

Town of Ryegate Vermont

2018 Annual Report



Please bring this report to
Town Meeting
On Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Dedication

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Community Spirit. Through the years, people moving to Ryegate have commented on the sense of Community they find. Decades ago, people gathered at their local general stores or post offices to visit with neighbors, pay their grocery bills and learn the latest news.

As years have gone by and stores have come and gone, other ways of keeping a sense of Community have evolved.

Two seasonal Town Festivals have developed and are great ways to visit with neighbors and make new friends. The Winter Festival is in its 6th year at Ticklenaked Pond. The feeling of Community is apparent whether people arrive by a horse drawn wagon, gather around the bonfire on the beach, skate around the mile track on the Pond or cheer on a little kid's first ice fishing adventure. The Summer Festival brought Community to the Captain Mills Memorial Ballfield in South Ryegate in July with musical numbers from several people, kids' games, a charming demonstration by a working black lab and her owner/game warden who enchanted kids and adults alike.

There are also Community spirited organizations in Town. Blue Mountain Grange holds an annual Ceilidh at the Town Hall in the fall, inviting all to come and perform, listen to several musical presentations, and enjoy the camaraderie of the evening. An annual Halloween Party brings families together, reveling in an old time atmosphere with scary stories and games. The Northeast Kingdom Senior Meal Site at South Ryegate serves as a gathering place for visiting with neighbors, enjoying a nutritious meal and once a month tapping ones toes to The Boyz, a local group of musicians who generously perform at several meal sites in the area.

In the Village of East Ryegate, Community gathers at Whitelaw Hall, the former Presbyterian Church building, for Historical Meetings and Programs several times a year. Bringing people together to learn about Ryegate's past is a great way to bond with neighbors who care about our Town's history.

The annual Ryegate Santa Program brings people together at Christmas to help make other families' Christmas Season a bit brighter. Community members purchase, wrap and distribute gifts and meals as needed. The Ryegate Corner Church holds an annual Community Christmas Dinner in early December, hoping that many Community members will attend and enjoy the fellowship.

The Town Sign, featured on the cover of this Town Report, is one of three placed around town by a generous donation from the South Ryegate Women's Club. The signs help to draw the three main areas of the Town together, exemplifying a feeling of continuity and community.

In this day and age, when life seems to travel at a faster speed, but stress can still find us, it is good to slow down and enjoy the sense of Community and well being that comes from gathering together. Community Spirit is alive and well in Ryegate.



Winter Carnival



Grange Ceilidh



Summer Carnival

The Report of the Officers of the

Town
of
Ryegate
Vermont

In preparation for Town Meeting Day

On

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Annual Report
Of Town Officers
For the Year Ended
December 31, 2018

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Resident foxes below the Town House



Summer Festival, photo
Courtesy of the Journal Opinion

Selectboard Narrative

Highlights of the Year:

There has been discussion and research concerning energy efficiency for the Town and the possibility of a solar array for the municipal buildings at the Corner. There is a summary of this in the Town Report and an article in the warning to be considered. Going along with efficiency, new windows were installed in the Town Office basement, and two new storm doors were installed on the main floor.

The generosity of Mrs. John Weesner in memory of John Weesner and Nicole Andrea Hayne continues as she sent another memorial gift to the Town. The Board wonders if a project wider in scope should be considered for the money with a focus on hungry kids taking the forefront of the discussion.

The Caledonia County Sheriff's contract was increased to \$10,000 taking some money from the Vermont State Police budget that would be unused during the year. The Town has a good working relationship with that Agency and encouraged unscheduled sheriff patrol for various areas of Town.

South Bayley-Hazen Road (Bible Hill) was both reclaimed and paved during the summer. A 672 John Deere Grader was purchased after discussion during several meetings as to the advisability of trading or continuing to run the current grader. Various road grants have been received: One to encourage stone lined ditches and another a Town Highway Structures Grant to replace the culvert on the Darius James' Brook that passes under Witherspoon Road.

The Board considered and ultimately approved a proposal to allow an independently run food compost operation at the Groton-Ryegate Recycling Center in East Ryegate. The project was put out to bid and will be a larger outreaching operation than what is currently there. The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District has applied for a state grant for the Town that will help get the project up and running.

The Board held publicized Public Hearings on the proposed updated Town Plan which was ultimately adopted by both the Town and the Regional Planning Commission. This will be in effect for eight years and will make all three Ryegate Villages eligible for grant money for improvements.

Unlicensed and off leash dogs continue to be a problem in Ryegate. The Board has been happy to have Rachel Clough serve as Animal Control Officer in a diligent manner and encourages everyone to license their dogs (it's a State Law) and have them leashed when off their property.

The Cemetery Commission reported that some of the oldest stones in Blue Mountain Cemetery will be replaced because they can't be repaired. The Board asked that the utmost respect be shown to the old stones, and for them not to be discarded.

The Board would like to thank various Town Commissions and Departments that help the Town run smoothly.

Ryegate Select Board
Claudette Sortino, Chair
Paul Keenan
Andrew Smith

Photo of the Town Office, June 1958



Towns Officers Appointed by the Selectboard

Road Foreman	Nelson Elder
Clerk for the Select Board	Marsha Nelson
Fence Viewers	The Select Board
Pound Keeper	Riverside-Lunenberg
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber & Weigher of Coal	Bruce Beauvais
Tree Warden	Darcy Nelson
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Dean Rowden
Town Service Officer	Vacant
Health Officer	Stephen Genereaux, MD
Animal Control Officer	Rachel Clough
Energy Officer	Carl Bayer
Green Up Chairmen	Darryl Perkins & Makayla Perkins
NEK Waste District	Gene Perkins, Supervisor Andrew Smith, Vice Super
Planning/Zoning Commission:	
Term expires 2019	Walter Bragg
Term expires 2019	Richard Colby II
Term expires 2019	Nancy Perkins
Term expires 2020	Alice Allen
Term expires 2020	Stephen Genereaux
Term expires 2021	Mary Dole
Term Expires 2021	Catherine Davie
Term Expires 2021	Fremont Nelson
Term Expires 2021	Regina Hazel
Zoning Administrator	William Elder
Northeastern Vermont Develop Assoc.	Claudette Sortino
Connecticut River Joint Commissions	Mary Dole
APPOINTED BY THE TOWN CLERK	
Town Clerk's Assistant	Marsha Nelson
APPOINTED BY THE TREASURER	
Treasurer's Assistant	Patricia Crocker



Blue Mountain view from Bible Hill Rd

Town Officers 2018

MODERATOR		Regina Hazel
TOWN CLERK		Elizabeth Page
TREASURER		Cheryl Slayton
SELECTBOARD		
Term Expires March	2019	Claudette Sortino
Term Expires March	2020	Paul Keenan
Term Expires March	2021	Andrew Smith
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR		Dale Wright
FIRST CONSTABLE		vacant
TOWN AGENT		John Zampieri
FIRST GRAND JUROR		Dean Rowden
LISTERS:		
Term Expires March	2019	Sally Wilson
Term Expires March	2020	Regina Hazel
Term Expires March	2021	Elizabeth Beauvais
AUDITORS		
Term Expires March	2019	Richard Hodgson
Term Expires March	2020	Thomas Dole
Term Expires March	2021	Richard Fraser
LIBRARY TRUSTEES		
Term Expires March	2019	Jennifer Nelson
Term Expires March	2020	Mary Dole
Term Expires March	2021	Deanna Arnosky
Term Expires March	2022	Richard Fraser
Term Expires March	2023	Marsha Nelson
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER		
Term Expires March	2019	Richard Colby II
Term Expires March	2020	Daniel LaCoss
Term Expires March	2021	Bruce Nelson
Term Expires March	2022	William Nelson
Term Expires March	2023	Melissa Mann
UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS		
Term Expires March	2019	Bruce Stevens
Term Expires March	2019	Paul Hazel
Term Expires March	2020	Wade Parker
Term Expires March	2021	Angeline Alley

Auditors' Narrative

In accordance with Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 24, §1681, the board of auditors has verified the existence of cash balances, and examined the accounts and records of town officers. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements, reports of receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities contained in this annual report present an accurate record of the funds handled in the year ending December 31, 2018.

The auditors as a group verify bank accounts and paid bills on a monthly basis and fund balances on a quarterly basis. Individually auditors are verifying accounts and other financial activities conducted by the town commissions, departments, and officers. We reconcile the Grand List and the property information files involved in transfer of ownership and changes of appraised value annually. The auditors also performed verification of tax collections, and other transactions.

The auditors are hoping to provide some historical information encompassing a 3 to 5-year period to be included in the Town Report that should also assist in Town Management. Last year's budget included funds to purchase a computer that would allow us to keep all auditors forms, procedure information, meeting notices, agendas, minutes, and the historical information on a town computer rather than keeping that information on our personal computers. A lot of conversation took place about what computer to buy, however these conversations only resulted in more questions. We hope we will be able to make this purchase soon after Town Meeting.

We thank the town officers and officials for their cooperation in assisting us as we perform our duties.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Dole Richard Fraser Richard Hodgson



Photos from Senior Meals at
South Ryegate Church



Accounts Administered by SelectBoard and Treasurer 2018

No.	Beginning Balance	Deposit	Withdrawal	Interest Credited	Ending Balance
1) So. Ryegate Sewer					
#273086	\$1,587.77			\$0.80	\$1,588.57
2) Fire Dept Building Fund					
#634466	\$529.45			\$0.49	\$529.94
3) Fire Dept Eq. Repl.					
#632300	\$12,651.23	1) \$11,355.28	2) \$16,012.50	\$8.22	\$8,002.23
4) Machine Fund-Hgwy					
#612080	\$229,193.50	3) \$75,000.00	4) \$264,248.00	\$190.73	\$40,136.23
5) Ryegate History Committee					
#524317	\$7,678.94			\$7.68	\$7,686.62
6) Nicole A. Hayne					
#528494	\$11,557.42	5) \$5,000.00	6) \$1,350.00	\$10.73	\$15,218.15
#905929	\$9,689.27			\$38.83	\$9,728.10
7) M. Hall Library					
#195892	\$2,234.15		7) \$400.00	\$1.10	\$1,835.25
#905933	\$6,363.02			\$25.50	\$6,388.52
#909982	\$86,495.10			\$346.60	\$86,841.70
8) W. Sutton Memorial					
#552067	\$106.26			\$0.04	\$106.30
9) Fire Dpt Truck Repl					
#673078	\$41,041.48	8) \$13,000.00		\$41.08	\$54,082.56
10) E. Ryegate Library					
#9358817841	\$1,885.10			\$0.57	\$1,885.67
1) Budget to Actual Fire Dept Contribution			6) Winter Carnival, Pinwheels, Summer Fest		
2) Final Payment. Refurb. Engine 1			Ticklenaked Playground		
3) 2018 Budget Contribution			7) South Ryegate Library		
4) 2017 Freightliner Ext. Warranty & John Deere Grader			8) 2018 Contrib. Fire Truck Replacement Fund		
5) Donation By Gitta Weesner in Memory of John Weesner					
No.	Beginning Balance	Deposit	Withdrawal	Interest Credited	Ending Balance
11) John F. McColl Cemetery					
#810875	\$3,450.70			\$13.82	\$3,464.52
#905930	\$2,346.20			\$9.39	\$2,355.59
#234630	\$106.29			\$0.04	\$106.33
12) McDonald Cemetery					
#290409	\$320.66			\$0.16	\$320.82
13) Byrne-Buchanan Cemetery					
#304502	\$491.91			\$0.24	\$492.15
14) C A Park Cemetery					
#506625	\$698.47			\$0.36	\$698.83
15) E. Hall Cemetery					
#195915	\$1,423.78			\$0.72	\$1,424.50
#905932	\$7,450.80			\$29.87	\$7,480.67
16) M. Hall Cemetery					
#195928	\$1,275.89			\$57.59	\$1,333.48
#905931	\$3,979.01			\$15.94	\$3,994.95
146 Shares Bank of America	\$4,309.92			\$78.84	\$4,388.76
#909983	\$1,409.23			\$5.64	\$1,414.87
17) Ticklenaked Pond Checking					
#389315	\$6,081.90		\$362.00		\$5,719.90
18) BMU Little League					
#565393	\$663.85			\$0.32	\$664.17
19) Lind Homes Housing					
#565353	\$4,350.88			\$4.36	\$4,355.24

2018 Town Employee Compensation

Employee Name	2018 Pay Rate	Gross Wages	Retirement	Bonus	Health Insurance	FICA	Total Compensation
Nelson Elder	21.65 Hourly	50,994.31	3,735.74	100.00	9,057.98	3,881.12	67,769.15
<i>Road Foreman</i>							
Stan Kosakowski	16.69 Hourly	1,198.16				91.65	1,289.81
<i>Road Crew PT</i>							
Larry Welch	18.34 Hourly	42,985.94	3,150.40	100.00	9,057.98	3,275.35	58,569.67
<i>Road Crew</i>							
Bruce Boyce	17.50 Hourly	36,374.55	2,666.50	100.00	9,057.98	2,660.57	50,859.60
<i>Road Crew</i>							
Jason Sulham	17.00 Hourly	32,471.91	2,379.64	100.00	9,057.98	2,383.28	46,392.81
<i>Road Crew</i>							
Marsha Nelson	418.85 Weekly/	8,314.20	364.40	100.00	1,729.04	643.69	11,151.33
<i>Town Clerk/Sel. Cl</i>	3000.00 Annual						
Cheryl Slayton	382.00 Weekly	19,614.00		100.00	8,552.49	1,507.99	29,774.48
<i>Treasurer</i>							
Patricia Crocker	12.00 Hourly	1,164.00		100.00		96.68	1,360.68
<i>Asst. Treas/ Clerk</i>							
Elizabeth Page	418.85 Weekly	17,170.25	1,256.59	100.00	6,050.30	1,321.10	25,898.24
<i>Town Clerk</i>							
Richard Fraser	13.49 Hourly	185.86				14.21	200.07
<i>Auditor</i>							
Thomas Dole, Aud	13.49 Hourly	674.00				51.56	725.56
<i>Auditor</i>							
Richard Hodgson	13.49 Hourly	575.44				44.02	619.46
<i>Auditor</i>							
Dale Wright	8% Collection Fe	12,207.27				933.85	13,141.12
<i>Tax Collector</i>							
Regina Hazel	16.09 Hourly	3,077.18				235.42	3,312.60
<i>Lister</i>							
Elizabeth Beauvais	16.09 Hourly	3,528.07				269.90	3,797.97
<i>Lister</i>							
Sally Wilson	16.09 Hourly	2,682.82				205.26	2,888.08
<i>Lister</i>							
Gene Perkins **	10.50 Hourly	4,845.75				370.72	5,216.47
<i>Recycling</i>							
Andrew Smith	Annual	1,000.00				76.50	1,076.50
<i>Selectboard</i>							
Claudette Sortino	Annual	1,000.00				76.50	1,076.50
<i>Selectboard</i>							
Paul Keenan	Annual	1,000.00				76.50	1,076.50
<i>Selectboard</i>							
		241,063.71	13,553.27	800.00	52,563.75	18,215.87	326,196.60
		Additional Employer Costs:		Worker's Compensation Ins.			13,096.00
				Road Crew Uniforms/Laundry Service			4,795.34
**Town of Groton Reimbursed \$2422.88 for their share.				Unemployment Ins.			318.00
				TOTAL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION			344,405.94

Balance Sheet Comparison

	12/31/2015	12/31/2016	12/31/2017	12/31/2018
Current Assets				
Wells River - Checking	(7,104.53)	11,137.79	15,159.54	214.47
Petty Cash	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Wells River Savings - Debit Card Acct	13.55	22.05	154.55	154.55
Wells River Savings - Money Market	408,958.78	436,931.08	344,622.31	409,667.79
Woodsville Savings - Money Market	161,899.64	162,386.17	162,855.86	163,350.10
Passumpsic Savings - Money Market	201,619.63	201,992.62	202,366.57	202,712.54
Property Tax - Delinquent	46,017.80	54,638.16	74,616.42	75,216.02
Property Tax - Current	118,927.90	112,355.18	124,859.52	112,476.00
South Ryegate Sewer Receivable	1,433.42	4,666.23	3,285.00	6,456.34
East Ryegate Sewer Receivable	3,449.68	3,065.23	3,372.96	1,946.27
Receivable, Town of Groton	1,998.25	2,255.32	2,110.44	2,715.50
Total Assets:	937,244.12	989,479.83	933,433.17	974,939.58
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable		555.00	410.00	1,692.00
Aflac Withheld				
Federal Withheld				
FICA Withheld	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)
State Withheld	(3.19)	(4.01)	(3.92)	(3.92)
Prepaid Property Tax	1,325.53	1,946.55	1,660.73	800.78
Zoning Admin Fees		641.00	1,166.00	1,191.00
Due to/(from) other accts	7,765.63	12,434.00	10,355.28	4,431.08
Total Current Liabilities:	9,087.93	15,572.50	13,588.05	8,110.90
Long Term Liabilities				
Fund Balance - Reappraisal	65,445.75	71,948.25	78,476.25	84,978.75
Fund Balance - Town Highway	99,906.72	152,679.39	27,567.27	33,643.29
Fund Balance - So. Ryegate Sewer	44,861.65	39,410.92	41,692.69	43,412.98
Fund Balance - Roads	91,995.51	91,995.51	91,995.51	66,872.93
Fund Balance - Creamery Road Bridge	42,633.77	42,633.77	42,633.77	42,633.77
Fund Balance - 68 Church St.	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fund Balance - External Audit	7,000.00	10,500.00	14,000.00	17,500.00
Fund Balance - Zoning/Planning Commission		2,011.08	7,023.08	2,109.33
Fund Balance - Accounting Software			5,000.00	10,000.00
Fund Balance - Cemetery Restoration			5,000.00	7,500.00
Fund Balance - Listers				5,700.00
Fund Balance - Restoration	14,101.20	14,344.43	13,419.92	13,713.95
Total Long Term Liabilities:	366,444.60	426,023.35	327,308.49	328,565.00
Total Liabilities:	375,532.53	441,595.85	340,896.54	336,675.90
Capital				
Retained Earnings	551,532.36	561,711.59	547,883.98	592,536.63
Net Income	10,179.23	(13,827.61)	44,652.65	45,727.05
Total Capital:	561,711.59	547,883.98	592,536.63	638,263.68
Total Liabilities and Capital:	937,244.12	989,479.83	933,433.17	974,939.58

Understanding Your Property Tax Bill

Your property tax bill is broken down to show education, highway and town taxes and their respective rates. Your total tax rate is the sum of these rates.

The tax rate is per \$100 of your assessment; therefore, to figure the tax you owe, first move the decimal point in your assessment two places to the left, then multiply that number by the total tax rate.

Sample Tax Bill:

Your Assessment	Tax Rate (per \$100)	Tax Due
\$200,000.00 (Homestead)	2.1246	\$4249.20
\$200,000.00 (Non-Residential)	2.0701	\$4140.20

Comparative Budget REVENUES

2018	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
REVENUES			
Property Taxes (minus BMU school pymts.)	859,767.00	810,319.81	914,131.00
PILOT (Paymt. In Lieu Of Taxes)	1,500.00	2,263.72	1,500.00
Property Tax Adj. from prior year	-	11,771.40	-
Interest, Delinquent Taxes	10,000.00	20,850.97	10,000.00
Tax Collectors 8%	-	12,221.86	-
Permits - Zoning & Planning	200.00	165.00	200.00
Marriage Licenses	200.00	240.00	200.00
State Aid for Highways	120,000.00	123,015.36	120,000.00
Current Use/Hold harmless - State of VT	-	45,655.00	-
Town Clerk Fees	8,000.00	10,113.15	8,000.00
Dog Licenses	1,600.00	1,883.00	1,600.00
Interest Income	2,500.00	2,273.28	2,300.00
Traffic Control	200.00	184.50	200.00
Grant Revenue	-	4,000.00	-
Fire Dept. - W/C Refund	-	292.00	-
Town of Groton - Recycling Building	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Equl Ed Gr List Main.	-	765.00	-
Revenues Total:	1,005,467.00	1,047,514.05	1,059,631.00

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

Elected and Appointed Officials	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Animal Care	500.00	280.19	500.00
Auditors Salary	1,500.00	1,435.30	1,500.00
Auditors Supplies	1,300.00		1,300.00
Ballot Clerk Salaries	1,000.00	1,354.73	750.00
Cemetery Appropriation	9,300.00	9,300.00	13,000.00
Cemetery Fencing & Repair	-		1,269.00
Cemetery Stone Restoration	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Dog Catcher Expense	1,500.00	668.10	1,500.00
Dog Catcher Supplies	-	-	-
Health Officer Expense	50.00		50.00
Lister's Computer Support	2,400.00	2,457.62	2,750.00
Lister's Salaries	15,000.00	14,988.07	15,000.00
Lister's Supplies & Expenses	500.00	162.49	500.00
Lister's Telephone	450.00	426.30	450.00
Selectman's Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Selectman's Clerk	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Tax Collector's 8%	-	12,207.27	-
Tax Collector's Expense	275.00	200.00	275.00
Town Officer's - Conf/Mtgs	1,500.00	1,020.00	1,500.00
Town Patrol - State Police	18,000.00	3,918.79	12,000.00
Town Patrol Sheriff Contract	5,000.00	6,073.50	8,000.00
Zoning - Salaries	1,000.00	492.01	1,000.00
Zoning Advertising	100.00	245.90	100.00
Zoning/Planning Comm.		-	
Board Of Civil Auth. Expense		-	
Recycling Coordinator	2,500.00	2,422.87	2,500.00
Elected & Appointed Officials Total:	70,375.00	66,153.14	69,944.00

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

Town Offices	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Marriage License Fees	-	200.00	-
Medical Benefits	17,500.00	16,331.83	18,475.00
Retirement Benefits	1,650.00	1,620.99	1,650.00
State Dog license Fees	1,000.00	905.00	1,000.00
Machinery & Equipment, Repair	200.00	-	200.00
Machinery & Equipment, Purchase	500.00	126.00	500.00
Town Officers - Dog Fees	400.00	362.00	400.00
Fuel Oil	2,000.00	2,119.05	2,200.00
Ground Work	2,300.00	2,480.00	2,300.00
Postage	1,200.00	923.05	1,200.00
Town Clerk Salaries	22,000.00	21,980.20	23,000.00
Assistant Town Clerk Salaries	1,300.00	627.25	1,300.00
Town Treasurer Salaries	20,000.00	19,714.00	21,000.00
Assistant Town Treasurer Salaries	1,300.00	979.00	1,300.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,793.32	1,500.00
Telephone & Internet	1,100.00	1,032.97	1,100.00
Utilities	925.00	888.26	925.00
Computer Support	2,500.00	2,488.39	2,500.00
Website	300.00	149.98	345.00
Workers Compensation	546.00	546.00	573.00
		-	
Town Offices Total:	78,221.00	75,267.29	81,468.00

General	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Ambulance	22,386.00	22,386.00	22,386.00
Appraisal Consulting	1,500.00		
Beach Repairs & Maint.	1,500.00	971.05	1,000.00
Cemetery Flags	250.00	239.95	200.00
County Tax	15,347.00	15,347.00	14,807.00
Elections Telephone	300.00	-	
Elections Advertising	150.00	-	100.00
Fast Squad - Groton/Ryegate	13,000.00	18,076.45	13,000.00
FICA - Employer	18,500.00	18,215.87	18,500.00
Fire Warden Expense	400.00	267.72	400.00
Legal Fees	1,500.00	1,031.44	1,500.00
External Audit Fund	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Accounting Software Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Tax Sale Expense	-	283.50	-
Meeting/Bid Advertising	100.00		100.00
Recycling	3,500.00	3,945.52	4,000.00
Recycling Building & Maintenance	3,500.00	-	3,500.00
Ryegate Green Up	100.00	-	100.00
Ryegate Green Up - Disposal	500.00	395.00	500.00
Ryegate Historical Society	200.00	200.00	200.00
Tax Maps	-		1,600.00
Town Building Repair & Maintenance	2,500.00	1,630.26	15,000.00
Town Report	2,000.00	1,603.68	2,000.00
Town Report - Delivery	250.00	243.27	250.00
VLCT Dues	2,400.00	2,368.00	2,450.00
VLCT PACIF Insurance	20,714.00	21,133.00	22,683.00
Misc. Grant Expense	-	4,000.00	-
Tax Abatement/Reimbursement	-	1,854.86	-
Town Buildings Energy Efficiency	-		2,400.00
General Total:	119,097.00	122,692.57	131,676.00

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

Fire Department	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Fire Truck Replacement Fund	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Bldg - So. Ryegate	1,000.00	199.98	1,000.00
Bldg - Ryegate Corner	2,800.00	1,325.62	2,500.00
Diesel	1,500.00	1,398.93	1,500.00
Dispatch	1,800.00	2,220.00	2,300.00
Dry Hydrant	1,000.00	170.71	1,000.00
Dues	1,000.00	1,016.00	1,000.00
Dumpster	200.00	186.62	200.00
Equipment Replacement Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel Oil - Ryegate Corner	2,500.00	2,569.61	2,500.00
Fuel Oil - So. Ryegate	800.00	774.10	800.00
Gasoline	50.00		50.00
Insurance/Accident	2,000.00	1,951.00	2,000.00
Mach. & Equip.	10,000.00	10,081.43	10,000.00
Repairs	7,000.00	9,945.88	10,000.00
Supplies	1,500.00	991.09	1,500.00
Telephone/ Internet	1,000.00	858.65	1,000.00
Training	3,000.00	4,027.56	5,000.00
Utilities - Ryegate Corner	1,250.00	1,112.89	1,250.00
Utilities - So. Ryegate	400.00	437.85	400.00
Admin.	6,000.00	5,994.00	6,000.00
Workmans Comp	1,222.00	1,222.00	1,201.00
Fire Department – Insurance Claim		(4,893.00)	
Fire Department Total:	60,022.00	55,590.92	65,201.00
Transfer to Fire Dept. Equip. Replacement Fund	-	4,431.08	
Fire Department Grand Total:	60,022.00	60,022.00	65,201.00
Contributions	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
American Red Cross	200.00	200.00	200.00
Little League	100.00	100.00	100.00
Catamount Arts	400.00	400.00	400.00
4th of July Committee	200.00	200.00	200.00
Groton Food Shelf	500.00	500.00	500.00
Home Health Care	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00
Libraries	200.00	200.00	200.00
Little Rivers Health Care	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
NEK Human Services	500.00	500.00	500.00
NEK Learning Services	200.00	200.00	200.00
NEK Youth Services	250.00	250.00	250.00
VT Rural Fire	100.00	100.00	100.00
No. VT Development Assoc.	500.00	500.00	500.00
Oxbow Senior Independence	300.00	300.00	300.00
Rural Community Transport	850.00	850.00	850.00
Umbrella	800.00	800.00	800.00
VT Cent. For Indep. Living	265.00	265.00	265.00
VT Green-Up	25.00	25.00	25.00
VT Office of Aging	300.00	300.00	300.00
VT Vet. Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Baldwin Library	200.00	200.00	200.00
Community Restorative Justice Center	250.00	250.00	250.00
Groton Public Library	200.00	200.00	200.00
Senior Meals	500.00	500.00	500.00
Contributions Total:	10,440.00	10,440.00	10,440.00

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

Highway Department	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
2011 Loader	5,000.00	3,896.45	5,000.00
2004 Grader	8,000.00	7,269.74	
2018 John Deere Grader	-	725.88	4,000.00
2011 Int'l Truck	6,000.00	5,577.10	6,000.00
2015 Kenworth Truck	3,000.00	2,433.04	3,000.00
2016 Intl. Truck	3,000.00	2,040.05	3,000.00
2017 Freightliner Truck	3,000.00	141.61	3,000.00
2011 Int'l Truck Plow & Sander	2,000.00	1,748.77	2,000.00
2015 Kenworth Truck Plow & Sander	2,000.00	1,500.42	2,000.00
2016 Intl. Plow & Sander	2,000.00	832.03	2,000.00
2017 Freightliner Plow & Sander	2,000.00	748.57	2,000.00
Wood Chipper	500.00		500.00
Culvert Steamer	250.00	-	250.00
Class IV Roads	5,000.00	2,629.55	4,000.00
Highway Depart – Computer/Printer		18.00	200.00
Cold Patch	1,000.00	602.60	1,000.00
Diesel Fuel	34,000.00	35,926.53	36,000.00
Equipment Rental	6,000.00	3,665.00	6,000.00
Heating Oil	3,500.00	3,404.47	3,500.00
Gasoline	1,000.00	647.09	1,000.00
Gravel	56,000.00	51,363.03	56,000.00
Hydroseeder		441.98	500.00
Guard Rails	3,500.00	557.00	3,500.00
Machine Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
Highway Dept. Advertising	100.00	-	100.00
Medical Insurance - Roads	37,000.00	36,231.92	37,770.00
Motor Oil	2,000.00	1,698.97	2,000.00
Physicals - Road crew	500.00	20.00	500.00
Repairs - Other	500.00	2,333.65	1,000.00
Retirement - Town Highway	12,000.00	11,932.28	12,000.00
Road Repairs	15,000.00	13,199.80	15,000.00
Road Resurfacing	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Road Signs	500.00	179.33	500.00
Roadside Mowing	6,000.00	6,200.00	6,400.00
Summer Road – Mg. Chloride	13,000.00	15,449.00	14,000.00
Summer Road - Culverts	4,000.00	5,389.98	5,000.00
Summer Road - Labor	68,000.00	66,737.97	68,000.00
Supplies	5,000.00	3,710.07	5,000.00
Telephone	900.00	871.34	900.00
Tires	7,000.00	7,033.29	7,000.00
Tools	1,500.00	1,277.02	1,500.00
Town Garage Upkeep	3,000.00	1,897.04	3,000.00
Town Garage Energy Efficiency	-		6,000.00
Training	250.00	60.00	250.00
Tree Removal/Brush Cutting	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Uniforms	5,000.00	4,795.34	5,000.00
Utilities	1,800.00	1,876.86	1,900.00
VLCT Unemployment	316.00	318.00	124.00
Winter - Labor	100,000.00	97,686.90	100,000.00
Winter Road - Salt	30,000.00	35,970.44	33,000.00
Winter Road - Sand	18,000.00	21,166.63	22,000.00
Workers Comp. - Road Crew	13,096.00	13,096.00	13,758.00
Structure Grant-Darius James Culvert			17,000.00
Misc. Grant Projects – 2018		9,595.24	
Road Project – Storm Water Mgmt		240.00	1,750.00
Highway Department Total:	667,212.00	661,135.98	700,902.00
Transfer to Highway Fund Balance	-	6,076.02	
Highway Dept. Grand Total:	667,212.00	667,212.00	700,902.00

Comparative Budget EXPENSES

Total Expenses:	1,005,367.00	1,001,787.00	1,059,631.00
		-	
Current Earnings:		45,727.05	
School Appropriation			
BMU School		1,675,779.89	
School Appropriation Total:		1,675,779.89	

Capital Needs: Town Highway Machinery and Equipment

TOWN OF RYEGATE												
HIGHWAY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT												
CAPITAL NEEDS ACTUALS AND ESTIMATES												
Capital Item	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
2011 Loader—Trade 2001			55,500									
2004 Grader--Trade 1993												
2015 Truck --Trade 2006						132,464						
2016 Truck --Trade 2008							86,400					
2017 Truck --Trade 2009								110,637				
2011 Truck --Trade 2004	103,986											
2018 Grader -- Trade 2004									258,400			
2020 Truck -- Trade 2011											112,000	
Wood Chipper			3,500									
Other- Equip Fuel Tank												
Welder				2090								
Warranty on Truck							3,146	3,590	5,848			
Hydro Seeder Contract								500				
Sale of Utility Trailer							200					
Balance in Savings Jan 1	133,895	105,163	180,428	196,636	264,740	340,005	282,809	268,684	229,193	40,136	115,361	
Annual Deposit	75,000	75,000	75,000	70,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	
Annual Expense	(103,986)	-	(59,000)	(2,090)	-	(132,464)	(89,346)	(114,727)	(264,248)	-	(112,000)	
Annual Interest Earned	254	265	208	194	265	268	221	236	191	225	225	
Balance in Savings Dec 31	105,163	180,428	196,636	264,740	340,005	282,809	268,684	229,193	40,136	115,361	78,586	

Fund Balance Changes

Fund	Entry	Start of Year	Increase	Decrease	End of Year
Reappraisal	Beginning Balance:	\$ 78,476.25			
	FY18 per parcel payment from State of VT:		\$ 6,502.50		
	Ending balance:				\$ 84,978.75
Town Highway	Beginning Balance:	\$ 27,567.27			
	“Budget to Actual” transfer from Highway Fund		\$ 6,076.02		
	Ending balance:				\$ 33,643.29
S. Ryegate Sewer	Beginning Balance:	\$ 41,692.69			
	Sewer Charges:		\$ 10,000.00		
	Repairs and Maintenance:			\$ 7,965.17	
	Utilities:			\$ 314.54	
	Ending balance:				\$ 43,412.98
Roads	Beginning Balance:	\$ 91,995.51			
	<i>Road Resurfacing</i>			\$ 25,122.58	
	Ending balance:				\$ 66,872.93
Creamery Rd. Bridge	Beginning Balance:	\$ 42,633.77			
	Ending balance:				\$ 42,633.77
68 Church Street	Beginning Balance:	\$ 500.00			
	Ending balance:				\$ 500.00
External Audit	Beginning Balance:	\$ 14,000.00			
	2018 Contribution:		\$ 3,500.00		
	Ending balance:				\$ 17,500.00
Restoration	Beginning Balance:	\$ 13,419.92			
	Percentage of Town Clerk Fees Collected:		\$ 880.50		
	Town Land Record Books:			\$ 586.47	
	Ending balance:				\$ 13,713.95
Zoning & Planning	Beginning Balance:	\$ 7,023.08			
	Grant:		\$ 1,520.00		
	Ryegate Municipal Plan			\$ 6,433.75	
	Ending balance:				\$ 2,109.33
Accounting Software	Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,000.00			
	2018 Contribution:		\$ 5,000.00		
	Ending balance:				\$ 10,000.00
Cemetery Restoration	Beginning Balance:	\$ 5,000.00			
	2018 Contribution:		\$ 2,500.00		
	Ending balance:				\$ 7,500.00
Listers	Beginning Balance:				
	2018 Budget to Actual Transfer:		\$ 5,700.00		
	Ending balance:				\$ 5,700.00
General		\$547,883.98			
		2017 Earnings/Lo	\$44,652.65		
	Ending balance:				\$592,536.63

List of Vendors

Vendor	Amount	Vendor	Amount
646 Fairpoint Communications	3,189.26	Elizabeth Page – Supplies, Retirement	1,424.54
Aflac	4,209.92	Endyne, Inc	330.00
Allen Marceau Carpentry	175.00	Everett J. Prescott, Inc	6,925.89
American Rock Salt	7,141.39	Elizabeth Beauvais	115.00
American Red Cross	200.00	E-Z Steel & Fabrication	1,367.00
Apex Software	215.00	Fisher Auto Parts	2,990.00
B & B Septic	800.00	F F R S	300.00
B & T Equipment Repairs	300.00	Foggs Hardware	808.85
B – B Chain, Inc	2,146.50	Flanders Signs	200.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield of VT	46,734.94	Fremont Nelson Lawns	970.00
BDS Waste Disposal, Inc	804.00	Freshcoat Asphalt Svcs	7,200.00
Bergeron Protective Clothing	385.49	G & K Services	1,586.10
Blue MedicareRx-VT	2,256.10	Gene Perkins- Fire Dept.	801.00
Blue Mountain Little League	100.00	Gene Perkins-Fire Dept Supplies	410.51
Blue Mountain Union School	1,675,779.89	Green Mountain Catamount	527.56
Baldwin Library	200.00	Grafton County Sheriff's Dept	1,500.00
Blue Mountain Trucking & Exca	1,650.00	Green Mountain Kenworth	466.49
Jeremy Bogie	785.81	Green Mountain Power	4,523.07
Bond Auto Parts	196.58	Greg Murray - Fire Dept	684.00
Bridge Weekly	205.90	Groton - Ryegate Fast Squad	18,076.45
Bruce Boyce-Town Hgwy Supplies	250.00	Groton Library	200.00
C H. Dana	1,289.99	Groton Food Shelf	500.00
C. Ainsworth Trucking	8,824.67	Horne Excavating, LLC	546.00
Caledonia County NRCD	200.00	Howard P. Fairfield, LLC	14,076.34
Caledonia County Sheriff's Department	6,073.50	Hudkins Law	605.05
Caledonia Home Health	1,000.00	IDS	126.34
Caledonian-Record	90.00	Innovative Municipal Prod	15,120.52
Calkins Portable Toilets	525.00	Interstate Battery System	393.85
Capital Fire Mutual Aid	250.00	Instrumart	270.30
Cargill, Inc.	28,829.05	Jared S Field	436.50
Carl Bayer	34.94	Jason Sulham-Town Hgwy Supplies	43.00
Catamount Arts	400.00	Jeffrey Taylor Law	863.98
Chariot Arts Ltd	128.75	Jordan Equipment Co	293.88
Vermont Center for Independent Living	265.00	John Bogie	1,853.36
Charles Fisher- Fire Dept.	900.00	Journal Opinion	708.75
Cheryl Slayton –Medicare Reimbursement	3,180.00	K&T Environmental Equipment, Inc.	23,663.59
Chief Crushing & Excavation	40,384.71	Khristine Elder	379.10
Christopher Chartier	837.00	Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00
Charlebois, Inc.	6,167.89	Kofile Preservation, Inc	586.47
Cintas	3,209.24	Lauren Nelson	516.05
Clark's Truck Center	4,013.48	Lighthouse Marine, LLC	4,000.00
Copies & More	1,188.14	Little River's Health Care	2,000.00
Community Restorative Justice	250.00	Lowell Mcleods, Inc.	455.11
County Treasurer	15,347.00	Lyndon Truck Center	758.11
CVC Paging	420.00	Maine Oxy	165.00
Dads 4 By Tool and Supply	302.32	Manchester Brook Materials	26,627.70
Dale Wright	446.67	Marsha Nelson-Supplies,Retire&MediReimb	1,477.28
Darlings Auto Repair	1,553.00	Mary Dole	100.35

List of Vendors

Vendor	Amount	Vendor	Amount
Dept. of Public Safety #7	3,918.79	May & Davies	367.50
Doug Murray Enterprises	150.00	McCullough Crushing, Inc.	24,831.60
Dufresne & Associates	1,501.00	State of Vermont	267.72
Myers Container Corp	8,192.75	State of Vermont- Wastewater Testing	150.00
Napa Auto Parts/FMS Auto	2,423.97	St J Fire Extinguisher Sales	3.75
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	200.00	Steve Kimball Repair	414.95
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management	3,321.22	Steven Crandall	250.00
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	250.00	Thomas Cole - Fire Dept	675.00
NEMRC	3,362.23	Ticklenaked Pond	500.00
Nelson Elder – Town Hgwy Supplies	354.09	Tiffany Fisher - Fire Dept.	468.00
New England Truck Tire	6,287.20	Todd Colby – Fire Dept	819.00
New England Water System	4,025.00	Town of Ryegate	99,355.28
NEK Mental Health	500.00	Trucker Sulham	1,080.00
NVDA	6,805.00	Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Assoc.	1,050.00
Nortrax, Inc.	258,400.00	U I Insurance Services Inc.	1,951.00
Oakes Brothers, Inc.	2,585.47	Umbrella	800.00
O'Reilly Automotive	34.16	United States Postmaster	1,305.87
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	300.00	Vt Rural Fire (VACD)	100.00
PIK.Comm	397.20	Vermont Area Office on Aging	300.00
Patricia Crocker	379.10	Vermont Department of Health	5.00
Perry's Oil	553.22	Vermont Fire Extinguisher	145.90
Paul Keenan	239.95	Vermont Green Up	25.00
Penny L. Lezer - Fire Dept	810.00	Vermont State Treasurer	1,105.00
People's United Bank	799.17	Vermont Department of Taxes	6,395.53
Pete's Rubbish	955.00	Veterans Memorial	100.00
Prevent Child Abuse	50.00	Viking – Cives USA	2,698.47
Pike Industries, Inc	112,658.80	VLCT	2,558.00
Power Plan	4,935.24	VLCT Prop & Casualty Interm. Fund, Inc.	36,017.00
Pete's Tire & Barn	1,168.78	VLCT Employment Ins Trust Inc	318.00
Ryegate Small Animal Hospital	605.19	VMERS DB	28,353.32
Rachel Clough	843.10	VMHA	60.00
Regina Hazel-Lister Supplies	531.31	Vermont State Firefighters' Assoc.	316.00
Repro Digital/Champlain Valley	1,087.63	VTDEC -Watershed Mgmt	240.00
Richard Fraser	40.00	Walter E. Jock Oil Co., Inc.	45,476.37
Rick Colby	1,152.50	Water Supply Innovations	1,590.00
Railway Farm & Garden	241.98	William Elder	742.01
Reed Supply	845.54	Winget's Ground Maintenance	720.00
Ross Business Center	249.95	West Barnet Meal Site	250.00
Rowden Bros. Co., Inc.	5,266.00	Woodsville Area Fourth of July Com.	200.00
Reynolds & Son Inc	273.00	Woodsville Fire District	22,386.00
Ryegate Winter Festival	400.00	Work Safe	736.33
Ryegate Cemetery Commission	9,300.00	Woodsville Guaranty Savings	2,294.98
Ryegate Fire Dept	4,474.14	Work Area Protection	257.00
Ryegate Historical Society	200.00	Various- Tax and Payable Overpayments	9,052.09
Ryegate Summer Festival	400.00	TOTAL	2,778,883.57
Rural Community Transportation	850.00		
Sally Wilson	65.00		
SCBA Sales & Rentals	3,145.00		
South Ryegate Library	600.00		
Stan's J. Kosakowski, Jr	3,365.00		
Scott Stuart	100.00		
South Ryegate Senior Meals	250.00		

Listers' Report

Town-Wide Reappraisal Announcement

The Listers determine all property values within the Town of Ryegate. Additionally, we maintain an accurate Grand List by reviewing and updating all property transfers, tax maps, permit work, deeds, surveys, and the Current Use Program.

As of January 2019, Ryegate's CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) is 101.17%. (2018: 105.55%). Our COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) is at 14.29% (2018: 14.33%) At 20% COD, the State requires a reappraisal. Reappraisals usually occur every ten years. Our last town-wide reappraisal was in 2009. Our COD in the last three years has been rising over 10% which means overall values are not as reflective of an even distribution of the tax burden. The purpose of a reappraisal is NOT to raise taxes. The purpose is to create an equitable distribution of the tax load.

Beginning July, 2019, NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) will start the reappraisal process for all Ryegate properties. The work will be completed and take effect for the 2021 tax year. The listers will be involved in the entire process. You will be notified when your area is being reviewed to make convenient appointments to view your property (interior included). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We appreciate your support and cooperation in this endeavor.

September 2017 tax maps are on display at the Town Office along with orthophoto aerial maps. We strongly recommend that you check your property location and acreage on the tax map; let us know if you feel there is any incorrect information. Tax maps will be updated in the fall of 2019.

IMPORTANT: Taxpayers must file a Vermont Homestead Declaration every year by April 15th. The state form is HS-122 and also contains the Property Tax Adjustment Claim. Forms can be obtained online (www.tax.vermont.gov), or from the Income Tax Return booklet or your tax preparer. Property owners can also file their homestead directly online. **REMINDERS:** Property changes: Please notify the Listers of any change of address, or any changes to your property—including new construction, or major renovations to basements, attics, or unfinished areas. In addition, let us know of any removal of property including tear downs and blow downs or fires. **Surveys:** Certified surveys are important in creating accurate tax maps and are considered the strongest determinant of parcel ownership, i.e., exact location, size, acreage, etc. Please file any surveys you have for your property with the Town Clerk. **Building Permits:** A building permit is required for any structure 64 square feet or larger. Permits are obtainable from the Town Clerk, or on the town website: www.ryegatevt.org. **Current Use:** The Current Use Program has changed their application form and process. New applications are available in the Town Office or online at <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/current-use>. Questions about the program can be directed to Property Valuation and Review at 802 828-6637. **9-1-1 Program:** Please notify the Listers office to obtain a 9-1-1 number for new construction.

Listers Office hours are Tuesdays, 9 am – 3 pm. Stop by or make an appointment. You may also leave messages at 584-4247.

Ryegate Listers: Betty Beauvais, Regina Hazel, Sally Wilson

Delinquent Taxes

South Ryegate Village Lighting District, South Ryegate, VT 05069

Carolyn Adams	2005, 2006 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Gregory Brower	2017, 2018
Robert Davis	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Daniel and Mary Florentine	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Robert & Brenda Gelsleichter	2018
Dennis Hurley	2018
Casey Johnson	2018
Timothy Menk	2017, 2018
Angela Paye	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Douglas and April Paye	
Hall Road Parcel	2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Creamery Road Parcel	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Tracy and Sherri Phelps	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Richard and Kathy Roy	2017, 2018
Lee Searl	2018
Leonard and Susan Spencer	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Cody Stearns & Laura Jane Paquette	2018
Terrance and Molly White	2015, 2016, 2017+9

Delinquent Taxes

SOUTH RYEGATE SEWER USERS TAX DUE							
2017 SOUTH RYEGATE SEWER TAXES				2018 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES			
Hurley, Dennis				Alta Reo, LLC			
Spencer, Leonard & Susan				Bailey, Phillip & Jo			
Total Due by Report Printing	\$	1,456.34		Beaulieu, Priscilla			
Total Paid Since 12/31/18	\$	500.00		Bickel, Donna			
Total Due 12/31/18	\$	1,956.34		Bishop, John			
2018 SOUTH RYEGATE SEWER TAXES				Blood, Brian			
Dennis Hurley				Brower, Gregory A			
Spencer, Leonard & Susan				Carbee, George R			
Cody Stearns				Chandler, Deborah			
Total Due by Report Printing	\$	1,995.00		Cornicelli, Thomas			
Total Paid Since 12/31/18	\$	500.00		Crawford, Bruce & Risa			
Total Due 12/31/18	\$	2,495.00		Darling, Barak			
PROPERTY TAXES DUE				Davis, Robert L.			
2015 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES				Esposito, Jerry P. Jr.			
Johnson, Robert C. Jr.				Farley, Daniel & Barbara			
Potter, Lana L.				Fleury, Jason			
Spencer, Leonard & Susan				Florentine, Jerod & Dawn			
Total Due by Report Printing	\$	8,646.96		Gilman Housing Trust			
Total Paid Since 12/31/18	\$	307.75		Guay, Julia			
Total Due 12/31/18	\$	8,954.71		Haskell, Elizabeth			
2016 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES				Hencler, Andrew			
Beaulieu, Priscilla				Houde, Mark & Paula			
Hartson, Ray & Shirley				Hurley, Dennis			
Larrabee, Roger & Sylvia				Jackson, Mark & Brenda			
Murphy, Judy A				Johnson, Robert C. Jr.			
Phoenix Paper Co				Karpuska, Ryan			
Potter, Lana L.				Katsenes, William			
Spencer, Leonard & Susan				Kearney, Timothy			
Touchette, James				Keenan Catterall, Sheila			
White, Randy & Barbara				Khedouri, Sarah			
Total Due by Report Printing	\$	15,791.22		Koski, Hope Reverend			
Total Paid Since 12/31/18	\$	587.75		Kyes-Lucero, Cheyene			
Total Due 12/31/18	\$	16,378.97		Larrabee, Roger & Sylvia			
2017 DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES				Laundry, Marshall Life Lease			
Alta Reo, LLC				Maher, James			
Beaulieu, Priscilla				McLure, Jared & Katherine			
Bishop, John				Menk, Timothy			
Blood, Brian				Minard, Susan			
Brower, Gregory A				Murphy, Judy A			
Chandler, Deborah				Murphy, Kevin & Bonnie			
Davis, Robert L.				Paye, David & Elizabeth			
Florentine, Jerod & Dawn				Paye, Judith			
Hartson, Shirley				Peters, Christopher			
Haskell, Elizabeth				Phelps, Tracy & Sherri			
Hencler, Andrew				Phoenix Paper Co			
Jackson, Mark & Brenda				Potter, Lana L.			
Johnson, Robert C. Jr.				Ricker, Harvey			
Karpuska, Ryan				Robertson, Walter J			
Koski, Hope Reverend				Sheppard, Topaz			
Larrabee, Roger & Sylvia				Smith, Phil & Susan			
Laundry, Marshall Life Lease				Spencer, Leonard & Susan			
Menk, Timothy				Touchette, James			
Murphy, Judy A				Tuttle, Aaron			
Phelps, Tracy & Sherri				Walker, Leslie			
Phoenix Paper Co				Walters, Renada			
Potter, Lana L.				Webster, Connie			
Ricker, Harvey				Weinberg, Bernard			
Robertson, Walter J				White, Randy & Barbara			
Spencer, Leonard & Susan				Wright, James & Patti-Jo			
Touchette, James				Wright, Ulric B. Jr.			
Weinberg, Bernard				Zwicker, Leon P.			
White, Randy & Barbara				Total Due by Report Printing	\$	103,088.97	
Wright, Ulric B. Jr.				Total Paid Since 12/31/18	\$	9,387.03	
Total Due by Report Printing	\$	49,790.13		Total Due 12/31/18	\$	112,476.00	
Total Paid Since 12/31/18	\$	92.21					
Total Due 12/31/18	\$	49,882.34					
Due to the Vermont Supreme Court decision on the disclosure of confidential tax bill information, we have not included the amount of the delinquency for any individual property.							

Ryegate Fire Department Report

Ryegate E-1 returned to us rebuilt as we requested. Most emergency and scene lighting was replaced with LED lighting that makes night operations almost like daylight and the emergency lighting is much more visible in road traffic.

Prior to making repairs to the pump it was taken to a water source to determine the pumps ability to draft, pump to it's capacity and to check for leaks and proper plumbing operations. The pump exceeded it's rated capacity of 1500 GPM. The pump packing and several valves were repaired or replaced and it is good for another 20 years.

We have good working equipment but few firefighters to operate them during the day, much like many rural departments. Members work out of town where they can find a job. We have had 10 active firefighters and 4 auxiliary (none firefighting) members for a numbers of years and have just gained two cadets and one in training fire fighter. To have enough firefighters on a fire scene during the day one of more other fire departments respond together.

If you have any interest in joining your local fire department? You can't respond 24/7, that is acceptable, as the time you are able to respond may make a positive difference in the outcome of an incident. Anyone interested, please contact us by phone at 584-4300 or email at ryegatefire@yahoo.com.

The Ryegate Fire Department thanks you for your support.

Respectfully submitted, Gene Perkins, Chief

<u>Incident Report for 2018</u>	<u>Ryegate</u>	<u>Mutual Aid</u>
Structure	2	2
CO Alarms	0	3
MVA Accident	7	1
Smoke Alarms	1	1
Investigation	2	1
Chimney	3	1
Cancel en Route	5	6
Furnace Malfunction	1	0
Power Lines Down	6	0
EMT Assist	2	0
Bomb Threat	0	1
TOTAL	28	18



Ryegate Fire Warden Report

If you wish to burn, please call for a permit. A Permit is required for any outside burning of clean wood that is unfinished and unpainted. No manufactured wood, plywood, particle board and the like, and NO trash of any kind can be burned. A Permit to burn can be obtained from the Fire Warden Gene Perkins, 584-3611 or Fremont Nelson, 584-3667. We in turn notify our dispatch of the Permit with your address so that if someone calls in a 911 report of smoke or fire, they have the address and know it is a permitted burn and Ryegate Fire and neighboring town fire departments will not be called to a false alarm.

Respectfully submitted, Gene Perkins, Fire Warden

Town Property & Equipment Inventory

Real Estate

Town House & Contents	\$388,769.00
Town Office & Contents	293,028.00
Storage Shed	20,183.00
Corner Fire Station	292,383.00
South Ryegate Fire Station	202,712.00
Town Garage & Contents	604,817.00
Whitelaw Hall (Historical)	371,723.00
Recycling Building	147,896.00
Ballfield (Property in the Open)	52,595.00
Playground Equipment	51,263.00
<u>TOTAL REAL ESTATE</u>	<u>\$2,425,369.00</u>

Highway Equipment

2011 John Deere 524 Loader	\$95,500.00
2019 John Deere 672 Grader	317,400.00
2011 International Truck & Plow	103,986.00
2015 Kenworth Truck & Plow	132,464.00
2016 International Truck & Plow	85,685.00
2017 Freightliner Truck & Plow	110,437.00
Wood Chipper	3,500.00
Culvert Thawer & Trailer	8,000.00
<u>TOTAL HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>\$856,972.00</u>

Fire Equipment

2005 International Tanker	\$250,000.00
1997 Ford Pumper	125,000.00
1980 Forestry Equipment Truck (South Ryegate Station)	60,000.00
1987 International Equipment Trk	53,000.00
1988 Ford Mini Pumper	30,000.00
1992 International Pumper	9,000.00
<u>TOTAL FIRE EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>\$527,000.00</u>

TOTAL ALL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT \$3,809,341.00

Town Clerk's Dog License Report

Total dog licenses sold: 181 licenses Total Receipts: \$1,883.00

Less Fees Paid town Clerk: \$362.00

Less Fees Paid State of Vermont: \$905.00

Net Revenues: \$616.00

All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies. The Town Clerk is required to see evidence that all dogs are currently protected against rabies. The law requires that a dog of less than 2 years of age shall have been vaccinated within the past 12 months. After its second rabies shot, an adult dog should be vaccinated every 36 months (3 years). A dog must wear its tag. Due date: License fees may be paid after January 1 and are due April 1 and subject to a 50% penalty after April 1. Fee: Due to State regulations licensing fees are \$13 for males, females and wolf hybrids. \$9 each for a neutered dog or wolf hybrids. \$5 from each license is forwarded to the State Treasurer.

Ryegate enforces a Civil Dog (Leash Law). Rachel Clough has been appointed as the Animal Control Officer in Ryegate. She can be reached at 802-588-2020.

Cemetery Commissioners Narrative

Our Commission met on our regular schedule in 2018. We elected officers at our first meeting of the Commission and Rick Colby remains Chair, Bruce Nelson as Vice Chair, Bill Nelson as Treasurer, Dan LaCoss as Clerk, and Melissa Mann as Member at Large. We welcomed a new member to the Commission, Melissa Mann, who was elected at Town Meeting. With Melissa's Appointment to the Commission, we also said goodbye to our long-time Secretary, Judy Gandin, who chose not to run for another term. Judy was instrumental in keeping accurate minutes for our meetings and was very knowledgeable about the ongoings of all the cemeteries. Judy will be truly missed, and we sincerely thank her for her service to the Commission. Mowing for all the cemeteries was again contracted to Winget's Lawn Service of Groton. We appreciate their timely and professional service to all our cemeteries. The cemeteries are beautifully mowed and trimmed during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. The Board would also like to thank cemetery attendants Tony Dennis (Blue Mt.) and Harvey Ricker (Pinehurst and Hillside) for their efforts in handling burials and requests in a timely manner. Gandin Brothers, Inc. was hired to clean and restore stones in the Blue Mountain Cemetery. Cleaning, straightening, and repair are ongoing projects the Commission considers each year. We have decided to select a cemetery each year to focus on. This past year was the Blue Mt. Cemetery, as it is the oldest cemetery in our town and this next year we will be focusing on the Hall Cemetery. On May 30, 2018 we partnered with the Historical Society and held a Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony at the Blue Mt. Cemetery. Prior to the event, we purchased and installed a 25' fiberglass flagpole and held the event around the new flagpole. Following the ceremony, members of the Historical Society gave presentations from research they did on Veterans that are buried in the Blue Mt. Cemetery. We plan to continue our partnership with the Historical Society and hold another ceremony this coming year at the Hall Cemetery. We would encourage you to try and attend this year's ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted, Ryegate Cemetery Commissioners

Rick Colby, Chairman 584-3159

Bruce Nelson, Vice Chairman 584-3487

Bill Nelson, Treasurer 584-3296

Dan LaCoss, Clerk 584-3120

Melissa Mann, Assistant Clerk 802-274-1181

Cemetery Treasurer's Report

Balance On Hand 1/1/18			\$4,446.71		
Income for 2018					
Town of Ryegate		\$9,300.00			
Sale of Lots					
American Funds		\$345.88			
Contributions		\$70.00			
			<u>\$9,715.88</u>		
Total Income for 2018			\$14,162.59		
Expenses for 2018					
Lawn Care		\$8,150.00			
Cleaning Stone in Blue Mtn Cem.		\$1,000.00			
Electricity at Pinhurst		\$141.27			
Lettering and Cleaning		\$1,400.00			
Supplies, posts		\$85.00			
Maintenance and Cleaning		\$2,250.00			
New flagpole at Blue Mtn		\$879.00			
Service Charges, WRSB		\$18.00			
			<u>\$12,923.27</u>		
Balance on hand 12/31/18			\$1,239.32		
Savings/Investments 12/31/18					
				Interest earned in 2018	
CD#907623	\$51,729.92		\$154.94	12mos @.30%	
CD#907624	\$20,419.44		\$40.79	6mos @.20%	
CD#907625	\$29,990.97		\$44.96	3mos @.15%	
CD#811855	\$10,785.09		\$32.31	12mos @.30%	
Savings acct 566388	\$907.67		\$0.44	3mos @.05%	
American Funds	\$17,303.29		\$345.88		
Total Investment Income			\$619.32		

Planning Commission/ Zoning Board Report

Town Plan

This year the town held hearings and adopted an updated town plan. A committee of the Ryegate Planning Commission and Zoning Board, assisted by Alison Low of the Northeast Vermont Development Agency, reviewed and revised the prior plan. The goals of the new plan have not altered substantially from the prior version, but it includes expanded Economic and Energy sections.

With the updated plan the town will be able to apply for the Village Center Designation program, which provides owners with tax credits for building improvements. It also gives the town priority status when applying for grants from VTrans, Agency of Natural Resources, Vermont Community Development programs, and other state resources. The expanded Energy section leads the way for the town to qualify for “Substantial Deference” status in energy planning, which will give the town more control over the nature, size, and siting of energy installations within town lines.

The new plan will be in effect for eight years.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Davie, Secretary
Ryegate Planning Commission and Zoning Board

2018 Report of Ryegate Corner Library

Balance in Checkbook 1-1-2017	\$121.99
Balance in Checkbook 12-31-2017	\$121.99
Balance in Checkbook 1-1-2018	\$121.99
Balance in Checkbook 12-31-2018	\$121.99

(The Library Commission is considering closing out this account and turning the money over to the South Ryegate Library which is currently the only operating library in Town.) The Commission urges you to read to your kids and talk about what you have read. There’s nothing like a book.

2018 Report of S Ryegate Public Library, Inc (to account for Revenue Sharing Funds only)

Revenue Sharing Funds in Treas. 1-1-18.....	\$0.00
Received Town of Ryegate Nov 2018.....	\$200.00
Expended toward operating expenses (2018)..	\$200.00

Revenue Sharing Funds in Treas. 12-31-18.....\$0.00

2018 Report of Marion Hall Trust Fund S Ryegate Public Library, Inc

Balance in Treas. 1-1-18.....	\$597.55
Received Town of Ryegate 2018.....	\$400.00
Total Receipts.....	\$997.55
Books Purchased.....	(\$352.30)
Balance in Treas. 12-31-18.....	\$645.25

Northeastern Vermont Development Association

The NVDA- the State's only regional planning commission and economic development corporation- has been serving Ryegate for more than 60 years. We continue to assist local officials with land use, transportation, and emergency planning, and we serve the businesses of the Kingdom, promoting sustainable economic growth.

How is this relevant Ryegate? In 2018, NVDA staff provided the following services in your community: assisted with update of municipal plan, Local Emergency Operations Plans adopted, conducted Road Erosion Inventory. NVDA's municipal dues are based on a very affordable \$.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost- effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom

Ryegate Historical Society

First and foremost, we would like to thank the people of Ryegate for their continued support of the historical society through their generous donations of letters, books, articles, artifacts and other items of historical interest, as well as their attendance at our programs; and we are especially appreciative of support through Annual Membership Dues. Dues payments are what keep us going and we are very grateful for these contributions!

Our first program of 2018 was in collaboration with the Cemetery Commission. We held a commemorative ceremony at Blue Mountain cemetery, honoring our veterans and dedicating the new flagpole. This was followed by a meeting at the town house with an historical society presentation highlighting some of the significant grave sites and historical facts about Blue Mountain cemetery. Our hope is to continue this collaboration, research and presentations at each of the cemeteries in Ryegate.

Our July meeting, co-hosted with the Newbury Historical Society, drew a record-breaking 150 in attendance to hear Professor Alan Boye's fascinating presentation on the history of the Bayley-Hazen Road. His lecture lead us on a journey from the days of the Abenaki settlements through the Revolutionary War to present day markers on the Bayley-Hazen Military Road.

In September, Brian Lindner gave a captivating talk on the history of plane crashes in Vermont, combining a multitude of photographs and engaging stories. Mr. Lindner, whose interest in this subject began by exploring the B24 wartime crash on Camels Hump, is working on two books about WWII aviation.

We held Open Houses one Saturday each month during the summer . At the September Open House, George Hall led a discussion on his survey of Ryegate Farms. We are thrilled to report that the handicap ramp was completed in September, making the building accessible to everyone. The work was done by Rick Colby with the expense covered by a posthumous donation by Earl Ashcroft.

Board Members: Tom Dole, Molly Fisher, Dover Ford, Linda Libuda, George Murphy, Marsha Nelson, Melvin Nelson, Ginny Ross, Peter Sinclair, Tim Wilson.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Annual Membership: Individual: \$10/yr. Family: \$15/yr.

Lifetime Membership: Individual: \$100 Family: \$125

Dues Payable by May 1st (or first summer meeting) for membership of Jan.1st-Dec.31st.

Please make checks payable to:

Ryegate Historical Society
% Tim Wilson, Treasurer
979 Boltonville Road
Wells River, VT. 05081

Ryegate Energy Committee

The Ryegate Energy Committee is charged with promoting energy efficiency, lower energy costs and a decrease in fossil fuel emissions. We report regularly to the Selectboard and Planning Commission, This year the following steps have been taken:

We met with an Efficiency Vermont Representative who evaluated the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Garage and the Corner and South Ryegate Fire Stations in conjunction with a report and recommendations for energy efficiency options from Montpelier Construction sponsored by the Northeast Vermont Development Association. The recommendations came with estimates of cost savings.

2 storm doors and 3 cellar window were replaced, thanks to Rick Colby, and the pipes and water heater were insulated.

Lights in the East Ryegate Village will be replaced with LEDs by Hoyt Darby and Efficiency Vermont has supported our request to GMP for the street lights to be replaced with LEDs.

Nelson Elder has a proposal to replace lights in the Town Garage and Town Clerk's Office with LEDs when funding is authorized.

A proposal has been submitted to provide foam insulation for the Town Clerk's Office basement and upgrade insulation in the attic.

An RFP for solar energy for the town buildings was submitted to contractors through Rural Energy Vermont and a proposal from Peck Energy will be on the March Warning for a town vote.

We had consultations and information sharing with Efficiency Vermont, The League of Vermont Cities and Towns, the Vermont Natural Resource Council, other town Energy Committees, several solar contractors, and others.

At the Transfer Station, we provided information and material for residents for weatherization in their homes and arranged for an Efficiency Vermont information table at the Winter Carnival.

Vote on the Ryegate Solar Energy Proposal

The Selectboard has Warned the Town Meeting for a vote on the solar array for electricity for the town buildings in March. This proposal was the result of the RFP process to solicit proposals. The proposal, by Peck Energy of Vermont, to put a 44 module array on the Town Garage, will provide more than enough electricity for the Town for \$36,772 for at least 30 years. This net metered investment

with GMP is anticipated to be recouped in approximately 9 years as we will not be paying for electricity and we will continue to have no cost for our electric energy. The modules, warranted for 12 years, are calculated to degrade only by 17% after 25 years and are easily replaced. The inverter is warranted for 12 years. This Solar Energy upgrade will offset our use of carbon fuels by 30,744 tons per year one of our town's contributions to climate change problems.

The Planning Commission has endorsed this proposal. Copies are available in the Town Clerk's Office. I hope you will discuss this with your family and support a common sense approach to our energy needs, our pocket books and climate change.

If you have any questions about this proposal, the work of the Committee or want to join the Energy Committee, please feel free to contact me at 802-592-3318, pinecone@kingcon.com.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Bayer

Ticklenaked Pond Association Report

2018 was another challenging year for Ticklenaked Pond. We had hoped to see if the pair of nesting Loons would return to the lake after last year's successful breeding. There was much anticipation to see if the lake would have high visibility as it had been in 2016 after all the efforts of the Lake Association. Visibility was very good for most of the summer with low water levels due to lack of rain. It is believed that a beaver dam was abandoned and more water than usual was escaping thru the dam. We had the State of Vermont come do a dam inspection in the fall and have not received the results yet. The water levels began to increase after a few late summer rains but were still much lower than previous years.

The Association continues to battle the invasive species Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), which chokes and clogs our waterways, crowding out native plants and entangling propellers, fishing lures and the arms and legs of swimmers. In 2018 the Town of Ryegate was awarded \$10,830.00 from the State of Vermont (Department of Environmental Conservation) for an Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant-in-Aide grant to manage and remove EWM, which first appeared at Ticklenaked Pond in 2010. Lighthouse Marine Commercial Diving LLC. was engaged for 10 days this past summer to harvest EWM through hand pulling and suction harvesting. This was a matching grant, and members of the lake association matched 30% of this award by providing equivalent man-hours to search, hand pull and remove EWM from the lake and shore and administer the project.

Our divers had equipment failure and were unable to meet their contracted days. Fortunately our ANC Grant monies were awarded to us to use in 2019. It is hard to know at this point how much of Milfoil grew in the lake but we do know that none of the plants ever grew tall enough to the surface and put out seed.

This past summer we avoided the dreaded Blue/Green Algae that effected many lakes in Vermont this year. It is most likely due to the efforts of the Lake Assoc. and local farms to keep the excess phosphate out of the lake. We are sad to announce that our pair of Loons were unsuccessful in raising an offspring in 2018. The Vermont Loon Conservation Project informed us that the low water levels made it difficult for the loons to get to their chosen nesting spot and probably gave up. The conservation group put up signs and roped off an area around the nest so that boaters did not come too close. The pair spent the summer on the lake and we are keeping our fingers crossed for their success this coming summer.

The Ryegate community can help the health and enjoyment of Ticklenaked Pond in several ways;

- 1. Wash off your boat before putting it in the lake and after taking it out.** This will ensure the plant is not being transported to or from another body of water.
- 2. Remove any floating pieces of EWM you see on the lake.** Fragments that are not attached to the stemmed plant will reestablish themselves as a new plant. A picture and information about EWM is at the State boat launch.
- 3. Pick up any EWM plants on the shoreline.** The plants need to be removed from the beach area, composted or bagged and thrown away.
- 4. Please do not take a motorboat or paddle through a dense patch of EWM.** If the plants have surfaced they will fragment and drop to the bottom of the lake, root and become another plant.

Little Rivers Health Care

Little Rivers Health Care would like to request appropriations funding from the Town of Ryegate again this year to help support the primary care services we provide the community. As in past years, we are asking for \$2,000 for the upcoming year. Little Rivers provided services for 320 Ryegate residents last year which represents ~28% of the town inhabitants. As the only safety net health care provider in our area, Little Rivers is likely the only option for many residents who are Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured. We provide a sliding fee scale for those under 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, making deeply discounted medications available to those who can't afford them otherwise. We are very grateful to the Town of Ryegate for its part support of our mission and health care services and we hope that you will continue to support us in the future. Thank you very much.

VT Dept. of Health



**Vermont Department of Health Local Report
Ryegate, 2018**

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Department of Health**
St. Johnsbury District Office
107 Eastern Avenue Suite #7
St. Johnsbury, VT 04819

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HealthVermont.gov

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters.

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

Increase capacity statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana with [Regional Prevention Partnerships \(RPP\)](#).

Prevent and control the spread of [infectious disease](#). In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.

[Promote wellness](#) by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.

Support [healthy families](#) by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.

Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children ([WIC](#)) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 11,000 families.

Provide trainings on [Help Me Grow](#) to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.

Share new data and reports including the [Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report](#) which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the [Injury and Violence in Vermont](#) report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.

Work with businesses in planning and starting [worksite wellness](#) strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.

Work with local partners, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a [public health emergency](#).

Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vdhstjohnsbury/

Vermont Center for Independent Living

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. Final numbers for our FY'18 (10/2017-9/2018) show VCIL responded to over **3,700** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability.

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

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(\$2,300.00 spent on meals for residents)
- AgrAbility Program
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

Request Amount: \$265.00

To learn more about VCIL, please call: **1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

Caledonia Home Health & Hospice

Caledonia Home Health & Hospice is Northern Counties Health Care's certified Medicare and Medicaid comprehensive Home Care and Hospice Division.

2018 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics for Ryegate, VT

- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW) 724 visits
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite) 151 visits
- Maternal Child Health 16 visits
- Long Term Care 431 visits
- Total of 1,322 visits in Ryegate in 2018.

To learn more, please call us at 802-748-8116 or visit us at www.nchcvt.org

Request= \$1,000.00

Oxbow Senior Independence Program, Inc.

For 31 years, the Oxbow Senior Independence Program's Adult Day Services has been serving elderly and adults with disabilities from Newbury, Bradford, Fairlee, Corinth, Thetford, Groton, Ryegate, Topsham and beyond. We respectfully request that Ryegate continue to support Adult Day Services by allocating \$300 in your budget for 2019. 4% of participants who benefited from our services last year were Ryegate residents. To contact us, please call 802-866-5465.

Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, formerly doing business as the Area Agency on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. The agency connects older adults and their families with services they need to live with independence and dignity. During the past year, your support allowed us to provide assistance to 65 residents of Ryegate as well as more than 1000 seniors from across the Northeast Kingdom. Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. To learn more, please call 802-748-5182.

Request= \$330.00

Umbrella

Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. To this end, we provide the following services:

The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. Kingdom Child Care Connection is the community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and Southern Essex counties. In 201 we: helped 520 families find high-quality child care at no-cost, for taking care of our communities' youngest citizens have the tools and resources they need to do their best.

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children.

Cornucopia is our newest program geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. This 17-week job-skills training program introduces women to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors.

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. At least 9 Ryegate households were served directly by Umbrella in 2018, and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Ryegate's support.

Request= \$800.00

Northeast Kingdom Human Services

The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives. Emergency/crisis intervention care at NKHS is utilized 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thank you, Town of Ryegate voters, for your \$500.00 appropriation support last year toward our emergency/crisis services to residents in need in the NEK. The Emergency Services team responded to serve 3,376 individuals in fiscal year 2018. Family and friends of these individuals benefited from the support as well. Some of those responses were provided by the Embedded Emergency Crisis Services team dedicated to work alongside law enforcement responding to crisis situations at homes, businesses, barracks, and/or hospitals. Law enforcement and community members agree the positive impact embedded mental health crisis workers provide while responding directly to a scene or situation is invaluable. When unexpected tragic events occurred, our Specialty Team provided support at schools and businesses about how to deal with sudden grief and loss in the community.

NKHS served 34 individuals last year from the Town of Ryegate out of a total of 3,376. Individuals utilized supports and programs in homes, schools, NKHS offices, and in the communities of the NEK. We could not do this without our 500+ dedicated employees, 1 of these from your town. As a 501(c)(3) private not-for-profit organization, our volunteer Board of Directors and Program Standing Committees provided oversight to support the agency's belief that human services should be cost effective, available to all no matter their age or ability to pay, and responsive to the needs of our local communities.

Please visit our website at www.nkhs.org for more information about our agency and services. NKHS bases our appropriation request on \$1.05 per person in your community according to the 2010 census or the same amount as last year. We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide, and your financial support.

The Community for Restorative Justice

The Community Restorative Justice Center holds restorative justice panel meetings for cases referred directly from law enforcement as well as cases referred from the Department of Corrections. Cases that go through the CRJC have a 32% reduction in recidivism. In the past 12 months, the CRJC heard 2 restorative justice cases involving Ryegate residen. Appropriations from the Town of Ryegate would also give technical support to neighborhood associations as requested. The CRJC mission states that we are committed to providing a safe environment for neighbors and parties to resolve conflict in our communities, to restore relationships, and to take responsibility to repair harms caused. We promote the principles of victim-informed restorative justice that transforms practices in workplace, school, institution, and living spaces throughout Caledonia and southern Essex Counties.

Caledonia County Sheriff Annual Report

We completed another audit for our office this past year and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years and have a slight increase with construction and traffic. This increase is do to the fuel prices. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. We have thirteen marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. The radar cart is working well and in many towns. That purchase was with the use of Governors Highway Safety Grant funds. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV, two golf carts, and two snowmobiles that we use for our snowmobile patrols. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has 25 Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year and 2 new deputies will go to the academy in March. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, but are unable to do that right now. Our new location is wonderful and working as it should. We've had a lot of visitors and people stopping by with question. We are more visible and easier to reach. Plus the savings on the tax payers went from \$50,000, down to \$27,000. In 12 years, that expense will go away and the county will own the building.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me or stop by the office. My door is always open. I look forward to serving this county as the Sheriff. We have continued with our great relationship with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital and are helping them make certain that their patients and staff feel safe while in the hospital. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county. Doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints. Please check out our facebook page. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney

Groton Ryegate FAST Squad

How Did 2018 Go?

2018 was a mixed year for the Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad. Though we achieved some of our community outreach goals, interacting more with our towns people, we fell short on offering community CPR courses. This is something we are planning on achieving in 2019 – hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have conducted at least one course, with more scheduled. In 2018 the Groton / Ryegate FAST Squad again participated in several community events, including the Ryegate Summer and Winter Festivals, the Groton Fall Foliage day, the SD Ireland Truck at My Farmer's Market, a community outreach day at the Groton Free Public Library, and the inaugural Groton Forest Trail Run (with support from our neighboring EMS agencies). Our call volume was on the higher end of what can be considered the "normal range" for the past three years, ending with 193 runs. These calls were handled with 8 licensed providers, and when needed, support from Groton and Ryegate Fire Departments. A great deal of appreciation to these agencies that provide support, often extra hands are needed to lift patients, get and carry equipment, and to make a path for us to get the patient out.

The dedicated men and women of these agencies are always willing to help out!

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services

NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975. In 2018, NEKYS served 3,259 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties, including 36 people in Ryegate. NEKYS is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Please call our office at 802-748-8732 if you have any questions or concerns. Request= \$250.00

Catamount Arts

The residents and voters of Ryegate played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2018. Through your support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the films and performances offered throughout the year, the citizens of Ryegate helped to keep the Arts vital and available to all of the residents of the Northeast Kingdom. In the past year, Catamount has invited and encouraged the residents of Ryegate to participate in many of its community offerings, including the Tap Into Film 48 Hour Student Film Slam, Community Film Series, monthly free Bluegrass Night, and gallery exhibits and receptions. In the Summer of 2018, thousands of residents once again found themselves on top of Dog Mountain each Sunday where Catamount Arts offered a free 10-concert music series for the second year in a row. These free events were funded in large measure through appropriations from communities in our area. During 2018, Catamount Arts was able to present more than 200 films and 100 live performances, also in large measure due to the generosity of the voters of Ryegate. Your appropriations helped to underwrite the costs of these presentations as well as helping Catamount pay for such general operating expenses as heating and electricity.

Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over 25 years and must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community. RCT is a non profit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and the general public through a van/bus and volunteer service. RCT transports people to adult day services, senior meal sites, necessary medical treatments, and other appointments. In 2018 RCT provided 15 Ryegate residents with 520 trips, travelling 22,788 miles at a cost of \$21,864.00. RCT is requesting an appropriation of \$850 from the town of Ryegate. RCT can be reach at 802-748-8170.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services

It is our mission to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond. In FY 2018, NEKLS in collaboration with partnering high schools awarded 57 high school diplomas. NEKLS awarded 18 GED's in 2018. The Adult Education And Literacy Programs served 269 students for more than 9,012 hours in 2018. NEKLS served 9, English as a Second Language Students. In 2018, the Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists received over 400 referrals to EI and Family Support Services. The Tutorial Program served 54 K-12 students in the tri County region. Thank you for your continued Support.

New Vital Records Law

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

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

The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.

The most notable changes are:

Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.

An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.

An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.

Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.

Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.

Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.

Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

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

Justices of the Peace

Justices of the Peace, elected to office on November 6, 2018, make up the Board of Civil Authority. The new term begins February 1, 2019 and continues to February 1, 2021.

Todd Colby

Catherine Davie

Darcy Nelson

Jennifer Nelson

Michael Murray

Nancy Perkins

Robert Rowden

Kingdom Animal Shelter

From January 2018 through November 2018, we took in 125 and adopted out 122 cats. We work with area schools to raise awareness of the importance of spay/neuter programs and the responsibilities of pet ownership. Each cat that comes to the shelter costs roughly \$300-500 for vaccinations, testing, Spay/neuter, other medical treatments, food and lodging. Our volunteers work tirelessly To raise the funds necessary to meet our annual operating expenses of approximately \$85,000. We are asking for a contribution of \$500 (unchanged from last year's request) to assist us in our mission of finding homes for unwanted or abandoned cats.

NEK Waste Management District Executive Report

The NEKWMD finished 2018 by processing slightly less recycling compared to 2017- approximately 2750 tons in 2018 compared to approximately 2975 tons in 2017. Significant drops in organics and cardboard were responsible to most of the decline. A few items, including mixed paper, batteries and tires saw increases in tonnage, while most other items saw tonnages that were flat or lower than last year. Recycling markets remain steady throughout most of 2018 and were generally average or slightly lower than average.

The District ended 2018 with a deficit of \$41,069.02. The District ended 2017 with a surplus of \$55,755.82. Revenues in 2018 were 11% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 16.3% above projections. The catastrophic failure of our baler on September 24, 2018 was the largest reason for the deficit. Not only did we have to pay to ship materials off-site, we lost revenue from the sale of those materials. We anticipate having a new baler by the end of February, 2019.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2018. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns, 49, in the State. Our population served is the 3rd in the State behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2019 with a proposed budget of \$825,073, an increase of 8.5% compared to 2018. The vast majority of the increase is due to the addition of a \$41,000 baler payment over the next five years. The surcharge rate of \$24.25 will increase by \$.50 for 2019. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.59.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full time and four part time employees in 2018. Each of the members 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 the 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 waster 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 9 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



NEK Waste Management Supervisors Report

The Waste District was having a great year until September. The back end of the baler broke and it was determined that it was not feasible to repair the old machine. This happened once several years ago but with less damage. A new baler has been ordered but will not be in service until February. The company we purchased the baler from supplied the district with three smaller balers that cannot keep up with the volume of materials coming in. The new baler will be auto tie, saving time in tying the bale. In the meantime, we have been shipping some of the materials to other facilities for baling at an unexpected cost. Before all of this happened, we were looking at a budget increase of around 1.78%. To raise the revenues for the baler, there will be an increase in the per capita assessment, an increase in the surcharge, and an increase in stop fees to district facilities and schools.

There will be an increase in tire disposal rate that has been the same for over 15 years. The increase is \$120 to \$130 per ton, thus, 17" and smaller tires will be \$3.00 without the rim and \$6 with the rim.

Respectfully submitted, Gene Perkins, Waste District Supervisor

Groton/ Ryegate Recycling Attendants Report

Operating Hours-

Friday 3pm to 6pm

Saturday 8am to 12 noon

Another great year at recycling with an increase in the number of recyclers and the amount of material being collected. We have had a number of changes in what we can accept in this past year. Plastics are the number one problem in that there are many types. Number One through Five are all that are accepted, with some exceptions of products with those numbers that cannot be accepted, see below.

- Coat Hangers

- Black containers, lids, etc

- Any plastic without a number on it

- Straws

- Any plastic that contained petroleum products

- Aluminum can rings, but please, cut the rings open before putting them in the garbage

- Green yogurt containers with #6 on the bottom

- Plastic shopping bags, there is a separate container for these

- Bubble wrap

Please, do not toss plastic bags full of plastic, the plastic bags go separately

In the past, we took anything glass. But then the glass was being crushed and used in road construction, they had a large stock pile and needed no more. We are now shipping it where only beverage and food containers are acceptable.

Scrap metal is just that, just metal. Items that are not to go in scrap metal include-

- Aerosol cans- to be deposited inside

- Dry Cell batteries- to be deposited inside

- Electronics- to be deposited inside

- 20lb LP gas bottles- see an attendant

Respectfully submitted, Gene Perkins

NEK Waste Management District Budget Vote

WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 5, 2019

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 5, 2019 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 \$825,073?

<i>[Signature]</i> Newark	<i>[Signature]</i> Joel Lynn
<i>[Signature]</i> Timothy D. Bailey Jr. Duxton	<i>[Signature]</i> Elizabeth Hubbard
<i>[Signature]</i> Steve Bump	<i>[Signature]</i> Lita Keene
<i>[Signature]</i> Kenneth Johnston	<i>[Signature]</i> [unclear]
<i>[Signature]</i> Kevin Flandus	<i>[Signature]</i> David Enders
<i>[Signature]</i> Claude O. Phipps	
<i>[Signature]</i> William D. [unclear]	
<i>[Signature]</i> Andrea Desrosiers	
<i>[Signature]</i> Yves Dangle	
<i>[Signature]</i> [unclear]	
<i>[Signature]</i> Jim Dagenre	
<i>[Signature]</i> Mireal Simonds	
<i>[Signature]</i> Jack Sweeney	
<i>[Signature]</i> Gene a Corbin	
<i>[Signature]</i> [unclear]	
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BMU School District #21 Warning and Notice

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #21 ANNUAL MEETING AND PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING March 4 & March 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Blue Mountain Union School, Garvin Memorial Library in Wells River, Vermont on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:00 in the evening to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1: To elect the following officers as required by law and to authorize the Board of School Directors to fix their compensation:

Article 2: To hear and act on the reports of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 officers for the past year.

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year.

Article 4: To transact any other business thought proper under this warning.

Said meeting shall be followed immediately by a public informational hearing regarding the proposed budget and other business, to be voted on by Australian Ballot, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

The legal voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 are further notified and warned to meet at the following locations:

Ryegate- Town Hall in Ryegate Corner
Groton- Groton Community Building in Groton
Wells River- Village Garage in Wells River

On Tuesday, March 5, 2019 between 10:00 in the morning and 7:00 in the evening there will be a vote by Australian Ballot on the following question:

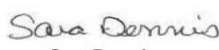
Article #1: Shall the voters of the Blue Mountain Union School District #21 approve the school board to expend \$8,100,673, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,750.83 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.4% more than spending for the current year.

Signed by the Board of School Directors this 16th day of January, 2019 at Wells River, Vermont. Blue Mountain Union School District #21


Angeline Alley


Bruce Stevens


E. Paul Hazel


Sara Dennis


Kelsey Root-Winchester

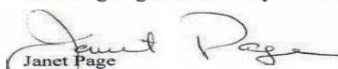

Judy Murray


Julie Oliver


Wade Parker



The foregoing has been duly recorded before posting.


Janet Page
Clerk

Synopsis of March 6, 2018 Town Meeting

ARTICLE 1: Regina Hazel was elected Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: Elizabeth Page was elected Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 3: The reports of the Town Officers were accepted.

ARTICLE 4: The town authorized a total general and highway fund expenditure for 2017 operating expenses of \$1,005,467.00.

ARTICLE 5: After discussion, the Town voted to raise money by taxation to meet the 2018 General Fund and Road Budget and authorized the Select Board to set a tax rate to provide the same.

ARTICLE 6: The Town authorized payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer in one installment, due September 10th and becoming delinquent on October 10th.

ARTICLE 7: The Town elected a Collector of Delinquent Taxes and that was Dale Wright.

ARTICLE 8: The Town elected Angeline Alley by paper ballot to serve on the Board of Union School District No. 21 for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 9: The following people were elected to serve in the various offices: Treasurer: Cheryl Slayton, Select Board: Andrew Smith, First Grand Juror: Dean Rowden, Lister: Elizabeth Beauvais, Auditor: Richard Fraser, Library Trustee: Marsha Nelson, Cemetery Commissioner: Melissa Mann

ARTICLE 9: The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM

Vital Statistics

<u>Civil Marriages</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>		
7/21	Kimberly Pam Hurley and Samuel Joseph Titus		
9/15	Timothy Glenn Murray and Tracy Jo Pierce Ash		
10/20	James Edwin Nelson and Kelly Ann Clow		
10/20	Taryn Ann Christy and Christopher Norman Sevigney		
<u>Births</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>	
1/11	Carter John Colvin	Samantha Littlefield	
3/6	Wyatt Joseph Welch	Loren and Jason Welch	
7/25	Bailey Sandra Kendall	Clarissa and Nicholas Kendall	
8/2	Boden Scott Murray	Ashley and Gregory Murray	
8/16	Muriel Theresa LaCoss	Lindsey and Daniel LaCoss	
8/26	Abigail Elizabeth Nelson	Heather and James Nelson	
10/19	Beau Adam Allbee	Shyanne and Brandon Allbee	
<u>Deaths</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	
1/16	Ruth Ann Hatch	68	
4/15	Robert C. Hannaford	60	
5/16	Andrew George Ward	74	
6/8	Steven Leon Darling Sr.	58	
6/9	Evelyn A. Boardman	80	
9/1	Calvin Robert Frost	93	
9/27	Lucille Ann Dinsmore	82	
10/4	Samuel Joseph Titus	36	
10/28	David Jason Wood	55	



Warning Annual Town Meeting- Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Warning Annual Town Meeting – 2019

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

The citizens of the Town of Ryegate who are legal voters in the annual town meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House in Ryegate on Tuesday, the fifth of March 2019 at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 3: To review and act on the reports of the town officers.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town authorize a total general and highway fund expenditure for 2019 operating expenses of \$ 1,059,631.00.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to raise money by taxation to meet the 2019 General Fund and Road Budget, including a sum of money (not less than \$50.00 per mile) for the maintenance of its highways and for the payment of installments due and to become due on equipment purchased by the Select board including such additional funds as may be appropriated under other articles at this meeting, and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town authorize payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer in one installment, due September 10th and becoming delinquent on October 10th with interest assessed on unpaid taxes pursuant to 32 VSA 4873?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes and take such action with respect to his/her fees and commissions as judged to be advantageous to the town?

ARTICLE 8: To elect by ballot two School Directors to serve on the Board of Union School District No. 21 for a term of three years.

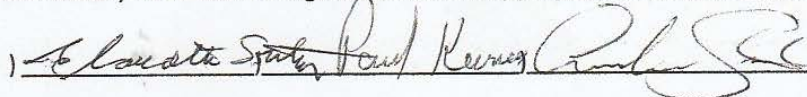
ARTICLE 9: To elect all other necessary Town Officers and direct the Select Board to fix their compensation.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to approve a sum of money not to exceed \$37,000.00 for the construction of a solar array for the Municipal Buildings in Ryegate Corner?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to exempt the property owned by Blue Mountain Grange #263 from road and general fund property taxes for a period of five years (April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2024) pursuant to Title 32 VSA 3840?

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other nonbinding business that may properly come before this meeting.

Select Board:



Claudette Sortino

Paul Keenan

Andrew Smith

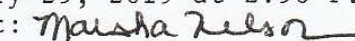
Recorded before posting:

Attest:


Elizabeth Page, Town Clerk

Ryegate Town Clerk's Office
Received for record

January 25, 2019 at 2:50 P.M.

Attest: 
Asst. Town Clerk

Important Telephone Numbers and Information

Emergency or Fire 911

RYEGATE TOWN WEBSITE- WWW.RYEGATEVT.ORG

Building Permits	584-3612 Bill Elder 802-584-3880 Town Office
Cottage Hospital	603-747-9000
E Ryegate Fire District #2	802-357-1021 Leah Smith
Fire Permits	802-584-3611 Gene Perkins 802-584-3667 Fremont Nelson
Historian	Paul Keenan, East Ryegate Fremont Nelson, Ryegate Corner George Murphy, South Ryegate

Ryegate Selectboard

Paul Keenan	802-757-3801
Claudette Sortino, Chair	802- 584-4263
Andy Smith	802-633-2260
Town Clerk, Elizabeth Page	802-584-3880 Phone and Fax
Clerk to Select Board, Marsha Nelson	802-584-3667
Town Garage/Road Crew	802-584-3002
Dog Officer- Rachel Clough	802-588-2020
United Ways Agencies for VT	211
VT Center for Independent Living	802-639-1522
NEK Waste Management	800-734-4602
NEK Youth Services	802-748-8732

State Legislators

Sen. Joseph Benning- R 802-626-3600 office
Sen. Jane Kitchel- D 802-684-3482 home
Rep. Marcia Martel- R 802-748-9134 home

US Legislators

Sen. Patrick Leahy- D 800-642-3193 Action Line
Sen. Bernie Sanders- I 800-339-9834 VT office 202-224-5141 DC office
Rep. Peter Welch- D 888-605-7270 VT office 202-225-4115 DC office

Selectboard Meetings - 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7pm Town Office Building

Town Clerk- Mon 1-5, Tues 1-5, Weds 1-5, Fri 9-1

Recycling Center Friday 3-6 pm Saturday 8- noon

Photo Driver's License

Every Thursday (except holidays)
8:45am- 3:30pm Green Mountain Mall, St. Johnsbury, VT

VA New England Healthcare



VA HEALTH CARE Defining **EXCELLENCE** in the 21st Century

YOUR BENEFITS. OUR COMMITMENT.

At VA New England Healthcare, our mission is to focus on all aspects of a Veteran's well being. That's why we offer a benefits package that covers the health, wellness, foundational and long-term needs of each and every Veteran who walks through our doors. Our services include:

Health:

Primary care, pharmacy, optometry and audiology, labs and imagery

Wellness:

Personal training, nutritional planning, and recreational programs

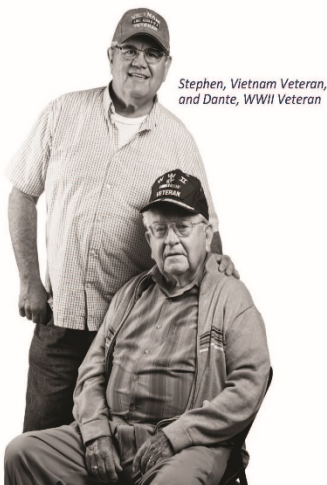
Foundation:

Vocational training, housing assistance, and small business start-up assistance

Long Term:

Residential care, home health, adult daycare and end-of-life programs

- There are **NO** annual fees, premiums or deductibles
- **Co-pays, little to no cost**
- **More than 50 locations**—we're New England's largest health care provider
- **Great prescription benefits**
- **You are eligible to use VA Healthcare with your private insurance**
- **Having VA Healthcare will allow you to meet the Affordable Care Act requirements**



Stephen, Vietnam Veteran, and Dante, WWII Veteran

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

If you served in the military and received an honorable discharge, you may qualify for VA Healthcare benefits. If you were in the Reserves or National Guard, you may also qualify if you were called to active duty (other than for training only) by a Federal order and completed the full period of your active duty.

"Every time I connect with anybody from the VA, there is always a helpful, lending hand reaching out to me."

Vietnam Veteran, New Bedford

DID YOU VA HEALTHCARE KNOW?

ENROLL NOW

You can enroll in the VA New England Healthcare System anytime—but don't wait. To enroll, complete VA Form 10-10EZ (Application for Health Benefits). The form may be obtained at any VA Healthcare facility, by calling 877-222-8387, or online at www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez. If you have questions just call or stop by the nearest facility—we'll be glad to help. And once enrolled, you can access health care at any VA Healthcare facility in the country.

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- Contraceptive services
- Maternity care
- Infertility treatment
- Mammography
- Breast exams
- Menopause management
- Pap smear/pelvic exams



Laura, OIF Veteran

1-844-VA-CARES (822-2737) www.newengland.va.gov/outreach

"I didn't realize that by enrolling in the VA, I am creating new services for my fellow Veterans—not taking them away."

OEF/OIF Veteran, Nashua, NH

Reginald, Desert Storm Veteran, and Josephine, Kuwait Veteran



ACCESS TO OVER 50 FACILITIES THROUGHOUT NEW ENGLAND

We are located throughout the six New England states and have 8 Medical Centers, over 45 Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, 6 Nursing Homes and 2 Domiciliaries.

VA FACILITY LOCATIONS

Connecticut Danbury Newington New London Stamford Waterbury West Haven Willimantic	Massachusetts Bedford Boston Brockton Fitchburg Framingham Gloucester Greenfield Haverhill Hyannis Jamaica Plain Lowell Lynn New Bedford Northampton Pittsfield Plymouth Quincy Springfield West Roxbury Worcester	New Hampshire Conway Keene Littleton Manchester Portsmouth Somersworth Tilton
Maine Augusta Bangor Bingham Calais Caribou Fort Kent Houlton Lewiston Lincoln Portland Rumford Saco	Rhode Island Middletown Providence	Vermont Bennington Brattleboro Burlington Newport Rutland White River Junction

If you are interested in contacting one of our Community-Based Outreach Clinics, please call the VA Medical Center nearest you.

NEW ENGLAND VA MEDICAL CENTERS

Connecticut Newington 860-667-6838 West Haven 203-937-4767	Massachusetts Bedford 800-838-6331 Brockton 508-583-4500 Jamaica Plain 617-232-9500 Northampton 413-584-4040 West Roxbury 617-323-7700	New Hampshire Manchester 800-892-8384
Maine Augusta 877-421-8263	Rhode Island Providence 866-364-4486	Vermont White River Junction 866-687-8387

For contact information for all VA New England Healthcare System facilities go to: www.newengland.va.gov/outreach or call 1-844-VA-CARES (822-2737)



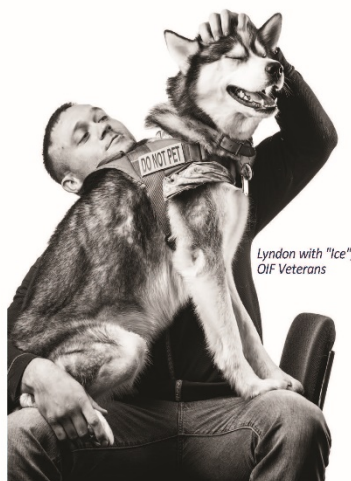
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