

ROXBURY, VERMONT

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2017**



TOWN MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

ROXBURY, VERMONT
Population.....691 (2010 U.S. Census Data)
Area 25,984 acres, Altitude 1,007 feet
Chartered August 6, 1781

TOWN DIRECTORY

Town Clerk.....485-7840
Town Treasurer and Selectboard Assistant.....485-7860
FAX Number.....485-9160
E-mail
 Town Office.....townrox@tds.net
 Town Auditorsroxauditors@tds.net
 Town Listersroxlisters@tds.net
 Roxbury Webmaster.....roxburyvtwebmaster@gmail.com
Web Address.....www.roxburyvt.org

OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk.....Tuesday–Friday 9AM-12NOON & 1-4PM
Selectboard Assistant..... Tuesday-Friday 8AM-12NOON & 1-4PM
Town Treasurer..... By Appointment Only
Assistant Treasurer.....Tuesday-Friday 8AM-12NOON & 1-4PM

From May through September, the office closes at noon on Fridays.

Selectboard meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00PM in the Town offices. If meeting falls on a holiday, check bulletin board at Town office for alternate meeting time.

School Directors meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:30 PM in the Roxbury Village School.

Montpelier School Board meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each Month

Roxbury Auditors meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am.

Roxbury Free Library Trustees meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm at the library.

Roxbury Free Library Hours:

	Tuesday	10AM - 6PM
	Wednesday	8AM -11AM
485-6860	Thursday	2PM - 7PM
	Saturday	10AM -1PM

Forest Fire Warden & Roxbury Fire Department485-6555
TO REPORT A FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCIES, CALL.....911

Front Cover: April 25,2017 Mud Pond Photo by Gary Knapp * Story on Last Page

Back Cover: Goose & Goslings at Windridge Camp at Teela Wooket Photo by Sue Nevens

ROXBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING OF 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the Roxbury Town School District are hereby warned to meet in the Roxbury Town Hall on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the following articles (voting for all Australian Ballot articles will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.):

Article 1: To elect a School District Moderator (Australian Ballot).


Article 2: To elect a School Director for a term of 3 years (Australian Ballot).

Article 3: To elect a School District Treasurer for 1 year (Australian Ballot).

Article 4: To hear and act upon reports of the Town School District.

Article 5: To transact any other business proper to be brought before said meeting.

Dated at Roxbury, Vermont on this 8 day of January, 2018.



Jon Guiffre, Chair



Ryan Zajac, Vice-Chair



Katlyn Jackson, Clerk

Received at the Town Clerk's Office for record before posting on January 9, 2018 at 11:38 a.m.

ATTEST: 

Tammy Legacy, Town Clerk

MONTPELIER ROXBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARNING OF 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of Montpelier and Roxbury are hereby warned of voting for all Australian ballot articles to be held on Tuesday March 6, 2018. Legal voters of Roxbury may vote at the Roxbury Town Hall from 10:00 am to 7:00 p.m. The Legal voters of Montpelier may vote at Montpelier City Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE A Shall the voters of the school district adopt a budget of \$23,452,706 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 \$15,923.77 per equalized pupil. As this is the first year of operations for the new school district, the projected spending per equalized pupil cannot be compared to a prior year, as it does not exist. (Requested by the School Board)

ARTICLE B Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to incur bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$4,900,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of certain renovations and capital improvements to: Montpelier High School Wellness and Arts Wing including renovations to the auditorium, wellness center, locker rooms and lobby restrooms, construction of two classrooms, roof replacement, and upgraded heating and ventilation; and Union Elementary School including construction of an elevator with accessible vestibule, electrical systems upgrades, bathroom renovations, and playground renovation together with related site work and project costs. The estimated total cost of these projects is \$4,900,000. Article A includes the amount for payment of the debt service on this bonded debt for the ensuing fiscal year. Notice required by 24 V.S.A 1758(b)(3) – State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid. The district is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of State school construction aid. (Requested by the School Board)

ARTICLE C Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 in a reserve (assigned) fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school? (Requested by the School Board)

ARTICLE D Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$9,700 (Chair \$1,500; Vice Chair \$1,200; others \$1,000 each) as compensation to the School Directors for their services for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019? (Requested by the School Board)

ARTICLE E To elect one School District Moderator, one School District Clerk and one School District Treasurer to serve from their election and qualification for one year or until the election and qualification of their successors.

Approved by the Board of School Directors on the 17th day of January, 2018.


Jim Murphy, Board Chairperson

**ANNUAL TOWN OF ROXBURY ARTICLES
WARNING OF 2018 TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Roxbury are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Roxbury Town Hall on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to vote on the following articles. (Voting for all Australian Ballot articles will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

- Art. 1. To elect the following officers of the Town. (Australian Ballot)
- Town Moderator for a term of one year
 - Town Clerk for a term of one year
 - Town Treasurer for a term of one year
 - Selectman for a term of three years
 - Lister for a term of three years
 - Auditor for a term of three years
 - Library Trustee for a term of three years
 - Library Trustee for a term of two years
 - Library Trustee for a term of one year
 - Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year
 - Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
 - First Constable for a term of one year
 - Second Constable for a term of one year
 - Grand Juror for a term of one year
 - Town Agent for a term of one year
- Art. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.
- Art. 3. Shall the Town of Roxbury enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch 82?
- Art. 4. Will the voters approve the collection of taxes on real estate in four (4) equal installments on the second Friday of August 2018, the second Friday of November 2018, the second Friday of February 2019 and the second Friday of May 2019, with interest of one half percent (0.5%) per month, or fraction thereof, on the unpaid taxes after each installment due date?
- Art. 5. Will the voters approve the sum of \$512,909.00 for the operation and maintenance of Town roads?
- Art. 6. Will the voters approve the sum of \$232,214.00 for the operation of the Town Administrative functions? This does not include any funds that may be approved in any other article.
- Art. 7. Will the voters approve the sum of \$3,900.00 to be administered by the Cemetery Commission for tree removal and stump grinding at First Settler East Cemetery?
- Art. 8. Will the voters approve the sum of \$29,680.00 for the Roxbury Free Library, to be administered by the Trustees, with any excess to be directed to the Town's general fund at the conclusion of the fiscal year?
- Art. 9. Will the voters approve the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department Truck Capital Account?

- Art. 10. Will the voters approve the sum of \$15,930.00 for the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department's operating expenses, with any excess to be directed to the Town's general fund at the conclusion of the fiscal year?
- Art. 11. Will the voters approve the sum of \$4,000.00 for the Fire Department Equipment Fund. These funds will be used to purchase equipment.
- Art. 12. Shall town vote to give \$350.00 to the Roxbury Food Shelf to pay their dues to the Vermont Food Bank.
- Art. 13. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure of \$500.00 for The Greater Northfield Senior Citizens, Inc., d/b/a Northfield Senior Center?
- Art. 14. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure of \$500.00 for the Capstone Community Action, Inc. (formerly Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc: helping people build better communities through weatherization, business development, food shelves, Head Start, emergency heating, housing counseling, job training, and financial education?
- Art. 15. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice in the amount of \$1,250.00: a full service non-profit Visiting Nurse Association providing high-quality, health care services to all central Vermonters in their own homes, regardless of their ability to pay?
- Art. 16. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Family Center of Washington County in the amount of \$200.00, building resourceful families and healthy children to create a strong community?
- Art. 17. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the amount of \$500.00: since 1926, enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence?
- Art. 18. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Good Beginnings of Central Vermont in the amount of \$100.00: supporting the transition to parenthood with free services for all families with new babies?
- Art. 19. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for People's Health and Wellness Clinic in the amount of \$300.00, providing free primary standard and complementary health care, including mental health, oral health, and wellness education to the uninsured and underinsured community members of Central Vermont who cannot otherwise afford these services?
- Art. 20. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club in the amount of \$250.00, Youth/family counseling; drug/alcohol treatment; help for runaway and homeless youth; support for teen parents; teen centers; reentry program for young offenders; 24-hour crisis intervention; and more?

- Art. 21. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Central Vermont Council on Aging in the amount of \$900.00: supporting central Vermonter's to age with dignity and choice, CVCOA provides a wide range of programs and services for aging persons to lead healthy, independent, and meaningful lives in their home and communities?
- Art. 22. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter) in the amount of \$100.00: a community-based organization dedicated to ending domestic abuse?
- Art. 23. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Prevent Child Abuse Vermont in the amount of \$200.00: working effectively to prevent child abuse and neglect through parent education, support and public awareness?
- Art. 24. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Sexual Assault Crisis Team for Washington County in the amount of \$150.00: advocacy for female and male victims of sexual violence, their family members, spouses, and friends; includes emotional, legal, and medical support, shelter, training and 24-hour Hotline?
- Art. 25. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Central Vermont Adult Basic Education in the amount of \$600.00: free adult education: reading, writing, math and computer literacy; English language and citizenship skills; high school completion programs; and academic readiness for career and college?
- Art. 26. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Art's Bus, Inc in the amount of \$500.00: delivering free art, music, drama and literacy to children and families in rural Central Vermont?
- Art. 27. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Good Samaritan Haven in the amount of \$300.00: Central Vermont's only homeless shelter, providing emergency shelter and support services to individuals experiencing homelessness in our community?
- Art. 28. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Home Share Now, Inc. in the amount of \$300.00: created 99 affordable housing units last year by bringing together aging adults with a bedroom to offer and vetted home seekers in need of affordable housing? Last year 115 people secured their housing thanks to Home Share Now.
- Art. 29. Shall the voters authorize expenditure for Community Harvest of Central Vermont in the amount of \$100.00: a volunteer driven nonprofit that through gleaning recovers surplus food from local farms to maximize community resources, reduce waste, educate about the local food system and help feed those in the community who have limited access to healthy fresh local food?
- Art. 30. Shall the voters authorize expenditure for Washington County Mental Health in the amount of \$800.00: working to serve our community through education, support, and treatment of individuals who live with mental health challenges, developmental disabilities, and substance use issues?

Art. 31. To transact any other proper business to be brought before said meeting.

Dated at Roxbury, County of Washington and State of Vermont, this 24th day of January, 2018.

Roxbury Selectboard

Jeremy Reed, Chairman
Stephen Twombly
David McShane

Notice: The last day to register to vote to be eligible to participate at this meeting is Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the polls (Village School). Requests for mailed absentee ballots for this meeting must be received by Monday, March 5, 2018 no later than 5:00 P.M. Further information on voter registration and absentee voting or any other appropriate information may be obtained from the Town Clerk during normal business hours.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Paper Ballots (Australian Ballot)

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- **WRITE-IN** candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot in "Voted Ballots" box.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings

BEFORE MEETING DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by February 4, 2018. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 24, 2018.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us.

ON MEETING DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

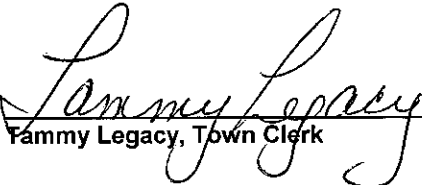
If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)


Tammy Legacy, Town Clerk

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2017

Town Moderator	Lucinda Sullivan	2018
School Moderator	Lucinda Sullivan	2018
Town Clerk	Tammy Legacy	2018
Town Treasurer	Anne Maxham	2018
School Treasurer	Tammy Legacy	2018
Selectboard	Jeremy Reed, Chair	2019
	Steve Twombly	2020
	David McShane	2018
School Board	Jon Guiffre, Chair	2020
	Katlyn Jackson	2018
	Ryan Zajac	2019
Listers	Forrest Twombly, Chair	2018
	Sally Archer	2019
	William Hansen	2020
Auditors	Joan Leary, Chair	2019
	Flo Parzych	2018
	E. Frances French	2020
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Sam Twombly	2018
Cemetery Commissioners	John Cashman, Chair	2020
	Wendy Cashman	2019
	Susan Nevins	2018
First Constable	Reggie Brown Jr.	2018
Second Constable	Caitlyn Santi	2018
Grand Juror	Carl Ellis	2018
Town Agency	Ron Jerry	2018
Library Trustees	Jane Pincus, Chair	2020
	Colleen Flanagan	2020
	Carl Ellis	2018
	Angela Bauer, resigned	2017
	Donald Breviogel-Williams, appointed	2018
	Andre Souigny, resigned	2018
	vacant position	2018
Justices of the Peace	Gerald D'Amico	2019
	Gloria Gerdes	2019
	Adam Jackson	2019
	Susan Nevins	2019
	Charles Slocum	2019

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2017

Road Commissioner	David McShane	2018
Town Health Officer	Dr. Craig Sullivan	2018
Deputy Town Health Officer	Dr. Duane Natvig	2018
Assistant Town Clerk	Britney Pombar	2018
Assistant Town Treasurer	Tammy Legacy	2018
Mad River Management Resource Alliance		
Representative	David McShane	2018
Regional Planning Commissioner	Gerald D'Amico	2018
Green-Up Coordinators	Claire Chomentowski	2018
	Kim Copeland	2018
Energy Coordinator	vacant	2018
Emergency Management Director	Steve Twombly	2018
Forest Fire Warden	Tim Martin	2018
E-911 Coordinator	Tammy Legacy	2018
Planning Commissioners	Gloria Danforth	2018
	Mike French	2018
	Kate Jackson	2018
	Lucinda Sullivan	2018
	vacant	2018
Fence Viewers	Darrell (Chuck) Brown	2018
	Mark Gerdes	2018
	Scott Legacy	2018
Inspector of Lumber & Shingles	Scott Legacy	2018
Chairman of Civil Defense	Steve Twombly	2018
Website Administrator	Alan Waterman, resigned	2017
	Andre Souigny, appointed	2018
Tree Warden	Steve Lusk	2018
Animal Control Officer	Reggie Brown Jr	2018

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Road Crew	Loren Bent, Foreman
	Roger Thomas
	Andrew Legacy (per diem)
	Tom Frazier (per diem)
Selectboard Assistant	Tammy Legacy

LIBRARY TRUSTEE EMPLOYEES

Library Director	Ryan Zajac
Assistant Library Director	Lise Ewald

2017 SELECTBOARD REPORT

During the past year we continued our efforts to improve the town's infrastructure. A new concrete box culvert was installed on Carrie Howe Road. The town took advantage of the presence of a hoe ram and had ledge removed in some ditch lines.

After decades in the making, the siding on the Community Hall was finished. A big thank you goes out to Terry Edwards for volunteering his time to paint the exterior of the Community Hall. Repairs to the Library wheel chair ramp and roof were approved and volunteers painted the exterior of the building.

The wet summer caused some damage to our roads. Most significantly, a large washout occurred on Bull Run. The storm event was a declared emergency, so the repairs will qualify for FEMA funding. The length of time it took to get the FEMA declaration made it impossible to make the repairs this fall. The board will have the design finalized this winter and have a contractor complete the repairs once the weather improves. The town continues to apply for grants that become available. Most of the grants have a required Town match that we can usually achieve with our own workforce.

We are mindful of the fact that Roxbury continues to have a very high municipal tax rate. The Selectboard is again presenting a budget that we feel makes investments in the right areas and is judicious with tax dollars. Conversations are ongoing about prioritizing the needs of the Town. The proposed budget reflects some of those priorities with the goal of level funding the overall budget. Similarly, we have tried to improve the transparency of the budget so that taxpayers see where their hard-earned money goes.

The 1989 Mack dump truck was sold with the proceeds going toward the purchase of a new truck. Maintaining our aging fleet of vehicles and equipment is an ongoing challenge.

The board would like to recognize Sally Archer for her many years of dedicated service to the Town. Sally has served in multiple roles over the years and certainly the Town is a better place because of her hard work.

The Cemetery Commission continues to repair and restore the Town's Cemeteries. Jack and Wendy Cashman have been leading this effort and deserve a big thank you!

Thanks also to Nina Govoni for her help with the Town website and to Andre Souigny for building the Town a new website and serving as our new webmaster.

The Selectboard approved installation of a skating rink on the "Garner Lot" next to the Fire Station. The Town was then compelled to assist by providing equipment and personnel.

As most people know, the town is fortunate to have so many people who are willing to dedicate time and resources to the town. As is the case with so many small towns, our citizens make the town. Roxbury is no different. To our devoted Town employees and all those who have volunteered or served during the past year, the Selectboard would like to say Thank You!

Jeremy Reed, Chairman
Stephen Twombly, Vice-Chairman
Dave McShane, Road Commissioner

REVENUE

	Budget FY 2017	Budget FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Budget FY 2018	Budget FY 219
Tax Revenues					
Current Taxes	\$660,533.00	\$555,947.74	\$664,924.00	\$420,637.61	\$596,193.00
Taxes -School	\$970,131.58	\$970,131.58	\$1,011,551.31	\$479,937.00	\$0.00
VT Municipal Tax Adjustment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,220.88	\$0.00
Delinquent Tax	\$0.00	\$71,649.00	\$0.00	\$103,504.99	\$0.00
Tax Interest	\$0.00	\$1,419.31	\$500.00	\$337.14	\$500.00
Delinq. Tax Interest	\$10,000.00	\$4,907.08	\$6,500.00	\$4,654.29	\$6,500.00
Tax Penalty	\$8,000.00	\$5,680.80	\$9,000.00	\$4,542.02	\$9,000.00
Railroad Tax	\$0.00	\$3,343.24	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
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Total Tax Revenues	\$1,648,664.58	\$1,613,078.75	\$1,693,475.31	\$1,049,833.93	\$615,193.00
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Revenue From State					
Highway	\$60,000.00	\$61,921.96	\$60,000.00	\$30,959.79	\$60,000.00
Forest & Parks	\$10,000.00	\$12,060.58	\$12,000.00	\$20,763.06	\$21,000.00
Current Use - State	\$30,000.00	\$35,742.00	\$35,000.00	\$37,150.00	\$35,000.00
Collection of Taxes	\$1,900.00	\$2,232.96	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
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Total Revenue From State	\$101,900.00	\$111,957.50	\$109,000.00	\$88,872.85	\$118,000.00
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Other Revenue					
Town Clerk's Fees	\$9,000.00	\$7,298.95	\$8,000.00	\$4,596.85	\$8,000.00
Interest Income	\$150.00	\$129.19	\$175.00	\$193.33	\$130.00
M. Bank MoneyMarket Int.	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Revenue from Reserve Fund	\$0.00	\$2,666.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$300.00	\$125.00	\$300.00	\$379.98	\$300.00
Highway Miscellaneous Inc	\$2,000.00	\$387.00	\$7,000.00	\$1,985.00	\$2,000.00
Highway Excise Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$532.27	\$1,500.00
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Total Other Revenue	\$11,450.00	\$10,606.71	\$15,475.00	\$7,687.43	\$11,930.00
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Total Revenues	\$1,762,014.58	\$1,735,642.96	\$1,817,950.31	\$1,146,394.21	\$745,123.00

EXPENSES

	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2018	Budget FY-2019
General Government				
Payroll				
Assistant Clerk	\$7,550.00	\$6,002.94	\$8,200.00	\$8,750.00
Auditors	\$1,800.00	\$1,107.76	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00
Clerk	\$16,000.00	\$16,803.50	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Election-Civil	\$500.00	\$407.60	\$350.00	\$500.00
Housekeeping	\$800.00	\$530.10	\$800.00	\$750.00
Listers	\$6,000.00	\$6,153.70	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00
Selectmen	\$2,000.00	\$1,999.98	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Selectboard Assistant	\$16,000.00	\$16,803.51	\$17,500.00	\$17,850.00
Treasurer	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Misc. Payroll	\$0.00	\$1,606.40	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Webmaster	\$1,200.00	\$250.96	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
Assistant Treasurer	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Comp FICA	\$3,600.00	\$3,435.44	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
Comp MCARE	\$950.00	\$805.11	\$950.00	\$950.00
Retirement	\$1,280.00	\$1,312.52	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00
Employee Insurance	\$15,120.00	\$14,263.73	\$15,775.00	\$16,111.00
ChoiceCare/Health Equity	\$2,500.00	\$721.58	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Comp SUIVT	\$1,500.00	\$1,806.42	\$1,400.00	\$1,900.00
Workman's Comp	\$284.00	\$715.50	\$317.00	\$317.00
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Total Payroll	\$82,084.00	\$79,726.75	\$87,292.00	\$88,228.00
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Town Office				
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,436.50	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Supplies	\$1,700.00	\$2,325.50	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Software	\$160.00	\$190.78	\$170.00	\$200.00
Advertising	\$650.00	\$761.83	\$500.00	\$500.00
Office Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$971.01	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00
Tax Bills & Collection	\$700.00	\$685.63	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Town Report	\$1,200.00	\$944.90	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
Tax Map - Grand List	\$1,400.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Service Contract	\$1,700.00	\$1,867.94	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
Backup Service Contract	\$1,300.00	\$1,267.32	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Records Management	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Electricity	\$1,000.00	\$918.96	\$800.00	\$900.00
Telephone	\$1,900.00	\$1,800.41	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$1,994.71	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Roxbury Planning	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Misc	\$400.00	\$584.74	\$600.00	\$600.00
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Total Town Office	\$19,910.00	\$19,380.23	\$21,270.00	\$20,200.00
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EXPENSES

	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2018	Budget FY-2019
Senior Ctr/Community Hall				
Electricity	\$500.00	\$179.28	\$500.00	\$400.00
Telephone	\$500.00	\$224.86	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fuel	\$1,400.00	\$231.66	\$1,400.00	\$1,100.00
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Total Sen Ctr/Com. Hall	\$2,400.00	\$635.80	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00
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Public Safety				
Northfield Ambulance	\$11,744.00	\$11,747.00	\$17,275.00	\$19,348.00
Fire/EMS Dispatching	\$8,212.00	\$8,233.68	\$8,951.00	\$9,757.00
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Total Public Safety	\$19,956.00	\$19,980.68	\$26,226.00	\$29,105.00
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General Expenses				
Deficit Reduction	\$2,942.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mileage	\$300.00	\$641.78	\$600.00	\$500.00
Street Lights	\$2,500.00	\$2,752.68	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Historical Society	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Cemetery Restoration	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Constable's Expenses	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
League of C & T	\$1,710.00	\$1,710.00	\$1,768.00	\$1,805.00
CV Regional Plan.	\$761.00	\$760.10	\$761.00	\$781.00
Dues for Profess. Develop	\$350.00	\$260.00	\$360.00	\$300.00
Mad River Resource Dues	\$2,764.00	\$4,146.00	\$4,146.00	\$4,146.00
Legal	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Washington Co. Taxes	\$5,411.00	\$5,386.90	\$5,411.00	\$5,765.00
Seminars & Training	\$3,100.00	\$2,618.54	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
Computer Services	\$1,200.00	\$1,449.98	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
CV Humane Society	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
VACD	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Newsletter Expenses	\$0.00	\$288.08	\$300.00	\$300.00
Memorial Day-Cem. Flags	\$250.00	\$224.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Flags	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$200.00
Cemetery/Mun. Mowing	\$5,700.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,150.00
Building Insurance	\$6,203.00	\$6,483.24	\$6,800.00	\$5,106.00
Bond - Town Officials Ins	\$1,265.00	\$1,368.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,265.00
Accounting	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Building Repair Fund	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Green Up Day Expenses	\$800.00	\$1,124.25	\$800.00	\$800.00
Green Up Vermont	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Debt Principal-Fire Truck	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Princ.- Storms	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Interest-Fire Truck	\$330.00	\$334.58	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt-Land Purchase	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Int.-Land Purchase	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,707.00	\$1,463.00

EXPENSES

	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2018	Budget FY-2019
Interest-Storms	\$1,800.00	\$1,801.25	\$1,350.00	\$900.00
Total General Expenses	\$93,686.00	\$91,149.38	\$95,703.00	\$92,681.00
Total General Government	\$218,036.00	\$210,872.84	\$232,891.00	\$232,214.00
Highway				
Highway Payroll				
Highway	\$116,437.00	\$127,247.96	\$120,000.00	\$130,000.00
Comp FICA	\$7,200.00	\$7,907.46	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Comp MCARE	\$1,700.00	\$1,849.27	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Retirement	\$4,000.00	\$4,171.45	\$4,200.00	\$4,400.00
Employee Insurance	\$36,100.00	\$33,871.37	\$37,700.00	\$38,436.00
ChoiceCare/Health Equity	\$5,000.00	\$3,892.29	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Comp SUIVT	\$1,700.00	\$2,929.39	\$1,700.00	\$3,000.00
	\$15,540.00	\$13,738.50	\$12,100.00	\$11,000.00
Total Highway Payroll	\$187,677.00	\$195,607.69	\$190,700.00	\$201,836.00
Materials				
Signs	\$3,500.00	\$936.18	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Bridges	\$20,000.00	\$3,693.55	\$15,000.00	\$6,000.00
Culverts	\$6,000.00	\$1,750.00	\$6,000.00	\$15,000.00
Guardrails	\$3,500.00	\$1,700.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Chloride	\$6,000.00	\$5,475.40	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Gravel	\$30,000.00	\$22,080.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Sand	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Salt	\$4,700.00	\$6,554.53	\$4,700.00	\$6,000.00
Transfer Out	\$0.00	\$10,845.76	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Materials	\$113,700.00	\$93,035.42	\$128,200.00	\$128,500.00
Town Garage				
Electric	\$1,800.00	\$2,318.59	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$506.92	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fuel Oil	\$4,000.00	\$3,168.30	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Shop Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$538.61	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Total Town Garage	\$9,300.00	\$6,532.42	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00
Equipment				
Training	\$270.00	\$30.00	\$270.00	\$250.00
Vehicle & Bldg Insurance	\$11,720.00	\$12,327.76	\$12,400.00	\$8,554.00
Gas	\$100.00	\$161.23	\$100.00	\$150.00
Diesel	\$25,000.00	\$23,889.82	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Oil	\$1,500.00	\$2,028.25	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00

EXPENSES

	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2018	Budget FY-2019
Diesel Exhaust Fluid	\$650.00	\$141.35	\$650.00	\$300.00
Vehicle Maint/Repair	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Loader Repair	\$0.00	\$2,603.78	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grader Repair	\$0.00	\$7,926.18	\$0.00	\$0.00
Winter Equipment	\$0.00	\$7,141.17	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chipper	\$0.00	\$356.54	\$0.00	\$0.00
International 2002	\$0.00	\$15,514.91	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018 International	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Summer Equipment	\$0.00	\$461.96	\$0.00	\$0.00
2008 John Deere Backhoe	\$0.00	\$658.49	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tractor	\$0.00	\$304.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
2012 International	\$0.00	\$7,256.29	\$0.00	\$0.00
2012 Ford	\$0.00	\$5,391.91	\$0.00	\$0.00
2016 International Truck	\$0.00	\$1,873.49	\$0.00	\$0.00
Highways Equipment Fund	\$43,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Debt Principal- 2012 Int'	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest-2012 Int'l	\$600.00	\$565.48	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Principal-2012 Ford	\$6,715.00	\$6,714.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest-2012 Ford	\$135.00	\$134.29	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Principal-Tenney Bri	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Interest-Tenney Bridge	\$1,170.00	\$1,170.81	\$878.00	\$585.00
Debt Principal-2016 Int'l	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Interest-2016 Int'l	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,350.00
Debt Priscipal-2018 Int'l	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,400.00
Interest-2018 Int'l	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,234.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$2,202.47	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Welder Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$442.81	\$1,200.00	\$800.00
Shop Supplies	\$700.00	\$737.26	\$800.00	\$800.00
Small Equip Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$173.96	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
Tools	\$1,000.00	\$742.04	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
Personal Protective Equip	\$700.00	\$377.44	\$700.00	\$500.00
Repeater	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Total Equipment	\$176,710.00	\$181,578.79	\$158,098.00	\$164,423.00
Hired Services				
Roadside Mowing	\$5,500.00	\$4,800.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
Pagers & Uniforms	\$2,000.00	\$2,231.45	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
Winter Equipment Hired	\$2,000.00	\$2,475.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
Summer Equipment Hired	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Mileage	\$250.00	\$202.90	\$250.00	\$250.00
Special Projects	\$3,500.00	\$18,300.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Total Hired Services	\$14,250.00	\$28,259.35	\$14,550.00	\$9,050.00
Total Highway	\$501,637.00	\$505,013.67	\$500,648.00	\$512,909.00

EXPENSES

	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2018	Budget FY-2019
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Fire Dept				
Electricity	\$1,000.00	\$1,081.41	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Telephone	\$475.00	\$484.05	\$500.00	\$0.00
Fuel - oil	\$2,000.00	\$1,488.79	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Fuel - gas	\$500.00	\$99.80	\$250.00	\$0.00
Mutual Aid	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Dues	\$180.00	\$102.00	\$160.00	\$0.00
Parts & Service	\$1,000.00	\$931.06	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Training	\$400.00	\$90.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Medical Exams	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Service	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Supplies/Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$30.48	\$100.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$6,000.00	\$5,922.50	\$6,545.00	\$0.00
Building Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$2,970.37	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
New Equipment Purchase	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Fire Equipmen	\$0.00	\$5,504.54	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Total Fire Dept	\$18,955.00	\$18,955.00	\$18,955.00	\$0.00
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Voted Articles				
Fire Dept Truck Fund	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Community Hall Capital	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Library	\$29,005.00	\$29,005.00	\$29,005.00	\$0.00
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Total Voted Articles	\$46,005.00	\$46,005.00	\$47,005.00	\$0.00
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Appropriations				
CV Home Health	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
CV Agency on Aging	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
CVCAC	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Assoc. for the Blind	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Greater Northfield Senior	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Circle (Battered Women)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Peoples Health & Wellness	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Youth Service Bureau	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Family Center	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Home Share Now Inc	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Good Beginnings	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Good Samaritan Haven	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Roxbury Food Shelf	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
OUR House of Central VT	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CV Adult Basic Educ.	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Tea	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Prevent Child Abuse VT	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Art's Bus Inc.	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00

EXPENSES

	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2018	Budget FY-2019
School Budget	\$970,131.58	\$970,131.58	\$1,011,551.31	\$0.00
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Total Appropriations	\$977,381.58	\$977,381.58	\$1,018,451.31	\$0.00
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Total Expenditures	\$1,762,014.58	\$1,758,228.09	\$1,817,950.31	\$745,123.00
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AUDITORS' STATEMENT

JUNE 30, 2017

In accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24, V.S.A., we have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Roxbury. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports show the financial activity and financial position of the Town of Roxbury for the calendar year ended June 30, 2017.

Fran French
Florence (Flo) Parzych
Joan Leary

FOLDER OF ALL COMMITMENTS IS AVAILABLE AT TOWN OFFICE AND AT
THE HEAD TABLE AT TOWN MEETING.

**TOWN OF ROXBURY
BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2017**

ASSET

Checking	\$284,987.40
Community Bank Money Market	\$ 15.40
Community Bank (Health Equity)	\$ 2,132.26
Deposits in Transit	\$ 2,508.15
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 44.00</u>
Total	\$289,687.21
 Due From Other Funds	 \$272,837.84
 Total Asset	 \$ 16,849.37

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities	
Payroll-FICA	\$ 2,142.50
Payroll-FWH	\$ 1,185.77
Payroll-MCARE	\$ 492.70
Payroll-RET	\$ 2,073.94
Payroll-SWHVT	\$ 347.07
Office of Child Support	\$ 0.00
Health Ins Withholding	\$ 466.39
Life & AD&D Withholdings	\$ 197.81
457 Deferred Comp Plan	\$ 0.00
Aflac	\$ 102.37
Green Mtn Credit Union	\$ 0.00
EyeMed	\$ -9.00
Union Dues	\$ 32.79
Tax Overpayments	\$ 3,999.53
Employee Prop Tax Withholding	\$ 0.00
Dog Fee Due to State of Vermont	\$ 86.00
Marriage Fee to State of Vermont	\$ 100.00
Tax Sale Proceeds	\$ 0.00
Tax Sale Proceeds Interest	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
 Total Current Liabilities	 \$ 11,217.87
 Total Liabilities	 \$ 11,217.87

FUND BALANCE

Total Prior Years Fund Balance	\$ 28,216.63
Fund Balance Current Year	<u>\$- 22,585.13</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$ 5,631.50
 Total Liability, Fund Balance	 \$ 16,849.37

RESERVED ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

Highway Equipment Fund	\$113,644.26
Community Hall Fund	\$ 168.60
Grants Fund	\$ 0.00
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 54,093.93
Book Restoration Fund	\$ 2,994.69
Fire Equipment Fund	\$ 26,236.11
Animal Control Fund	\$ 449.82
Planning Grant Fund	\$ 1,914.93
Library Programs Fund	\$ 6,923.75
Orcutt Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 4,459.64
Library Cap Improvement Fund	\$ 928.43
Library Operating Fund	\$ 3,899.52
Senior Center Fund	\$ 7,764.63
Community Hall Rest Project Fund	\$ 577.67
Listers Education Reserve Fund	\$ 2,197.33
Fire Dept Truck Capital Fund	\$ 35,230.84
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$ 2,467.79
Accounting Reserve Fund	\$ 1,129.77
Computerization Fund	\$ 4,612.55
Municipal Buildings Fund	\$ 9.76
Highway Building Repair Fund	\$ 308.46
FEMA Disaster Fund	\$ 0.00
Energy Reserve Fund	\$ 1,171.94
Historical Society Reserve Fund	<u>\$ 1,653.42</u>

Total Reserved Funds **\$272,837.84**

Long-Term Debt:

1. People's United Bank (Former Garner Property)
Due 3/7/2017 \$60,000.00 (3.25% int) Matures on 3/7/2024 (\$7,500.00 per year)
2. People's United Bank (July 2013 Flood Repairs)
Due 6/5/2017 \$80,000.00 (2.25% int) Matures on 6/5/2020 (\$20,000.00 per year)
3. People's United Bank (Tenney Road Bridge Repairs)
Due 6/5/2017 \$52,000.00 (2.25% int) Matures on 6/5/2020 (\$13,000.00 per year)
4. People's United Bank (2016 International Truck)
Due 8/20/2017 \$80,000.00 (2.25%) Matures on 8/20/2020 \$20,000.00 per year
5. Union Bank (2018 International Truck)
Due 11/18/2018 \$62,000.00 (1.99% int) Matures on 11/21/2022 \$12,400.00 per year

**TOWN OF ROXBURY
RESERVE FUNDS**

	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	COMMUNITY HALL FUND	GRANTS FUND	REAPPRAISAL	BOOK RESTORATION
<i>Balance June 30, 2016</i>	\$ 96,300.11	\$ 8,407.31	(\$319.16)	\$ 48,276.74	\$ 2,448.95
REVENUE					
Interest	\$ 93.15	\$ 7.88	\$ -	\$ 50.19	\$ 2.74
CD Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town Appropriation	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135,325.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sale of Equipment	\$ 7,251.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Surplus Funds	\$ 18,202.75				
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 18,202.75	\$ 10,845.76	\$ 5,767.00	\$ 543.00
Total Revenue	\$ 32,344.15	\$ 20,210.63	\$ 146,170.76	\$ 5,817.19	\$ 545.74
EXPENDITURES					
Equipment	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ 28,449.34	\$ 145,851.60	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 28,449.34	\$ 145,851.60	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Balance June 30, 2017</i>	\$ 113,644.26	\$168.60	\$0.00	\$ 54,093.93	\$ 2,994.69
	FIRE EQUIPMENT	ANIMAL CONTROL FUND	PLANNING GRANT	LIBRARY PROGRAMS	ORCUTT CEMETERY TRUST
<i>Balance June 30, 2016</i>	\$ 20,273.41	\$ 449.38	\$ 1,913.02	\$ 4,134.03	\$ 5,535.70
REVENUE					
Interest	\$ 21.16	\$ 0.44	\$ 1.91	\$ 5.83	\$ -
CD Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.86
Town Appropriation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sale of Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Surplus Funds	\$ 5,504.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 437.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,483.66	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 5,962.70	\$ 0.44	\$ 1.91	\$ 4,489.49	\$ 4.86
EXPENDITURES					
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,699.77	\$ 1,080.92
Transfer Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,699.77	\$ -
<i>Balance June 30, 2017</i>	\$ 26,236.11	\$ 449.82	\$ 1,914.93	\$ 6,923.75	\$ 4,459.64

**TOWN OF ROXBURY
RESERVE FUNDS**

	LIBRARY CAP IMPROVEMENT	LIBRARY OPERATING RESERVE	SENIOR CENTER FUND	SENIOR CENTER SAVINGS
<i>Balance June 30, 2016</i>	\$ 927.51	\$ 6,535.10	\$ 2,658.44	\$ 2,401.95
REVENUE				
Interest	\$ 0.92	\$ 5.65	\$ 5.28	
CD Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town Appropriation	\$ -	\$ 29,005.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sale of Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Surplus Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 431.19	\$ 5,100.91	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 0.92	\$ 29,441.84	\$ 5,106.19	\$ -
	\$ -			
EXPENDITURES				
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ 32,077.42	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,401.95
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 32,077.42	\$ -	\$ 2,401.95
<i>Balance June 30, 2017</i>	\$ 928.43	\$ 3,899.55	\$ 7,764.63	\$ -
	COMMUNITY HALL RESTORATION FUND	LISTERS EDUCATION FUND	FIRE DEPT TRUCK FUND	CEMETERY RESERVE FUND
<i>Balance June 30, 2016</i>	\$ 377.20	\$ 2,259.07	\$ 20,195.65	\$ 477.68
REVENUE				
Interest	\$ 0.47	\$ 2.26	\$ 35.19	\$ 1.46
CD Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town Appropriation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Sale of Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Surplus Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 71.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Total Income	\$ 200.47	\$ 73.26	\$ 15,035.19	\$ 2,451.46
EXPENDITURES				
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ 461.35
Transfer Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ 461.35
<i>Balance June 30, 2017</i>	\$ 577.67	\$ 2,197.33	\$ 35,230.84	\$ 2,467.79

**TOWN OF ROXBURY
RESERVE FUNDS**

	ACCOUNTING RESERVE FUND	COMPUTERIZATION FUND	MUNICIPAL BUILDING FUND	HIGHWAY BUILDING REPAIR FUND
<i>Balance June 30, 2016</i>	\$ 739.00	\$ 6,404.36	\$ 3,005.76	\$ 308.16
REVENUE				
Interest	\$ 0.77	\$ 6.19	\$ 4.00	\$ 0.30
CD Interest	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Town Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Sale of Equipment	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Surplus Funds	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 612.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 2,000.77	\$ 618.19	\$ 3,004.00	\$ 0.30
EXPENDITURES				
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Other Expenses	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 2,410.00	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer Funds	\$ -		\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 2,410.00	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Balance June 30, 2017</i>	\$ 1,129.77	\$ 4,612.55	\$ 9.76	\$ 308.46
	FEMA DISASTER FUND	ENERGY RESERVE FUND	HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE FUND	
<i>Balance June 30, 2016</i>	\$ -	\$ 1,170.77	\$ 1,252.02	
REVENUE				
Interest	\$ -	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.40	
CD Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Town Appropriation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Sale of Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Surplus Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Total Income	\$ -	\$ 1.17	\$ 401.40	
EXPENDITURES				
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfer Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<i>Balance June 30, 2017</i>	\$ -	\$ 1,171.94	\$ 1,653.42	

2017 INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING	\$28,800.00
COMMUNITY HALL	\$110,298.00
FIRE STATION	\$370,028.00
2003 INTERNATIONAL FIRE ENGINE	\$150,000.00
2005 INTERNATIONAL FIRE TRUCK	\$150,000.00
2016 INTERNATIONAL FIRE ENGINE	\$93,000.00
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$70,000.00
TOWN LIBRARY BUILDING	\$169,123.00
TOWN LIBRARY CONTENTS	\$50,000.00
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING	\$373,883.00
OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	\$10,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	\$1,500.00
TOWN GARAGE & LAND	\$451,873.00
TRACTOR BUILDING	\$400.00
2002 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	\$9,000.00
2012 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK 4WD	\$95,000.00
2016 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	\$140,000.00
2018 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	\$170,000.00
2012 FORD 350 PICK UP	\$10,000.00
1987 JOHN DEERE LOADER 544C	\$15,000.00
1999 JOHN DEER GRADER 672CH	\$30,000.00
2008 JOHN DEERE BACKHOE 410J	\$32,000.00
2012 JOHN DEERE TRACTOR WITH BOOM MOWER	\$32,000.00
WINTER EQUIPMENT	\$15,000.00
SMALL TOOLS	\$5,000.00
CHAINSAW & EQUIPMENT	\$2,000.00
 TOTAL	 \$2,584,405.00

According to the 1917 Town Report, the following is a list of town property.

1 Hearse	2 Road Machines	1 Snow Scraper	4 Snow Rollers
2 Shovels	2 Forks	1 Garden Rake	1 Odometer
2 Striking Hammers		1 Surveyor's Chain	1 Bush scythe
1 Hoe	1 Book case	1 Safe	1 Town House
1 Stove	1 Plow	6 Drills	1 Spoon
2 Iron Scrapers	12 Chairs	2 Tables	

2017-2018 TAX RATE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSE

Library	\$ 29,005.00
Vol Fire Dept	\$ 18,955.00
Fire Dept Truck Cap	\$ 15,000.00
Community Hall Cap	\$ 3,000.00
Appropriations	\$ 6,900.00
Maintenance on Town Buildings	\$ 15,000.00
Admin	<u>\$217,891.00</u>
Total General Govt.	\$305,751.00

INCOME

Del. Tax Int	\$ 6,500.00
Tax Penalty	\$ 9,000.00
Tax Interest	\$ 500.00
Forest & Parks	\$ 12,000.00
Current Use – State	\$ 35,000.00
Coll. of Taxes retained by Town of Roxbury	\$ 2,000.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 8,000.00
Railroad Tax	\$ 1,000.00
Interest	\$ 175.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 300.00</u>

Total Gen Govt. Income	\$ 74,475.00
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES:

Total Expenses	\$305,751.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 74,475.00</u>
Amount to be raised	\$231,276.00
Divide by Grand List	<u>+749,409.00</u>
GENERAL GOVT TAX RATE	.3087

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

EXPENSES	\$500,648.00
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INCOME

State & Misc	\$ 67,000.00
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HIGHWAY DEPT AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES

Total Expenses	\$500,648.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 67,000.00</u>
Amount to be raised	\$433,648.00
Divide by Grand List	<u>+749,409.00</u>
HIGHWAY TAX RATE	.5786

TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE

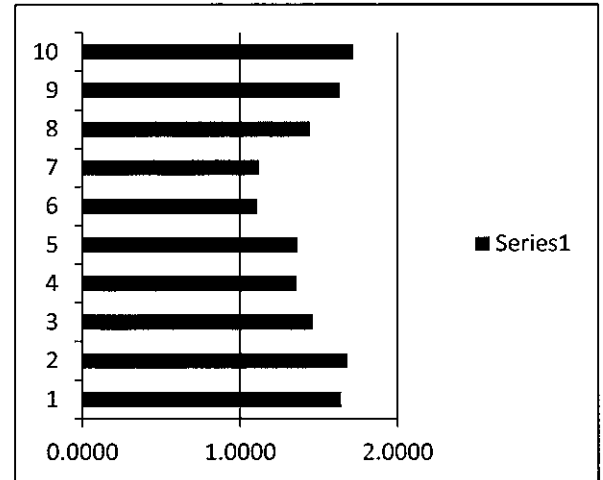
General Govt	.3087
Highway	.5786
Total	.8873

SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMESTEAD RATE	<u>1.7156</u>
TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	2.6029

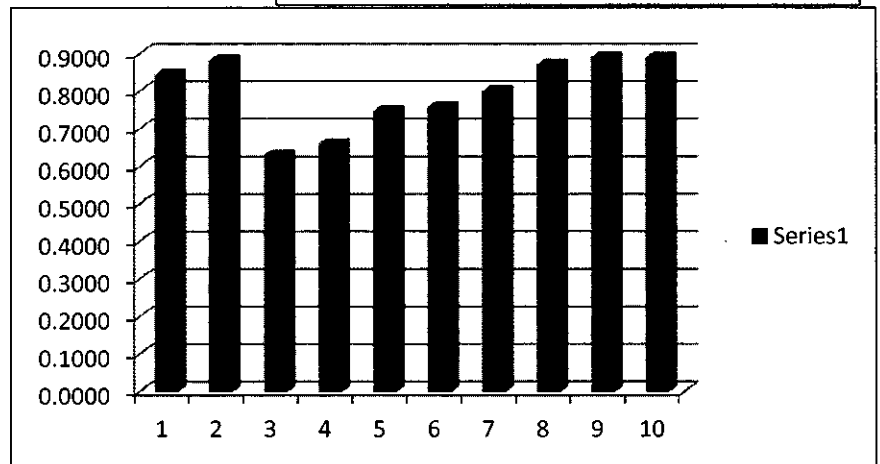
SCHOOL DISTRICT NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	<u>1.4367</u>
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	2.3240

PREVIOUS TAX RATES

	Year	Adm.	Hwy.	School-Hmstd	School-Nonres	Total
1	2009	0.2316	0.6109	1.6425	1.7617	2.4850
2	2010	0.2665	0.6144	1.6825	1.8734	2.5634
3	2011	0.1915	0.4358	1.4626	1.5696	2.0899
4	2012	0.1986	0.4581	1.3572	1.4841	2.0139
5	2013	0.2523	0.4923	1.3644	1.5217	2.1090
6	2014	0.2279	0.5283	1.1106	1.4964	1.8668
7	2015	0.2329	0.5647	1.1201	1.4054	1.9177
8	2016	0.2876	0.5809	1.4416	1.4734	2.3101
9	2017	0.2971	0.5913	1.6332	1.4931	2.5216
10	2018	0.3087	0.5786	1.7156	1.4367	2.6029



	Year	Adm.	Hwy.	Total
1	2009	0.2316	0.6109	0.8425
2	2010	0.2665	0.6144	0.8809
3	2011	0.1915	0.4358	0.6273
4	2012	0.1986	0.4581	0.6567
5	2013	0.2523	0.4923	0.7446
6	2014	0.2279	0.5283	0.7562
7	2015	0.2329	0.5647	0.7976
8	2016	0.2876	0.5809	0.8685
9	2017	0.2971	0.5913	0.8884
10	2018	0.3087	0.5786	0.8873



Administrative portion of the tax rate includes the Town Offices expenses, loans, Library, Fire Department, Fire Department Truck Fund, Community Hall Fund, and all appropriations approved at Town Meeting.

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT
JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017**

Balance June 30, 2016 \$ 86,745.26

2016-2017 Delinquent Taxes \$106,644.65

Collected Delinquent Taxes:

Year: 2011-2012	\$ 270.14
Year: 2012-2013	\$ 1,680.38
Year: 2013-2014	\$ 3,810.32
Year: 2014-2015	\$ 2,109.06
Year: 2015-2016	\$ 21,104.60
Year: 2016-2017	<u>\$ 43,152.12</u>

Total Collected: \$72,126.62

Balance due as of June 30, 2015

Year: 2011-2012	\$ 495.76
Year: 2012-2013	\$ 3,314.34
Year: 2013-2014	\$ 8,881.88
Year: 2014-2015	\$ 17,470.94
Year: 2015-2016	\$ 27,607.84
Year: 2016-2017	<u>\$ 63,492.53</u>

As of June 30, 2017

Total Delinquent Taxes Owed: \$121,263.29

**TOWN OF ROXBURY
DELINQUENT TAX SUMMARY REPORT
AS OF JUNE 30, 2017**

TAX YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PENALTY	OTHER	TOTAL
2011-2012	\$ 495.76	\$ 4.96	\$ 39.67	\$ -	\$ 540.39
2012-2013	\$ 3,314.34	\$ 714.58	\$ 265.14	\$ -	\$ 4,294.06
2013-2014	\$ 8,881.88	\$ 622.70	\$ 710.56	\$ 25.00	\$ 10,240.14
2014-2015	\$ 17,470.94	\$ 1,648.66	\$ 1,397.71	\$ 305.00	\$ 20,822.31
2015-2016	\$ 27,607.84	\$ 3,740.51	\$ 2,208.63	\$ 320.00	\$ 33,876.98
2016-2017	\$ 63,492.53	\$ 1,529.96	\$ 5,130.52	\$ -	\$ 70,153.01
TOTAL	\$ 121,263.29	\$ 8,261.37	\$ 9,752.23	\$ 650.00	\$ 139,926.89

TOWN CLERK REPORT

2017 is the worst year of my life. I don't even know what to say about 2017. I am very glad it is over.

On the eve of Town Meeting Day, my beautiful grandson, Micah, lost his battle with an ongoing illness, he was only 2 years old. As you can imagine, I was in no shape to work. I am pleased to say I have a wonderful assistant. Britney Pombar was hired in January of 2017, never attended a Town Meeting before, unsure of election duties but when I told her I needed her help, she was there instantly. She covered the office on that Monday and worked all day at Town Meeting taking minutes and overseeing the clerk duties. She helped into the evening with the counting of ballots and notifying the necessary people of the results. She worked the remainder of the week. Britney is a true professional and a wonderful person. I honestly can't say enough good things about her. Throughout the following months, she helped me cope with my grief. I am happy to say she is still working as the Assistant Town Clerk, has been attending trainings and helping work on the recent FEMA projects. Thank you Britney.

I would also like to thank the Selectboard for the support they gave me during my grieving period. Also a thank you to the community for the support, a shoulder to cry on and a hug when I needed one.

Our dear friend and colleague Sally Archer has been ill since early 2017. She hadn't been able to work as much as she would have liked during 2017 and now she is unable to work due to her illness. I want to thank Sally for the support she has given me over the years, both personally and professionally. Roxbury was lucky to have Sally as a Lister and our FEMA Administrator. She worked hard at both those jobs and is missed.

I would also like to thank Alan Waterman for all the work he did on the Town's website and as the E-911 Coordinator. Alan had to step down from those positions, he is missed.

I want to thank Nina Govoni for all the work she did on the website. She did a wonderful job making it more user friendly while Andre Souigny built a new website for the Town to use. The new website address is www.roxburyvt.org. Andre is the new webmaster.

In April, I was appointed to the position of 4th Vice-President of the New England Association of City & Town Clerks. In 2020 I will become President of this organization and will be hosting the annual conference at Stowe Mountain Lodge in 2021. I am honored to have been asked to fill the vacancy.

I have completed one year of a possible 4 year term on the New England Municipal Clerks Institute & Academy. It was a very interesting year on this Board. I have learned a lot and look forward to the next few years.

There are new laws on Vital Records that will start on July 1, 2018 that is intended to bring Vermont in line with national best practices to enhance the safety and security of vital records, provide greater protection against identity theft, and reduce the potential for misuse of these legal documents. It should streamline the process for greater efficiency and reduce administrative burden. An applicant for certified copies of birth and death certificates must have a family or legal connection to the person named on the certificate. Applications will need to be fully completed and a valid form of identification presented to the Town Clerk before a certified birth or death certificate is issued. The applications will be entered into the statewide vital records system. Town Clerks will be trained on the new system before July 1st.

A reminder to all owners of dogs, the State of Vermont law requires dogs to be licensed with the Town annually before April 1st. A valid rabies certificate is required when the dog is licensed. An unlicensed dog could be impounded and destroyed and the owner could be charged a penalty of up to \$500.00 per violation. Please license your dog(s).

As I am preparing this report in January of 2018 the vault is getting serviced. On January 3rd, the vault lock broke, the door would not open, a specialist had to come and service the lock. Fortunately he was able to get the vault opened and installed a temporary lock. On January 25th, a keypad lock was installed and the vault door was serviced. My guess is the vault lock has not been serviced since installed in the mid 1970s. The new lock will make it easier for staff and in an emergency, being able to give the combination to someone.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2018. It is an honor to be your Town Clerk.

Tammy Legacy

VOTER TURNOUT FOR 2017

TOWN MEETING - MARCH 7, 2017

72 Voters attended Town Meeting

168 votes cast at polls, 21 absentee votes cast

School Budget \$1,691,264.00 - Yes 106, No 83

Borrow Money - Yes 117, No 72

SPECIAL ELECTION - ROXBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 1: Merge Roxbury School District with school department of the City Of Montpelier

168 Yes, 65 No

Article 2: Elect School Director for 3 years - Ryan Zajac

Elect School Director for 1 year - Lisa Frost

The new school district was officially changed to Montpelier Roxbury School District.

Last year, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online in 2016. For the November General Election, nearly 6,500 Vermonters requested an absentee ballot through the My Voter Page.

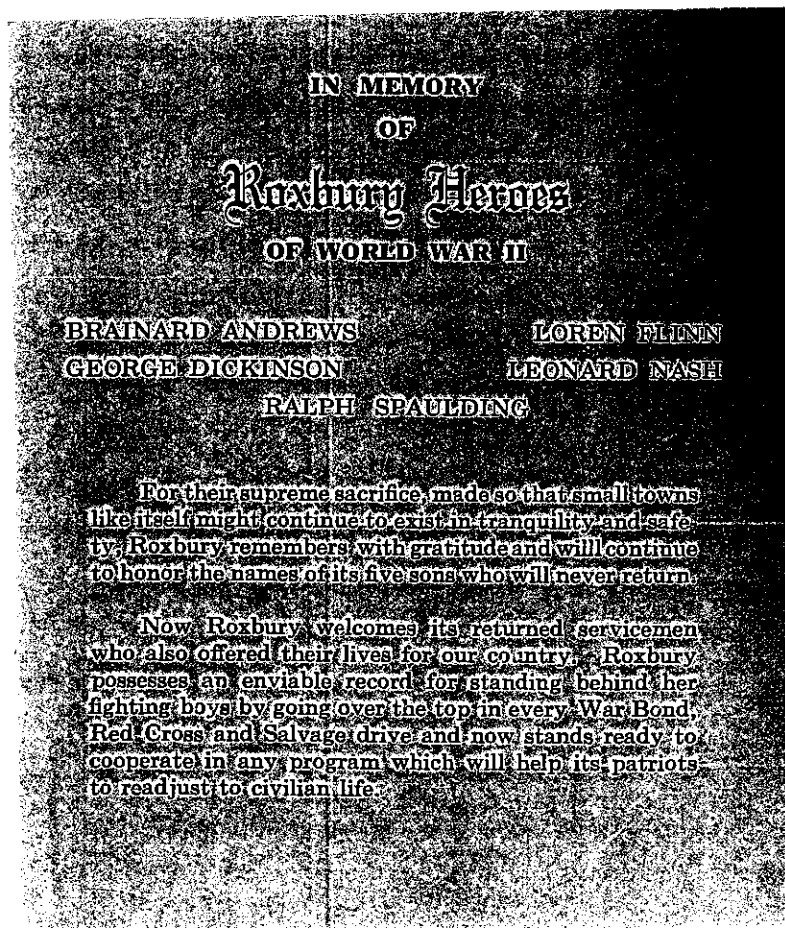
By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

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

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

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

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



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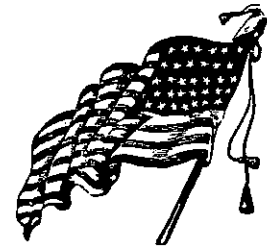
2017 VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS

Elliott Rogers to Melissa Rutter & Lawton Rutter
Joan Irene to Anne McLuckie and Zachary McLuckie
Calvin James to Kasey Kathan and Charles Martin
Oran Rob to Liva Coe and Forrest Twombly
Leland Sion to Caroline Moretz and Derek Moretz

CIVIL MARRIAGES

Kealan Sloan to Zachary Cockrum
Corey Koenig to Hanna Martini
Angela Duffy to Kenneth McCracken
Brandon Laughton to Michelle Hodgdon



DEATHS

Sue Ann Belanger
Sonny James Parrotte
Anna Josephine Turner

ROXBURY PATRIOTS

Brainard Andrews*	Elgin Ladd
George Andrews	John Ladd
Torrence Andrews	Milo Lasell
Victor Andrews	Perry Lasell
Leo Barrows	Ernest Luce
Robert Bell	Lloyd Miller
Wilfred Bell	William Miller
Cleo Clark	Bruce Morgan
John Clark	Ada Nash
Adrian Cyr	Leonard Nash*
Leo Cyr	Thomas Nash
George Dickinson*	James Nolan
Gerald Dickinson	Germain Perrault
Eugene Drown	Martin Pierce
Nathan Drown	Emery Pope
Albert Dubeau	Fred Pope
Arthur Dubeau	Dudley Spaulding
Emile Dubeau	Henry Spaulding
Roland Dubeau	Ralph Spaulding
Kenneth Edson	Theodore Steele
Loren Flinn*	Warren Steele
Lawrence Flint	Charles Sullivan
Arnold Flynn	John Sullivan
John Flynn	Robert Sullivan
Meriden French	Carlton Thurston
Ralph Fullam	Charles Webster
Howard Green	Curtis Webster
Henry Howe	Walter Wiley
Warren Howe	Paul Willey
Arnold Jerry	Ralph Willey
William Kirwan	Warren York
Karl Kleinhans	

*Killed in action.

THIS MEMORIAL WAS PRINTED IN THE TOWN REPORT IN 1945.

**TOWN CLERK REVENUE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

RECORDING	\$ 4,934.00
RESEARCH	\$ 69.00
PHOTOCOPIES	\$ 1,358.05
MOTOR VEHICLE RENEWALS	\$ 72.00
LIQUOR LICENSES	\$ 140.00
LAND POSTING	\$ 35.00
OVERWEIGHT TRUCK PERMITS	\$ 335.00
FACILITIES RENTAL	\$ 50.00
FAXES	\$ 8.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 80.00
DOG LICENSES	\$ 1,183.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 57.00

TOTAL \$ 8,321.05

**DOG LICENSES FOR
CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**

111 Licenses at \$ 4.00	\$ 444.00
59 \$ 6.00	\$ 354.00
29 \$ 8.00	\$ 232.00
9 \$12.00	\$ 108.00
2 special License	\$ 30.00
225 Licenses issued	
Totals	\$ 1,168.00

In addition to the above fees, \$5.00 per dog license & \$8.00 for special license (1,048.00) was submitted to the State Treasurer to be used for State rabies control programs and the State Spay/Neuter Program.

- All 2017 dog licenses will expire on April 1, 2018 .**
- Fees through April 1: \$9.00 for each neutered male or spayed female; \$13.00 for each dog not neutered or spayed.
- Dogs will be licensed at the regular fee when they become 6 months old during the year.
- After April 1 fees are as follows: \$11.00 for each neutered male or spayed female; \$17.00 for each dog not neutered or spayed.
- A current rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian must be presented when purchasing a license. Rabies shots are now effective for three years.
- If you have any questions about dog licensing procedures, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 485-7840.
- A person who fails to license a dog or wolf-hybrid in the required manner shall be fined up to \$500 (V.S.A. 20, Section 3550)
- Rabies Clinic – March 24, 2018** The Town Clerk's Office will be open Saturday morning of March 26th from 9:00AM until noon for the convenience of those residents who wish to purchase a dog license or conduct other town business. **The Staff will also be available to issue licenses at the rabies clinic in the Town Garage from 1:00PM – 3:00PM. The cost for a rabies vaccine is \$12.00 and the cost for a distemper shot is \$18.00.**

Low-cost Spay/Neuter Resources

VSNIP

The Vermont Spay-Neuter Incentive Program offers qualifying individuals \$25 spaying and neutering for their pets at participating vets. Contact 1-855-478-7647, email address vsnip@state.vt.us for further information. Mailing address is DCF-Economic Services Division, VSNIP, 103 South Main Street, A Building, Waterbury, VT 05671. Applications can be obtained on-line at www.vsnip.vt.gov.



Town of
Roxbury

RABIES CLINIC



**Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Roxbury Town Garage
Off Warren Mountain Road
From 1:00 to 3:00 PM**

Town Office will
be open on March
24th, from 9AM
to NOON



Licensing
will be
available
for
Roxbury
Residents

Rabies Vaccines are \$12.00
Distemper Vaccines are \$18.00
Cats MUST be in boxes or crates.
Dogs MUST be on leashes please.



Attending
Veterinarian
Roy Hadden
DMV
Valley Animal
Hospital



VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

WHAT IS RABIES?

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



1. VACCINATE DOGS

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

2. VACCINATE CATS

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



3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE

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

4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE



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



ONE HEALTH VERMONT

VERMONT VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

For more information:
www.vetvets.org 802-878-6888

AUTOMATED TAX PAYMENT PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM

When you participate in the Automated Tax payment program, your property taxes are automatically withdrawn from your checking, savings or bank money market account on the due date(s). For your protection, the program is governed by state and federal regulations, and you can stop participating at anytime with appropriate notification.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER SIGNING UP?

- Provides you peace of mind – No chance of forgetting to pay your taxes on time or no need to worry about your payment being lost in the mail because the payments will be automatically withdrawn from your account on the effective tax due date.
- Your payments are made safely, accurately and timely by using the Automated Clearing House system, the same system that deposits millions of paychecks and over half of all Social Security checks.
- Save you time and money – No more writing checks paying postage or mailing your payments. Not to mention driving your payments to the town office on the due date.
- Utilizes your tax dollars more efficiently by saving the Town time and money.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Checking, savings and bank money market accounts can be accessed through the Automated Tax payment Tax program. Paperwork to sign-up for this service is to be received by the Town Treasurer three weeks prior to the due date to effectively set-up a pre-notification to your bank and delay any unforeseen complications.
- If the respective tax due date fall on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the payment will be taken out on the next business day without penalty.
- Your bank statement will serve as receipt for your tax records.

Effective with the first tax payment, the Town of Roxbury will be offering taxpayers the option to have their property tax payments automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings account. By signing up for "AutoPay", taxpayers will:

- Eliminate the possibility of late or lost payments and any penalties that may occur.
- Reduce trips to the Town office.
- Reduce postage.
- The payment(s) is withdrawn from your account on the due date(s), and no sooner. Should the due date fall on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the payment will be deducted from your account on the next business day without penalty.

How do I sign up?

To sign up for AutoPay, simply stop by the Town office and pick-up an enrollment form, or call 802-485-7860 and one will be sent to you. When returning the completed form, please include a voided check. This will help ensure that your account number and bank number are accurate. Once the paperwork is complete, you will be notified by the Town when the first payment will start.

SIGN-UP TODAY AND ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF AUTOMATED TAX PAYMENTS

For any additional questions regarding AutoPay, please call the number 802-485-7860.

Currently there are 24 taxpayers signed up for autopay for current taxes and 1 for delinquent taxes. It works really well. The amount is deducted on the due date. If the due date is a holiday or week-end, it comes out the following day. If you are interested in signing up, please give me a call at 802-485-7860 or email me at townrox@tds.net.

**Tammy Legacy
Assistant Treasurer**

Free Tax Help for Vermonters

Free e-Filing with Free File or MyFreeTaxes Partnership



In 2017, about 65% of Vermont taxpayers qualified to file their federal and state taxes for free through Free File, but only about 2% of those eligible actually used Free File. Are you eligible? Find out at www.tax.vermont.gov (search for "Free File").



The MyFreeTaxes Partnership provides free federal and Vermont filing assistance for qualified individuals. Are you eligible? Find out at www.tax.vermont.gov (search for "myfreetaxes").

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs

Free tax help to those with 1) lower incomes, 2) disabilities, 3) the elderly, or 4) limited English. TCE focuses on those age 60 years and older. Find a VITA/TCE location near you.

Find out more at
www.irs.gov.
Search for "Free tax help."

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program

Provides tax assistance sites to taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, giving special attention to those 50 years and older. Find the location nearest you.

Find out more at
www.aarp.org.
Search for "Tax-Aide."

IRS Agent Virtual Service Delivery System

Meet with an IRS agent via the Virtual Service Delivery System located in Montpelier (by appointment only on Mondays and Wednesdays). Call **844-545-5640** to schedule your appointment.

To download or order paper forms,
visit tax.vermont.gov.



LISTERS REPORT

Most of our time this year was spent inspecting new construction or renovation projects and updating the Grand List, as well as keeping up with Property Transfers and Current Use filings.

A telling statistic recently calculated by the State Tax Department is that Roxbury's COD, or Coefficient of Dispersion, is 15.03%. The COD indicates a growing inequity in assessed values: many assessments are either above or below the market value. When the COD reaches 20% the state will require Roxbury to conduct a town wide reappraisal. These statistics are based on the relatively small number of sales that are deemed valid, ie between two parties that are not connected in some way. But they show that we will likely be required to contract for a reappraisal soon.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us by email, roxlisters@tds.net, or call the town office.

Board of Listers

Sally Archer
Forrest Twombly, Chair
Bill Hansen

PROPERTY TRANSFERS FROM APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE OF CLOSING	LOCATION
Clough, Phyllis	Williams, Peter	4/1/2016	Bull Run Road
Nativi, Silvio & Doris	Peterson, Andrew & Crystal	4/29/2016	Drown Road
Harvey, Darin & Christina	Hutchins, Blake & Jamie	5/2/2016	Steele Hill Road
Clough, Phyllis	Clough, Steven	4/28/2016	Winch Hill Road
Skelding, Carol	Holderbach, Mark & Hanneke	5/16/2016	Winch Hill Road
Williams, Craig & Karen	Mayhugh, Sabre & Donna	6/8/2016	Steele Hill Road
Bedell, Sherrienne	Perkins, Scott	6/9/2016	Cram Hill Road
Suker, Vicky	Green Crow Corporation	6/10/2016	Warren Mountain Road
Rennie, Carol	Freyer, John & Donmoyer, Erin	6/15/2016	Steele Hill Road
Staltare, Gina	Abare, David & Kimberly	7/25/2016	Drown Road
Macleod, Michele & Staltare, Gina	Abare, David & Kimberly	7/25/2016	Drown Road
Brown, Penny & Santi, Luther & Caitlyn	Brown, Darrell & Patricia	7/27/2016	Premo Road
Del Sole, Michael & Melanie	Smith, Richard & Annette	9/6/2016	Carrie Howe Road
Hall, Melanie	Chojnicki, Jason	8/23/2016	Tracy Hill Road
Chojnicki, Jason	Weber, Theodore, Marks, Melissa	9/8/2016	Tracy Hill Road
Vinton, Anthony & Katie	Cron, David & Emily	9/8/2016	Warren Mountain Road
Davis, Robert Jr. Estate	Amell, Stephen Jr.	9/9/2016	Winch Hill Road Ext.
Rzepka, Susan	Lynn M. St. Amour Trust	10/17/2016	Royce Road
Ricker, Hollis III & Paula	Canas, Karen & Michael	12/2/2016	Old Mail Route
White, Anthony	Greig, Jesse	12/21/2016	Warren Mountain Road
Ray, Brenda	Rogler, James & Debra	1/27/2017	Oxbow Road
Frazier, Thomas & Andree	Bernays, D. Jonathan & Wendy	2/3/2017	Cram Hill Road
Durrell, Norman Jr.	Perkins, Tyler	3/2/2017	Tracy Hill Road

Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department 2018-2019 Annual Report

During the 2017 calendar year, the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) responded to 29 calls. The breakdown on the calls is as follows: Fire Residence (8), Motor Vehicle (6), Ambulance Assist (2), Search Rescue (1), Fire Alarm (6), Gas/Propane (1), Forest/Grass (1), Chemical/Oil spill (2) and Service Call (2). Of the 29 calls two were for mutual aid within the Capital Fire Mutual Aid System. Training drills on the use of equipment were held monthly. In addition, we completed CPR certifications for Fire Department members in January 2017. We continue to attend the bi-monthly meetings of the Capital Fire Mutual Aid System. At this point in time we have 9 active members; new members are always welcome.

RVFD elected officers are Tim Martin, Chief; Mike Dickinson, Assistant Chief; Jason Maxham, Treasurer; and Don Randall, Secretary.

We have two articles, in addition to our operating budget, for voter consideration this year. First, a request for the Capital Truck Fund in anticipation of purchasing replacement fire trucks. Second, we have a request for funds for equipment in anticipation of replacement of our self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). We have eight of these units to replace at a cost of \$6500 each. Given the cost, these units will be replaced over several years with some of the funds coming from the current Fire Equipment Capital Fund.

The Roxbury Firefighters and Firefighters Association conducted fundraisers including the Hunters' Supper and gun raffle in November. This event was very successful. The Annual Pig Roast and raffle was also very well supported. Some RVFD members cooked the chicken at the Roxbury Fourth of July Chicken BBQ, a community tradition that the Senior Center continues to carry on.

We would like to thank all who supported these fundraising events. Community support is critical to sustaining our Volunteer Fire Department.

Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department

7/01/16—6/30/17 7/01/16—6/30/17 7/01/17—6/30/18 7/01/18—6/30/19

	Budget	Expenditure	Current	Proposed
Town Appropriation	\$18,955.00	\$18,955.00	\$18,955.00	\$15,930.00

Budget Detail

building maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$2,970.37	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Community Service	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Electricity	\$1,000.00	\$1,081.41	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$-	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Telephone	\$475.00	\$484.05	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fuel Oil	\$2,000.00	\$1,488.89	\$2,000.00	\$2,400.00
Insurance	\$6,000.00	\$5,922.50	\$6,545.00	\$6,000.00
Mutual Aid	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Parts & Services	\$1,000.00	\$931.06	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Supplies/Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$30.48	\$100.00	\$50.00
Training	\$400.00	\$90.00	\$400.00	\$300.00
Truck Fuel	\$500.00	\$99.80	\$250.00	\$500.00
VSFA	\$180.00	\$102.00	\$160.00	\$180.00

Transfer to euipment Fund \$5,504.44

	\$18,955.00	\$18,955.00	\$18,955.00	\$15,930.00
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	6/30/2016		6/30/2017	
Bank Accounts	Ending Bal.	Income	Expense	Ending Bal.
Checking	\$262.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$262.91

note: Capital Fire dispatch includes Fire and Ammbulance and will come from the general fund budget.

2017 Roxbury Constables Report

2017 was a relatively uneventful year for the Roxbury Constables. The First Constable directed traffic a couple of times. The First and Second Constable reported twice to a residence on Steel Hill Road in East Roxbury after a neighbor reported that there were neglected and malnourished dogs in the home. Upon arrival the dogs appeared very happy, healthy and well cared for. No further action was taken by the constables.

Once again it was the Constables pleasure to serve the Citizens of Roxbury.

Respectfully submitted,
Reggie Brown Jr. First Constable
Caitlyn Santi, Second Constable



ROXBURY FREE LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT - March 2018 TOWN MEETING

One day of the week in 2017 marks one of the biggest highlights we have to share about the RFL from 2017 - Wednesdays. Starting in the fall of 2017 the RFL has been open for 3 hours on Wednesday mornings; which marks the first addition of operating hours the RFL has seen in years. The extra hours each week gave patrons a chance to get more materials out the door, and it worked.

What was Roxbury reading in 2017? Of the 2,369 items we circulated in 2017 the two most popular adult books were *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren, and *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towels. The 2017 VT Reads selection, *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson was close behind the top 2. The two most popular youth books in 2017 were *Your Pal Mo Willems Presents Leonardo the Terrible Monster*, and *The Little Old Lady Who was Not Afraid of Anything*, by Linda Williams. At the beginning of 2018 the physical RFL collection consisted of the above 5 popular books, plus 5,842 more items in total; an increase of 816 items since December 2016. As in 2016, the item most frequently checked out in 2017 was the ECHO attraction pass. We estimate the use of the ECHO pass, just one of seven we offer, saved community members more than \$750 in admission fees. Your library card is a great deal, giving you access to more than 371 videos; 2,936 youth print materials; 1,694 adult print materials; 4,658 downloadable audiobooks and 8,515 ebooks; Vermont Online Library; Universal Class; and 7 attraction passes. In the last half of 2017 the VT. Dept. of Libraries launched a new Inter-library loan system which has resulted in the RFL's collection being accessed slightly more frequently than in 2016. We sent our materials to other libraries 37 times and borrowed materials from other libraries 67 times in 2017. Near the end of 2017 RFL staff developed a plan to connect community members with materials they own. We are calling it the RFL Branches project and plan to implement it throughout 2018. We are excited about this project's potential to connect community members while expanding library services and getting more new and old faces inside the RFL every week.

During 2017 we welcomed 19 individuals who became new borrowers at the RFL and we served 1,074 individuals last year at the circulation desk. The RFL hosted 547 adults and children in 2017 by providing library programming (33 programs) and meeting space for community organizations (20 meetings). Some of the most highly attended programs in 2017 included presentations and performances by the No Strings Marionette, Roxbury Historical Society, The Learning Kitchen cooking classes, the 4th annual Halloween Trunk or Treat, and another stop by the Arts Bus. We are grateful to all the generous donors who support our programming and outreach efforts. In 2017 we continued to manage the distribution of the Roxbury Newsy to the entire community which wouldn't be possible without fundraised money.

The RFL board of Trustees and staff are not the only ones working hard at the RFL. During the summer of 2017 we painted the exterior of the RFL with the help of a lot of volunteers, and it now looks great. The folks who put in their time to paint and help in other capacities are Adrienne Bushway, Ed and Elizabeth Carney, Carol Edwards, Tom Frazier, Fran French, Karin Johnson, Joan Leary, Caitlyn Santi, Boo and Rich Smith, Hannah Zajac, and AmeriCorps Youth Build. Thank you to all for your continued support of the library. We look forward to another year of providing information and entertainment to our community and beyond.

Roxbury Free Library
F. Y. 2018 Budget Report w/Comparisons

<u>Revenue Account</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Proposed 2019</u>	<u>'18-'19</u>
Interest	\$ -	\$ 5.65	\$ -	\$ -	
CD Interest	-	-	-	-	
Dividends	300.00	374.19	300.00	300.00	0.0%
Grants	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	0.0%
Town Appropriations	29,005.00	29,005.00	29,005.00	29,680.00	2.3%
R. F. L. Funds	-	-	-	-	
Donations	-	25.00	-	-	
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	
Misc. Income	-	32.00	-	-	
<i>Eckfeldt Fund</i>	<i>150.00</i>	<i>150.00</i>	<i>150.00</i>	<i>150.00</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
	<u>\$ 29,555.00</u>	<u>\$ 29,441.84</u>	<u>\$ 29,555.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,380.00</u>	<u>2.8%</u>

2019 RFL "Friends" Budget

	<u>Budget 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Proposed 2019</u>	<u>'18-'19</u>
On Hand	\$ -	\$ 4,134.03	\$ -	\$ 6,923.75	
Interest	-	5.83	-	-	
Donations	2,700.00	3,495.00	2,700.00	2,000.00	-25.9%
Fundraising	1,000.00	988.66	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.0%
	<u>\$ 3,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,623.52</u>	<u>\$ 3,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,923.75</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Due to be Paid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contribution to RFL RIF, Programs, Projects, Arts Bus, Newsy, Eckfeldt Fund &c.	<u>3,700.00</u>	<u>1,699.77</u>	<u>3,700.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>8.1%</u>
	<u>\$ 3,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,699.77</u>	<u>\$ 3,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	<u>8.1%</u>
Net:	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,923.75</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,923.75</u>	<u>-14.4%</u>

<u>Expenditures Account</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Proposed 2019</u>	<u>'18-'19</u>
Transfer out	-	-	-	-	
Library FICA/Medicare	1,233.91	1,364.70	1,500.00	1,494.50	-0.4%
Library SUIVT	664.41	884.28	750.00	955.50	27.4%
Library Expenses	-	-	-	-	
Eckfeldt Project	150.00	28.96	150.00	150.00	0.0%
Postage	325.00	285.50	350.00	325.00	-7.1%
Supplies	375.00	701.90	375.00	400.00	6.7%
Books/Materials	3,000.00	3,914.19	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.0%
RIF	-	110.52	-	-	
Computer/Software	300.00	368.57	275.00	350.00	27.3%
VOKAL Annual Fee	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	0.0%
GMLC LUV Dues	250.00	200.00	250.00	250.00	0.0%
VT Online	50.00	-	-	-	
Domain Registration	25.00	119.40	125.00	125.00	0.0%
Equipment/Furniture	100.00	455.13	200.00	200.00	0.0%
Electricity	500.00	567.53	500.00	575.00	15.0%
Telephone/DSL	500.00	761.02	500.00	750.00	50.0%
Fuel	1,525.00	717.93	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.0%
Training/Professional	300.00	-	150.00	150.00	0.0%
Library Insurance	1,450.00	967.50	1,850.00	1,500.00	-18.9%
Maintenance	150.00	2,378.69	300.00	300.00	0.0%
Director Payroll	13,127.00	13,194.72	13,783.77	14,059.45	2.0%
Librarian Sub. Pay	-	-	-	-	
Mileage	300.00	37.80	100.00	100.00	0.0%
Gifts	-	-	-	-	
NSB Account	-	-	-	-	
Misc. Expense	-	24.00	-	-	
Assistant Librarian	4,879.68	4,645.08	5,123.66	5,328.61	4.0%
	<u>\$ 29,555.00</u>	<u>32,077.42</u>	<u>\$ 31,132.43</u>	<u>\$ 31,863.06</u>	2.3%
Incr. over Prec'g. Year:	1.39%		5.34%	2.35%	

Projected Deficit	2018	\$ (1,577.43)	\$ (1,483.06)	2019
Total Fund Balance (Est.)	2017	3,899.52	2,300.00	2018
Proj. next Tot. Fund Bal. (Est.)	2018	\$ 2,322.09	\$ 816.94	2019

As of 16 Jan, 2018:

RFL Checking Acct. :	\$	1,000.00	
Capital Improvements Fund		928.43	
Petty Cash		110.92	
Stock:			Shares
AT&T		7	
Comcast		44	"
Frontier		100	"
Verizon		140	"

Carl G. Ellis,
Treas., Roxbury Free Library Bd. of Trustees

ROXBURY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Calendar Year 2017

In October our Dreyfus U.S. Treasury Fund was liquidated and the funds were deposited in our Northfield Savings Bank savings account.

We are planning to do some restoration work in spring 2018 on the first 6-8 rows of graves.

Interments during this year were Michelina Marie Dickinson, Curlis Webster and Sonny James Parrotte.

Submitted by

Gloria Gerdes, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Trustees

Financial Funds

Trust Fund:			Revenue
Certificate of Deposit,, Northfield Savings Bank	\$29,562.28		
Interest paid to savings account			\$366.74
Other funds:			
Northfield Savings Bank			
Checking account, balance 12/22/2017	\$339.93		
Savings account, balance 12/31/2017	\$36,391.22	\$36,731.15	
Expenses			
Liability insurance	\$250.00		

Roxbury Cemetery Commission Annual Report

This year was another productive period of restoration and maintenance work in town cemeteries, made possible by volunteers, the continuing support of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association through its second \$750 grant, and the services of Green Valley Memorials of Randolph. Completed projects include:

- Over 100 headstones straightened and five repaired at West Hill, Flat and First Settler East Cemeteries;
- Two headstones repaired at Orcutt Cemetery;
- Ninety headstones cleaned at East Roxbury, Flat and West Hill Cemeteries;
- Tree and stump removal at West Hill;
- A new sign installed at East Roxbury Cemetery; and
- Clearing of trees and brush which uncovered the hidden Winch Hill Cemetery.

The following volunteers provided invaluable community service: Carol and Terry Edwards, Tom Frazier, Michael French, Mark and Hanneke Holderback, Judy Lusk, Carlos Montero, Don Randall, Debra Rogler, Nan Wardle, from Northfield Gail Hall, Debbie and Michael Krause, Annie Sivori, from Randolph Bill DeFlorio and from Rhode Island Calvin and Cordelia Higgins. A special shout out goes to Alice Duncan and Cas Vaicaitis who participated in all of the scheduled volunteer workdays. The Cemetery Commission would also like to sincerely thank Ralph and Linda Potwin, who have quietly and lovingly maintained the Flat Cemetery for many years.

This year we began the veteran flag stand project. Revolutionary War stands were purchased for eight patriots buried in West Hill and Orcutt Cemeteries and installed for Memorial Day. In 2018, we will honor eight individuals identified as veterans of the War of 1812. In 2019, Civil War veterans will be the focus of this continuing project.

An experimental project involving use of ground penetrating radar to locate burial sites was carried out at Flat Cemetery through the volunteer assistance of Norwich professor Adam Sevi. The objective was to try out this technology on a small level cemetery in hopes that it will help the Commission locate burials lost to history in our larger historic cemeteries.

Although we have made tremendous progress in restoring our cemeteries over the past two years, a great deal of work remains as demonstrated by the proposed budget of \$8,337 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This significant increase is primarily due to necessary tree removal and stump grinding at First Settler East Cemetery. Roots of large cedar trees are undermining headstones, threatening their integrity. In order to offset the cost of this \$6,000 project, the Commissioners are seeking the support of voters through approval of a separate Article at Town Meeting for \$3,900. Cost savings and carrying forward projects have offset some of the cost. This is the first of two tree removal projects. The second at West Hill planned for 2019-2020 is much smaller in scope and projected cost.

Once the weather permits, we'll be back out in the cemeteries. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up at Town Meeting or contact any of your Cemetery Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Cashman, Chair
Susan Nevins, Vice Chair
Wendy Cashman, Secretary

Cemetery Restoration/Maintenance Fund

	2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 As of 1/2018	2018-2019 Proposed
Reserve Fund Carryover	\$ 477.68	\$ 2,467.79	\$ 2,467.79	\$ 2,042.99
Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Town Meeting Article	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 3,900.00
Interest	\$ 1.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Donations	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Restoration/Maintenance	\$ 461.35	\$ 4,908.75	\$ 3,724.80	\$ 8,337.50
Balance	\$ 2,467.79	\$ 809.04	\$ 2,042.99	\$ 105.49

Cemetery Trust Fund

	2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 As of 1/2018	2018-2019 Proposed
Balance Carryover	\$ 5,535.70	\$ 4,459.64	\$ 4,459.64	\$ 4,430.64
Interest	\$ 4.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restoration/Maintenance	\$ 1,080.92	\$ 900.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 1,000.00
Balance	\$ 4,459.64	\$ 3,559.64	\$ 4,430.64	\$ 3,430.64
Cumulative Interest*	\$ 2,773.94	\$ 2,782.68	\$ 2,753.68	\$ 1,853.68

*Only interest can be utilized for Orcutt and East Roxbury Cemeteries.

West Hill Cemetery before and after.



First Settler East Cemetery before and after. Cedar trees in background to be removed, additional headstones straightened and cleaned in 2018.



ROXBURY COMMUNITY HALL RESTORATION FUND

In 2017 \$10,000.00 was transferred to the Roxbury Town fund to pay Pinnacle Trade Works Company to remove and replace all of the outside clapboards and trim and replace it with new boards. After this was completed Terry Edwards painted the new boards with two coats of paint. Thanks for the great job Terry. In 2018 we hope to continue restoration of the building by replacing the front porch and fixing the door, as needed. The committee is always looking for additional members and volunteers.

In 2017 Kates Foundation donated \$500.00 and a total of \$1,397.96 was raised thru a bake sale and the July 4th events which are supported by people from all over. Currently the organization has \$11,684.90 in funds available for additional remodeling. A total of \$10,000.00 was spent on restoration projects in 2017.



THE ROXBURY SENIOR CENTER REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

In 2017, the Roxbury Selectboard started paying the bills for electricity, telephone and fuel for the Community Hall/Senior Center. The Senior Center group closed their bank accounts and deposited the funds into the Town's general fund in the Senior Center Reserve Fund. The Senior Center Savings Reserve Fund was consolidated into the Senior Center Reserve Fund.

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BOOK IN 1981.

ROXBURY

In the town of Roxbury the first meeting of proprietors took place in Hartford, Vermont, November 20, 1783. The first settler there in May 1, 1789 was Christopher Huntington, followed by Samuel Richardson in the fall of the following year.

The first girl to be born in Roxbury was Lydia Huntington (March 14, 1795). The first boy that was born in the town was Philip Cram (March 18, 1795).

The first town meeting (organization) meeting piloted by Joseph Crane, J. P. of Williamstown, Vermont, which was March 25, 1797. The first Freeman's meeting took place. The first land tax was one cent per acre granted by the 1795 legislature.

In the year of 1826, the first postmaster came. He was John Spaulding. The same year, the first mail carrier started who was Guy Edson. Asa Taylor was the first merchant in the Town of Roxbury. The first train in town was in the year of 1848. Samuel Richardson started up a saw and grist mill. The first to be started. It was located on the Warren road about a half a mile from Roxbury village.

In the year of 1842

Stores	1
Taverns	3
Carriage shop	1
Grist mill	1
Clover mill	1
Saw mills	3
People	784
Horses	172
Cattle	794
Sheep	3,646
Swine	498

Population

1790	14	1850	967	1910	615
1800	113	1860	1,060	1920	609
1810	361	1870	916	1930	594
1820	512	1880	938	1940	554
1830	737	1890	768	1950	465
1840	784	1900	712	1960	364

Some time ago they worked the marble quarries located in Roxbury. In the later years they were forced to close down.

ROXBURY FOOD SHELF
a historical, first-hand account by claire chomentowski

Once upon a time, in a tiny village known far and wide for its original fish hatchery, its renowned summer camp, and its perplexing abundance of spare auto parts, a little food shelf began to take shape under the steeped tutelage of the town's venerable congregational church.

It took a while for word to get out that this was happening, and so, in those early days, there were very few patrons who came seeking food assistance. And at the same time - inexplicably - the truck which made the monthly pick-ups from the Vermont Food Bank headquarters in South Barre would return with enough provisions to furnish a Mar-a-Lago extravaganza (the caveat being that no caviar was included; the food delivered here was of slightly inferior quality).

But there was A LOT of it. Some months, for instance, we received a dozen or more cases of canned pink salmon (you either love it or hate it). And one of our early pioneers - an old, seasoned Vermont farmer - would come each week and grab multiple cases of it. Not wanting to be injudicious, we never questioned him about this practice, but rather assumed he had an unquenchable hankering for the stuff (though we secretly wondered whether his skin would begin to reflect a decidedly pinkish cast from the abundance of salmon in his diet). Then one day we discovered, quite by accident, that he was sharing the bulk of it with his pigs! (Who, of course, were ALREADY pink!)

Anyway, the point is: since that time, we've grown more sophisticated, and the Vermont Food Bank has as well. No longer are we given unreasonably copious quantities of a certain few commodities, but instead are offered a much larger assortment of products which vary from month to month. Yesterday, for instance, I returned from my shopping trip with tomato sauce, shredded wheat, shelf-stable milk, salted peanuts, balsamic vinegar, and individually frozen portions of Alaskan Pollack fillets (which all seem to be shaped exactly like the state of Vermont, unless you turn them upside-down, in which case they are the spitting image of New Hampshire. Either way, they taste the same).

Some of these products bear a price tag, some are donated merchandise by the stores from which they originated, and others are offered as part of the USDA program, for which we pay annual dues. For fiscal year 2016/2017, our combined dues and monthly orders totaled just under \$900. The generous contribution we once again received from the good people of Roxbury (in the amount of \$350), plus various unsolicited monetary gifts from friends and neighbors helped us greatly in meeting our expenses, and we are most grateful. And to those who regularly drop off fresh produce, canned goods and frozen products, please accept our profound thanks.

And so, here we are, in 2018. It's fun for us to reminisce about our early days in 1997, and to realize that - in at least one way - we've come full circle. Back then, we were complicit in (inadvertently) feeding a neighbor's pigs. These days, we're still doing that, though not inadvertently, but gratefully. That's because the amount of bread and sweets donated by Shaw's each week is sometimes more than we can distribute to our clientele - and we are glad to share the overflow with our snout-nosed friends!

And if you do the math, you'll see that this year, Roxbury's food shelf is celebrating its 21st birthday! Which doesn't mean that you'll be seeing beer, wine and tobacco products on our shelves. But if you were to venture in some Wednesday afternoon and encounter an abundance of HIGH SPIRITS, you'd know you came to the right place.

ROXBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Roxbury Historical Society had another year filled with fragile documents, old trunks, dusty books and stories of the past that called out to be remembered.

Much of my time was focused on the research and rediscovery of individual histories, primarily John Lynde, a Connecticut-born African American Revolutionary War soldier who settled in Brookfield, Vermont. John has several links to Roxbury, starting with the purchase of his Brookfield land from Asa Huntington of Roxbury in 1793. His youngest son, Samuel, a veteran of the War of 1812, moved to Roxbury in the 1830s, and he and his wife, Polly, farmed and lived out their lives here. Their last known residence is believed to have been around the Rice Tract/West Hill road area. Samuel's name appears on the 1851 and 1861 Freeman's Lists, which shows that he was a voter, in addition to being a landowner and taxpayer.

I had the privilege of presenting my research on multiple occasions during the year, including at a College of Liberal Arts Colloquium at Norwich University, the Roxbury Free Library, the Brookfield Historical Society Annual Meeting and to a Research Methods class at the University. I have submitted an article for publication in the Vermont History Journal. In each of these venues, I've taken great pride in representing our town.

I am continuing to research the World War II experiences of Roxbury citizen George Dickinson, who died during the Battle of the Colmar Pocket in February, 1945. I will be presenting some of my research at Norwich University in February 2018.

The Historical Society had its annual open house on July 4th for Roxbury's Independence Day celebration.

Donations received this year include an updated publication of *The History of the Towns of Plainfield, Roxbury and Fayston*, (from the *Vermont Historical Gazetteer*) by Abby Hemenway, from Nina Govoni. This history was originally published in 1882 and contains many short biographies of early citizens as well as information about the town's pre-1900s industries and events. A trunk that belonged to attorney Zed Stanton, Roxbury's original Renaissance Man and only Vermont Lt. Governor (1903), found its way home to his office, the current Roxbury Historical Society. Zed lived in Claire and Tom Chomentowski's house and held almost every office in local government at some point during his life.

Unfortunately the Vermont Historical Society decided to discontinue its biannual Vermont History Expo. The Roxbury Historical Society has participated in that event for many years, presenting displays of our town's history.

I'm always looking for historical items related to Roxbury, especially stories and photos that I can scan and return – **I don't need to keep your originals and I will pay for the copying/scanning.** Please help preserve our history before it has to be rescued. Old photos are often not labeled so this information gets lost, and many younger people are not interested in the family history. I've been to several second-hand and antiques stores recently that sell these nameless, lost old photos that have been sold or donated after someone's passing. That history is lost to us all.

Susan Nevins

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Mad River Resource Management Alliance

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The Mad River Resource Management Alliance(MRRMA) includes the Towns of Fayston, Moretown, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994. We changed our name in 2008 to reflect the fact that we are managing resources not wastes. Roxbury joined the Alliance in 2010.

During 2017, the Alliance held two regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day events at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury on May 13, 2017 and on October 7, 2017. A total of 458 households participated in the regular events this year which represents 9.2% of our population. We collected over 3,121 gallons, 21,808 pounds and 530 feet of fluorescent bulbs at the two events. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their architectural paints, waste pesticides, alkaline batteries and up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. Residents can also bring all their compact fluorescent bulbs(CFLs) and up to ten or fewer non-CFL general purpose mercury containing lamps. We are again planning two collection day events in 2018, at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 12 and October 6, 2018.

A total of 500 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tank during 2017. The tank is located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station.

Grow Compost of Vermont in Moretown collected food scraps and food processing residuals from the Washington West Supervisory Union waste streams and from other large generators in the MRRMA. A total of 216.5 tons of food scraps were collected by Grow Compost of Vermont in 2017 in the MRRMA. Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The twenty first truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 41 compost bins and 2 Green Cones. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We held two composting workshops for Alliance residents this year and expect to hold more in 2018. We will hold our twenty second Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day in 2018. A total of 4.69 tons of tires and less than a ton of metal were collected during this event. In the fall Alliance residents participated in the Wheels for Warmth Program held on October 28, 2017. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 5, 2018. The Village Grocery in Waitsfield provided a local site for folks to deliver tires for Wheels for Warmth.

Alliance residents can bring their mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for single stream recycling to the Earthwise Transfer Station, RTR Transfer Station or Northfield Transfer Station. There are also local haulers and Saturday Fast Trash Collections available in the Mad River Resource Management Alliance. Currently the recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. Computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station, the State Surplus Property Office on Route 2 in Waterbury or the Northfield Transfer Station. Other e-waste can be brought to the State Surplus Property facility in Waterbury and recycled at a small per pound fee. During 2017 33.60 tons of e-waste was collected. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders and other materials. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute(PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus to stewardship issues.

Our updated Solid Waste Implementation Plan(SWIP) was approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation to ensure compatibility with the Vermont Materials Management Plan and the Universal Recycling Act. The SWIP is attached to our website madriverrma.org.

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together. The FY18 assessment for the administration and programs remains at \$6.00 per capita.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Fayston, Chuck Martel; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Roxbury, Dave McShane; Waitsfield, Sal Spinosa; Warren, Clay Mays; Waterbury, Alec Tuscany and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.

MRRMA	BUDGET	2018			
				Budget	Budget
INCOME				2017	2018
				\$6.00	\$6.00
Town Assessments Per Capita			(\$6.00)		
Based on 2003 Population Estimate	2010	Population			
Fayston		1353		8118	8118
Moretown		1658		9948	9948
Roxbury		691		4146	4146
Waitsfield		1719		10314	10314
Warren		1705		10230	10230
Waterbury		5064		30384	30384
Subtotal Assessment (19,338)		12,190		73140	73140
Household Hazardous Waste:					
Paintcare Reimbursement				0	1700
Ag. Pest. Grant				8000	8000
Small Quantity Generators				2000	1500
DEC SWIP HHW Grant				9839	13425
Subtotal HHW Income:				19,839	24,625
Miscellaneous Income:					
Compost Bins				2600	2600
Tires				500	500
Compost Bin Grant				2000	0
Outreach Grant				6400	0
Subtotal Misc. Income				11,500	3,100
Total Income:				104,479	100,865
EXPENSES:					
Administration:					
Administration:		600 hours	600 hours	22,800	22800
Travel/Office				1000	1000
Insurance				1218	804
Solid Waste Manager Association				854	854
Outreach Support				3,500	0
Subtotal Administration:				29,372	25458
Education:					

Administration		469 hours	500 hours	17,822		19000
Travel/Office				500		500
Newsletter/Printing/Mailing				6500		6500
GreenUp/Website/Other Educational Programs				4000		4000
N.R.R.A. Membership				236		236
Conference				600		600
Product Stewardship Institute				300		300
Subtotal Education				29958		31136
Household Hazardous Waste:						
Administration 182 hours 275 hours 275 hution		275 hours	325 hours	10450		12350
Travel/Office				1000		1000
HHW Contractor				28000		26000
Subtotal HHW:				39450		39350
Misc. Expenses:						
Equipment Maintenance				460		150
Tire Collection				748		1000
Electronic Waste				0		0
Compost Bins				2600		1691
VLCT Bookkeeping Support				0		1496
Subtotal Miscellaneous:				3808		4337
TOTAL EXPENSES:				102,588		100,281



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Vermont Department of Health Report for Roxbury

Your local health district office is in Barre City at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. By partnering with community groups, we also address the many social determinants that impact health. These factors are: education, transportation, housing, poverty, public safety, community engagement, and health care. Some examples of our work in 2017 include:

Supported healthy communities: The Health Department's 3-4-50 initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three (3) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity, and poor diet that lead to four (4) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, and lung disease that result in more than 50% of deaths in Washington County. Some local examples include, awards of Worksite Wellness grants and school Wellness Policy development that promote healthy eating and physical activity. VDH has also partnered with Community Connections for tobacco prevention education with adolescents.

Work continues to be done to build trauma-informed communities that understand Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) and how they impact the health of our community. One in every four of Vermont's children have experienced a significant adverse childhood event. That is important data as we work with schools, clinics, and providers in creating a prevention model of mental and physical health across the life-span. The Childhood Trauma Education Initiative has provided collaboration and technical assistance to organizations and schools working on becoming trauma-informed and we have seen these efforts expand to many of our area schools and into the surrounding communities through the Building Flourishing Communities initiative.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served 1640 pregnant women and children to age five in the Barre district with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with employers, grocery stores, and farmers markets across the state to enable women and children in our community to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Brain development depends on healthy food, and WIC support during pregnancy and early childhood benefits the growth of our families. Together with WIC, our Public Health Nurses refer families to the Family Center, Nurse Family Partnership, and Children's Integrated Services to promote healthy family development.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017, \$15,014,203 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide. Community education on the prevention of mosquito and tick-borne illness was provided at a variety of venues through collaboration with the Central Vermont Medical Reserve Corp (MRC at oncallforvt.org).



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Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In Washington County, we assisted grantees with creating educational documents for municipalities on the benefits of limiting alcohol advertising and retail locations, educating the community on the safe storage and disposal of prescription medications, expanding prescription drug drop off locations, promoting federal drug takeback days, and hosting parenting classes.





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January 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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**ANNUAL TOWN OF ROXBURY MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2017**

Polls opened at 10 a.m.

Lucinda Sullivan, Town and School Moderator, called the Roxbury Town Meeting to order at 10:20a.m. Lucinda welcomed the new attendees. A moment of silence for those friends and family members not here with us. A special moment of silence for Micah Legacy and the Legacy family. Lucinda read a quote from a book from Henry David Thorough about Town Meetings. She then proceeded to explain the rules of the meeting (Roberts Rules of Order).

The Town and School Meetings are both warned to start at 10 a.m. If no objections, the Town Meeting will start first and then the School Meeting. There were no objections.

Art. 1. To elect the following officers of the Town. (Australian Ballot)

Town Moderator for a term of one year
Town Clerk for a term of one year
Town Treasurer for a term of one year
Selectman for a term of three years
Selectman for a term of two years
Lister for a term of three years
Auditor for a term of three years
Library Trustee for a term of three years
Library Trustee for a term of three years
Library Trustee for a term of three years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year
First Constable for a term of one year
Second Constable for a term of one year
Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
Cemetery Commissioner for a term of two years
Cemetery Commissioner for a term of one year
Grand Juror for a term of one year
Town Agent for a term of one year

Art. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Fran French moved the article, Wendy Cashman seconded.

The upcoming construction on Route 12A was discussed. Steve Twombly spoke about the plans which include new drainage and repaving, the plans through the village will not be as in depth. Route 12 will be resurfaced. Tom Frazier asked about the storm drain. Jeremy Reed added that the contract for the project will begin the end of April. Deb Rogler asked about the fish hatchery, funding is there but when will it be done? The Cell Tower was discussed. When will cell service be available in East Roxbury?

Art. 3. Will the voters approve the collection of taxes on real estate in four (4) equal installments on the second Friday of August 2017, the second Friday of November 2017, the second Friday of February 2018 and the second Friday of May 2018, with interest of one half percent (0.5%) per month, or fraction thereof, on the unpaid taxes after each installment due date? Wendy Cashman moved the article, Fran French seconded. No discussion. The article passed with all ayes .

Art. 4. Will the voters approve the sum of \$500,648.00 for the operation and maintenance of Town roads? Ed Carney moved the article, Jane Pincus seconded. The article passed with all ayes.

Art. 5. Will the voters approve the sum of \$217,891.00 for the operation of the Town Administrative functions? This does not include any funds

that may be approved in any other article. Bev Rutter moved the article, Fran French seconded. The article passed with all ayes.

- Art. 6. Will the voters approve the sum of \$15,000.00 for the maintenance of of Town buildings? Bev Rutter moved the article, Courtney Jenkins seconded. Jim Rogler asked where specifically the money will go? Jerry D'Amico explained it's for maintenance and the \$15,000.00 is added to the already \$5,000.00 dollars . Jeremy Reed talked about maintenance of the Community Hall and the Library. Jesse Greig is interested in organizing volunteers to come and help. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 7. Will the voters approve the sum of \$29,005.00 for the operational expenses of the Roxbury Free Library, to be administered by the Trustees? Carl Ellis moved the article, Chris Dorer-Williams seconded. Ryan Zajac spoke on behalf of the Library, he talked about the Round Table. He would like to create larger projects to attract more people to the community. Jim Rogler recognized all that Ryan does and Jim suggested some social events for the town . Laura Sudhoff thanked Ryan for the work he has put forth . Judy Lusk wanted some information on the Eckfeldt project and what is being done to honor Betsy? There was discussion about an interior project taking place at the Library to honor Betsy Eckfeldt . The article was before the voters . The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 8. Will the voters approve the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department Truck Capital Account? Wendy Cashman moved the article, Adam Jackson seconded. Kate Jackson asked where the town stands with getting a new truck ? Don Randall spoke on behalf of the fire department . A new truck was purchased that fits the bill. The new truck has an aluminum body with a poly tank expected to last longer than previously owned trucks . Ed Carney asked how long the truck will remain active? Don Randall explained the state regulations for fire trucks. The article is before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 9. Will the voters approve the sum of \$18,955.00 for the operational expenses of the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department? Courtney Jenkins moved the article, Wendy Cashman seconded. The article was before the voters . The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 10. Will the voters approve the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Community Hall Capital Improvement Fund? Ed Carney moved the article, Tom Frazier seconded. A couple of questions asked regarding insurance. Does getting volunteers to help cause a problem with insurance? Steve Twombly said any high risk work would not be done by the volunteers. Courtney Jenkins asked about a more broad insurance coverage. Carlos Montero mentioned all the work that needed to be done. Jane Pincus asked if there were any thoughts on a new design? Jeremy Reed suggested coming up with priorities first . Jim Rogler added that we need a plan to get this completed. Carlos Montero said setting a timeline getting volunteers together has been a challenge. Missy Axelrod asked about fixing or replacing the cook stove.
Hannah Zajac moved to amend the article to \$3,000.00 for the Community Hall Capitol Improvements Fund to include a cook stove . Betty Carney seconded. The amendment is before the voters.
Will the voters approve the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Community Hall Capital Improvement Fund to include a cook stove? The amendment passed with all ayes. The amended article is before the voters. The amended article passed with all ayes.

- Art. 11. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure of \$500.00 for The Greater Northfield Senior Citizens, Inc. d/b/a Northfield Senior Center? Bev Rutter moved the article, Wendy Cashman seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 12. Shall town vote to give \$350.00 to the Roxbury Food Shelf to pay their dues to the Vermont Food Bank. Tom Frazier moved the article, Susan D'Amico seconded. Wendy Cashman recognized Claire Chomentowski for all she does. Claire then thanked Tom Chomentowski for starting this many years ago. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 13. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure of \$500.00 for the Capstone Community Action, Inc. (formerly Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc): helping people build better communities through weatherization, business development, food shelves, Head Start, emergency heating, housing counseling, job training, and financial education? Laura Sudhoff moved the article, Kate Jackson seconded. On behalf of Capstone, Laura explained the request and what Capstone offers the community. The question was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 14. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice in the amount of \$1,250.00: a full service non-profit Visiting Nurse Association committed to providing high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of ability to pay? Our agency promotes the general welfare of citizens of Central Vermont with health promotion and long term care services. Hannah Zajac moved the article, Jane Pincus seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 15. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Family Center of Washington County in the amount of \$200.00, fostering positive growth and development of young children and their families by offering safe, nurturing programs and services for children, families and service providers? Ed Carney moved the article, Donna French seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 16. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the amount of \$500.00: since 1926, enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence? Wendy Cashman moved the article, Claire Chomentowski seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 17. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Good Beginnings of Central Vermont in the amount of \$100.00: supporting the transition to parenthood with free services for all families with new babies? Bev Rutter moved the article, Fran French seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 18. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for People's Health and Wellness Clinic in the amount of \$200.00, providing primary standard and complementary health care, including mental health, oral health, and wellness education to the uninsured and underinsured community members of Central Vermont who cannot otherwise afford these services? Mark Holderbach moved the article, Bev Rutter seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 19. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club in the amount of \$250.00, Youth/family counseling; drug/alcohol treatment; help for runaway and homeless youth; support for teen parents; teen centers; reentry program for young offenders; 24-hour crisis intervention; and more? Bev Rutter moved the article, Ed Carney seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 20. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Central Vermont Council on Aging in the amount of \$900.00: supporting Vermont elders to grow older successfully? We provide a wide range of services to ensure that seniors are

able to lead healthy, independent, meaningful lives in their homes and communities for as long as possible. Susan D'Amico moved the article, Adam Jackson seconded. Hannah Zajac spoke of the services offered. Susan D'Amico said they do provide services to Roxbury residents. Missy Axelrod and Ed Carney spoke of services provided to them.

Wendy Cashman moved to amend the article, to reduce the amount to \$500.00. Jane Pincus seconded. Laura Sudhoff asked Why? Ben Pincus asked that it be kept at \$900.00 for hopes that he will benefit from it when he ages.

The amended article was before the voters. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Central Vermont Council on Aging in the amount of \$500.00: supporting Vermont elders to grow older successfully? We provide a wide range of services to ensure that seniors are able to lead healthy, independent, meaningful lives in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

The amendment failed with many nos.

The original article is before the voters. The article passed with many ayes.

- Art. 21. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter) in the amount of \$100.00: a community-based organization dedicated to ending domestic abuse? Bev Rutter moved the article, Ed Carney seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 22. Shall the town voters authorize expenditures for Prevent Child Abuse Vermont in the amount of \$200.00: working effectively to prevent child abuse and neglect through parent education, support and public awareness? Ryan Zajac moved the article, Wendy Cashman seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 23. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Sexual Assault Crisis Team for Washington County in the amount of \$150.00: a non-profit organization whose goal is to provide gender inclusive services to victims/survivors of sexual violence and their non-offending family members, including 24/7 crisis hotline, emergency shelter, legal and medical advocacy, support groups, and prevention awareness to address sexual violence in the community? Donna French moved the article, Hannah Zajac seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 24. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Central Vermont Adult Basic Education in the amount of \$600.00: provides free instruction for adults: reading, writing, math and computer literacy; English Language Learning and U.S. citizenship preparation; high school diploma and GED credentialing programs; and academic skill readiness for career and college? Elizabeth Carney moved the article, Susan D'Amico seconded. The article passed with all ayes.
- Art. 25. Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Art's Bus, Inc in the amount of \$500.00: a mobile art studio, library, drama and music space providing free arts programming to children ages 2-14 in Central Vermont, focusing on children in rural areas with limited arts access? The Moderator told the voters if there were no objections, we will let Heather DeLeone speak during this meeting. Lucinda explained that if there was an objection, someone would need to make a motion and have a second and then we would then vote and a 2/3s majority would be needed to pass the motion. There were no objections so Heather DeLeone spoke on behalf of the Art's Bus on how their funding and grants work. None of their funding is state or federal funded. It was asked how often does the Art's Bus come to town? Heather says it does come once a year, coming twice would depend on grants and funding. They are focusing on more partnerships and looking for more community events to attend. Jeremy Reed asked where

they came up with the amount of \$500.00? Heather's answer was they separate the money they receive from each town from the money they receive from fundraising. Andre Souigny asked Ryan Zajac if the library is budgeted to support the Art's bus. Ryan's answer was no.

Dan Sudhoff moved to amend the article and reduce the amount to \$300.00.

Laura Sudhoff seconded. The amended article is now before the voters.

Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Art's Bus, Inc in the amount of \$300.00: a mobile art studio, library, drama and music space providing free arts programming to children ages 2-14 in Central Vermont, focusing on children in rural areas with limited arts access? The amendment failed.

The original article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Art. 26.

Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Good Samaritan Haven in the amount of \$300.00: Good Samaritan Haven is Central Vermont's only homeless shelter, providing emergency shelter and support services to individuals experiencing homelessness in our community? Wendy Cashman moved the article, Claire Chomentowski seconded. The article passed with all ayes.

Art. 27.

Shall the town voters authorize expenditure for Home Share Now, Inc. in the amount of \$300.00: brings together older adults with a spare bedroom to share with people in need of housing. Instead of market rent, services (household tasks, protective presence, meals, etc) are exchanged to keep housing affordable? Home Share Now is the only organization providing this service to your town. Bev Rutter moved the article, Ed Carney seconded. John Aberth asked about the procedures for the articles. Ryan Zajac stated all groups require signatures. The article passed with all ayes.

Art. 28.

To transact any other proper business to be brought before said meeting.

Andre Souigny moved the article, Fran French seconded.

Jack Cashman spoke of his duties as Cemetery Commissioner and asked for volunteers to help maintain and restore the Roxbury cemeteries.

Judy Lusk has some concerns with the declining properties, Carol Edwards and Sergio Pedrini agreed that some properties are an embarrassment to the town, and support freedom, but do not want to be associated with the town being filled with peoples junk. Jon Guiffre said the only way a clean-up would happen is with an ordinance. Steve Twombly said to enforce such ordinances come a lot of expenses to the town. Jeremy Reed stated legally nothing can be done.

David Mcshane reflected on the laws put in place by legislature.

Ryan Zajac asked if there is a Planning Commission? Kate Jackson asked when they meet? Carlos Montero says they have two members and need more people from the community to participate in the Planning Commission.

Elizabeth Carney asked if people of the community would volunteer to help others clean up their properties.

Ben Pincus suggested developing a community root cellar to help bring people in the community closer. Mike French said this is the first town meeting everything besides one amendment has passed.

Lucinda mentioned the Library is holding a raffle. The meeting was paused for lunch break at 12:16 p.m. Lunch Break ended at 1:00 p.m.

Claire Chomentowski said the Library and Church share an issue, which is pot holes. Jerry D'Amico says the Town can do the Library but not the Church. That brought up discussion of right-of-way that was deeded from Church to the Library. All the previous work done to repair the driveway and the pot holes was volunteer work.

The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes . Bev Rutter moved to adjourn the meeting, Don Randall seconded. The motion passed. The Town portion of meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES OF ROXBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT MARCH 7, 2017

Lucinda Sullivan, Town Moderator, called the School portion of the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

- Article 1. To elect School District Moderator (Australian Ballot). No action taken.
- Article 2. To elect a School Director for a term of 3 years (Australian Ballot). No action taken.
- Article 3. To elect a School District Treasurer for one year (Australian Ballot). No action taken.
- Article 4. To hear and act upon reports of the Town School District. Don Randall moved the article, Donna French seconded. School Directors Jon Guiffre, Ryan Zajac and Katlyn Jackson attended the meeting. The Superintendent is retiring. Act 46 was discussed. The town must be in compliance or be penalized by the state. More discussion on the proposed school merger with Montpelier. Budget, per pupil cost and tax rate were discussed. Jon is trying to get a bill passed in the Legislature and gave a list of people on the Education Committee that he has reached out to. Jon encouraged people in the community to put a call in to their office as well, because no one has returned Jon's calls.
- Article 5. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$1,691,264 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year ? This represents a decrease in budgeted spending of -4.51%. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,713 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 10.5% higher than spending for the current year. (Australian Ballot). No action taken.
- Article 6. Shall the voters of Roxbury authorize the Roxbury Town School District to borrow money, in anticipation of revenue, not to exceed anticipated revenue for the 2017-2018 school year? (According to VSA Title 16 , Section 562) (Australian Ballot). No action taken.
- Article 7. To transact any other business proper to be brought before said meeting. Fran French moved the article, Wendy Cashman seconded. People asked about the quilts that were taken down from the Town Hall. The school superintendent said she will look into it . Mike French moved to adjourn the School portion of the meeting, Wendy Cashman seconded. The motion passed. The School District Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Britney Pombar
Assistant Town Clerk

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MONTPELIER-ROXBURY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 18, 2017
MONTPELIER HIGH SCHOOL

The legal voters of the Montpelier-Roxbury Unified Union School District met in the City of Montpelier on October 18, 2017.

Governor Phil Scott brought the meeting to order at 7:10PM. Governor Scott welcomed the voters to the meeting and stated he is proud of what they have been accomplished. He recognized the study committee for their hard work and dedication. Governor Scott recognized the new Montpelier-Roxbury Unified Union School District Board.

Only registered voters of Montpelier and Roxbury can vote.

Governor Scott swore in the new board. The new board members are:

Bridget Asay - Montpelier
Becky Bowen - Montpelier
Michelle Braun - Montpelier
Lisa Frost - Roxbury
Steve Hingtgen - Montpelier
Tina Muncy - Montpelier
Jim Murphy - Montpelier
Peter Sterling - Montpelier
Ryan Zajac - Roxbury

Article 1: To elect a temporary presiding officer and clerk from among the qualified voters.

Michelle Braun moved to elect Paul Giuliani as temporary presiding officer. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

At this time Paul Giuliani took over as presiding officer.

Ryan Zajac moved to nominate Tammy Legacy as temporary clerk. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Mr. Giuliani stated the Warning for the vote was posted per Statutes and would like the tally of the June 20th meeting entered in the minutes. The Secretary of Education has certified the designation of the union.

Article 2: Amend article to: To adopt Robert's Rules of Order or other rules of order to govern the parliamentary procedures of this and subsequent meetings of the District and to authorize the Board or a committee thereof to develop supplemental by-laws and procedural rules?

Michelle Braun moved the article. The amended article was seconded. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Article 3: To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification for one year or until the election and qualification of their successors.

- **Moderator**
- **Clerk**
- **Treasurer**

Jim Murphy nominated Paul Giuliani as Moderator. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Michelle Braun nominated Tammy Legacy as District Clerk. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Jim Murphy nominated Shelley Quinn as Treasurer. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Article 4: To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid District Officers.

Bridget Asay moved to pay the Moderator \$100 per year, Clerk \$1,000 per year, Treasurer \$2,000 per year. The article was seconded.

Questions were asked about the compensation. Mr. Giuliani mentioned the history of the Clerk and Treasurer and their duties and responsibilities. It was stated that the Clerk and Treasurer will get support from the staff.

Jim Murphy amended the article to provide for the Board of School Directors and Officers elected to furnish blanket and fidelity bonds within ten days, as provided in 16 V.S.A. 706q (b). The amendment was seconded. The amended article is before the voters.

To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid District Officers and to provide for the Board of School Directors and Officers elected under this Article to furnish blanket and fidelity bonds within ten days, as provided in 16 V.S.A. 706q (b). The article passed with all ayes.

Article 5: To establish a date of the annual meeting.

Bridget Asay moved to establish the annual meeting to be the first Tuesday in March for the Montpelier/Roxbury Unified Union School District. The motion was seconded.

There was discussion on the date and type of meeting it would be. Voting would be done by australian ballot. There would be an informational meeting within ten days before the election.

The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Article 6: To establish provisions for the payment of any expense incurred by the District.

Michele Braun moved to establish provisions for the payment of any expense incurred by the District. The article was seconded.

Paul Giuliani explained the article. The article would authorize the School Directors to pay or reimburse third party vendors cost incurred in setting up the Unified Union School District.

The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Article 7. To authorize the District to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date: provided, however, that the newly formed District is authorized by the Vermont Statutes to borrow sufficient funds to meet pending obligations.

Bridget Asay moved to approve Article 7. The motion was seconded.

Paul Giuliani explained the article. The article allows the Board to borrow funds if necessary. The new District does not actually take place until July 1, 2018.

The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Article 8. To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid to School Board Directors.

Becky Bowen moved to pay the Chair \$1,000, Vice-Chair \$750 and the members \$750 per year. The motion was seconded.

There was discussion on whether this compensation was enough to cover the expenses of the new Board Members.

Richard Smith amended the article to pay the Chair \$1,500, Vice-Chair \$1,200 and the members \$1,000 to be prorated this year. The article was seconded.

There was discussion on the amendment, duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair and other possible ways of compensation.

The article is before the voters: **To compensate the Chair \$1,500, Vice-chair \$1,200 and the members \$1,000 to be prorated this year.** The article passed with all ayes.

Article 9. To determine whether to authorize the Board of School Directors, pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. § 563 (10) & (11) (C), to provide mailed notice to residents of the availability of the Annual Report and proposed school budget in lieu of distributing the Annual Report and proposed budget.

Michelle Braun moved the article. The motion was seconded. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Article 10. Amend article to: To transact any other school business thought proper when met and to co-mingle australian ballots of the district.

Bridget Asay moved the article. The motion was seconded.

There was discussion on the amended article and whether the ballots should be co-mingled. The amended article was before the voters. The article failed with all nos.

The original article is before the voters. To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

The article was moved and seconded. The article was before the voters. The article passed with all ayes.

Ryan Zajac moved to adjourn the meeting (8:15pm). The motion was seconded and passed with all ayes.

Tammy Legacy, District Clerk
Paul Giuliani, Moderator

There were 17 Montpelier Voters and 4 Roxbury Voters in attendance.

**Roxbury School Board Report
March 2018
Town Meeting**

It is with excitement and anticipation that the Roxbury School Board presents its final letter to the community for Town Meeting Day 2018. As you all likely know, the 2017-18 School year will be the last year the Roxbury School District and the Washington South Supervisory Union (WSSU) will function as those entities. The WSSU will dissolve and its two districts, Roxbury and Northfield have each merged with different partners - Northfield with Williamstown and Roxbury has merged with Montpelier to form the Montpelier Roxbury School District (MRSD). MRSD has been responsible for developing the 2018-19 budget and that will be what you, as a Roxbury Citizen, will vote for.

As a Board this school year we have not had any major programmatic changes to speak of. Knowing that our district was merging, our role fell mainly into monitoring the school's operation and we will continue on in that role through receiving the financial audit sometime in late 2018 or early 2019. That will end the work of this Board.

We have welcomed a new principal to our school, Ben Brownell who has done a terrific job guiding our school through his transition as well as the discussions and planning with the new MRSD board as they developed their budget for the upcoming school year.

The Future of Roxbury families and their children is bright. Our new district will have two elementary schools, Union Elementary for Montpelier residents and Roxbury Village School for Roxbury Residents - both will be Pre-K-4. At 5th grade, all students will go to Main Street Middle School in Montpelier and then on to Montpelier High School. The Study committee, and now the new board, have been diligent in trying to hammer out all the details of the new district for the next school year and we feel confident that any hiccups will be minor and brief.

In Roxbury, we feel the educational experience for our students in the Village School will be greatly enhanced with this merger. Further, the opportunities for our students from grade 5-12 will also be increased. Lastly it will provide considerable financial stability for all Roxbury residents and will result in decreases in our overall education tax rate.

We thank the community for all the support through the study and merger process and are glad we were able to help our community move forward through Act 46 and find a great path forward.

Respectfully,

Jon Guiffre
School Board Chair

Ryan Zajac
School Board Vice-Chair

Katlyn Jackson
School Board Clerk

Dear Roxbury School District Community,

I am pleased and honored to have had the opportunity to serve the Roxbury and Northfield communities these past seven years. This past year has been one of uncertainty, anticipation, change, and reflection. That we, as a community, continue to engage in polite discourse and gather to support one another in times of joy and despair is vitally important. The sense of pride and commitment to community I have witnessed is truly admirable.

This is the bittersweet ending to the 52-year era of the Washington South Supervisory Union. I too am closing out my education career with WSSU. I reflect with pleasure upon the growth and accomplishments I have witnessed locally, statewide, and nationally. I began my nearly 40-year career with the advent of public education for all, *with a free, appropriate public education for children with disabilities*. Other federal reform such as the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*, the *Leave No Child Behind Act*, and the current *Every Child Succeeds Act* have guided public education nationally and locally. We have also responded to our State education laws. Each has brought innovation, challenge, and more accountability to the forefront. At WSSU and statewide we have embraced the change, challenges and endured the measures of accountability with dignity. Although we have been challenged to meet high expectations in our annual measures, it has not stripped us of our integrity to continually improve and strengthen our work in serving the children and youth within WSSU.

There are many accomplishments within the WSSU communities over the years of which we all can be proud.

- Preschool education has been a priority in the WSSU for many years and we continue to work with our communities to enhance early education opportunities for our youngest members. The energy and commitment of young families is an asset to the Northfield and Roxbury communities that we need to welcome and nurture. Young families are committed to investing in their communities and give us all hope for the future.
- Our elementary and middle school children have been the recipients of extended learning for the past five years through the *Bridges Afterschool Program*. I hope that these opportunities will be sustained in future years. In addition, outdoor activities, play structures, and school gardens have allowed our students to explore the wonder of the outdoors. Our schools have access to spectacular outdoor environments that continue to be developed and enhanced for teaching our children environmental stewardship.
- With community support, we have been able to bring advancements in technology to our students. Technology devices are widespread throughout our schools. Ten years ago our students may have had the opportunity to access a computer once a week; now technology is an integral part of their daily learning experience, preparing our students for their future. NMHS was the first high school in central Vermont to issue a laptop to every student in grades 9-12 bringing them along into the 21st century.
- A proud tradition of offering advanced academic coursework at the Northfield High school and partnering with Norwich University to prepare our students for post-secondary opportunities is, I believe, unique to our community. With state support, we have broadened our students' and teachers opportunities to work with many other post-secondary schools. Allowing our students to accrue college credits prior to graduation through dual enrollment.
- The Northfield school community has always held a strong athletic tradition, and in recent years has expanded its program to the outdoors with an astounding number of youth participating in cross country and track events. Students and coaches participating in all of our athletic programs have proudly achieved many accomplishments individually and as teams and have brought home a multitude of awards and trophies for their efforts.

With the newly formed Montpelier Roxbury School District I hope the many education opportunities you have invested in as a community can be enhanced and new ones forged. I leave with a sense of pride in our schools and have enjoyed working with the staff, parents, and community members. Thank you for letting me be a part of such a dynamic school system.

Respectfully,

Laurie Gossens
WSSU Superintendent

ROXBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017
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	General Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Education spending grant	\$ 1,399,730	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,399,730
Intergovernmental - State	256,235	-	-	256,235
- Federal	58,405	-	-	58,405
Food sales	-	-	578	578
Local grants and contributions	-	-	500	500
Intergovernmental pension contribution	80,509	-	-	80,509
Interest and investment income (loss)	268	-	5,041	5,309
Other income	4,391	-	-	4,391
Total revenues	<u>1,799,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,119</u>	<u>1,805,657</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Elementary school	452,613	-	626	453,239
Secondary tuition	549,234	-	-	549,234
Vocational tuition	18,797	-	-	18,797
Preschool	62,067	-	-	62,067
Professional development	1,489	-	-	1,489
Technology	9,240	-	-	9,240
Board	6,024	-	-	6,024
Supervisory Union assessment	604,646	-	-	604,646
Fiscal services	500	-	-	500
Operations and maintenance	37,846	-	-	37,846
Food service	8,500	-	-	8,500
Intergovernmental pension expense	80,509	-	-	80,509
Debt service - Interest	7,798	-	-	7,798
Total expenditures	<u>1,839,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>1,839,889</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	(39,725)	-	5,493	(34,232)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Interfund transfers in (out), net	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(44,725)	5,000	5,493	(34,232)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), July 1, 2016	<u>(131,947)</u>	<u>26,746</u>	<u>16,644</u>	<u>(88,557)</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT), June 30, 2017	\$ <u>(176,672)</u>	\$ <u>31,746</u>	\$ <u>22,137</u>	\$ <u>(122,789)</u>

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

ROXBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (34,232)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Government-wide Statement of Activities are different because -	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.	
Depreciation	(35,413)
Changes in accrued compensated absences accumulated by employees will increase or decrease the liability reported in the government-wide statements, but are only recorded as an expenditure when paid in the governmental funds.	
Decrease (increase) in accrued compensated absences	(180)
Changes in net pension asset or liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources will increase or decrease the amounts reported in the government-wide statements, but are only recorded as an expenditure when paid in the governmental funds.	
Net (increase) decrease in net pension obligation	<u>6,449</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities - Government-wide Statement of Activities	\$ <u>(63,376)</u>

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**ROXBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

	Original and Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
REVENUES:			
Reimbursements and grants -			
Education spending grant	\$ 1,399,730	\$ 1,399,730	\$ -
Tech center on behalf	11,036	11,036	-
Transportation state aid	19,622	19,313	(309)
Small schools grant	72,786	79,992	7,206
WSSU subgrant revenue	53,232	58,405	5,173
Special education:			
Mainstream block grant	28,433	28,433	-
Intensive	180,746	107,598	(73,148)
Extraordinary	-	4,660	4,660
Essential early education	5,203	5,203	-
Interest	5,300	268	(5,032)
Other income	-	4,391	4,391
Total revenues	<u>1,776,088</u>	<u>1,719,029</u>	<u>(57,059)</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Elementary school	462,713	452,613	(10,100)
Secondary tuition	550,443	549,234	(1,209)
Vocational tuition	19,537	18,797	(740)
Preschool	56,649	62,067	5,418
Professional development	2,000	1,489	(511)
Technology	9,200	9,240	40
Food service	8,500	8,500	-
Board	6,200	6,024	(176)
Supervisory Union assessment	604,646	604,646	-
Fiscal services	500	500	-
Operations and maintenance	47,700	37,846	(9,854)
Debt service - interest	3,000	7,798	4,798
Total expenditures	<u>1,771,088</u>	<u>1,758,754</u>	<u>(12,334)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	5,000	(39,725)	(44,725)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfer to Long-Term Maintenance Fund	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>(44,725)</u>	\$ <u>(44,725)</u>

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Roxbury School District
Budgeted Expenditures Summary
2015 - 2016 (FY16)
And
2016 - 2017 (FY17)

	Budget FY16 (15-16)	Actual FY16 (15-16)	Budget FY17 (16-17)	Actual FY17 (16-17)
1100 Elementary Instruction				
Teacher Salaries (FY18 - 3.8 FTE)	\$ 181,075	\$ 181,601	\$ 190,659	\$ 172,238
Substitute Salaries	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,864	\$ 8,500	\$ 17,368
Health Insurance	\$ 42,000	\$ 56,821	\$ 45,564	\$ 48,924
Dental Insurance	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,221	\$ 2,136	\$ 2,272
Long Term Disability	\$ 1,000	\$ 554	\$ 608	\$ 515
Social Security	\$ 14,900	\$ 14,042	\$ 15,253	\$ 14,046
Life Insurance	\$ 280	\$ 166	\$ 280	\$ 177
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,567	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,644
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 250	\$ 296	\$ 258	\$ 421
Tuition Reimb.	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,482	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,885
Field Trips	\$ 1,500	\$ 880	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Supplies & Materials	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,079	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,251
Books	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,162	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,075
Furniture	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,302	\$ 2,000	\$ 250
Total General Elementary	\$ 269,255	\$ 281,037	\$ 282,258	\$ 278,566
1102 Preschool				
Teacher Salary (FY18 - .50 FTE)	\$ 37,282	\$ 37,282	\$ 38,400	\$ 38,550
Pre school tuition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,038	\$ 12,368
Benefits	\$ 5,031	\$ 2,639	\$ 11,586	\$ 10,815
Supplies	\$ 625	\$ 625	\$ 625	\$ 334
Total Preschool	\$ 42,938	\$ 40,546	\$ 56,649	\$ 62,067
2120 Guidance Services--Elementary				
Salaries (FY18 - .40 FTE)	\$ 20,578	\$ 20,578	\$ 21,195	\$ 19,206
Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,536	\$ 1,536
Long Term Disability/Life Ins	\$ 100	\$ 73	\$ 70	\$ 21
Social Security	\$ 1,820	\$ 1,574	\$ 1,621	\$ 1,469
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 150	\$ 344	\$ 191	\$ 191
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 80	\$ 42	\$ 68	\$ 68
Supplies & Materials	\$ 200	\$ 157	\$ 200	\$ 101
Total Guidance	\$ 22,928	\$ 22,768	\$ 24,881	\$ 22,592

22130 Nurse Services--Elementary		22130 Nurse Services--Elementary		22130 Nurse Services--Elementary		22130 Nurse Services--Elementary	
Salaries (FY18 - .20 FTE)	14,289 \$	14,328	\$	14,719 \$	12,850		
Health Insurance	1,200 \$	4,014	\$	1,200 \$	1,200		
Long Term Disability/Life Ins	100 \$	57	\$	49 \$	25		
Social Security	1,000 \$	1,096	\$	1,126 \$	983		
Workers Comp Insurance	150 \$	239	\$	132 \$	132		
Unemployment Insurance	80 \$	42	\$	68 \$	68		
Supplies & Materials	950 \$	917	\$	950 \$	609		
Total Nurse Services	17,769 \$	20,693	\$	18,244 \$	15,867		
22210 Staff Development--Elementary		22210 Staff Development--Elementary		22210 Staff Development--Elementary		22210 Staff Development--Elementary	
Workshop/Conf./Mileage Reimb.	2,000 \$	1,854	\$	2,000 \$	1,489		
Total Staff Development	2,000 \$	1,854	\$	2,000 \$	1,489		
22220 Library Services--Elementary		22220 Library Services--Elementary		22220 Library Services--Elementary		22220 Library Services--Elementary	
Salaries (FY18 - .20 FTE)	8,863 \$	9,347	\$	9,374 \$	8,072		
Long Term Disability/Life	100 \$	21	\$	32 \$	11		
Social Security	900 \$	715	\$	717 \$	599		
Workers Comp Insurance	150 \$	148	\$	84 \$	84		
Unemployment Insurance	80 \$	42	\$	280 \$	14		
Software-Alexandria	2,000 \$	1,407	\$	2,000 \$	1,833		
Supplies & Materials	250 \$	206	\$	250 \$	241		
Books	1,500 \$	1,487	\$	1,500 \$	1,475		
Total Library Services	13,843 \$	13,373	\$	14,237 \$	12,329		
22221 Technology--Elementary		22221 Technology--Elementary		22221 Technology--Elementary		22221 Technology--Elementary	
Supplies/Software	200 \$	439	\$	200 \$	350		
Repairs & Maintenance	- \$	-	\$	- \$	792		
Internet/Telephone	17,200 \$	14,991	\$	17,200 \$	14,053		
Computer Equipment	11,000 \$	10,649	\$	9,000 \$	8,098		
Total Technology	28,400 \$	26,079	\$	26,400 \$	23,293		

Roxbury School District
Budgeted Expenditures Summary
2015 - 2016 (FY16)
And
2016 - 2017 (FY17)

	Budget FY16 (15-16)	Actual FY16 (15-16)	Budget FY17 (16-17)	Actual FY17 (16-17)
Secondary Programs				
1100 Regular Tuition	\$ 440,000	\$ 511,516	\$ 550,443	\$ 549,234
1300 Vocational Tuition (FY18 - 1.48 FTE)	\$ 45,000	\$ 10,946	\$ 8,501	\$ 7,761
1300 Vocational Tuition - On Behalf	\$ -	\$ 14,401	\$ 11,036	\$ 11,036
Total Secondary Tuition:	\$ 485,000	\$ 536,863	\$ 569,980	\$ 568,031
TOTAL SECONDARY TUITIONS:	\$ 485,000	\$ 536,863	\$ 569,980	\$ 568,031
2310 Board				
Salaries - (FY18- \$400 per member)	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Legal	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,969	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Liability Ins.	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,502	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,488
Advertising	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,413	\$ 1,000	\$ 684
Supplies & Materials	\$ 200	\$ 461	\$ 200	\$ 42
Dues & Fees	\$ 1,200	\$ 959	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,610
Total Board	\$ 6,200	\$ 7,504	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,024
2320 SU Assessment				
Superintendent's Office	\$ 32,647	\$ 32,647	\$ 35,976	\$ 35,976
Fiscal Services	\$ 19,433	\$ 19,433	\$ 16,446	\$ 16,446
Technology	\$ 32,598	\$ 32,598	\$ 38,274	\$ 38,274
Operations & Maintenance Director	\$ 51,158	\$ 51,158	\$ 56,363	\$ 56,363
Curriculum Coordinator	\$ 7,835	\$ 7,835	\$ 6,530	\$ 6,530
District Administrative Assist's	\$ 29,865	\$ 29,865	\$ 29,567	\$ 29,567
General Education Support Staff	\$ 28,270	\$ 28,270	\$ 26,242	\$ 26,242
Special Education Administration	\$ 15,226	\$ 15,226	\$ 16,628	\$ 16,628
Special Education Direct	\$ 252,262	\$ 265,266	\$ 288,235	\$ 288,235
Speech Language	\$ 12,375	\$ 12,375	\$ 17,898	\$ 17,898
Essential Early Education	\$ 6,451	\$ 6,451	\$ 242	\$ 242
Transportation Contracted Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,302	\$ 39,302
Bridges Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,809	\$ 3,809
WSSU Food Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,465	\$ 8,465
Spec. Ed. Transportation	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500	\$ 20,679	\$ 20,679
Total Supervisory Union	\$ 504,620	\$ 517,624	\$ 604,656	\$ 604,656

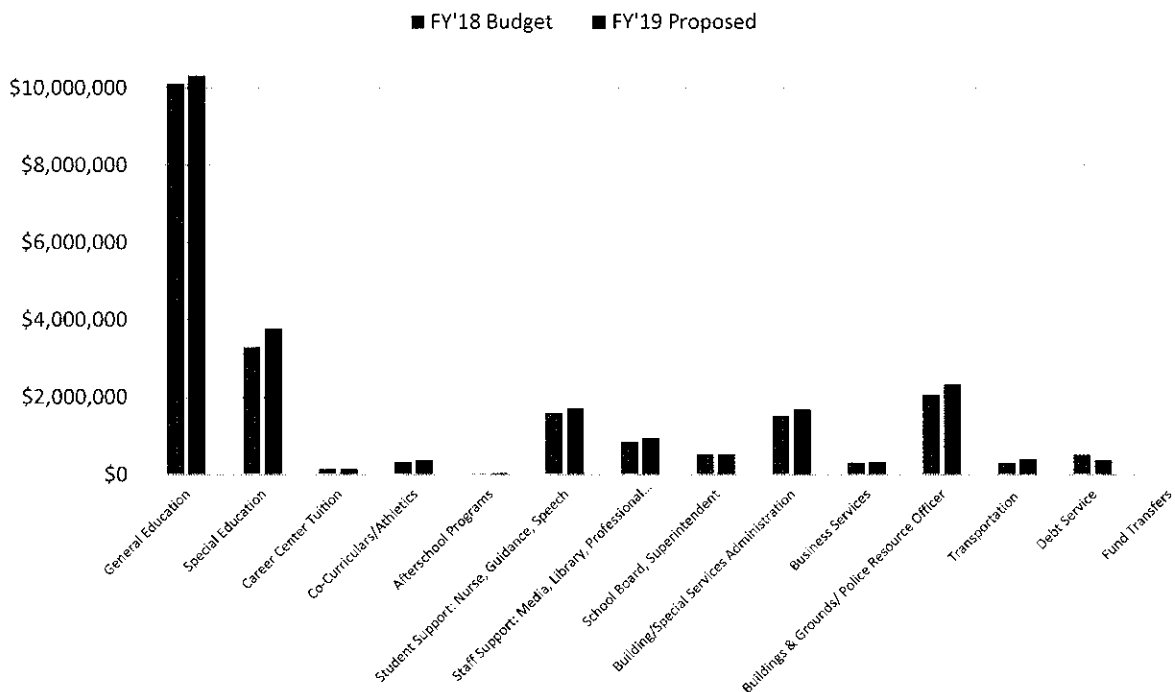
2520 School District Treasurer/T.A.N

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FY'19 Budget Overview - By Program

Program (by Function)	FY'18 Budget	FY'19 Proposed	\$ Increase/ Decrease	% Increase/ Decrease
General Education	\$10,127,577	\$10,331,108	\$203,531	2.01%
Special Education	3,303,680	3,788,474	484,794	14.67%
Career Center Tuition	146,161	150,450	4,289	2.93%
Co-Curriculars/Athletics	339,706	376,342	36,636	10.78%
Afterschool Programs	36,250	47,338	11,088	30.59%
Guidance, Speech	1,592,997	1,717,436	124,439	7.81%
Professional Development	856,272	954,342	98,070	11.45%
Superintendent	529,416	529,934	518	0.10%
Administration	1,526,988	1,703,879	176,891	11.58%
Business Services	324,071	337,123	13,052	4.03%
Resource Officer	2,077,656	2,348,188	270,532	13.02%
Transportation	313,649	402,375	88,726	28.29%
Debt Service	522,083	377,706	(144,377)	-27.65%
Fund Transfers	14,055	20,000	5,945	42.30%
Total General Fund	\$21,710,561	\$23,084,695	\$1,374,134	6.33%

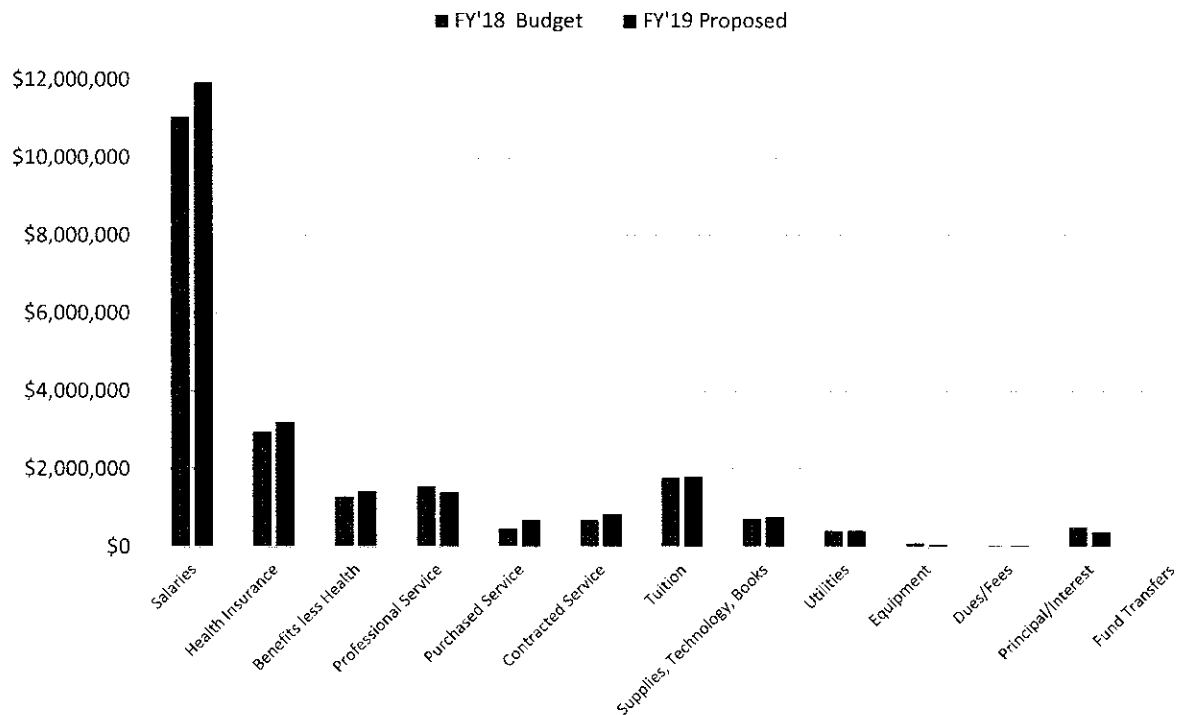
Program Comparison



FY'19 Budget Overview - By Category

Category	FY'18 Budget	FY'19 Proposed	\$ Increase/Decrease	% Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$11,066,747	\$11,951,442	\$884,695	7.99%
Health Insurance	2,967,997	3,204,242	236,245	7.96%
Benefits less Health	1,300,954	1,428,792	127,838	9.83%
Professional Service	1,568,797	1,417,045	(151,752)	-9.67%
Purchased Service	494,150	697,031	202,881	41.06%
Contracted Service	702,198	864,939	162,741	23.18%
Tuition	1,780,127	1,807,378	27,251	1.53%
Supplies, Technology, Books	729,518	765,903	36,385	4.99%
Utilities	418,675	431,600	12,925	3.09%
Equipment	104,253	66,836	(37,417)	-35.89%
Dues/Fees	38,007	41,781	3,774	9.93%
Principal/Interest	525,083	387,706	(137,377)	-26.16%
Fund Transfers	14,055	20,000	5,945	42.30%
Total General Fund	\$21,710,561	\$23,084,695	\$1,374,134	6.33%

Category Comparison



FY'19 Budget Summary

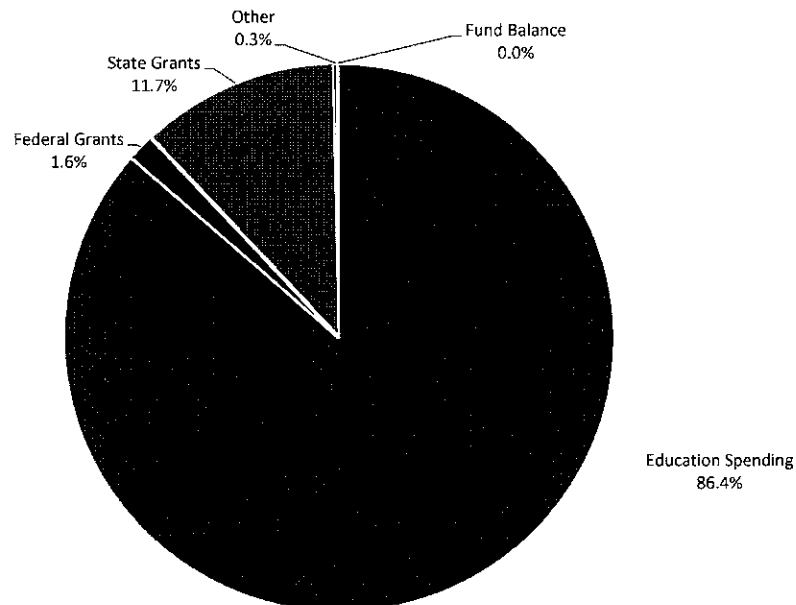
Program	FY'18 Budget	FY'19 Proposed	\$ Increase/ Decrease	% Increase/ Decrease
General Fund	\$1,698,041	\$1,896,928	\$198,887	11.71%
Community Based Learning	174,537	130,979	(43,558)	-24.96%
Art	276,208	265,754	(10,454)	-3.78%
Driver Education	76,047	72,469	(3,578)	-4.70%
English (7-12)	317,636	342,675	25,039	7.88%
Foreign Language	408,148	410,308	2,160	0.53%
Family and Consumer Science	85,244	81,184	(4,060)	-4.76%
Tech Education	102,776	94,474	(8,302)	-8.08%
Math	414,922	418,439	3,517	0.85%
Music	339,037	313,798	(25,239)	-7.44%
Science	375,190	416,738	41,548	11.07%
Social Studies	299,486	297,001	(2,485)	-0.83%
Physical Education	429,429	439,763	10,334	2.41%
Health	55,273	118,829	63,556	114.99%
Literacy	87,232	76,701	(10,531)	-12.07%
PreK	130,292	122,348	(7,944)	-6.10%
Grades K-4	2,589,268	2,510,684	(78,584)	-3.03%
Grades 5-6	678,102	661,323	(16,779)	-2.47%
UES Science	24,600	25,600	1,000	4.07%
Computer Technology	259,259	250,739	(8,520)	-3.29%
ELL	164,473	198,410	33,937	20.63%
Regular Education Support	395,368	418,644	23,276	5.89%
Grades 7-8	643,924	552,901	(91,023)	-14.14%
Flexible Pathways Program	103,085	214,419	111,334	108.00%
Special Education Tuition/Travel	521,873	739,058	217,185	41.62%
IDEA-B - Special Education	33,000	321,127	288,127	873.11%
Special Education	1,947,175	1,728,682	(218,493)	-11.22%
Special Education IA's	801,632	999,607	197,975	24.70%
Vocational Education	146,161	150,450	4,289	2.93%
Co-Curriculars/Athletics	339,706	376,342	36,636	10.78%
Community Connections	36,250	47,338	11,088	30.59%
Guidance	518,009	564,913	46,904	9.05%
Student Records	83,003	92,683	9,680	11.66%
Nurses	262,492	252,399	(10,093)	-3.85%
Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy	100,759	101,200	441	0.44%
Social Work General Education	100,967	113,124	12,157	12.04%
Social Workers/Evaluations/Psychologist	98,454	138,800	40,346	40.98%
IEP Medicaid	116,497	111,774	(4,723)	-4.05%
Speech/Language	301,416	330,043	28,627	9.50%
Graduation/Assemblies	11,400	12,500	1,100	9.65%
Curriculum Coordinator	77,908	102,571	24,663	31.66%
Professional Development/Inservice	80,974	94,530	13,556	16.74%
Library	316,031	314,648	(1,383)	-0.44%

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Program	FY'18 Budget	FY'19 Proposed	\$ Increase/ Decrease	% Increase/ Decrease
Media	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Technology	378,859	440,093	61,234	16.16%
School Board	19,568	24,239	4,671	23.87%
Legal	36,000	36,000	0	0.00%
Audit	17,400	18,250	850	4.89%
Insurance	94,133	94,847	714	0.76%
Superintendent's Office	362,315	356,598	(5,717)	-1.58%
Principal's Office	1,264,554	1,425,770	161,216	12.75%
Special Education Administration	262,434	278,109	15,675	5.97%
Business Services	299,221	313,773	14,552	4.86%
Fixed Asset	850	850	0	0.00%
Central Supplies	24,000	22,500	(1,500)	-6.25%
Buildings & Grounds	1,967,495	2,238,990	271,495	13.80%
Crossing Guards/School Safety	38,606	39,632	1,026	2.66%
Police Resource Officer	71,555	69,566	(1,989)	-2.78%
Special Ed Transportation	115,986	121,910	5,924	5.11%
Transportation	197,663	280,465	82,802	41.89%
Debt Service	522,083	377,706	(144,377)	-27.65%
Fund Transfers	14,055	20,000	5,945	42.30%
TOTAL	\$21,710,561	\$23,084,695	\$1,374,134	6.33%

Revenue General Fund	FY'18 Budget			FY'19 Proposed	Difference
	MPS	Roxbury	Combined	MRSD	
Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	16,768,693	1,553,405	18,322,098	19,148,165	826,067
Small Schools Grant		82,671	82,671	79,992	-2,679
Special Ed Intensive	1,331,765		1,331,765	1,693,754	361,989
Special Ed Block Grant	408,311		408,311	441,317	33,006
Special Ed Extraordinary	364,509		364,509	378,069	13,560
Sp Ed SPS	75,898		75,898	186,930	111,032
IDEA B Grant	312,324		312,324	321,127	8,803
CFP Grant (Title I/Title IIA)	392,000	26,669	418,669	401,495	-17,174
Transportation Aid	65,000	19,818	84,818	86,000	1,182
Vocational Transportation	12,700		12,700	12,800	100
Driver Education	5,800		5,800	5,000	-800
Tuition	32,000	6,200	38,200	64,000	25,800
Rentals	19,000		19,000	18,000	-1,000
Miscellaneous	1,500		1,500	4,000	2,500
Interest	7,500	2,500	10,000	10,000	0
Balance Forward			0	0	0
EEE Grant - state grant	85,000		85,000	100,923	15,923
EEE Grant - IDEA B Preschool	5,800		5,800	6,349	549
EEE Grant SPS			0	0	0
Best Grant	5,000		5,000	5,000	0
EPSDT	10,000		10,000	10,000	0
IEP Medicaid	116,497		116,497	111,774	-4,723
Total General Fund/Grant Funds	20,019,297	1,691,264	21,710,561	23,084,695	1,374,134

FY'18 General Fund Revenue Projections



Budget Overview & Residential Tax Rate

Description	FY'18 Budget			FY'19 Proposed Budget	
	MPS	Roxbury	Combined	Montpelier	Roxbury
Operating Budget	\$19,405,000	\$1,664,595	\$21,069,595	\$23,084,695	
+ Grant Funds Budget	\$614,297	\$26,669	\$640,966	Included Above	
+ Capital Plan	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	
+ Proposed Bond	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,011	
= Total General Fund Budget	\$20,019,297	\$1,691,264	\$21,710,561	\$23,452,706	
- Non-Tax Revenues	\$3,250,604	\$137,858	\$3,388,462	\$3,936,530	
= Education Spending	\$16,768,693	\$1,553,406	\$18,322,099	\$19,516,176	
÷ Equalized Pupils	1,079.32	86.28	1,165.60	1,225.60	
= Ed Spending per Eq Pupil	\$15,536.35	\$18,004.24	\$15,719.03	\$15,923.77	
+ Excess Spending Penalty	\$0.00	\$618.24	\$618.24	\$0.00	
= Adjusted Ed Spending per Eq Pupil	\$15,536.35	\$18,622.48	\$16,337.27	\$15,923.77	
÷ Property Dollar Yield*	\$10,160	\$10,160	\$10,160	\$9,842	
= Equalized Residential Tax Rate	\$1.529	\$1.833	\$1.608	\$1.618	
- Merger Incentive				\$0.080	
= Adj Equalized Residential Tax Rate**	\$1.529	\$1.833	\$1.608	\$1.538	\$1.741
÷ Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	94.20%	106.84%		92.31%	102.97%
= Residential Tax Rate w/ CLA	\$1.623	\$1.716		\$1.666	\$1.691

* The Property Dollar Yield is subject to Legislature/Governor approval

** The law set a 5% possible reduction in tax rate - Roxbury can't have an equalized rate below \$1.741 (\$1.833 * 95%)

Please enjoy the attached photo! After shooting the freshly painted B40-8 lettered for Providence & Worcester the previous Thurs.-Fri. overnight hours, I hoped to get another chance at the GE early the next week, as NECR does not operate 324 on Fri. & Sat. Sunday nights 324s locomotives did not include the P&W 4007 in the power consist, but Monday nights 324 had NECR SD 40-2 3405 leading the B40-8! Wow! I had been waiting patiently to be able to shoot the 3405 leading southbound, as it had always been set up facing cab north, here it was leading 4007 south! What a power combo! I first thought.....Mud Pond and checked the weather forecast, not so much for the overnight temps but the forecast winds, I needed little to no wind for the reflection. The forecast was for 2-4 mph wind! That was all I needed to learn, as I shoot in a sheltered cove at the pond anyway. That wind speed is as good as it gets up there to permit a reflection! I made a thermos of tea and loaded up the Civic.

I don't remember "going in" to this location in 2016? But tonight promised to offer up a treat to the senses.....once I moved "The Studio" into place! LOL! Arriving plenty early I gave myself lots of time to "take my time" and enjoy the setup. It takes five trips down from the car some twenty yards through the forest to the shoreline. I only got lost temporarily once! I thought was an achievement in itself! LOL! I have "moved in" here perhaps a dozen or more times at night over the years, using my headlamp for illumination, and I recognize fallen trees and bushes marking the way. I pass under a "leaner" (a tree which has broken off higher up the trunk and failed to fall to the ground, caught by other trees) near my location along the shore, which has a hole cut through the branches, likely by fishermen. As always, I carry my SPOT GPS locator in case I get into trouble I can call for help, and much to my delight I discover another leap in technology has occurred between my last visit and the present here.....my Tracfone cell phone now has service up here! That's a first!

The "hike" in, being downhill, is not a concern as I go back to the car empty handed. The "hike" out, definitely uphill is, LOL! Hence the reason I confirm forecast winds. I make sure it's a happy time hiking back out. So I go about setting up the lighting and positioning my mark where I want 3405s pilot plow to be in the shot. Discover (gasp!) bushes growing up along the ballast which requires a trip back up to the car for the clippers. Canada Geese at the far north end start honking when I start making noise and the ponds resident beaver does his best to scare me off with tail slaps on the surface nearby in the darkness. I win when I scare the beaver off with test shots later. Ahhhh! The test shots! The looming evergreens for a background with the ponds surface like quicksilver and the NECR on a super elevated curve in between. Another memorable night photo location! In the distant past on NECR predecessor Central Vermont Railway, in the steam days a 4-8-4 from parent Canadian National was normal power for the overnight "Washingtonian" passenger train running between Montreal and Washington, D.C. that would have been a reliable visitor to see here late at night.

Trains 323 and 324 are meeting just north of the pond in Roxbury tonight, and 323 is first to pass by with a couple of the U.P. painted six axles and an NECR GP 38 trailing. They pull up to the south switch and stop, with their rear end device blinking red at me. Some twenty to thirty minutes later 324 can be heard climbing the grade into town and surprisingly, the dispatcher has 324 pull into the passing track and then clears up 323 all the way into St. Albans. All this takes quite a while, or seems to because I am waiting less than a mile away, LOL! Eventually 324 is allowed to back out of the north switch to the passing siding onto the main and proceed south! Alright! The sound effects are very nice as the SD 40-2 and the B40-8 are heard getting their train up to track speed as 324 crests the highest point on the NECR.

Two grade crossings are whistled for passing through Roxbury, then the exhaust of the notched out locomotives dominates the "chirpers" surrounding me at the pond. As headlight glow starts to light up the tree line at the north end of the pond, I hear the engines get throttled down, headlights reflect off the curved track far above me, then 3405 swings around the curve, a bright point of light and starts down the tangent track which ends in the super elevated curve before me. Life is grand at moments such as this! As 3405 closes in on me I look away, avoiding the blinding headlights, checking the camera settings again and looking off to the side while I hold the camera up. Then the SD 40-2 starts into the curve and again, it seems like the train goes into slow motion. I watch my level indicator then look above the camera as 3405 leans into the curve, passes my mark and the lighting reflects back a splash of orange! Then black envelopes me again as the power rolls by, into a rock cut and out of sight as 324s consist continues past.

SUCCESS appears on the rear monitor of the tiny GR! Ensuring a happy series of hikes back up to the waiting Civic! Special thanks to Ed Ferguson and Kevin Burkholder! Shot in Roxbury, VT. on April 25, 2017 at 02:03. 1/500 at f2.8. Please enjoy! comments are welcomed.

All The Best In 2017; Gary Knapp

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