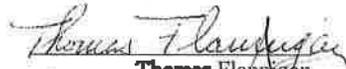
**Article 21.** To fill all other Town and Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) offices which may be vacant.

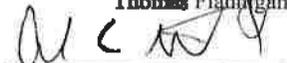
**Article 22.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated at Topsham, in the County of Orange and State of Vermont, this 29th day of January, 2018.

  
James Bulger

  
Bradford Calhoun

  
Thomas Flannigan

  
Carl Hildebrandt

  
Wendell Downing

SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM

Recorded before posting:

January 29, 2018  
Thomas Flannigan Town Clerk

# WARNING

## NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

### MARCH 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 to act on the following article.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$760,519?

Joyl Cury	Paula Reithage
Steve Duro	Gae A. Perkins
Jack Samberg	Preston Smith
Mimi Swales	
David Selva	
Kevin Flanders	
Tom Keene	
Frank	
Ed. Baker	
W. Sherrill	
Kenneth W. Johnston	
David Gunders	
Ally Dagle	
Doug Poir	
Heather Burt	

## **Executive Committee Report**

The NEKWMD finished 2017 by processing slightly more recycling compared to 2016 – 2981 tons in 2017 compared to 2962 tons in 2016. While tonnage for paper and cardboard were down, almost every other category saw increases compared to 2016. Tonnages for scrap metal, e-waste, and glass were all up significantly compared to 2016. Recycling markets remained steady throughout most of 2017 and were generally on the high side. Some policy changes in China sent ripples throughout some markets, but so far we have been isolated from those actions. The District ended 2017 with a surplus of \$55,755.82. This is good news considering 2016 ended with a deficit of \$53,459. Revenues in 2017 were 12% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 4.7% above projections. Sale of recyclables, including scrap metal, was responsible for most of the increase in revenues.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2017. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) guided most of our activities in 2017 and will continue to do so for the next several years. 2018 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with Act 148. The NEKWMD assisted 10 Towns with establishing food scrap collection at their transfer stations by the July 1, 2017 deadline.

The NEKWMD is entering 2018 with a proposed budget of \$760, 519 – an increase of less than 1% compared to 2017. The surcharge rate of \$24.25 will remain the same for 2018. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.19.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and four part-time employees in 2017. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

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

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The nearly 50,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

***NEKWMD Executive Committee***

2018 NEKWMD PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL as of 12/31/17	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET	
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>				
Advertising	\$600.00	\$246.25	\$400.00	67%
Audit -- Financial	\$6,200.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,595.00	123%
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$6,000.00	\$1,147.50	\$2,500.00	42%
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100%
Cleaning	\$2,100.00	\$1,765.04	\$1,600.00	76%
Copier	\$1,900.00	\$2,021.36	\$2,000.00	105%
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$3,000.00	\$6,081.58	\$5,000.00	167%
Heating Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,438.51	\$1,500.00	150%
Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$303.52	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$16,000.00	\$16,143.36	\$16,000.00	100%
Planning	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	50%
Legal Fees	\$2,500.00	\$1,050.00	\$2,000.00	80%
Postage	\$3,000.00	\$2,868.61	\$3,000.00	100%
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$4,934.77	\$3,600.00	100%
Telephone - Office	\$3,200.00	\$3,213.47	\$3,200.00	100%
Water/Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$865.10	\$1,100.00	110%
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$52,200.00</b>	<b>\$48,589.07</b>	<b>\$50,595.00</b>	<b>97%</b>
Gross Wages	\$376,570.00	\$371,320.86	\$379,193.00	101%
Overtime Wages-- Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$3,078.81	\$5,000.00	100%
Fica (Employer Match)	\$23,347.00	\$23,055.60	\$23,820.00	102%
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,460.00	\$5,392.10	\$5,571.00	102%
State Unemployment Insurance	\$13,500.00	\$12,017.27	\$13,500.00	100%
VMERS (Retirement)	\$19,200.00	\$18,045.39	\$19,990.00	104%
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$32,000.00	\$39,846.64	\$34,000.00	106%
Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$6,687.17	\$7,000.00	100%
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$5,000.00	\$5,074.43	\$5,000.00	100%
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$500.00	100%
Personnel Equipment	\$1,300.00	\$283.99	\$1,000.00	77%
Training	\$1,500.00	\$795.00	\$1,500.00	100%
Travel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100%
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$490,477.00</b>	<b>\$486,347.26</b>	<b>\$496,174.00</b>	<b>101%</b>
<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>				
Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$505.92	\$1,000.00	100%
Electricity	\$8,900.00	\$8,520.90	\$9,800.00	110%

Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$902.78	\$1,000.00	67%
Misc. Supplies	\$500.00	\$2,706.51	\$1,000.00	200%
Trash Removal	\$3,600.00	\$3,032.16	\$3,000.00	83%
<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>	<b>\$15,668.27</b>	<b>\$15,800.00</b>	102%
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>2017 BUDGET</b>	<b>2017 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2017</b>	<b>2018 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	
<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>				
Purchases	\$500.00	\$18.18	\$500.00	100%
Baler Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$8,176.59	\$6,000.00	120%
Baler Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$5,530.94	\$6,000.00	75%
Forklift Fuel	\$2,900.00	\$2,412.68	\$2,200.00	76%
Forklift Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$13,511.62	\$4,000.00	80%
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$2,533.89	\$2,000.00	200%
Skidsteer Fuel	\$600.00	\$624.78	\$500.00	83%
Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$5,742.78	\$3,000.00	100%
Warehouse Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$4,171.99	\$1,500.00	100%
Trucks--Diesel	\$18,000.00	\$17,863.63	\$18,000.00	100%
Trucks--Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$17,076.94	\$10,000.00	100%
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$55,500.00</b>	<b>\$77,664.02</b>	<b>\$53,700.00</b>	97%
<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>				
Advertising	\$2,000.00	\$720.25	\$1,000.00	50%
Permits & Fees	\$450.00	\$235.00	\$450.00	100%
Composting	\$18,500.00	\$16,125.68	\$22,000.00	119%
Composter/Bin	\$4,000.00	\$2,447.14	\$3,000.00	75%
Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Education Outreach	\$14,000.00	\$18,022.46	\$15,000.00	107%
Hazmat Disposal	\$27,000.00	\$28,095.62	\$24,000.00	89%
Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,547.60	\$4,000.00	100%
Sale of Recyclables- Processing	\$26,000.00	\$41,203.15	\$30,000.00	115%
Special Collections	\$300.00	\$22.60	\$300.00	100%
Supplies	\$600.00	\$913.90	\$500.00	83%
Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$15,612.00	\$9,000.00	100%
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$105,850.00</b>	<b>\$127,945.40</b>	<b>\$109,250.00</b>	103%
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$719,527.00</b>	<b>\$756,214.02</b>	<b>\$725,519.00</b>	101%
<b>DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS</b>				
Interest				
Principal				
<b>TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION</b>				
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>				
Capital Improvement Fund	\$36,000.00	\$34,470.00	\$35,000.00	96%
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>	<b>\$34,470.00</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	96%

<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$755,527.00</b>	<b>\$790,684.02</b>	<b>\$760,519.00</b>	105%
Grants--St of VT	\$59,000.00	\$62,499.00	\$59,000.00	106%
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$40,000.00	\$35,565.00	\$35,000.00	89%
Haz Mat/Paint Care (CEG Fees)	\$2,000.00	\$6,410.60	\$3,200.00	321%
Interest Income	\$25.00	\$7.48	\$25.00	30%
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$122.00	\$500.00	24%
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,000.00	\$504.00	\$500.00	50%
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	83%
Sale of Recyclables	\$150,000.00	\$204,913.65	\$179,394.00	137%
Compost Income	\$6,000.00	\$15,087.41	\$13,000.00	251%
Electronics Income	\$21,352.00	\$27,446.52	\$22,000.00	129%
Scrap Metal Income	\$4,000.00	\$16,202.25	\$10,000.00	405%
Battery Income	\$3,500.00	\$6,143.75	\$3,750.00	176%
Tire Income	\$8,000.00	\$14,302.60	\$9,000.00	179%
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$460,000.00	\$457,110.58	\$425,000.00	99%
<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$755,527.00</b>	<b>\$846,439.84</b>	<b>\$760,519.00</b>	<b>112%</b>

### TOPSHAM SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPORT 2017

This past year was up and down with respect to prices paid for recycling materials. It started off with depressed prices paid as the price of oil was low making the cost of new goods cheaper than using recycled materials. In the past five months there has been a turn around and the bottom line of the balance sheet is now in the black, good news.

No major changes to the way we operate our transfer station.

Keep in mind that Topsham residents can take all **E-waste only** to the Corinth facility at no cost. It is a state-wide mandate that E-waste can be dropped at any E-waste facility for Vermont residents. If need be, check the state website for rules governing schools and business or other large amounts of E-waste generators.

The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District assists the Topsham community by supporting waste management initiatives in your town.

Your local transfer station is located on Lime Kiln Rd and is open year-round on Saturdays, 7:30am-12:30pm.

Accepted single-stream recycling, provided by Casella, includes: plastic containers #1-7 (**no black plastic containers accepted**), all colors of glass, tin, aluminum, paper, and cardboard. Trash is accepted for a fee. Ask the transfer station attendant for more details, or call the NEKWMD at [802-626-3532](tel:802-626-3532).

Also, please make use of Casella's web site: [casella.com/ZeroSort](http://casella.com/ZeroSort)

Respectively, Peter Keene

## TOPSHAM TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE

Hours of Operation Saturday

7:30 to 12:30

Customers are Permitted for the following:

**1-Contractor or 2 - 30 gal. or 4- 13 gal. bags free per week**

Each additional bag will be a standard bag price of \$2.00 per bag

***Above prices only valid for residents with a town pass, \$5.00 per bag if you do not hold a town pass***

**Payment Form: Cash or Check**

**Trash**

15 Gallon Bag	up to 4 - free
30 Gallon Bag	up to 2 - free
45 Gallon Bag	up to 1 - free
Anything over	2.00 per bag
No town pass	5.00 per bag

**By The Yard**

Construction per yard	\$48.00/Yard
Shingles/sheetrock per yd	\$81.00/Yard
Oil per Gallon	Not Accepted
Oil Filter per each (must be Punched)	Not Accepted
Antifreeze per Gallon	Not Accepted

**Recycling Prices Residential Only**

30 Gallon Bag	No Charge
OCC per Yard	No Charge

**Recycling Prices Commercial**

30 Gallon Bag	
OCC per Yard	\$5.00 Per Yard

**Yard Waste**

Per yard	\$50.00 Per Yard
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**Clean Wood**

Per Yard	\$50.00 Per Yard
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**Appliances**

No Charge

**Mattresses**

Twin	20.00
Full	25.00
Queen	30.00
King	35.00

**Furniture**

Sofa	30.00
Sleeper Sofa	40.00
Recliner	30.00
Over stuff chair	15.00
Carpet 10x12	30.00
Carpet 10x12 w/ pad	40.00
Toilet	10.25

**Electronics**

Any registered e-cycle facility

**Clothing**

Not Accepted

<b>COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET</b>		
2 YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2017		
	Year Ending 12/31/16	Year Ending 12/31/17
Regular Checking	\$1,066,986.94	\$1,060,100.01
Petty Cash	\$50.00	\$50.00
Cemetery Money Market Account	\$29,391.98	\$29,436.12
<b>Cash Assets Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,096,428.92</b>	<b>\$1,089,586.13</b>
CD Investment/Surplus Funds	\$66,990.44	\$85,928.01
Reappraisal Fund	\$99,668.75	\$107,504.80
Cemetery Fidelity Investment Fund	\$34,210.52	\$39,840.44
Town Cemetery Fund CD	\$22,420.12	\$24,959.33
James M. & Alice Hood Mem.	\$100,351.06	\$111,227.62
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$323,640.89</b>	<b>\$369,460.20</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,420,069.81</b>	<b>\$1,459,046.33</b>
Balance as of January 1	\$1,238,783.82	\$1,420,069.81
Income	\$2,346,063.86	\$2,257,056.70
Expenses	\$2,164,777.87	\$2,218,080.18
<b>Calculated Balance</b>	<b>\$1,420,069.81</b>	<b>\$1,459,046.33</b>
<b>Special Funds</b>		
Surplus Fund CD	\$66,990.44	\$85,928.01
Reappraisal Fund	\$99,668.75	\$107,504.80
Tax Mapping Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town History Fund	\$4,926.34	\$5,251.34
James M. & Alice Hood Mem.	\$100,351.06	\$111,227.62
Record Digitizing	\$12,601.50	\$14,332.00
Record Preservation	\$8,157.01	\$8,437.21
State Funded Listers Training Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hall Fund	\$900.00	\$900.00
Highway Equipment Fund	\$134,115.66	\$148,362.73
Highway Fund	\$130,398.35	\$64,131.99
Highway Building Fund	\$87,805.11	\$111,431.11
Cemetery Fidelity Investment Fund	\$34,210.52	\$39,840.44
Town Cemetery Fund	\$22,420.12	\$24,959.33
Cemetery Fence Fund	\$2,300.50	\$2,300.50
<b>Special Funds' Total</b>	<b>\$704,845.36</b>	<b>\$724,607.08</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
FEMA Money Flood Damage	\$12,149.23	\$12,149.23
Kenworth Truck Lease	\$124,969.44	\$93,727.08
Kenworth Truck LLease	\$114,042.28	\$85,531.71
School	\$239,163.47	\$242,763.08
Delinquent Tax Penalty & Tax Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life & Disability Insurance Owed	\$49.94	\$27.12
<b>Funds Carried Forward:</b>		
General Funds Carried Forward	\$43,300.00	\$25,300.00
Hwy Funds Carried Forward	\$20,232.00	\$78,300.00
Cemetery Funds Carried Forward	\$9,800.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$563,706.36</b>	<b>\$537,798.22</b>
<b>Special Funds &amp; Liability Totals</b>	<b>\$1,268,551.72</b>	<b>\$1,262,405.30</b>
<b>Cash Assets Less Liabilities:</b>	<b>\$151,518.09</b>	<b>\$196,641.03</b>

<b>CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 2017</b>			
<b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS</b>			
<b>General Accounts Income</b>	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>
Monies Carried Forward	\$43,300.00		\$25,300.00
Property Taxes		\$65,478.11	
Late HS-122 Town Penalty		\$105.00	
School Property Tax		\$1,213,815.38	
Delinquent Taxes		\$161,151.97	
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$9,500.00	\$9,768.11	\$9,500.00
Delinquent Tax Penalties		\$12,903.08	
Delinquent Tax Other Fees		\$3,204.67	
Tax Sale Redemptions		\$11,861.51	
<b>Tax Related Total</b>	<b>\$52,800.00</b>	<b>\$1,478,287.83</b>	<b>\$34,800.00</b>
<b>State of Vermont</b>			
Property Tax	\$12,000.00	\$12,271.09	\$12,000.00
Land Use	\$76,000.00	\$77,460.00	\$77,000.00
Act 60 Reappraisal Fund		\$7,268.00	
Listers Training			
Act 60 Equalized Ed.	\$800.00	\$855.00	\$800.00
Pilot Payments	\$500.00		\$500.00
Late HS-122 Education Penalty		\$557.16	
<b>Total State of Vermont</b>	<b>\$89,300.00</b>	<b>\$98,411.25</b>	<b>\$90,300.00</b>
<b>General Revenues</b>			
Clerk Office Fees	\$8,500.00	\$10,409.35	\$8,500.00
Liquor Licenses		\$140.00	
Interest	\$800.00	\$1,083.06	\$800.00
Interest Special Accounts		\$971.62	
Town Hall Rental & Donations		\$100.00	
Pound/Dog License Fees	\$1,500.00	\$1,580.00	\$1,500.00
Grant Money			
Town History Books		\$325.00	
Shipping & Handling		\$0.63	
Record Digitizing		\$1,744.00	
Record Preservation		\$872.00	
Cemetery Fund Dividend		\$519.00	
Cemetery Fund Capital Gains		\$5,629.92	
Hood Fund Capital Gains		\$10,876.56	
Insurance Refund		\$751.00	
State Dog Licenses Fee		\$1,569.00	
State Civil Marriage Licenses Fee		\$250.00	
Life & Disability Insurance		\$1,190.88	
Motor Vehicle Registration		\$864.00	
Town-Purchased Tax Sale Redemption			
WRVS School Reconciliation Payment		\$14,574.56	
Metal Dumpster		\$527.99	
Tire Disposal Fee Collected			
Civil & Municipal Fines		\$931.50	
Misc Revenue (Church Well Maint.)		\$50.00	
Delinquent Tax Over-payments		\$13.02	
Clothing, Poster, & Note Sales & Vet DVD		\$106.50	
Misc. Rev. Rebates		\$100.00	
<b>General Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$10,800.00</b>	<b>\$55,179.59</b>	<b>\$10,800.00</b>
<b>Total General Income</b>	<b>\$152,900.00</b>	<b>\$1,631,878.67</b>	<b>\$135,900.00</b>

<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>
<b>Payroll</b>			
Selectboard	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Administrative Asst.	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Treasurer	\$22,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$22,500.00
Town Clerk	\$22,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$22,500.00
Office Assistants	\$1,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$1,500.00
Custodian	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Listers	\$11,000.00	\$9,897.00	\$11,000.00
Delinquent Tax Collector		\$12,820.58	
Auditors	\$2,000.00	\$1,353.00	\$2,000.00
Transfer Station Monitor	\$2,000.00	\$1,790.25	\$2,000.00
Animal Control Officer	\$700.00	\$52.50	\$700.00
Constable	\$500.00		\$500.00
Election Official	\$500.00		\$1,000.00
FICA	\$6,600.00	\$6,350.64	\$6,600.00
Health Insurance	\$14,500.00	\$14,586.68	\$15,800.00
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$94,900.00</b>	<b>\$103,950.65</b>	<b>\$96,700.00</b>
<b>Town Office</b>			
Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,337.89	\$2,000.00
Del Tax Coll Supplies (pd from del tax \$)		\$302.50	
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,632.87	\$2,000.00
Equipment	\$2,500.00	\$1,419.95	\$2,000.00
Computer Software	\$700.00	\$293.00	\$500.00
Training	\$1,100.00	\$354.00	\$1,000.00
Listers Training	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$500.00	\$454.60	\$500.00
Election Costs	\$500.00		\$1,000.00
Telephone/DSL	\$1,300.00	\$1,150.43	\$1,600.00
Listers' Phone	\$450.00	\$442.44	\$500.00
Heat	\$4,000.00	\$2,976.54	\$3,500.00
Electricity	\$1,600.00	\$1,252.32	\$1,500.00
Motor Vehicle Registration		\$864.00	
State Dog License Fee		\$1,569.00	
State Civil Marriage Fee		\$250.00	
<b>Total Town Office Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,350.00</b>	<b>\$15,099.54</b>	<b>\$16,900.00</b>
<b>General Expenditures</b>			
Printing & Advertising	\$2,500.00	\$2,202.73	\$2,500.00
Animal Control	\$600.00	\$205.29	\$600.00
Dues	\$4,100.00	\$4,076.00	\$4,200.00
Selectboard Appropriation	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Professional Fees	\$500.00		\$0.00
Legal Fees	\$3,900.00	\$100.00	\$3,900.00
Software Support	\$2,700.00	\$3,537.72	\$3,000.00
Insurance	\$35,000.00	\$32,343.00	\$33,000.00
Insurance - Disability & Life		\$1,213.70	*
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$183.63	\$10,000.00
County Taxes	\$24,000.00	\$22,791.15	\$23,000.00
Tax Mapping	\$1,650.00	\$1,625.00	\$2,000.00
Reappraisal			
* Paid for by Employees			

<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>
Tax Sale Cost		\$2,895.37	
Tax Sale Purchase by Town		\$1,297.98	
Safe Deposit Box	\$75.00		\$75.00
Records Preservation		\$591.80	
Records Digitizing		\$13.50	
Clothing Printing Costs			
Flea Market Space Fee			
Memorial Day and Picnic	\$1,500.00	\$1,519.83	\$1,750.00
Tax Sale Redemptions		\$11,861.47	
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$86,725.00</b>	<b>\$86,658.17</b>	<b>\$84,225.00</b>
<b>Solid Waste</b>			
Rubbish Removal Contract	\$74,000.00	\$71,282.00	\$74,000.00
Transfer Station Costs		\$28.50	\$0.00
Transfer Station Lease	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
Solid Waste District Dues			
Tire Disposal	\$200.00	\$69.00	\$200.00
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$76,400.00</b>	<b>\$73,579.50</b>	<b>\$76,400.00</b>
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue</b>			
Ambulance Contract	\$71,000.00	\$73,488.45	\$51,650.00
Tri-Village Fire Dept.	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
CTERT	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
<b>Total Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	<b>\$105,000.00</b>	<b>\$107,488.45</b>	<b>\$85,650.00</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>			
Dividend Transfer		\$519.00	
<b>Total Cemetery</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$519.00</b>	
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$380,375.00</b>	<b>\$387,295.31</b>	<b>\$359,875.00</b>
<b>General Income-Expenses</b>	<b>-\$227,475.00</b>	<b>\$1,244,583.36</b>	<b>-\$223,975.00</b>
<b>Outside Voted Appropriations</b>			
Blake Memorial Library		\$2,346.00	
Capstone Community Action		\$300.00	
Clara Martin Center		\$1,652.00	
CVT. Council on Aging		\$500.00	
Northeast Ski Slope		\$1,173.00	
Orange County Div. Prog.		\$125.00	
Orange East Senior Ctr.		\$2,200.00	
Safeline		\$500.00	
Little Rivers Health Care		\$1,100.00	
Oxbow Senior Independence		\$800.00	
Visiting Nurses Assoc. of VT & NH		\$4,000.00	
Stagecoach Transportation		\$850.00	
Topsham/Corinth Little League		\$500.00	
OxBee Quilt		\$200.00	
Orange County Parent Child Ctr.		\$500.00	
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$16,746.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>School Payments</b>		<b>\$1,210,215.77</b>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$380,375.00</b>	<b>\$1,614,257.08</b>	<b>\$359,875.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME-EXPENDURES</b>	<b>-\$227,475.00</b>	<b>\$17,621.59</b>	<b>-\$223,975.00</b>

<b>TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS</b>			
	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>
<b>Highway Revenues</b>			
Monies Carried Forward	\$20,232.00		\$78,300.00
Property Taxes		\$468,868.00	
HWY State Aid	\$126,000.00	\$126,024.76	\$126,000.00
Paving Grant Money			
Grant Money			\$12,000.00
Equipment Fund Transfer			
Highway Fund			
MacDonald Fund Monies		\$8,626.00	*
Misc (Insurance Claim Payment)		\$12,462.00	
Sale of Equipment			
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES</b>	<b>\$146,232.00</b>	<b>\$615,980.76</b>	<b>\$216,300.00</b>
* Added to Building Fund			
<b>Highway Payroll Expenses</b>			
Regular Employees	\$130,000.00	\$130,816.97	\$135,000.00
Temporary Employees			
FICA	\$9,950.00	\$10,007.51	\$10,325.00
Health Insurance	\$36,500.00	\$36,466.70	\$39,450.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$176,450.00</b>	<b>\$177,291.18</b>	<b>\$184,775.00</b>
<b>Town Garage Expenses</b>			
Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$961.15	\$1,200.00
Training	\$400.00		\$400.00
Mileage	\$300.00		\$500.00
Telephone	\$650.00	\$576.93	\$650.00
Heat	\$4,000.00	\$2,909.97	\$4,000.00
Electricity	\$3,000.00	\$1,320.53	\$2,000.00
Porta-Potty	\$1,500.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,500.00
Garage Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$143.54	\$2,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$4.14	\$1,000.00
Building Construction	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
Land Purchase		\$44,433.16	
Garage Site Development		\$21,833.20	
<b>TOTAL TOWN GARAGE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$31,050.00</b>	<b>\$73,442.62</b>	<b>\$28,250.00</b>
<b>General Highway Expenses</b>			
Fuel	\$35,000.00	\$34,383.58	\$35,000.00
Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$6,435.91	\$5,000.00
Advertising	\$200.00	\$50.80	\$200.00
Radio Contract	\$1,000.00	\$825.00	\$1,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$8,445.08	\$10,000.00
Equipment Repairs	\$20,000.00	\$7,933.53	\$20,000.00
Accident Repair Costs		\$12,462.00	
Equipment	\$74,000.00	\$59,752.93	\$78,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund			
Engineering Costs	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Uniforms	\$3,200.00	\$3,302.86	\$3,500.00
Misc. Expense - Permits	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$154,600.00</b>	<b>\$133,791.69</b>	<b>\$157,900.00</b>



<b>OTHER ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>Reappraisal</b>	<b>HOOD</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Fund **</b>
<b>Balance January 1, 2017</b>	<b>\$66,990.44</b>	<b>\$99,668.75</b>	<b>\$100,351.06</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Interest	\$403.57	\$568.05	
Dividends			
Capital Gains			\$10,876.56
General Fund Surplus	\$18,534.00		
Act 60 Reappraisal Monies		\$7,268.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$18,937.57</b>	<b>\$7,836.05</b>	<b>\$10,876.56</b>
<b>Balance December 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$85,928.01</b>	<b>\$107,504.80</b>	<b>\$111,227.62</b>
<b>CEMETERY ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>CEMETERY</b>	<b>WELCH ROAD</b>	
	<b>FIDELITY FUND</b>	<b>CEMETERY CD</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2017</b>	<b>\$34,210.52</b>	<b>\$22,420.12</b>	
Interest		\$139.21	
Dividends	\$519.00		
Capital Gains	\$5,629.92		
Sale of Lots (2016)	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,148.92</b>	<b>\$2,539.21</b>	
<b>Expense</b>			
Distributions			
West Topsham Cemetery Assn. - 24.1%	\$125.08		
Topsham (Waits River Cemetery) - 7.50%	\$38.92		
East Topsham Cemetery Assn. - 68.40%	\$355.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$519.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Balance December 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$39,840.44</b>	<b>\$24,959.33</b>	
** - Only <b>earnings</b> from the funds can be expended by the voters			
(Original amount of \$63,479.70 must be maintained)			

## Town Property and Equipment 2017

Item	Model	Purch. Date	Purch. Price	Balance Due 12/31/2017
Truck	2015 Kenworth	2/8/2016	\$191,049.00	\$93,727.08
Truck	2014 Kenworth	6/16/2016	\$143,235.00	\$85,531.71
Truck	1972 AM General	9/1/2011	\$500.00	
Truck	1999 F-350	12/0/2013	\$10,000.00	
Plow & Sander	Viking	12/26/2001	\$29,995.00	
Plow for F-350		10/3/2015	\$1,000.00	
Plow		3/20/2014	\$7,425.00	
Wing		12/8/2014	\$2,914.67	
Backhoe/Loader	2011 Caterpillar 420E	9/26/2011	\$89,000.00	
Grader	John Deere 672 D	7/22/2007	\$205,750.00	
Front End Loader	1985 Case	7/1/2010	\$1,700.00	
Front End Loader	1985 Case	7/1/2010	\$1,700.00	
Front End Loader	1984 Case	6/0/2013	\$1,865.00	
Road Smoothing Rake	York	5/1/2008	\$5,600.00	
Cargo Trailer	1968 3/4 ton	10/1/2010	\$100.00	
Town Hall, Office, and Garage				
NEMRC Computer Software	Grand List	1999	\$2,000.00	
	Animal Licensing	1999		
	Payroll	2005	\$1,795.00	
	Cash Receipts	2005	\$1,795.00	
	General Ledger	2007	\$1,795.00	
	Account Payable	2008	\$1,795.00	
	Captap II CAMA	2006	\$2,320.00	
	Marriage Software	3/14/2011	\$300.00	
Mapping Software		2009	\$1,262.00	
Laminator	Tahsin	5/23/2011	\$399.95	
Laser printer/FAX/Scanner	HP 1536	10/28/2013	\$319.99	
HP Office Jet Pro - Listers' Office	K 8600	2009	\$199.50	
Computer	Dell	2003	\$1,664.00	
Laptop Computer - State Grant	Acer	2006	\$1,901.00	
Computer	Acer	6/0/2005	\$1,645.00	
Computer - Listers' Office	Acer	11/0/2012	\$1,393.00	
Computer	Acer	1/14/2013	\$1,074.00	
Copy Machine	Canon	7/29/2014	\$3,652.00	
Laptop Computer - Listers' Office	HP Pavilion DV 5	9/0/2009	\$1,197.93	
Laptop Computer - Auditors	HP Pavilion	2/8/2016	\$549.99	
Computer	Lenovo	11/14/2016	\$399.99	
Computer Monitor	HP	12/31/2016	\$79.99	
Digital Camera	Kodak # M 863	8/0/2008	\$113.00	
Digital Camera	Olympia #FE 340	9/1/2008	\$170.00	
FAX Machine	HP 1050	11/1/2008	\$120.00	
Vacuum	Eureka	12/31/2016	\$113.99	
Land for Cemetery	3 Acres	2/1/2006	\$4,000.00	
Land on US 302 - Deed from Agency of Transportat	1 Acre	7/1/2006	\$0.00	
Land on Powder Spring Road (Topsham Plating Site)	1/2 Acre	3/7/2007	\$1,070.19	
Land on Ben Dexter Road	11 Acres	3/6/2017	\$44,433.16	

## WAGE REPORT FOR 2017

		ANNUAL WAGE	BUDGET
<b><u>TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/ASSISTANTS</u></b>			
	Cynthia Flannigan (Clerk/Treas.)	\$27,000.00	
	Polly Stryker (Assistant)	\$19,500.00	
	TOTAL	<b>\$46,500.00</b>	<b>\$46,500.00</b>
<b><u>CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE</u></b>			
	Polly Stryker	\$600.00	
	TOTAL	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b><u>SELECTBOARD</u></b>			
	James Bulger	\$1,500.00	
	Bradford Calhoun	\$1,500.00	
	Wendell Dow ning	\$1,500.00	
	Thomas Flannigan	\$1,500.00	
	Carl Hildebrandt	\$1,500.00	
	TOTAL	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</u></b>			
	Janice Emerson	\$2,500.00	
	TOTAL	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b><u>AUDITORS</u></b>			
	Amber Dow ning	\$242.00	
	Donna Otterman	\$412.50	
	Elaine Smith	\$698.50	
	TOTAL	<b>\$1,353.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b><u>LISTERS</u></b>			
	Grant Gibby	\$2,457.00	
	Patricia Plaisted	\$4,926.00	
	David John H. Trombley	\$2,514.00	
	TOTAL	<b>\$9,897.00</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>
<b><u>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</u></b>			
	Brooke Hayw ard (Tax Penalty)	\$12,820.58	
	TOTAL	<b>\$12,820.58</b>	
<b><u>HIGHWAY</u></b>			
	Peter L. Arnold	\$47,095.46	
	Tony Davidson	\$40,458.77	
	Jeffery J. Smith	\$43,262.74	
	TOTAL	<b>\$130,816.97</b>	<b>\$130,000.00</b>
<b><u>TRANSFER STATION MONITOR</u></b>			
	Roger Vance	\$1,790.25	
	TOTAL	<b>\$1,790.25</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b><u>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</u></b>			
	Michele Boyer	\$52.50	
	TOTAL	<b>\$52.50</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b><u>CONSTABLE</u></b>			
	David Mott	\$0.00	
	TOTAL	\$0.00	<b>\$500.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>213,830.30</b>	

**VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2017 (No Employee Wages Included)**

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
AFLAC	\$1,213.70	INSURANCE WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES
AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$172.29	COMPRESSED OXYGEN CYLINDER
ALL STATES ASPHALT INC.	\$19,550.00	CHLORIDE
APEX SOFTWARE	\$215.00	SOFTWARE FOR LISTERS
BARBER, A & S AND OLANDER, M	\$3,499.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
BELKNAP, KAREN	\$147.30	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
BK'S COMPUTING	\$942.15	COMPUTER SUPPORT & SOFTWARE
BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	\$2,346.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$51,053.38	HEALTH INSURANCE
BOND AUTO PARTS, INC	\$32.86	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
BOYER, MICHELE	\$33.70	ANIMAL CONTROL COST REIMBURSEMENT/MILEAGE
BRIDGE WEEKLY SHO-CASE, THE	\$23.20	ADVERTISING
BUILTWELL FENCING	\$6,688.00	NEW FENCING FOR WAITS RIVER CEMETERY
BUTTURA & GHERARDI	\$1,298.00	CEMETERY CORNER STONES
C & A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$5,075.00	CEMETERY MAINTENANCE
CALHOUN, BRAD	\$65.85	EMERGENCY EXIT SIGN BATTERIES REIMBURSEMENT
CAMERON'S GARAGE	\$69.00	TIRE DISPOSAL
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$699.79	LEASE AGREEMENT FOR COPIER
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA	\$490.03	COPIER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION	\$300.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
CARGILL, INC	\$29,446.34	SALT
CASELLA WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$71,435.20	RUBBISH REMOVAL
CASWELL, JEFF & MICHELE	\$141.06	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
CAWLEY, RICHARD	\$100.00	LEGAL FEES
CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNICATIONS	\$105.00	HIGHWAY PAGER SERVICE
CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
CHIEF CRUSHING AND EXCAVATION	\$8,550.00	SAND SCREENING/STA-PAC MATERIAL
CLARA MARTIN CENTER	\$1,652.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
COPIES & MORE	\$2,140.22	PRINTING TOWN REPORT
COUNTY OF ORANGE	\$22,791.15	COUNTY TAX
COUTERMARSH, PRISCILLA	\$1,470.16	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
CTERT	\$6,000.00	FAST SQUAD VOTED APPROPRIATION
DAMATO, FRANCES	\$19.46	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
EAST CORINTH GENERAL STORE	\$415.23	FUEL
EAST CORINTH POSTMASTER	\$740.37	POSTAGE
EAST TOPSHAM CEMETERY ASSOC.	\$355.00	FIDELITY FUND DIVIDENDS
ELITE AUTO GLASS	\$160.00	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
EMERSON, BARRY AND KRISTEN	\$445.01	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
EVERETT J. PRESCOTT INC.	\$7,260.40	CULVERTS
FIELD & FIELD PC	\$10.00	OVERPAYMENT FOR RECORDING FEES
FLANNIGAN, CYNTHIA	\$392.88	MEMORIAL DAY/TOWN PICNIC SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT
FMS AUTO PARTS, LLC (NAPA)	\$5,769.46	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES
FORMULA FORD	\$352.28	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
GENDRON, ELEANOR	\$24.92	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
GIBBY, GRANT	\$184.55	MILEAGE
GOOD-WAY DOCUMENT SERVICE	\$605.30	LAND RECORDS & SURVEY MAP PRESERVATION
GRAMPS COUNTRY STORE	\$2,224.55	FUEL
GREEN UP VERMONT	\$100.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
GRENIER, DANIEL	\$2,000.00	REPAIRS TO CEMETERY MARKERS
GROTON TIRE AND AUTO	\$14.84	HIGHWAY
HATCH, LARRY	\$300.00	CEMETERY STONE REPAIRS
HAYWARD, BROOKE	\$2,200.00	TRANSFER STATION LEASE
HAYWARD, WYATT	\$1,300.00	TREE CLEARING IN CEMETERIES

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
HEIDENREICH, TRACY & AMELIA	\$150.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
HOWARD P. FAIRFIELD	\$219.60	HIGHWAY
HURLEY, MAUREEN	\$35.00	WORKSHOP/TRAINING
IDS	\$171.59	DOG TAGS
IRVING ENERGY	\$37,691.97	HIGHWAY FUEL /HEATING FUEL
JEFFREY TAYLOR CLIENT TRUST	\$44,433.16	LAND PURCHASE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS
JOURNAL OPINION, INC	\$973.10	ADVERTISING
K & R PORTABLE TOILETS	\$1,415.00	PORTA POTTY FOR TOWN GARAGE
KENDALL, LOIS	\$85.02	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
KOFILE PRESERVATION INC	\$611.74	OFFICE SUPPLIES
LIMLAW CHIPPING AND LAND CLEARING	\$25,628.75	LAND CLEARING/FILL/HIRED TRUCKING
LIMLAW, MURDO	\$9,900.00	ROADSIDE MOWING
LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE	\$1,100.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
LOWELL McLEODS, INC.	\$4,743.40	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
MAGOON, STANLEY	\$1,096.11	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
MARTIN'S QUARRY	\$3,256.03	GRAVEL, STONE & STA-PAC MATERIALS
MCCULLOUGH CRUSHING, INC.	\$69,420.75	HIGHWAY ROAD MATERIAL
MONTPELIER STOVE & FLAG WORKS	\$375.00	FLAGS
NEMRC	\$3,195.37	COMPUTER SUPPORT & TRAINING
NICOM COATINGS CORP.	\$4,150.00	HIGHWAY CRACK SEALING
NORTHEAST MATERIALS GROUP, INC.	\$1,763.14	STA-PAC
NORTHEAST SKI SLOPES	\$1,173.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
NORTHFIELD SAVINGS BANK	\$10.00	OVERPAYMENT FOR RECORDING FEES
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	\$27.78	HIGHWAY PARTS
OAKES BROS.	\$289.39	MISC. HIGHWAY & HALL SUPPLIES
ORANGE COUNTY DIVERSION PROG	\$125.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER	\$2,200.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
OXBEE QUILT GUILD	\$200.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
OXBOW SENIOR INDEP. PROG.	\$800.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
PACCAR FINANCIAL CORPORATION	\$59,752.93	NEW TRUCK PAYMENT
PIKCOMM	\$720.00	HIGHWAY TRUCK RADIO SERVICE
POWERNET GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS	\$250.65	LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE
POWERPLAN	\$3,913.64	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
PUFFER EXCAVATING, LLC	\$5,530.00	GRAVEL, STONE & STA-PAC MATERIALS
REED SUPPLY CO INC	\$359.00	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES
ROUSE TIRE SALES	\$4,421.03	HIGHWAY TIRES
RUSSELL GRAPHICS	\$1,625.00	PARCEL MAPS' UPDATES
SA FELINE INC	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
SMITH, ELAINE	\$645.06	REPLACEMENT PAYROLL CHECK
SMITH TRUCKING	\$27,375.00	TRUCKING SAND & STA-PAC
SOUTHWORTH-MILTON, INC.	\$541.95	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
SPOONER CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$6,562.50	TRUCKING SAND & STA-PAC
STAGECOACH TRANSPORTATION	\$850.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$691.55	OFFICE SUPPLIES
STATE OF VERMONT	\$200.00	HIGHWAY PERMIT FEE
STRYKER, POLLY	\$48.34	MEMORIAL DAY CAKE REIMBURSEMENT
SYLVESTER, RICHARD & KIM	\$4.67	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
TAYLOR, JEFFREY	\$2,017.87	TAX SALE COSTS
TENCO INDUSTRIES, INC	\$989.53	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
THOMAS, PAUL	\$11,861.47	TAX SALE REDEMPTION
THOMPSON, HUNTER	\$450.00	CLEANING CEMETERY STONES
TROMBLEY, DAVID JOHN	\$447.10	TOWN PICNIC COSTS REIMBURSEMENT/MILEAGE
TOOL BARN, INC.	\$180.00	HIGHWAY TOOL RENTAL

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
TOPSHAM TELEPHONE CO.	\$1,999.15	TELEPHONE SERVICE
TOPSHAM-CORINTH LITTLE LEAGUE	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TOWN OF BARRE	\$73,488.45	AMBULANCE SERVICE
TOWN OF GROTON	\$4,601.20	SAND
TOWN OF TOPSHAM	\$1,297.98	TAX SALE PURCHASE
TOWNLINE EQUIPMENT SALES	\$86.68	HIGHWAY PARTS
TRI-VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$28,000.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TWO-RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE	\$1,654.00	DUES
UNDERCOVER TENTS	\$780.00	TOWN PICNIC TENT, TABLE, & CHAIRS
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$3,302.86	HIGHWAY UNIFORMS
UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$53,895.53	IRS DEPOSITS
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$1,195.00	STAMPED ENVELOPES
UVM EXTENSION	\$325.00	WORKSHOPS
VACD	\$100.00	SELECTBOARD APPROPRIATION
VCA	\$64.00	CEMETERY ASSOCIATION DUES
VERMONT ASSESSORS & LISTERS	\$100.00	DUES
VERMONT DEPT OF HEALTH	\$7.50	OFFICE SUPPLIES
VERMONT DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$864.00	REGISTRATION RENEWALS
VERMONT DEPT. OF TAXES	\$5,678.96	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES
VERMONT FIRE EXTINGUISHER	\$80.00	INSPECTION
VT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS	\$2,587.00	WORKSHOPS/ DUES
VERMONT OFFENDER WORK PROGRAM	\$51.50	OFFICE SUPPLIES
VERMONT STATE TREASURER	\$1,819.00	DOG & MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES
VIKING-CIVES USA	\$13,051.50	HIGHWAY REPAIRS/PARTS
VLCT EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE	\$1,210.00	INSURANCE
VLCT PACIF	\$31,133.00	INSURANCE
VMCTA	\$55.00	DUES
VNA & HOSPICE OF VT & NH	\$4,000.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL	\$1,210,215.77	PROPERTY TAX EDUCATION PAYMENTS
WASHINGTON ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.	\$2,572.85	ELECTRIC BILLS
WEST TOPSHAM CEMETERY ASSOC.	\$125.08	DIVIDENDS
WINTER EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$1,194.74	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES

TOPSHAM GRAND LIST 2017			
Year		Town Grand List	Tax Rate
2011 - General Fund		\$1,030,175.08	\$0.6416
2011 - Non Residential Education		\$418,727.67	\$1.3370
2011 - Homestead Education		\$611,447.41	\$1.1550
2012 - General Fund		\$1,039,485.83	\$0.6865
2012 - Non-Residential Education		\$427,778.42	\$1.3372
2012 - Homestead Education		\$611,707.41	\$1.3027
2013 - General Fund		\$1,046,843.89	\$0.7010
2013 - Non-Residential Education		\$444,785.32	\$1.4105
2013 - Homestead Education		\$602,058.57	\$1.2860
2014 - General Fund		\$1,048,363.16	\$0.6829
2014 - Non Residential Education		\$436,917.59	\$1.4579
2014 - Homestead Education		\$611,445.57	\$1.4203
2015-Municipal		\$1,054,536.54	\$0.6995
2015-Non Residential Education		\$443,363.33	\$1.4067
2015-Homestead Education		\$611,173.21	\$1.2909
2016-Municipal		\$1,066,592.16	\$0.7156
2016-Non Residential Education		\$464,025.90	\$1.3731
2016-Homestead Education		\$602,566.26	\$1.2700
2017-Municipal		\$1,076,657.16	\$0.6764
2017-Non Residential Education		\$464,580.90	\$1.3464
2017-Homestead Education		\$612,076.26	\$1.3084
<b>Statement of Taxes Raised in 2017</b>			
Municipality Taxes Billed	\$0.6764	\$1,076,657.16	\$728,251.00
Homestead Education Taxes	\$1.3084	\$612,076.26	\$800,840.57
Taxes Billed, Non-Resident Ed.	\$1.3464	\$464,580.90	\$625,511.72
HS-122 Penalty			\$557.16
Town Payments/Penalty Billed by State			\$105.00
State Land			\$12,271.09
Land Use			\$77,460.00
Pilot Payment			\$0.00
<b>TOTAL TAXES BILLED</b>			<b>\$2,244,996.54</b>
Accounted for as follows:			
Municipality Fund			\$66,140.27
Highway Fund			\$468,868.00
Cemetery Fund			\$8,975.00
School Fund			\$1,213,815.38
HS-122 Paid Direct to School			\$226,282.53
<b>Total Local Taxes Collected</b>			<b>\$1,984,081.18</b>
State Land Collected			\$12,271.09
Land Use Collected			\$77,460.00
Pilot Program			\$0.00
Overpaid Amounts			-\$1.23
Paid in Previous Year			\$3,685.97
State Payment Applied to Delinquent Taxes			-\$1,808.00
Delinquent			\$169,307.53
<b>BILLED TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR 2017</b>			<b>\$2,244,996.54</b>

<b>PROPERTY IN LAND USE (2017)</b>	<b>Asses. Value</b>	<b>Land Use Acr.</b>	<b>Land Use Exem.</b>	<b>Taxable Value</b>
Adams, Mark	83,400.00	25.90	31,100.00	52,300.00
Barrett, Edward & Shields, Virginia	184,800.00	98.00	88,000.00	96,800.00
Batten, Russell K. & Elin J.	218,100.00	43.00	50,000.00	168,100.00
Besser, Brian M. & Bocchino Joseph W.	265,800.00	30.10	41,500.00	224,300.00
Bostwick, Nancy, et al	298,700.00	36.70	56,400.00	242,300.00
Brainerd, Anthony	56,800.00	33.80	51,600.00	5,200.00
Brillhart, Jonathan G. & Joy L.	263,000.00	114.20	77,400.00	185,600.00
Brockardt, James	66,200.00	57.40	57,200.00	9,000.00
Brunet, Craig	495,600.00	238.60	164,900.00	330,700.00
Bulger, James H. & Donna G.	313,900.00	74.12	54,100.00	259,800.00
Calley, Charles M. Sarah D. Revocable trust	97,200.00	72.50	33,800.00	63,400.00
Capizzi, Thomas, Sr. Family Trust	213,200.00	102.00	89,100.00	124,100.00
Carlone, Mario R. & Neuhausser, K. & J.	146,800.00	234.00	87,700.00	59,100.00
Clark, James & Nancy	260,700.00	86.00	81,900.00	178,800.00
Clark, James, Nancy & Megan	217,700.00	164.00	116,000.00	101,700.00
Coffey, Everett W. & Annie H.	213,000.00	60.00	29,400.00	183,600.00
Cooper, Abigail & Khan, Sarina & Felicia	90,900.00	44.00	56,600.00	34,300.00
Dailey, Timothy R. Sr. & Deborah Sue	72,600.00	45.00	49,000.00	23,600.00
Deleire, John & Gail	145,500.00	65.50	68,400.00	77,100.00
Demiccio, Ralph J. & Linda M.	285,900.00	39.20	45,100.00	240,800.00
Denagy, George S. & Filomena F.	326,700.00	221.30	125,300.00	201,400.00
Denagy, John B. & Fiona G.	213,100.00	28.00	33,200.00	179,900.00
Dow, Glenn C.	67,500.00	60.00	58,300.00	9,200.00
Dow, Glenn C. & Burnice A.	238,600.00	88.00	81,000.00	157,600.00
Foster, Sue M.	340,300.00	85.80	73,900.00	266,400.00
Foster, Sue Miller	412,800.00	44.90	57,900.00	354,900.00
Gable, Craig A.	191,100.00	198.00	160,600.00	30,500.00
Gandin, Greg A. & Dan L.	109,700.00	98.00	59,900.00	49,800.00
Gaudin, Laurent M. & Colette L.	270,700.00	146.50	115,800.00	154,900.00
Godina, John M. Jr.	65,200.00	33.00	60,100.00	5,100.00
Godina, John M. Jr. & Nancy D.	306,700.00	60.10	80,400.00	226,300.00
Golden, Susan	44,100.00	24.90	18,100.00	26,000.00
Grimes, III James G. & Nolan, Ellen	40,800.00	50.00	33,100.00	7,700.00
Hall, Christopher D. & Barbara H.	238,900.00	84.00	66,700.00	172,200.00
Harkins, Philip	1,422,700.00	504.20	284,800.00	1,137,900.00
Harrington, Edson E. & Shirley S.	298,100.00	64.25	69,200.00	228,900.00
Hazlett Family Trust	6,500.00	6.00	5,600.00	900.00
Heidenreich, James Carr & Gloria	254,700.00	82.00	79,700.00	175,000.00
Heidenreich, John William & Wendy	244,600.00	102.60	71,900.00	172,700.00
Heidenreich, Toby & Twitchell, H.	55,800.00	32.90	49,400.00	6,400.00
Herman, Sheila	327,600.00	52.50	72,800.00	254,800.00
Hermitage Trust	123,400.00	61.00	58,400.00	65,000.00
Hersey, Christie M.	157,200.00	187.00	127,300.00	29,900.00
Hood, George E Jr.	49,800.00	28.00	26,800.00	23,000.00
Hood, George E Jr.	100,500.00	68.00	60,900.00	39,600.00
Hood, Harold Jr. & Benjamin, John & Susan	63,800.00	40.00	57,400.00	6,400.00
Hood, Harold Jr. & Benjamin, John & Susan	101,500.00	66.00	69,000.00	32,500.00
Hood, Harold Jr. & Benjamin, John & Susan	114,600.00	51.00	101,610.00	12,990.00
Hughes, Thomas	91,500.00	108.00	78,600.00	12,900.00
Hungerford, Hope	150,000.00	175.00	120,000.00	30,000.00
Jencks, Helen	296,500.00	129.00	99,300.00	197,200.00
Johnson, William F. & Marjorie G.	295,500.00	156.90	115,400.00	180,100.00
Karpowich Family LLC	370,400.00	169.00	128,000.00	242,400.00
Lamson, Albert & Kathryn	388,700.00	176.00	132,300.00	256,400.00

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Lentz Family Trust	82,700.00	58.00	57,100.00	25,600.00
Limlaw Bruce E. & Ruth L.Trust	721,500.00	281.00	154,000.00	567,500.00
Linnell, Constance E. Revocable Trust	333,200.00	85.55	68,700.00	264,500.00
Lipskar, Simon & Zuckerman, Kate	687,400.00	168.00	140,300.00	547,100.00
Magoun, Martin Grant	186,700.00	58.05	65,700.00	121,000.00
Mandatta, Robert G. & Labate, Jacqueline	273,600.00	65.50	69,300.00	204,300.00
Manning, Gregory A.	105,400.00	88.00	70,500.00	34,900.00
Martineau, David & Robin	103,800.00	36.70	49,600.00	54,200.00
Meadowsend Timberland, Ltd	1,006,700.00	970.40	643,200.00	363,500.00
Mejia, Jean Christie Revocable Trust	49,200.00	67.60	38,800.00	10,400.00
Miller, Adam S. & Miranda M.	3,300.00	2.00	3,000.00	300.00
Montgomery Timber Company LLC	235,900.00	262.00	189,800.00	46,100.00
Moore, Cynthia M.	131,600.00	113.00	114,200.00	17,400.00
Moore, Cynthia M.	343,200.00	497.00	263,700.00	79,500.00
Morse, Tari & Greene, Zachary	243,200.00	146.00	92,500.00	150,700.00
Morton, Douglas & Michelle	124,900.00	38.00	43,800.00	81,100.00
Nelson, Darcy	154,800.00	183.00	126,600.00	28,200.00
New England Forestry Foundation, Inc	91,200.00	76.10	79,000.00	12,200.00
Norton-Hawk, Maureen A.	75,400.00	36.30	39,000.00	36,400.00
Pacilio, Vincent E.	132,500.00	188.00	90,800.00	41,700.00
Parrish, Roy G. II & McDonnell, Sharon M.	214,900.00	221.00	127,500.00	87,400.00
Perry, Dennis II &	38,600.00	17.60	32,100.00	6,500.00
Peterson, Barbara M & Timothy H	168,900.00	161.00	123,000.00	45,900.00
Phelps, George W. & Michael G.	128,800.00	86.00	112,500.00	16,300.00
Plant, Albert A. & Catherine A.	240,600.00	242.07	108,100.00	132,500.00
Post, Stephen & Cook, Judith	105,400.00	25.00	35,500.00	69,900.00
Poulson, Jr., Ronald E. & Corzine, Kris	50,300.00	37.00	44,600.00	5,700.00
Powers, Bernie E. Jr. & Victoria	134,200.00	8.12	16,824.00	117,376.00
Powers, L. Barry, Bernie, Jr. & Matthew	279,800.00	275.80	185,100.00	94,700.00
Powers, L. Barry, Mary B. & Matthew	147,900.00	5.00	10,500.00	137,400.00
Powers, L. Barry & Mary B.	292,800.00	62.00	62,650.00	230,150.00
Powers, Matthew B.	93,500.00	58.50	83,700.00	9,800.00
Powley, Thomas N. B.	141,200.00	82.00	67,800.00	73,400.00
Pratt, Prentis	331,500.00	199.40	135,000.00	196,500.00
Putnam, Justin & Lisa	108,200.00	59.10	55,000.00	53,200.00
Regulinski, Douglas	95,100.00	36.50	62,500.00	32,600.00
Rintell, David	133,800.00	43.00	59,700.00	74,100.00
Rogers Hill Sugar Maple Farm, LLC	130,200.00	129.40	74,500.00	55,700.00
Rohrmayer Family Trust	185,900.00	41.88	62,800.00	123,100.00
Russell, Renee	115,900.00	73.00	63,300.00	52,600.00
Sayles, Richard & Jan	54,300.00	50.00	46,400.00	7,900.00
Severns, Michael	75,000.00	50.00	56,400.00	18,600.00
Sheridan, James, Adele & J.P.	93,000.00	80.00	80,700.00	12,300.00
Smith, Steven M. & Scott J.	160,800.00	27.50	31,600.00	129,200.00
Smith, Steven M. & Scott J.	189,700.00	231.00	131,600.00	58,100.00
Soderberg, Roger H. Revocable Trust	199,500.00	210.00	175,300.00	24,200.00
Solar Acres Realty Trust	194,900.00	22.00	26,300.00	168,600.00
Soroka, George V., Ann C., George L.	140,600.00	28.80	40,200.00	100,400.00
Stockton, Fred D. & Doris S.	103,800.00	98.00	88,300.00	15,500.00
Stryker, Polly J. & Heath, Richard	338,100.00	233.00	129,700.00	208,400.00
Thomas, Jr. Frederick B. & Paul	60,100.00	29.10	55,600.00	4,500.00
Thomas, Miriam	202,100.00	270.00	140,900.00	61,200.00
Thomas, Miriam	216,400.00	285.70	172,400.00	44,000.00

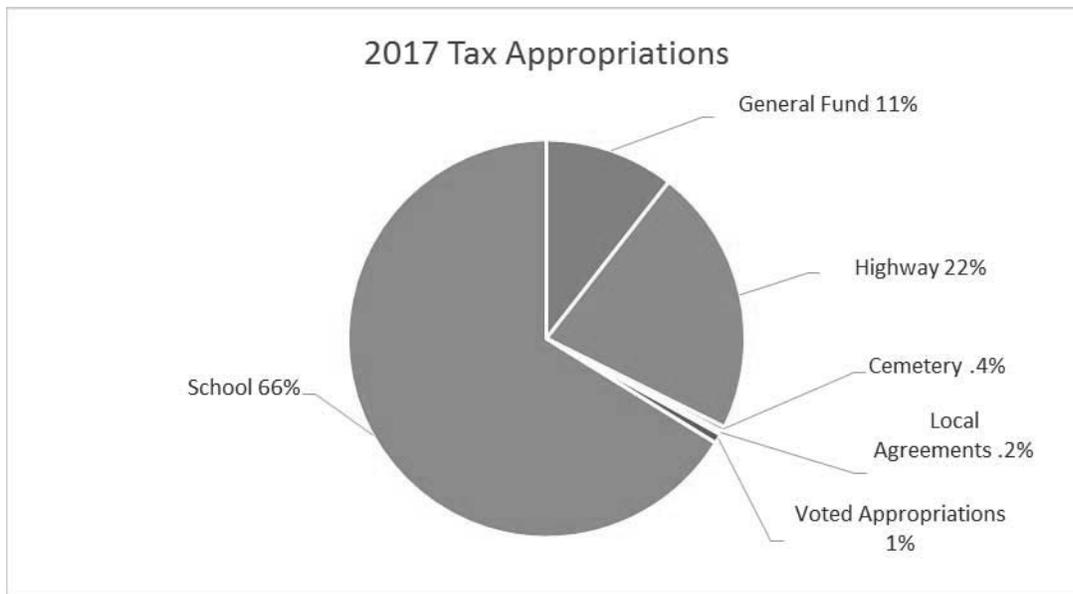
<b>PROPERTY IN LAND USE (2017)</b>	<b>Asses. Value</b>	<b>Land Use Acr.</b>	<b>Land Use Exem.</b>	<b>Taxable Value</b>
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Timbervest Partners III Vermont, LLC	78,200.00	81.30	65,700.00	12,500.00
Timbervest Partners III Vermont, LLC	276,200.00	501.50	199,000.00	77,200.00
Timbervest Partners III Vermont, LLC	354,500.00	518.84	274,600.00	79,900.00
Vanderels, Jonathan	43,800.00	30.00	39,200.00	4,600.00
Von Hippel, Peter H. & Josephine B. R.	195,000.00	250.00	153,000.00	42,000.00
Wardinski, Boots & Esten, Christine	30,600.00	24.50	26,800.00	3,800.00
Whiting, Joan L.	206,900.00	27.00	44,300.00	162,600.00
Wigan, Michael	550,200.00	711.00	444,600.00	105,600.00
Wilcox, Robert I. & Richard	138,600.00	67.00	49,200.00	89,400.00
Witwicki, Thomas & Nancy	206,600.00	27.00	37,400.00	169,200.00
Woodcock, Denver	123,900.00	38.80	45,700.00	78,200.00
Young, Neil & Louise	140,400.00	123.00	103,600.00	36,800.00
Zandstra, Nicholas B. & Elizabeth	347,000.00	48.00	42,500.00	304,500.00
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>24,713,300.00</b>	<b>14,492.48</b>	<b>10,785,184.00</b>	<b>13,928,116.00</b>

<b>DELINQUENT TAXES 12/31/2017</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>OWED</b>
Allard, Diana M	\$736.30
Andersen, Ruth	\$347.92
Berquist, Christopher	\$825.05
Bishop, Andrew T	\$3.00
Bisson, Eugene	\$940.61
Bonavita, Frank J	\$1,525.20
Brousseau, Diane	\$1,563.63
Butler, Steven A	\$1,132.33
Christian, Rebecca, Emerson, Viola & Knapp, Wyness F	\$1,476.16
Damato, Frances	\$906.19
Downing, Albert F Jr	\$837.39
Downing, Amber	\$1,322.92
Downing, Amber & Downing, Franklin	\$736.54
Downing, Anne Louise	\$202.16
Downing, Lucas & Ricker, Jessica	\$1,647.38
Doyle, Pamela	\$3,398.30
Emerson, Dennis & Emerson, Michele	\$1,343.14
Emerson, Janice D.	\$1,480.04
Emerson, John E. & Emerson, Deanne	\$811.15
Flint, Patricia An	\$859.73
Flye, Christopher	\$635.56
Franzek, John S	\$813.16
Gargano, Donald	\$1,517.10
Gargano, Robert & Fortunata & Robert Jr.	\$900.40
Golden, Joseph	\$1,452.43
Golden, Susan	\$525.92
Griffin, Brad, Griffin Heather, Community National Bank	\$1,664.49
Hall, Gary	\$457.16
Hall, Gary C Sr. & Diane M & Hall, Gary Jr.	\$1,025.55
Harrington, Joshua & Emily	\$778.46
Harrington, Joshua & Emily (2016)	\$760.74
Hatch, Clayton, Jr.	\$382.31
Heath, Richard Estate	\$1,978.30
Hutchings, Shane C. & Roberge, Heather	\$98.40
Kaufmann, Ruth (2016)	\$1,384.81
Kaufmann, Ruth	\$730.21
Kinney, Bonnie	\$2,097.65
Lahaye, Darren & Magoon, Sharon	\$2,263.20
Laprise, Vickie Hatch	\$2,242.77
Mandatta, Robert G. & Labate, Jacqueline	\$1,212.84
McKane, Tammy L.	\$2,366.68
Michaud, Christina	\$552.23
Miller, John Richard	\$178.00
Montandon, Henry II	\$109.24
Montandon, Shirley	\$1,865.08
Morton, Douglas	\$1,640.49
Pacilio, Vincent E.	\$843.51
Perkins, Jeffrey	\$829.34
Powers, Donald	\$606.84
Powers, Donald A	\$1,165.81
Prue, Paul Gregory & Christiana	\$1,693.09

<b>NAME</b>	<b>OWED</b>	
Ricker, Harvey	\$1,472.60	
Ricker Estate, Lawrnce	\$5,192.53	
Riemer, Richard J. & Reimer, JoAnn	\$6,062.95	
Smith, Aaron M.	\$1,717.35	
Smith, Amanda	\$972.85	**
Smith, Jeremy	\$2,399.38	
Snedeker, III William, Snedeker, William Jr. & Barbara M	\$760.58	
Spooner, Anthony & Spooner, Cynthia	\$4,986.21	
Stark, Robert A III, Lynn A	\$3,038.24	
Stewart, Cynthia	\$1,652.63	
Sweet, Roy	\$809.12	
Sylvester, Richard & Kim	\$132.98	
Thurston, Forest, Sheri	\$815.13	
Trojanowski, Amie	\$2,346.03	
Tuttle, Freeman H Jr., Anah M	\$1,182.94	
Vance Jr James D	\$5,441.94	
Welch, Marc, & Peggy	\$3,113.53	
Welch, Marc, Peggy	\$3,287.05	
Welch, Robert & Heather	\$196.94	
Williams, Wesley M, Rebecca J	\$877.28	
Wright, Heidi F	\$2,973.52	
Yaeger, Karl	\$133.50	
<b>DELINQUENT TAXES TOTALS 12/31/2017</b>	<b>\$106,432.19</b>	
** Purchased after April 1, 2017		

Statement of Delinquent Taxes 2017						
Delinquent Tax		Sent to	Collected	State		Uncollected
Year	Bal. 1/1/2017	Collector	12/31/2017	Payments	Abated	12/31/2017
2013	\$801.27	\$0.00	\$801.27			\$0.00
2015	\$56.21	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$56.21	\$0.00
2016	\$103,812.11	\$0.00	\$101,666.56			\$2,145.55
2017	\$0.00	\$169,307.53	\$63,212.89	\$1,808.00		\$104,286.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104,669.59</b>	<b>\$169,307.53</b>	<b>\$165,680.72</b>	<b>\$1,808.00</b>	<b>\$56.21</b>	<b>\$106,432.19</b>

Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent	
2008	11.84%
2009	7.28%
2010	6.42%
2011	8.70%
2012	7.10%
2013	7.80%
2014	6.93%
2015	8.43%
2016	6.90%
2017	7.90%



## PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 2017

In return for the payment of the contribution and subject to the terms and conditions of this Coverage Document and Member Agreements the Fund agrees to provide the Coverage as stated in this Coverage Document.

### Section II - Property Coverage

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence for real and personal property, except that with respect to the following types of loss the maximum sub-limit shall be:

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any Flood loss under Section II. This coverage is subject to a \$50,000,000 annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Flood loss under Section II.

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any Earthquake loss under Section II. This coverage is subject to a \$50,000,000 annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Earthquake loss under Section II.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Municipal Income, Extra Expense and Data Processing Extra Expense combined**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Data Processing Systems Equipment**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Data Processing Media**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Accounts Receivable**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Valuable Papers and Records**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Property in Transit**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Ordinance Deficiency**

\$100,000 any one occurrence **Computer Attack and Security Breach**

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any Act of Terrorism loss. This coverage is subject to a \$500,000,000 any one occurrence and annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Act of Terrorism loss under Section II.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually for all Fund Members combined **Asbestos Abatement**

\$150,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually **Pollution Removal and Cleanup**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **unintentional Errors and Omissions in Property Scheduling**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually for all Fund Members combined **Mold**

\$50,000,000 any one occurrence **Machinery and Equipment Breakdown**, except that with respect to the following types of loss the maximum sub-limit shall be:

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Utility Interruption**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Expediting Expense**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Hazardous Substance Contamination**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Perishable Goods**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Water Damage**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Computer Data and Media**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Mold or Other Fungi, Wet or Dry Rot, or Bacteria**

### Section III - Casualty Coverage

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence, including suit(s) brought in connection therewith, combined single limit, for all casualty under Section III Agreements C, D, and E, except that with respect to the following types of loss the maximum sub-limit of liability shall be:

- A. \$500,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually **Limited Pollution**, except that with respect to road salt application the maximum limit of liability is \$20,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually.
- B. \$250,000 any one occurrence **Uninsured Motorist**
- C. \$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually **Covered Dams**
- D. \$15,000 any one occurrence **Medical Payments**
- E. \$10,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually **Sewer Backup**

### Section IV - Crime and Fidelity Coverage

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement F - Money and Securities Within Premises**

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement G - Money and Securities Outside of Premises**

\$500,000 any one occurrence **Agreement H - Employee Theft and Faithful Performance**

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement J a. - Forgery or Alteration**

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement J b. - Money Orders and Counterfeit Money**

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement J c. - Computer Fraud**

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement J d. - Funds Transfer Fraud**

### Section V - Public Officials Liability and Section VI - Employment Practices Liability Coverages

\$10,000,000 combined single limit any claim made and/or covered event and in the aggregate annually, including suits brought in connection therewith for all liability under Agreements K and L, except that with respect to the following type of loss under Agreement L, the maximum sub-limit shall be:

\$ 50,000 any claim made **Non-Monetary Defense**

## **2018 BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

The budget process started in November 2017. We met with town officers and other groups in November and December to review their requests for operating funds. The budget was finalized in January 2018.

The proposed amount to be raised by taxes for 2018 is \$740,775 (\$223,975 for Town Operations, \$498,125 for Highway and \$18,675 for Cemetery). This is \$35,457 (5%) more than the amount for 2017.

Town Operations - Taking into account income from state related taxes, income from clerk office fees, interest income and other revenue, there is a surplus from fiscal year 2017 of \$32,604. Of this amount, \$25,300 is carried forward to 2018 (for equipment, supplies, building repair and maintenance, legal fees and other expenses). This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2018. The balance of \$7,304 may be used to reduce the amount raised by taxes or put in the Surplus Fund for future expenses. This will be decided by a vote at Town Meeting.

Highway - After taking into account revenue from State Aid and other revenue, there is a surplus from fiscal year 2017 of \$78,300. The Select Board voted at their meeting on January 29, 2018 to carry this forward to 2018 (for paving and other highway expenses). This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2018.

Cemetery - There is a surplus from fiscal year 2017 of \$1,264. The Select Board voted at their meeting on January 22, 2018 to put this in the Cemetery Fence Fund.

### **Budget Committee Members**

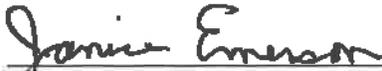
Janice Emerson (Chair), Nancy Frost, Buck Kingsbury, Megan Clark, Jim Bulger, Bradford Calhoun, Thomas Flannigan, Carl Hildebrandt, Wendell Downing

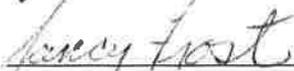
SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 2018

The Budget Committee met November 13, 2017, November 27, 2017, December 11, 2017 and January 29, 2018 at the Town Clerk's Office in East Topsham for the purpose of hearing recommendations for the Town of Topsham for 2018.

The Committee recommends the following as necessary to be raised by taxes to pay the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$223,975.00
Highway	498,125.00
Cemetery	18,675.00
Total	<u>\$740,775.00</u>

  
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Janice Emerson, Chair

  
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## THE TOPSHAM SELECT BOARD REPORT FOR 2017

The Select Board continues to address many issues facing our community. New clean water regulations, highway maintenance, ATV use, safety, and budgeting our limited resources to meet present and future needs.

The impact of severe storms has been costly with several major washouts. Reconstruction has proceeded following today's highway standards. Topsham has applied for FEMA disaster funding to help with repairs. The documentation and reports for FEMA reimbursements are extremely tedious and time consuming for a volunteer board. Board member, Tom Flannigan, as highway liaison, spent many days documenting damage to assure that the Topsham FEMA application was accurate and complete.

Vermont Clean Water standards and permits for all highways will be costing communities more in coming years for maintenance and upgrades. Future highway funding will need to reflect the increased cost. When possible, we will apply for grant funding to meet the new clean water standards.

The highway garage site has been cleared and preliminary site work has been completed. The Two-Rivers Regional Planning Commission assisted with obtaining grant funding for the culverts and stone lined ditches bordering the property. Building and site plans need to be developed to best meet the needs of the Highway Department.

The Topsham Town Plan is due for updating. The plan update must include a management plan for future needs and how the town intends to implement and finance these needs. The plan will address housing, energy, land use, transportation, and economy to name a few areas to be included. We urge all residents to share their ideas and vision as townspeople develop a plan that will meet future community needs.

We wish to thank the countless Topsham residents who contribute their time and talents to the many community events, volunteer services, and filling positions elected and appointed. Our citizens are the town's most valuable asset.

Jim Bulger  
Select Board Chair

## LISTERS' REPORT FOR 2017

We are still looking for errors in the mapping and welcome property owners to view the maps for accuracy of their parcels. We are in the office (Town Hall) every Tuesday morning and can be available most any time to accommodate property owners unable to make it on Tuesdays. Call 439-9723 for an appointment.

As usual we remind all resident property owners that you must file **HS-122 – HOMESTEAD DECLARATION** – with the state **by April 15 EVERY YEAR**. This date coincides with income tax time, **BUT IF YOU FILE FOR AN EXTENSION FOR INCOME TAXES, YOU STILL HAVE TO FILE THE HOMESTEAD DECLARATION BY APRIL 16** (this year because of weekend dates). To receive an adjustment on your property taxes, you must also file **Part B** of this form as well as **Form HI-144** (Household Income). We are available to help with this if you need assistance. When filling out the forms, be sure to check the correct boxes as to business and rental use of property.

We are still in the process of updating photos in our files. If you see some strange people looking your buildings over and taking pictures, look for the telltale signs on the vehicle. If it is us, you should see Topsham Listers signs on the vehicle. We will try not to inconvenience anyone, but sometimes we have to stop and look to see if there are any changes or new construction on your property. Since we have no permitting process in place, the only way we can find new construction is to go look for it. Try to remember, you are not the only one we are looking at.

If anyone out there might be interested in learning more about the job of Lister, come see us. There is a lot of opportunity for anyone interested in the appraisal business. The Lister position offers free education to obtain the title of Appraiser and is perfect for someone looking for part time work to lead into full time in the future.

Respectfully Submitted – Board of Listers

Term 2018	Grant Gibby
Term 2019	David Trombley
Term 2020	Patricia Plaisted

## **TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2017**

The activities of the town office continues to be challenging as we try to stay up to date with the ever changing laws, rules, regulations, and new computer software programs the different State Departments require the clerks and treasurers to use. Town Clerk duties consisted of recording documents in the land records and into vital statistics, issuing dog licenses, marriage licenses, processing motor vehicle registrations, as well as assisting those calling or coming into the office to do research. Time is also spent assisting the select board, listers, animal control officer and delinquent tax collector.

The Treasurer's job consists of accounting for all revenues and expenses of the town, issuing account payable checks, processing payroll and the associated state and federal forms, the preparing of property tax bills and collecting tax monies. This year there was the added job of tracking expenses and collecting the supporting documentation for the July 1<sup>st</sup> flood for eligible FEMA reimbursement.

Our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony was held on the traditional date of May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Topsham Town Hall due to bad weather. This year's theme was World War I as 2017 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States entering the war. The ceremony was preceded by a potluck dinner as well as a documentary on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a slide show of veterans with ties to the Topsham community. The Topsham Historical Society provided a display of WW I memorabilia. After the ceremony the cake was cut by the oldest veteran present (Neil Young), who then gave a piece to the youngest veteran present (Caroline Erickson). Our featured cemetery for 2017 was the Bixby Cemetery located on U.S Route 302. Thanks to all those who came out and helped take down the old wire fencing, removing brush, picking up trash and raking up the leaves in the cemetery to get it ready for Memorial Day. I also want to thank everyone who took part in the ceremony and for all who came to honor our fallen heroes. The markers at Currier Hill Cemetery were cleaned this year and a new fence was installed at the Waits River Cemetery as well as repairs to some of the markers.

The Annual Town Picnic was held on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside Grange in West Topsham with another great turn out. The Topsham Historical Society had a display of Bear Ridge Speedway memorabilia and there was the Farmers Market. Thanks to all who helped with the preparation and cleaning up of the picnic, and to David Trombly for doing the cooking.

The 2018 Memorial Day Ceremony is going to be held at Zion Hill Cemetery in West Topsham on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, with plans of having a potluck dinner before the ceremony. Volunteers are needed to come and help in getting the cemetery cleaned and ready for the event in early May. We are continuing to collect military pictures of those who have served their country and have a connection to Topsham, as this is an ongoing project. The Annual Picnic is scheduled to be held on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> in East Topsham.

Dates to be remembered are April 1<sup>st</sup> the last day to license dogs without late fees and April 15<sup>th</sup>, the due date for filing the Homestead Declaration (Form HS-122) with the VT. Department of Taxes. The Homestead Declaration has to be filed if you own and are living in your home on April 1<sup>st</sup> even if you aren't required to file a Vermont Income Tax!! Form HI-144 also needs to be filed with Form HS-122 in order to be eligible to receive a state payment due to income sensitivity. There is a 1% penalty added to your property tax bill for late filed Homestead Declarations.

A few tee-shirts with the town logo are still available at the town office along with posters and the Town History Books. We also have DVD copies of the Military Slide Show available.

Thanks to all those who take the time to serve their community as elected and appointed officials or as a volunteer. A special thanks to Polly Stryker as she continues to assist me in performing the tasks at the office.

Cynthia Flannigan  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

## **2017 ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLATFORM**

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

## AUDITORS' REPORT FOR 2017

In accordance with Section 3593, V.S. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, examined the accounts and records of Town Officers, and, to the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present an accurate record of funds handled in the year ending December 31, 2016.

We have begun to use a draft procedures manual for future auditors. We will be conducting periodic reviews of various financial activities of the town throughout the upcoming year.

Term 2018	Amber Downing
Term 2019	Elaine Smith
Term 2020	Eva Downing

## COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT 2017

Thank you once again to the Topsham Voters for allowing me to serve as Delinquent Tax Collector another year. There has been no changes made to the Delinquent Tax Policy again this year. I have provided a copy of the policy in this years' town Report for all to read.

2017 didn't bring many changes to the Delinquent Tax Office. We did hold a Tax Sale on November 20, 2017. The Board of Abatement did approve to abate an amount of Taxes owed from 2015. I do not anticipate any problems collecting the remainder of the 2016/2017 delinquent taxes.

I would like to encourage tax payers who sell/buy property after April 1<sup>st</sup> to check with the Town Office and make sure property taxes have been received. There has been several cases over the past few years that closings happen, property taxes are often prorated (the seller/buyer each pay their share of the years taxes) and a check doesn't make it to the Town before the due date, which makes the taxes then become delinquent.

Please remember to file your **Homestead Declaration HS-122 by April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

I plan on continuing to serve the Town of Topsham in the capacity of Delinquent Tax Collector. I can answer any questions or concerns at my home at (802)439-6878 or in person.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brooke Hayward, Delinquent Tax Collector

## **Town of Topsham Delinquent Tax Collection Policy & Tax Sale Proceedings**

### **Purpose:**

While Vermont Statutes specifically direct procedures for the collection of delinquent property taxes, this policy will enable the town to treat all persons fairly, to inform the delinquent tax payer of what to expect, and avoid claims that the town is acting arbitrarily.

### **General Terms:**

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.
2. All taxes become delinquent at the close of the business day October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes will send a notice to each Delinquent Tax Payer within 30 days of receiving the Delinquent Tax Warrant. This notice will advise delinquent tax payers of the addition of an 8% penalty to their tax bill (as per VT Statutes) as well as 1% monthly interest which is applied to the unpaid delinquent tax on the second day of each month.
4. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest and expenses portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the amount of tax and the 8% penalty. The Town of Topsham will **NOT** accept partial payment of delinquent taxes contrary to this policy. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes will return any payments that are not consistent with this policy to the delinquent tax payer. Payments with statements or directives issued on them or by communication included with payment that are not consistent with the Topsham Town Policy will be returned as well.
5. Payments are credited when received. **US postmarks are not accepted.**
6. Tax overpayments exceeding \$3.00 will be returned to the payee. Lesser amounts will only be refunded by written request with a S.A.S.E. enclosed.
7. There will be a \$25.00 fee for any returned checks, non-sufficient funds, closed accounts, or returned instrument of non-payment in lieu of delinquent taxes.
8. To ensure quality service telephone calls may be recorded for accuracy, clarity, and content.
9. All delinquent taxes not paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be published in the annual town report.
10. A Bi-Monthly notice will be mailed to each delinquent tax payer. A Final Notice will be mailed to each delinquent taxpayer on or about June 1<sup>st</sup>, with a notice of the RIGHT TO APPLY FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

11. Payment in full is required on all accounts by **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. After June 30<sup>th</sup> all unpaid taxes will be processed for tax sale and/or other means of collection. (Exception will be those that are under a period of redemption, bankruptcy, and litigation or etc. which have a stay on them). The Delinquent tax Collector will receive payments by check or money order payable to the Town of Topsham mailed or delivered to the address below. If you would like to meet with me to make a payment, or to go over your bill, please call (802)439-6878 to make an appointment. **AFTER JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS.**

12. **Tax Sale shall be conducted** according to requirement of notice set forth in 32 VSA 5252 and pursuant to the provisions of 32 VSA 5251 thru 5263 inclusive. (Re. 32 VSA 5258) Cost of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to the maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent tax payer.

13. The Journal Opinion, newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Topsham shall be used for publication of all notices required under 32 VSA 5252.

14. Revisions by VT legislature 32 VSA 5254 is provided by the Attorney at Law with MEMO TO TAXPAYERS AND LIENHOLDERS with the Tax Sale Worksheet.

15. At the tax sale, payments shall be tendered by the successful bidder, to the Town of Topsham, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, by bank check, certified check, or by pre-approved personal check.

6. All checks should be made payable to the TOWN OF TOPSHAM. To ensure proper credit all payments must be sent or delivered to the address below.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT 2017**

For the 2017 year I handled the following complaints:

- 2 barking dogs
- 1 dog killing chickens
- 5 stray dogs needing impound
- 2 unlicensed dogs
- 1 horse loose
- 3 animal neglect
- Several lost dog calls

Please license your dogs on time. All dogs need to wear their tags or have a microchip. If your dog becomes lost they can be returned to you. Michele Boyer, Animal Control Officer, 439-6877, [mboyer1944@gmail.com](mailto:mboyer1944@gmail.com)

### **VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2017**

For low income Vermonters, the solution may be the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program, "VSNIIP." Participating veterinarian offices throughout Vermont are the heroes of this wonderful program!

For applications send a S.A.S.E. to VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034, or download and print: [VSNIIP.VT.GOV](http://VSNIIP.VT.GOV) or [VSAHS.org](http://VSAHS.org). Cost per cat/dog is \$27.00, including a rabies vaccination and one distemper series. The balance is paid through a designated fund, collected by a nominal fee of \$4.00 added to the registration of dogs. REGISTER and tag by April 1st! The ability to identify your dog in event of loss, and to be sure that animals (and people) are protected from rabies is critical.

New Hampshire offers a similar program through the Department of Agriculture. Call 603-271-3677.

Sue Skaskiw, 802- 672-5302 Director, VT Volunteer Services for Animals H.S./ Administrator, VSNIIP

# VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

## WHAT IS RABIES?



Rabies is a viral infection passed from animals to other animals or humans, usually through a bite. The virus affects the brain, and is nearly always fatal (causes death). Here's how we control rabies in animals and reduce transmission to people.



## 1. VACCINATE DOGS

Rabies shots protect dogs and people. Because dog vaccination is common in the United States, people don't get rabies from dogs like they do in countries where dogs are not vaccinated.

## 2. VACCINATE CATS

In the last 25 years, most of the rabid domestic animals in the US have been cats. Cats are almost 5 times as likely as dogs to get rabies - but you can prevent this by vaccinating them.



## 3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE



Many Vermont wildlife are vaccinated with an edible vaccine through a bait drop. Do not touch or feed wildlife.

## 4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE

If you are bitten or scratched by an animal or find a bat in a room where you were sleeping, wash any wound thoroughly. Call your doctor and the health department. 1-800-4-RABIES. You may need to get post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), a series of shots that keep the virus from making people sick.



**ONE HEALTH  
VERMONT**

VERMONT VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

For more information:  
[www.vtvets.org](http://www.vtvets.org) 802-878-6888

## **TOPSHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2017 REPORT**

The Topsham Historical Society continues in its efforts to preserve and share the history of our town.

The Society, with assistance of students from Waits River Valley and community members, continues to place flags on all Veterans' graves in Topsham and are very proud to assist with the Memorial Day Program each year.

Special programs were presented as show and tell on WW1 and WW11. Many members had items of interest and family stories to tell at these meetings.

The Society organized an exhibit on stock car racing as part of the Town picnic.

The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month and alternate between Topsham Town Hall and Riverside Grange. Come and join us.

We continue to receive donations of items that tell the stories of our forefathers. Thus, we continue our search for housing for the collection.

Watch for notice of an Open House at the "Browne House", see the Rufus Porter murals, and learn more of the history of that home.

Nancy Frost Secretary, Topsham Historical Society

## **2017 ENERGY COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Your ideas are requested if you are familiar with Topsham and have some local knowledge of our lands. What areas could be sites for renewable energy generation and what areas should be restricted and preserved? The idea is to have more local input and control so that we are the ones to choose before the state or developers choose for us while still supporting the state Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP) goal of 90% renewables by 2050.

Examples of preferred sites for making electricity might have southern exposure, safely out of the flood plain and wetlands, a hilltop, an area that has no other use. A barn roof could be a preferred site or a parking lot canopy, any new or existing structure, an old gravel pit or quarry. Sheds for grazing animals work, though very large installations can harm habitat and wildlife.

Examples of sites to be preserved could include historic sites or structures, archeological resources, scenic viewsheds, ridgelines, specific road corridors, designated scenic byways, areas with significant natural resources, vernal pools or places that have special meaning to the community or are rare and irreplaceable. Agricultural soils of value, deer wintering areas and conserved lands also should be off limits.

Act 174 set standards which going by will allow our plans to hold more weight in a siting process. It can give "substantial deference" before the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), formerly the Public Service Board, in case of dispute or challenge. They will approve plans that show careful consideration and are "in the public good".

To have a part in '90/50' is to take steps to lessen extreme weather and its expenses, secure reliable energy and take economic advantage of the new energy economy.

The town plan will be updated this year. Now is our chance to decide how we want the energy future to look for us. It will be to our legal advantage to put our wishes as specific choices in black and white into the town plan. Careful details as to location are important. We can have emergency backup power or just plain cheap clean power for our town.

The economic appeal is taking off. All of the renewables now cost less per kwh than fossil fuel generation. Homeowners, you are encouraged to go renewable. 'Cut the cord', 'ditch the grid', 'go local'. Small is beautiful. The reasons are piling up. Contact

Maureen Hurley, Energy Coordinator, Town of Topsham, 6 Harts Rd, PO Box 69, Topsham VT 05076, maureenmhurley@gmail.com, 439-9699 or Town Office lv message, 439-5505

**TRI- VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

Tri-Village Fire Department had a busy year. We again what to thank the communities for their support in our annual dues mailing. Our raffles and turkey/ham shoot were both successful and help us to fund our department. The West side station has a new roof and the new addition is closed in. Like to thank all those who donated materials, time and labor in the construction of the new addition. We are planning to have it completed by this year. We are looking for new firefighters, especially on the West side of town anyone thinking of joining please contact one of our chiefs. Please check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers. Thanks, and have a safe year.

Fire Calls Mutual aid 13 Vehicle fire 1 Fire Alarm 2  
 Structure fires 5 Medical calls 7 Accidents 9 Brush fires 1  
 Chimney fires 4 Power lines 1 Extractions 2  
 Brad Calhoun President Richard Samson Chief  
 Tri-Village Fire Association

**Trial Balance**

As of December 31, 2017

Community Bank - Checking.	11,190.86
Community Bank - Savings	20,479.79
Building Fund	25,000.00
Truck Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>
	66,670.65

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Town of Orange		3,000.00
Town of Topsham .		28,000.00
Donations - Miscellaneous		1,420.00
Donations - Macdonald Trust		8,626.00
Donations- T shirts		70.00
Dues - Annual Mailing		10,825.34
Interest Income		19.95
Raffle		2,336.50
Turkey Shoot		<u>823.02</u>
		55,120.81
Dispatch	5,187.34	
Dues - Fire Association	554.00	
Electricity	1,282.00	
Equipment- Firefighters	7,187.55	
Equipment - Fire Trucks .	217.37	
Gas- Diesel	674.58	
Heating Oil	4,131.35	
Insurance - Commercial Policy	4,187.00	
Insurance- Vehicle Policy	4,669.00	
Insurance- Workers' Comp Policy.	1,292.00	
Meals.	230.12	
Office Supplies	477.96	
Postage/ Box Rental	559.50	
Repairs & Maintenance.- buildings	1,411.25	
Repairs & Maintenance-Trucks	8,454.36	
Secretary of State	25.00	
Telephone	661.35	
Training-Education	317.50	
Westside-Addition	<u>34,177.77</u>	
	75,575.65	

**CORINTH-TOPSHAM EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM 2017**  
P.O. Box 58 West Topsham, VT 05086 [cert58@yahoo.com](mailto:cert58@yahoo.com)

We have had another extremely busy year. We have responded to about 106 medical & trauma calls along with numerous fire calls in our service area. Both fire and motor vehicle accident calls often have more than one patient so actual number of people seen is probably greater than that listed.

We are an all volunteer squad and almost all of us work 'regular' jobs. We were reeling from our four member loss last year, when our training officer revealed that she was taking a job in South Carolina. We have four prospective members. They have shown interest, but as the saying goes "don't count your chickens until they hatch." or as In our case, until they pass the course.  
both FIRE and EMS have a demanding education regimen and to many it can be a challenge..

We are desperate for new members, if you or anyone you know, is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact any of our members. We will reimburse your education costs once you have received your certification and have remained a member in good standing thru your probationary period.

We currently have 7 members:

Jim Ainsworth.....NREMT,FF.....Chairman  
Natania Sewal Batten.....NREMT,FF..... Clerk/Treasurer  
Jacob Brook .....EMT  
Jeremiah Goyette.....Paramedic,FF  
Kate Goyette.....Paramedic,NPR  
Kim Richardson.....NREMT,VT AEMT,FF  
Zachary McNeal..... EMT with a lapsed license currently recertifying

We would like to thank the towns we cover for your continued support. We are very grateful for the many generous people who have supported us with your donations.

If you would like to donate to CERT, Your donation may be sent to:

CERT  
P.O. Box 58  
West Topsham, VT

## **BARRE TOWN AMBULANCE SERVICE 2017**

The EMS Department had 151 more calls in Fiscal year 2016/17 than fiscal year 2015/16. Like last year, the increase over the preceding year was due to increases in mutual aid and paramedic intercept emergency calls. It is anticipated that there will continue to be increases in the future and therefore, we are conducting some strategic planning to allocate resources accordingly.

This year there was a financial change related to medical reimbursements. Vermont Medicaid reimbursements increased based on the Vermont Legislature general fund changes. Vermont added a 3.3% ambulance revenue tax which is then used to access a higher reimbursement rate. After paying the tax Barre Town EMS received approximately \$18,000 in additional revenue.

### **Services and Service Area**

Barre Town EMS continued to function at the Paramedic level with Vermont Critical Care credentials. The Critical Care credential allows for the highest level of care in the prehospital setting. This credential is only held by 7 of the 80+ services in Vermont. Barre Town ambulances are based out of three stations with both East Barre and Berlin stations operational 24/7 and South Barre station 10 hours a day Monday through Friday. This fiscal year we continued to serve the towns of Barre Town, Berlin, Orange, Topsham and Washington. We also began conversations with the town of Brookfield in preparation for potentially taking on the EMS service for the northern section of town in fiscal year 2017-18. The personnel schedule went through major changes this year. The EMS Union and Town, through the most recent union contract, created a trial schedule to potentially decrease excessive overtime. The trial is being tested from June 1017 through January 2018. During the trial period the town will evaluate the benefits. Benefits that come with the new schedule are decreased employee burnout, increasing productivity and longevity. This new schedule also allowed for hiring of more per diem employees. Over the past year the EMS department increased its per diem staff from 8 to 22 employees. This staffing increase helps with covering vacations, special events, and extended long distance transfers.

### **Equipment**

This year Barre Town EMS put a great deal of resources toward the purchase of 2 new ambulances. While we had planned to purchase 1 ambulance, the town had a need for a second because of the increase in call volume over the past 5 years. Both ambulances were purchased from Yankee Fire and Rescue. They are Ford E-350 chassis with Frontline boxes. These ambulances are equipped with power load stretchers that greatly reduce the risk of employee back injuries from lifting and moving patients. This addition was offset by the resale of two older ambulances for \$24,000. During the bidding process it was recognized that the previous ambulance 5-year purchase plan would not work with the increase in call volume and mileage over recent years. During FY 16-17 the EMS department averaged approximately 13,000 miles per month. To avoid having vehicles with excessive mileage, and therefore more maintenance and lower resale value, the town has moved to a 4-year purchase plan. This new plan will be evaluated over the next couple of years to see if other changes are needed to the rotation.

### **Personnel**

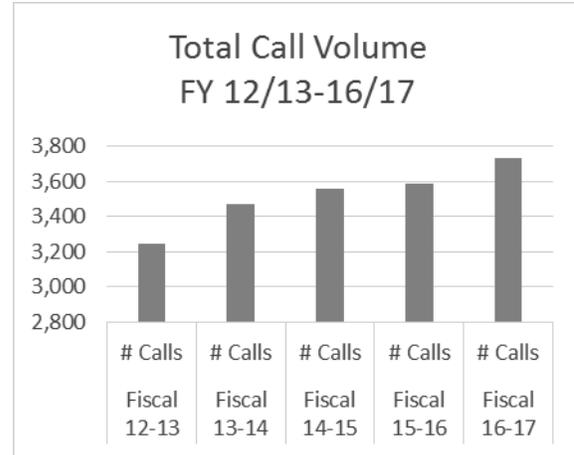
This year 2 full-time staff retired, Patrick Doyle and Sheila Brown. Patrick retired after 25 years of service during which time he was crucial in moving Barre Town EMS forward. Pat was also available to assist the town and the EMS department in any way he could. Sheila retired after 15 years of service. During her time, she was integral to service billing and staff scheduling. The EMS department wishes them well and will miss them greatly. With these retirements, the town hired Leanne Hatch and Jonathan Cullen. Both are licensed at the Paramedic level. Leanne comes to us from the Upper Valley and earned her Paramedic in January of 2017 from New England EMS. Jon comes to us from northeastern Vermont and earned his paramedic in 2014.

### **The following are new per diem Barre Town EMS providers hired in FY16/17**

Alex Jarvis, AEMT	David Talley, Paramedic	Michelle Brock, Paramedic
April Johns, Paramedic	John Leu, AEMT	Phillip Williams, EMT
Billy Smith, Paramedic	Kim Theil, Paramedic	Scott O'Brien, AEMT
Brian Johns, Paramedic	Margrit Burke, EMT	Sheila Brown, AEMT
Cyndi Nichols, Paramedic	Michael Johns, AEMT	Patrick Doyle, AEMT

Primary Service area call volume

Town	# of Calls FY16-17
Orange	75
Washington	50
Topsham	84
Berlin	2257
Barre Town	646



**2017 CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**

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

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

Some of the options we make available include:

- Senior Help Line - (800) 642-51 19 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development for home-delivered and community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, group training, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members who help to make it possible for seniors to remain in their home.
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During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 44 Topsham residents. Case Manager, Marianne Barnett is designated to work directly with the seniors in Topsham. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 270 hours of service to Topsham seniors.

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

## **ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER 2017 REPORT**

176 Waits River Road, Bradford VT 05033 Phone/Fax (802) 222-4782

### **Our primary focus is helping seniors. How did we do in 2017?**

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

- \* serve a record number of meals this year
- \* serve and deliver 1398 meals in Topsham.
- \* offer foot and flu clinics.
- \* hold classes in exercise, balance, line dancing, and computer instruction with internet.
- \* offer services of income tax preparation, filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- \* have available a Wii game system
- \* distribute donated medical equipment.
- \* provide our space to AA, ALANON and Cribbage Club.

### **How did we do all this?**

By:

- \* having a dedicated staff and group of volunteers
- \* running Bingo each Monday night
- \* renting our space for events
- \* having fund raisers including raffles, a penny auction, and bake sales

Our volunteers gave 2,950 hours to activities at the Center and drove 21,400 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted, Victoria R Chaffee

## **ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT 2017**

693 Vermont Route 110, Tunbridge, VT 05077 Phone: (802) 685-2264 Fax: (802) 685-2278.

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

OCPC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, six free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Reach Up case management, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. You can learn more at [www.orangecountypcc.org](http://www.orangecountypcc.org).

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 5 families from Topsham including 9 adults and 10 children.

Mary Ellen Otis, Executive Director

January 17, 2018

To Topsham Town Residents:

The Vermont State Police continues to provide dedicated police coverage for the town of Topsham. Throughout 2017, Troopers responded to a broad range of calls for service and the total number of cases generated by the Vermont State Police was 161.

Enclosed is a list of offenses that the Vermont State Police handled to in your town from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Respectfully,



Lieutenant Matthew Amadon

Station Commander Lieutenant Matthew Amadon  
Patrol Commanders Sgt. Lyle Decker, Sgt. Charles Winn, Sgt. Russell Finn, Sgt. Matthew Tarricone

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Vermont State Police, A Troop-Saint Johnsbury  
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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup Call	14
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	12
Agency Assistance	12
Alarm	5
Animal Problem	2
Assault	2
Burglary	2
Citizen Assist	15
Citizen Dispute	9
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Dead Body	1
Directed Patrol	2
Driving - License Suspended	1
Family Fight/Domestic	8
Fraud	1
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	6
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1
Miscellaneous CAD Call Record	1
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	18
Property Damage, Non Vandalism	1
Service Abuse Prevention Order	2
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	18
Theft	10
Theft of Automobile	1
Threatening	2
Unlawful Mischief	3
Welfare/Suicide Check	9

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Total Incidents for This Report: 161  
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## COUNTY OF ORANGE ANNUAL REPORT 2017

This report highlights the activities and expenses of Orange County during the county's 2017 fiscal year which began February 1, 2017 and ended January 31, 2018.

### County Support for the Sheriff's Department

The Orange County budget supports basic civilian operations at the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's department budget accounts for about 63% of the total county budget. We support the Sheriff's department at a higher level than many surrounding counties due to the fact that there are no other 24/7 staffed law enforcement agencies in Orange County. This 24/7 capability is most vital as it applies to domestic violence cases. We attempt to level fund the department's portion of the county budget where appropriate. The 2018 fiscal year budget includes increases in wages for civilian dispatchers in order to remain competitive and retain good workers. The training budget is also increased mostly due to constant changes in mandatory law enforcement training.

You can call the Sheriff's department directly for assistance at all hours--685-4875.

### County Courthouse

Good News! The 1997 bond has finally been paid off and in fiscal year 2018 Orange County will receive the first of ten annual interest rebate payments as the result of a debt restructuring by the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank.

During the past year the south side of the courthouse was scraped and repainted. All the shutters on that side were removed, repaired and also repainted. This work involved lead paint remediation and was hampered by many weather delays, but was finally completed in August.

The other significant project of 2017 involved replacing the sewer line from the courthouse to the connection to the town sewer line on Court Street. This line had backed up a few times during the year and it was best to replace the entire line.

Projects planned for fiscal year 2018 include installing a generator. In the past year we had several power outages that completely disrupted court operations including a day on which over 60 potential jurors had to be sent home. The funds for the generator will come from our Capital Reserve Fund. We will also be painting the north side of the courthouse, attending to those shutters and also beginning some interior painting. The interior of the courthouse has not been painted in over 10 years and we'll be working to complete that work in due course.

As always, we encourage more interest and participation in the budgeting process. The preliminary budget hearing is always held in mid December and the annual meeting in the last week of January. As per statute, we send notices of these meetings and copies of the proposed budget to town clerks and selectboards and publish notices in *The Journal Opinion* and *The Herald of Randolph*.

Please contact us with questions or comments at the courthouse 685-4610.

Orange County Assistant Judges: Joyce McKeeman, Corinth and Vickie Weiss, Tunbridge.

## ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM 2017

Orange County Court Diversion (OCCD) is a community based restorative justice program, offering cost effective alternatives to the criminal and civil court system. Our primary focus is the Court Diversion program for eligible adult and juvenile offenders referred by the State's Attorney. Other programs include the:

- **Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP)** for youth receiving civil complaints for underage alcohol or marijuana possession;
- **Driver's License Suspension Program**, helping Vermonters reinstate their licenses through income-sensitive fine repayment plans;
- **Pre-Trial Services Program**, providing support and services related to mental health and substance abuse for adults facing charges in criminal court.

The heart of our organization is Court Diversion. A Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers from Orange County, works with clients to address the harm they caused to victims and the community while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Clients must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel. Approximately 90% of the clients successfully complete our Court Diversion program. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017, 183 clients were referred for services. Of those, 85 were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 98 were referred for YSASP. With few exceptions, all cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. During FY17, OCCDP processed 17 cases in which the offender either resided in Topsham, and/or the offense occurred in Topsham. OCCDP's FY17 operating budget was \$110,930.00

Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)

## **CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION 2017**

Capstone Community Action formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council helps Vermonters achieve economic sufficiency with dignity through individual and family development. We work to alleviate the effects of poverty, help people move out of poverty, and advocate for economic justice. Each year Community Action serves over 14,000 Vermonters, the majority of whom live in the 56 central Vermont communities that comprise our primary service area. Our staff often works with a family in their most vulnerable moment to help them find stability, hope and relief. In recent years, demand for fuel assistance, emergency food, and housing assistance have continued to grow. Hand-in-hand, we help Vermonters develop the skills to tackle problems, identify goals, find the resources and take control of their futures. We offer housing counseling, financial education, home weatherization, early childhood education, job skills training, business counseling and more. Together, we create economic opportunities for all Vermonters.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **2017 VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH** ***Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Topsham, VT***

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, nonprofit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay. VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 1,241 homecare visits to 59 Topsham residents. This included approximately \$50,032 in unreimbursed care to Topsham residents.

- Home Health Care: 633 home visits to 41 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- Long-Term Care: 67 home visits to 5 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- Hospice Services: 534 home visits to 11 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- Skilled Pediatric Care: 7 home visits to 2 residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Sincerely,

*Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)*

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR NORTHEAST SLOPES 2016-17 SKI SEASON**

The 2016/17 ski season at Northeast Slopes was a continuation of our 80th Birthday Celebration! We played on the theme all season since our actual 80th year was such a bust for snow! We had a much snowier year and even opened the day after Christmas which is unusual. Our big news this season was night skiing. We had our first ever evening at the tow in March and will be hosting more night skis this winter!

We held several community events this past year. Our Fourth Annual Winterfest was attended by young and old from near and far and the sleigh rides, ski races and live, local music have become a winter tradition.

Our third annual NES-FEST was held this October. The event was even bigger with more food, more bands, local craft beer and a spectacular turn out. We even had really cool new T-shirts made - check out the banjo playing skier on the logo! Profits from the day went to support the youth ski program which works with both the Waits River Valley School and Bradford Recreation Program. The program works to provide equipment, lessons and slope time for kids in the area. Now in its fourth season, this aspect of our programming demonstrates our commitment to serving the children of Topsham. By opening as many days as weather allows, organizing fun local events and seeking financial support beyond our immediate community, the Board believes Northeast Slopes provides Topsham with an important and affordable community service that gives young people and their families a great place to meet and recreate outdoors during the long winter months.

In closing, the Board would like to thank the Town of Topsham for its generous support of last year. Our request for the upcoming fiscal year remains the same as last year. We will continue to strive to rely on our own operations and independent fundraising efforts to keep the old rope spinning, rather than increase the taxpayer burden.

With that said, THINK SNOW and we hope to see you on the Slopes!

Northeast Slopes' Board of Directors

**Little Rivers Health Care**  
**A Federally Qualified Health Center**  
**Annual Report to Towns                      Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Little Rivers Health Care, a federally qualified health center (FQHC), continues to provide primary health care services to roughly 10,000 residents out of our sites in Bradford, East Corinth, and Wells River. Our services include medical, behavioral health, care coordination, access to discount prescription drugs, and oral health/dental care for children. We offer sliding fee discounts to all who qualify under the federal guidelines and provide wrap-around services to assist those whose social and economic situations impact their ability to manage their health.

In 2016, the last full year for which data are available at the time of this submission, Little Rivers provided services to 5588 individuals in the course of 22,000 visits. As reported in years past, we offer health care for all ages, from pre-natal to end of life, including obstetrics, home visits, and farm outreach visits. We continue to collaborate with other FQHCs in the state to provide dental services to over 350 children in our area via the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

***In 2016, Little Rivers provided services to 403 Topsham residents, ~ 33% of the population, representing approximately 1572 visits.***

Our new Medication Assisted Treatment program for those struggling with addiction has grown steadily this past year and we will continue to grow and develop that program given the overwhelming need for those services. As a lead entity for the Blueprint for Health program in our region, Little Rivers has been able to offer educational programs and support groups for those with diabetes and other chronic illnesses as well as chronic pain management and tobacco cessation.

Of those that we serve, ~57% are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, 27 % are Medicaid beneficiaries, 26% are Medicare beneficiaries, and 5% are uninsured.

Our collaborations with other community service providers and state agencies have been especially important, resulting in more comprehensive and better-coordinated care for our patients. Together, we are able to leverage our collective resources more fully than without these partnerships.

In 2016, Little Rivers brought \$1.4 million in federal money to the local economy and provided jobs for over 60 people. The current building renovation that has just begin on our Bradford clinic is being funded primarily with a \$1 million federal grant and is providing additional business for local contractors. This project is expected to be completed by next spring and will enable us to serve more residents from that site.

As an FQHC, Little Rivers is expected to demonstrate community support; therefore the contributions from our towns and generous donors are especially important to us and deeply appreciated. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our communities.

*William Campbell, Board Chair*

*Gail Auclair, CEO*

Little Rivers at  
Wells River  
65 Main St.  
Wells River, VT  
802-757-2325

Little Rivers at  
East Corinth  
720 Village Rd.  
E. Corinth, VT  
802-439-5321

Little Rivers at  
Bradford  
437 S. Main St.  
Bradford, VT  
802-222-9317

Administration and  
Billing:  
146 Mill Street  
Bradford, VT  
802-222-4637



## 2017 BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**676 Village Road, PO Box D, East Corinth, Vermont 05040 | (802)439-5338 | blakemem@tops-tele.com**

Blake Memorial Library is a publicly supported non-profit public library operating under 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Our mission is to encourage the people of the Waits River Valley to read, to explore, to think critically and creatively, and to come together to share ideas and inspire each other; we strive to provide them with the tools to do so. We are grateful for the support of the residents of Corinth and Topsham, whose contribution of two dollars per capita helps maintain a facility open to the public five days a week—and helps make it possible for BML to continue to offer resources and services free of charge to everyone in the region.

We're more than just books! We hope you'll visit us and take advantage of our offerings:

- 20,000 books, videos, and audiobooks available for loan; about 100 new items added monthly
- 7 public access computers
- Help with using computers and online resources
- Local history resources
- B&W and color printers; copy machine □  
Downloadable e-books and audiobooks
- Access to Chilton's auto repair database
- PowerSpeak online language learning program
- Interlibrary loan service
- Rotating collection of videos and audiobooks from the Libraries of the Upper Valley Co-op
- Large print books
- Weekly Story Hour for children
- Exhibits featuring local artists
- Programs and events throughout the year
- Meeting space available
- Access to Heritage Quest (genealogical database) and Universal Class (take a free class online on almost anything)
- Access to the Vermont Online Library (millions of full-text online information resources produced by known and trusted publishers)
- Circulating periodicals
- On-going book sale and two large book and plant sales annually
- Help accessing materials from the Special Services Unit of the Dept. of Libraries for people with special needs
- OneCard network (sign up for a OneCard and use it to borrow from other Upper Valley Libraries like Bradford, Chelsea, Fairlee, and Norwich, among others)
- We joined the Dept. of Libraries-sponsored

We are pleased to have expanded our services and resources in 2016 & 2017:

- A new outdoor picnic and play area in the library lawn
- A new, image-rich 21<sup>st</sup> century website, including interviews from the Corinth Oral History project
- An expanded Summer Reading Program, including a BINGO challenge for children and prizes. 447 people attended a total of 13 summer programs geared toward children and we distributed 118 BINGO cards.
- CLOVER interlibrary loan network, which has expanded our access to borrowing from other Vermont libraries (both public and academic libraries)
- We partnered with WRVS for their 'Year of the Book' grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation
- We were the recipient of a Children's Literacy Foundation 'Summer Readers' grant

We want to thank the library's fundraising committee (which raises funds a large portion of the library's budget every year through the Secret Garden Tour, our bi-annual Plant and Book Sales, our annual appeal letter and many other fundraisers); our group of dedicated volunteers (who contribute about 2,000 hours of their time annually to staff the circulation desk, to process and catalog books, to maintain the building and collection, and more); and our generous donors. Because of their efforts, we're able to offer the people of the Waits River Valley quality library services while maintaining a relatively small tax footprint. We are also grateful to the town for its continued support of the Blake Memorial Library.

Board of Trustees: Shirley Montagne (President), Lynne Benjamin (Vice-President), Lisa Locke (Treasurer), Margaret Loftus (Secretary), Miranda Moody Miller, Jen Spanier, Joi Winchell, Catherine Whalen, Sukie Hausmann Director: Emily Heidenreich

**GREEN UP VERMONT 2017**  
P.O. Box 1191  
Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191  
(802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259  
greenup@greenupvermont.org  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

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

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

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

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

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

### **2017 STAGECOACH**

Thank you for your support of community transportation services. **In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 283 door-to-door rides for Topsham residents** either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-a-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of **89,000** rides. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. Thank you for your past support of community transportation services.

**Dial-A-Ride System** –Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Topsham, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, pharmacies, food shopping, and social services.**

**Bus System** – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life.

**Topsham residents can access bus services** to employment and shopping centers in White River Junction, and the Hanover-Lebanon NH.

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

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

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

## OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM 2017

### ADULT DAY SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

**What do we do?** (This is the important part.) We provide a safe and happy place for frail elders or adults with disabilities. Our friendly and wonderful staff plans activities that stimulate minds and exercise bodies. We sing songs and socialize. Our RN and LNAs monitor participants' health and medical conditions, and our certified chefs cook healthy and delicious meals on site, so that the smell of home cooking fills the air at lunchtime.

This past year, we provided over 11,000 hours of direct-care service. Over 2400 hours were specific to Topsham. More than 1,500 hours of uncompensated services were donated by our volunteers, staff, and board.

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

**Why do we count on Town support?** Although we are State-certified and regulated; budget cuts have taken away nearly all of our State funding. We must raise our operating costs through individual donations and Town funds.

**Thank you for your support!**

## SAFELINE 2017

PO Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038 [safelineinfo@safelinevt.org](mailto:safelineinfo@safelinevt.org) (802) 685-7900 office, (800) 639-7933 hotline

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

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 2,251 services for 362 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. **16 services were provided for 4 victims who identified themselves as residents of Topsham.** It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most of the victims have children within their family.

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

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. Safeline's staff offered "How Domestic Violence Effects Children and What You Can Do to Help" for local school personnel.

We thank the voters of Topsham for your support as we strive to end domestic violence and sexual abuse.

## TOPSHAM-CORINTH LITTLE LEAGUE 2017

Topsham-Corinth Little League was created by caring parents who wanted to provide a sports program for children in the towns of Topsham and Corinth. The league is open to boys and girls from ages 5- 12. Our non-profit organization supports and fosters teamwork, community, and a love of baseball/softball. We were fortunate last year to have two major league teams, three minor league teams, one pony and one instructional tee-ball groups.

The Topsham-Corinth league continues as the fastest growing league in the CVNLL area. With the contribution from last year we were able to offset uniform costs and bring new softball dugouts to our field. We would like to request \$500.00 to help with a new mandated bat rule which makes us replace all our baseball bats before the 2018 season.

For the 2017 season, TCLL provided baseball and softball instruction to over ninety eight children from the towns of Topsham (45) and Corinth (56). We hope to be able to continue our program as it is a positive way to encourage our children to be team players and stay physically active. Thank you from the TCLL board, parents and the players.

Willy Kingsbury, TCLL President/Treasurer

## **TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION 2017 YEAR-END REPORT**

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

### **Technical Assistance**

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

### **Emergency Management & Preparedness**

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

### **Regional Energy Plan**

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

### **Transportation**

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

Specifically in Topsham this past year, we provided emergency coordination assistance for the July 1 storm event, prepared a Better Road grant application for Phelps Road, coordinated a municipal roads Grants-In-Aid project on Ben Dexter Road, and assisted with the development and approval of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

*Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director, William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret*

## **VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS REPORT 2017**

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

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

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

VLCT is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. The organization provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. VLCT represents cities and towns before the state legislature and

state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and loudly, and also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities.

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

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

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

**West Topsham Community Hall Assoc. 2017 Annual Report**

Income for 2017:

Rentals & Suppers	\$1,111.50
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Expenses:

Insurance, utilities and State of Vermont	\$1,713.80
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Checking account:	\$1,858.29
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Income for 2017	+	\$1,111.50
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Expenses	-	\$1,713.80
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Ending balance	\$1,255.99
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Cash on hand	\$ 196.60
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Total ending balance:	\$1,452.59
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Estimated expenses for 2018	-	\$1,600.00
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(147.41)

It was not a good year for rentals, and fund raising was not very successful. There were no improvements made to the building this year.

**RIVERSIDE GRANGE 2017 REPORT**

The Patrons of Husbandry, known as the Grange, was founded over 100 years ago to improve the agricultural landscape by sharing knowledge and lobbying for fair representation. Today the Grange is focused on community involvement by supporting our local food shelf and agricultural efforts. Our income relies on fund raising activities and member dues. We are proud to have the food shelf operating out of our hall. The Farmers Market expanded this year to include more vendors and music. Cribbage games run through the winter to chase away cabin fever. Cribbage is played every Monday night at the Grange hall. For further information, contact Jim Bulger, President 439-5259 or Paula Clement, Secretary 439-5827. Thank you for your continued support.

## **2017 OXBEE QUILT GUILD REPORT**

During 2017 our Guild gave away 2 comfort quilts to residents of Corinth and 3 to Topsham residents. We will be donating 8 baby quilts to David's House. This past summer 2 quilts were given to Camp Agape in Plymouth, VT as we have done for many years.

During the holidays the Guild donated a generous food basket plus winter hats, scarfs and gloves to a local family.

OxBee Guild now has 8 members and our resources are limited. Topsham's support in the past has been much appreciated and we hope you can continue to help us in our efforts to support our local communities and give comfort to those in need.

The Guild has a table at the Waits River Valley School to help raise funds.

Sincerely, Marie Gross, Comfort Quilt Coordinator

Marge Silagyi, President

## **FRONT PORCH FORUM 2017**

### **Local Talk on 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>

## **VERMONT VETERAN'S HOME 2017**

Many Vermont Veterans, or Veterans in the surrounding tri-state area, do not know that a residential facility for Veterans exists in Vermont, nor are they aware of the programs and care that are provided for service men and women and their spouses. Also the link offers important information for children who may be required to coordinate the future care of an aging parent who was in the military or for their spouse. Our website is: <http://vvh.vermont.gov> or call (802) 447-6539

## **HOME SHARE NOW PROGRAM 2017**

We facilitate shared housing in central Vermont where services are performed in exchange for affordable housing. Home sharing can address a number of concerns: Affordable housing, aging safely at home, social isolation, tight finances, and overall well-being.

For more information about the program visit the website @ [www.homesharenow.org](http://www.homesharenow.org) or call: 802-479-8544



*The oldest veteran (Neil Young) serving the youngest veteran (Caroline Erickson) at the 2017 Memorial Day Ceremony*

## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT FOR TOPSHAM 2017

St. Johnsbury District Office, 107 Eastern Avenue #9, St. Johnsbury VT 05819  
(phone) 802-748-5151 | (fax) 802-751-3229 | (toll free) 800-952-2936 | HealthVermont.gov

Your Office of Local Health (OLH) is in St. Johnsbury and can be reached at the above address or telephone numbers. Please feel free to visit or give us a call if you have any questions or concerns regarding health in your town. VDH staff work every day to ensure all Vermonters have access to a healthy environment. There are 12 district offices around the state and our central office and state laboratory are in Chittenden County; all delivering a wide range of public health services and support to your community. In 2017, the Health Department worked on several state-wide initiatives many of which specifically served your community.

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

OLH served 1,298 pregnant women and children to age five out of the St. Johnsbury District Office through the WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) program. WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling, education and breastfeeding support; and, we partner closely with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

In 2017, our staff responded to 43 cases of infectious disease. Each reported case is investigated to minimize the exposure and/or effect of disease. Our local office also offers quarterly trainings to each Town Health Officer to help increase their knowledge, skills and comfort level when dealing with potential health issues.

Prevention is one of the health department's primary concerns. Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide are actively working on programs in our district to help increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, reduce prescription drug and marijuana use and/or misuse. Drug Take Back days, Red Ribbon week, programs and educational opportunities embedded in many schools and newly formed prevention coalitions are all examples of the work our staff and local community members have brought to our area.

The Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) is actively recruiting and working with volunteers to train and prepare for, not only major emergency events, but to be available to support those first responders that serve your town on a regular basis. The local health department staff are trained to respond to a variety of events and available to assist in arranging and supporting programs and training in your town. Please do not hesitate to contact our office to discuss issues or concerns.

Help us help your community to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all Vermonters



*Boy Scouts presenting the colors at the 2017 Memorial Day Ceremony*

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

January 26, 2017

The special town meeting regarding the purchase of land for a town garage was called to order by Moderator, Henry Buermeyer at 7:00pm.

Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to spend the sum of Forty-three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000.00) to purchase a certain real property from Luke P. Avery, II as the site for a town garage.

The Moderator turned the meeting over to Selectman, Thomas Flannigan, to give an overview of the property.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made to call the article.

The moderator asked for a show of hands to request a paper ballot.

There was more than seven requests so the vote was taken by paper ballot.

Total Votes: 46

Checked off on checklist: 45

**YES** Votes: 30

**NO** Votes: 16

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia Flannigan  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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Henry Buermeyer  
Moderator

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Elaine Smith  
Justice of the Peace



*Cleaning up the Bixby Cemetery for the 2017 Memorial Day Ceremony – Before and After*

## Summary of the Minutes of Town Meeting, March 7, 2017

The Legal voters of the Town of Topsham, Vermont, met at the Town Hall on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 10:00 in the forenoon. The meeting was opened by Moderator, Henry Buermeyer. He then asked all Veterans to come forward. They were thanked by hearty applause. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Boy Scout Troop 727. Thomas Otterman offered the invocation.

- Article 1.** Nominations for Moderator for a term of one year:  
Henry Buermeyer was nominated. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Henry Buermeyer**. So voted by voice vote.
- Article 2.** Motion made and seconded to accept and adopt the Town Report.  
**Auditor Elaine Smith listed the following corrections to the report.**  
Grand Juror for the West side is Jeanette Di Fazio.  
Page 28 balance 1/1/2016 should read \$112,697.14 with the amount collected 12/31/2016 \$159,267.35. Total uncollected \$104,669.59.  
Page 27 the balance due for Forrest & Sheri Thurston should also include \$801.27 for year 2013 making the Delinquent Taxes Totals 12/31/2016 \$104,669.59  
So voted by voice vote to accept and adopt the Town Report as corrected.
- Article 3.** Nominations for a Selectperson for a term of three years.  
Nominee was: Wendell Downing.  
Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Wendell Downing**. So voted by voice vote.
- Article 4.** Nominations for a Selectperson for a term of three years.  
Nominee was: James Bulger.  
Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **James Bulger**. So voted by voice vote.
- Article 5.** Nominations for a Lister for a term of three years.  
Nominee was: Patricia Plaisted  
Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Patricia Plaisted**. So voted by voice vote.
- Article 6.** Nominations for a School Director for the Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) for a term of three years.  
Nominee was: Alison Bruce.  
Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Alison Bruce**. So voted by voice vote.
- Article 7.** Nominations for a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.  
Nominee was: Brooke Hayward  
Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Brooke Hayward**. So voted by voice vote.
- Article 8.** Nominations for an Auditor for a term of three years.  
Nominee was: Eva Downing.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Eva Downing**. So voted by voice vote.

**Article 9.** Nominations for an Agent to deed land and to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town may be interested for a term of one year.

Nominee was: Brooke Hayward.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Brooke Hayward**. So voted by voice vote

**Article 10.** Nominations for two Grand Jurors for a term of one year.

Nominees were: Janice Emerson, East side and Georgianna Spooner, West side

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Janice Emerson** and **Georgianna Spooner**. So voted by voice vote.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to exempt the Tri-Village Fire Department, in whole or in part for a period of five years. Motion was made and seconded to exempt Tri-Village Fire Department in whole for a period of five years. So voted by voice vote.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to request that the Select Board adopt an ordinance regulating ATV use of town roads. Peter Keene explained the reasoning for petitioning the Select Board noting that there is a lot of speeding and misuse of town roads by ATVs. It was then requested that the existing policy be read. Select Board Chair, Jim Bulger read the policy and also said he had checked with the Orange County Sheriff Department about the cost of enforcing an ordinance. \$42.00 for one deputy in a cruiser and \$84.00 for 2 deputies on trails in an ATV. More discussion followed including destruction of the roads and noise late at night. It was mentioned that an ordinance would not stop the abuses. A motion was made and seconded to suspend discussion so Chip Conquest could address the assembly. So Voted.

Chip Conquest was given the floor at 11:00am. He spoke on 3 topics. He noted the Governor's focus on affordability, so he was surprised by the proposed budget with a 50 million dollar gap. Water Quality was the next topic, most particularly Lake Champlain. Rural Economic Development was his 3<sup>rd</sup> topic. He is on the committee and they are addressing Act 250 which needs updating for efficiency and an Infrastructure bill including telecommunications. There were questions to Chip about the marijuana bill, the education Act 46, and the family leave bill. He was also asked about the new DMV inspection process to which he replied it is a DMV matter.

ATV discussion resumed at 11:30am. Melodee Caruso, a representative of the new ATV club said that the club is willing to help land owners repair property damages, if the problem is brought to the attention of the ATV club. Megan Clark from Kimball Hill, where there's a lot of ATV travel suggested a committee could perhaps be formed to brainstorm about ways to improve ATV use in town so there would be more understanding on both sides of the issues.

Motion was made and seconded to ask the Select Board to adopt an ordinance regulating ATV use. A paper ballot was requested by a show of more than seven hands. The results of the vote: 115 votes were cast. 113 were checked off on the checklist.

**Yes: 41**      **No: 74**      **Motion Failed**

The meeting was opened up to those from outside organizations that asked to address the assembly. Chris Lamonda of Barre Town Ambulance and Rita Laferriere of the VNA both addressed the assembly. Town Clerk noted that Sue Perreault from Safeline had been present earlier to address the voters, but had to leave. She left information brochures for anyone interested in knowing more about the program. Motion made and seconded to recess for lunch. So Voted at 12:10 pm. Meeting reconvened at 1:05pm.

Gertrude Hodge spoke commenting on the legislature and read a letter from State Senator, Jane Kitchell concerning unclaimed monies in the VT State Treasury.

The floor was turned over to Donna Otterman to speak about having people sign up for the up-coming Green-Up Day in May. She noted that she is stepping down as Green-Up Chairperson. A round of applause was given to Donna Otterman for her years of service.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to use the sum of \$18,534.00 from FY 2016 Town Operations surplus to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes for 2017.

**Motion was made and seconded to use the surplus to reduce taxes.** Fran Rutstein stated that she felt the monies should be set aside for a rainy day. Randy Keating mentioned the upcoming costs for a new garage and asked about the monies going into the existing Surplus Funds CD. Treasurer Cynthia Flannigan stated that if the motion failed the monies would be deposited into the Surplus CD and the voters decide how to spend those funds.

Motion failed by voice vote.

\$18,534.00 will be put in the Surplus CD account.

**Article 14.** Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to spend unanticipated funds received during the year such as grants and gifts for the purposes for which they were intended. So voted by voice vote.

**Article 15.** Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts. So voted by voice vote.

**Article 16.** Motion was made and seconded to have the Town's taxes collected by the Treasurer with a due date of October 2 at the close of business. So voted by voice vote.

**Article 17.** Janice Emerson, Chair of the Budget Committee motioned that the Town vote the sum of \$1,014,250.00 with \$705,318.00 to be raised by taxes for expenses and indebtedness for the ensuing year. Motion was seconded. So voted by voice vote.

**Article 18.** Motion made and seconded to appropriate \$16,746.00 for the following organizations, which have filed requests as set forth below. Winnie Walker answered questions regarding the Oxbee Quilt Guild. Pearl Keene answered questions regarding Blake Memorial Library. So voted by voice vote.

Clara Martin Center	1,652.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	500.00
Northeast Ski Slope	1173.00
Orange County Diversion Program	125.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	4000.00
Orange East Senior Center	2200.00
Capstone Community Action	300.00
Blake Memorial Library	2346.00
Little Rivers Health Care	1100.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	800.00
Safeline, Inc	500.00
Stagecoach Transportation	850.00
Topsham Corinth Little League	500.00
OxBee Quilt Guild	200.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	<u>500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,746.00</b>

**Article 19.** Nominations to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors at the Waits River Valley School (Unified District 36) for a term of one year. Nominee was: Shellie Stevens. Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Shellie Stevens**. So voted by voice vote.

**Article 20.** No other legal business came before said meeting but Frances Rutstein suggested a letter accompany allocation checks asking representatives of the requesting organizations to have someone at Town Meeting to answer questions. Questions regarding the impending new Highway Garage were addressed to the Select Board.

Motion made and seconded to **adjourn at 1:50 PM**. So voted by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia Flannigan  
Town Clerk

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Henry Buermeyer  
Moderator

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Janice Emerson  
Justice of the Peace

**RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE IN 2017**

**BIRTHS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PARENTS</u></b>	
SAMUEL FAREED BASTON	February 14, 2017	Daniel Peter Baston	Valerie Ann Johnson
LANE DAVID STEARNS	April 19, 2017	Deven Ryan Stearns	Amber Jean Thurston
SOPHIA MAY BECK	June 2, 2017	Chad Michael Beck	Kimberly May Welch
BYRON SCOTT YAEGER	June 20, 2017	Karl David Yaeger	Bethany Arloa Whitcher
WESTON JAMES GERAW	July 11, 2017	Forrest Mathew Geraw	Melissa Ann Pirie
SENA ELIZABETH DiMEGLIO	October 4, 2017	Salvatore Francesco DiMeglio	Kimberly Ann Pasquito
ISABEL MARIE ROY	November 30, 2017	Joseph Allen Roy	Ambera Gabrielle Evans

NOTE: New Hampshire Town Clerks do not automatically send copies of Birth or Death records to Vermont Town Clerks. If you wish vital statistics from other states to be recorded in Topsham you must secure a copy from the Clerk of the town in which the event occurred and deliver it to the Topsham Town Clerk. for recording. The Topsham Town Clerk cannot make certified copies of these records, but having the record recorded indicates where to go to get a certified copy, if needed.

**DEATH CERTIFICATES FILED, 2017**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE of DEATH</u></b>
NORMAN MAURICE DUNN	79	January 4, 2017
MARTIN DEXTER, Jr.	74	February 19, 2017
SANDY J. PARTINGTON	44	April 11, 2017
THOMAS A. O'BRIEN	81	April 23, 2017
ANDREA B. BUERMAYER	76	April 29, 2017
MICHAEL P. McCARTHY	63	May 8, 2017
LILLIAN LOUISE APPLETON	70	August 21, 2017
EDSON E. HARRINGTON, Jr.	80	July 5, 2017
ARNOLD FRANCIS ADAMS	70	September 2, 2017
GORDON R. MEYETTE	72	September 15, 2017
HERBERT KENNETH COMBS, Sr.	80	October 4, 2017
CHESTER RALPH McLAM	97	October 6, 2017
ISABEL MABEL DOWNING	90	November 7, 2017
MARGARET GERTRUDE BATTEN	93	November 30, 2017
ROBERT NELSON WHEELER	70	December 9, 2017

**BURIAL PERMITS FILED**

Lyle Evelyn Downing	73	January 17, 2017
BARBARA PARTINGTON	91	August 7, 2017

## MARRIAGES

RYAN NICHOLAS THURSTON	DESIREE TIA-LYNN DYKE	May 20, 2017
CHARLES PATRICK SCHAUFUS, Jr.	RACHEL JEANETTE TILLOTSON	June 15, 2017
Stefan Mathias Gysler	Valerie Louise Luks	September 2, 2017
Joseph Charles Minchik	Bridget Anne McElroy	October 8, 2017
EHREN EDWARD TURNER	SANTINA ELIZABETH STONE	November 3, 2017

Note: ALL CAPITALS indicate residents of Topsham

### THE NEW VITAL RECORDS LAW (ACT 46) AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2018.**

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, go to

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



# **IN CASE OF FIRE or PHYSICAL EMERGENCY: Dial-911**

**This number will get the Fire Department,  
the FAST Squad and Ambulance or the State Police**

1. Call immediately - Get the responders on their way
2. Give your location - Name - Nature of emergency
3. Wait - Do not hang up - Answer questions - Be sure you have been understood.

## **Forest Fire Wardens:**

William Appleton 439-5530  
Key man - Edgar Downing 439-5880

Report any and all forest fires to the Fire Warden or Key Man at once! At all times of the year, ANY OUTSIDE BURNING REQUIRES A PERMIT or permission from the Fire Warden or Key Man. Neither Trash burner nor incinerator is "official" or "approved" until declared so by the Fire Warden.

## **\*\*\*\*\*Licenses, Registrations & Park Passports \*\*\*\*\***

### **Dog Licenses:**

<b>Attention Dog Owners:</b>	<b>Fees Before April 1st</b>	<b>After April 1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b><u>NOT</u> Neutered/spayed.....</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	<b>.....\$17.00</b>
<b>Neutered/spayed.....</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>	<b>.....\$11.00</b>

**NOTE:** State receives \$5.00 of each fee. All dogs age (6) months are required by State Law to be licensed. A current rabies certificate is necessary for licensing. Rabies shots are now valid for 36 months after initial vaccination.

ALL DOGS must be licensed between January 1<sup>st</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>. (EVERY YEAR)

Copy of the Animal Ordinance is available at the town office.

**Rabies Clinic: Wednesday March 7, 2018, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Location: East Corinth Fire Station.** *The Town Clerk will be in attendance to license your dogs.*

**Cats:** State law requires cats to be vaccinated against rabies.

### **Vehicle Registration Renewals:**

Renewals can be done by Town Clerk, during regular office hours, for cars and trucks less than 6,099 Lbs. and snowmobiles. You must have Preprinted Computer Generated Registration with current or previous month's expirations. Must pay with check or money order for the correct amount. Town clerk will collect a \$3.00 processing fee, which may be in cash.

### **Green Mountain Passport:**

Must be 62 or over and a Resident of Vermont. Must apply with Town Clerk in town of Residence.  
Charge \$2.00

### **Passports to National Parks:**

#### **Golden Access Passport:**

Free to Handicapped with proof of disability. Others purchase at Green Mountain National Park offices in Rutland, Manchester, Middlebury or Rochester.

#### **Golden Age Passport:**

Age 62 and over, with proof of age. Charge \$10.00. Can be purchased at entrance to any National Park or at any of the above Green Mountain National Park Offices.

#### **Golden Eagle Passport:**

Can be purchased at any age at entrance to any National Park for \$25.00.

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