

The Bethel Selectboard Dedicates the 2020 Town Report to all Bethel Businesses



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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill

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What to Expect

Town Meeting March 3, 2020

Logistics

- Town meeting is held at the school gym
- Meeting begins at 10 am
- Meeting typically lasts 2-4 hours
- Check in at two tables, last names A-L & M-Z
- State your name at check in; it's the law
- All are welcome to listen. Must be registered to vote.
- Town Meeting uses Robert's Rules of Order. www.robertsrules.org

Building Community

Free Coffee and social hour at 9 am; come early to check in and catch up.

Pie, and other desserts, donated by community members; please call Jean Burnham, 802-234-9846, by February 25, if you can share a dessert.

Free exhibit space for community & non-profit groups. Call Kelly Hill, 234-9340, to arrange an exhibit.

Call your neighbors to offer them rides, or to request a ride.

Services

Free child care available, kids K-6 during the morning meeting. Contact Amy Gray, 234-6607 ext 2220, to reserve.

Other Business

At the end of the meeting citizens can bring up any topic they feel is important to the community. No binding votes, but time to share concerns.



Photo Credit: Sarah Roberts

Bethel Revitalization Initiative (BRI)



BRI continues to work toward its goal of creatively revitalizing our town's business, social, cultural, and aesthetic assets. In March 2020, BRI kicks off Bethel University's seventh amazing year! But we couldn't do BU or anything else without committed community volunteers.



We invite you to share your dreams, skills, and energies in making Bethel even more spectacular. If you're not quite ready to dive in, join us at one of our regular meetings to learn more or help out with one of our current projects. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Arnold Block. Find us on Facebook and Instagram or go to bri-vt.org or bu-vt.org for more information.

**WARNING
TOWN OF BETHEL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Bethel are hereby warned, and notified, to meet at the **WHITE RIVER UNIFIED MIDDLE SCHOOL, BETHEL CAMPUS GYMNASIUM**, in said Bethel on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 10:00am to transact the following business from the floor:**

1. To elect a Town Moderator for the term of one year.
2. To elect a Town Clerk for the term of one year.
3. To elect a Town Treasurer for the term of one year.
4. To elect by ballot, a Selectboard Member for a term of three years to succeed Paul Vallee, whose term expires.
5. To elect by ballot, a Selectboard Member for a term of three years to succeed Lindley Brainard, whose term expires.
6. To elect by ballot, a Lister for a term of three years to succeed Louise Ferris-Burt, whose term expires.
7. To elect by ballot, a Lister for a term of one year to succeed Jim Gray, who resigned and whose term expires in 2021.
8. To elect by ballot, a Lister for a term on two years to succeed Roberta Carrier, who resigned and whose term expires in 2022.
9. To elect one or more Grand Juror.
10. To elect a Town Agent.
11. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds under section 24 V.S.A. for a term of three years to succeed Carroll Ketchum, whose term expires.
12. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$2,494,432 of which \$2,058,149 shall be raised by taxes and \$426,283 non-tax revenues?

Health Care & Rehab Services	250	Central VT. Council on Aging	650
Vermont Adult Learning	200	American Red Cross	250

14. Shall the voters appropriate up to the sum of \$123,900 to the White River Valley Ambulance, Inc., for continued service to Bethel residents?
15. Shall the voters renew the exemption of the Middlebranch Grange No. 46, for its property located at 78 Store Hill Road in East Bethel, from real estate taxes for a period of five (5) years pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 3840?
16. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) equal installments, with the due dates being August 15, 2020, November 15, 2020, February 15, 2021, and May 15, 2021, by delivery to the town office postmarked on or before that date?
17. Shall the voters enact the Ordinance Regulating Control of Garbage, Trash, Litter, and Solid Waste, to protect public health, safety, and well-being and to promote the responsible use of resources along with protection of the environment? Said ordinance, once approved, will be effective 10 days from today, March 3, 2020. Full text of the ordinance may be found on the Town's website at www.townofbethelvt.com, and at the Town Clerk's Office.
18. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2660 (d).

Dated at Bethel, Vermont, this ____ day of January, 2020.

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Bethel:

Christopher Jarvis

Lindley Brainard

Maurice Brigham

David Eddy

Paul Vallee

TOWN OF BETHEL ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019

Pursuant to the warning recorded on the previous pages, the Town of Bethel Annual Meeting was held on March 5, 2019 at the White River Unified Middle School, Bethel Campus, Gymnasium. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Eric Benson at 10:00 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Before the meeting started coffee, pies and other baked goodies were enjoyed by all under the direction of Jean Burnham.

Announcements were then made and our District Representative, Sandra Haas, spoke about bills that are coming and going in Montpelier and the impact it could have on towns. Some of those items were child care subsidy, amendments to the VT Constitution about terms for governor, representative and senators, also the VT Rights to Privacy.

Rick mentioned that there was Australian Ballot voting for the School Directors being held in the Elementary lobby, that the school budget passed the previous night and noted that on pg. 10 of the Town Report is an article about VT Alert and having people sign up for it.

He went over Roberts Rules and also thanked Seth Stoddard for the audio system work.

- Art. 1 **Eric Benson** was elected **Moderator** for the ensuing year. Vv unan.
Nominated by Jim Gray
- Art. 2 **Pam Brown** was elected **Town Clerk** for the year ensuing. Vv unan.
Nominated by Susie Fedak
- Art. 3 **Pam Brown** was elected **Town Treasurer** for the year ensuing.
Nominated by Louise Ferris-Burt. VV unan.
- Art. 4 **David Eddy** was nominated by Keith Bollman for **Selectboard** Member for a **3 year** term.
Derek Aldrighetti was nominated by Wayne Townsend for **Selectboard** Member for a **3 year** term. Carl Russell motioned to close nominations, seconded by Kirk White. Paper ballot was cast: 113 votes counted, David Eddy 66 and Derek Aldrighetti 47. **David Eddy** was elected as **Selectboard** Member for a **3 year** term.
- Art. 5 **Chris Jarvis** was nominated by Kirk White for **Selectboard** Member for a **2 year** term. **Derek Aldrighetti** was nominated by Josh Tracy for **Selectboard** Member for a **2 year** term, Derek declined the nomination. Chris spoke about his year on the Selectboard. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot on a motion by Stanley Capron and seconded by John Washburn. **Chris Jarvis** was elected as **Selectboard** Member for a **2 year** term. VV unan.
- Art. 6 Roberta Carrier was elected **Lister** for a **3 year** term. Nominated by Louise Ferris-Burt. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot on a motion by Kirk White and seconded by Lucien Hinckle. VV unan.
- Art. 7 **Stanley Capron** was elected **Grand Juror**. Nominated by Sheldon Roesch. Vv unan.
- Art. 8 **Jason Rogers** was elected Agent. Nominated by Kelly Hill. Vv unan.
- Art. 9 **Eric Benson** was elected **Trustee of Public Funds** under Section 24, V.S.A. for a term of **3 years**. Nominated by Louise Ferris-Burt. Vv unan.

Art. 10 Voted the sum of \$2,399,888 to defray Highway and General expenses for the 12-month interval commencing July 1, 2019. Motion made by Yaroslav Stanchak and seconded by Adam Sappern.

Before the article was voted on, Selectboard member, Chris Jarvis explained what some of the changes in the budget were for the coming year. Some of these include insurance, road materials, public works expenses now in house, as it was hired out previous years and for necessary equipment for the fire department, to keep them compliant with regulations for gear and services

Chris also recognized Town Finance Administrator, Therese Kirby, and Town Manager, Greg Maggard, for their work on collecting delinquent water/sewer accounts and delinquent taxes. Noted that a tax sale was set to occur shortly after town meeting. Much work has been done to collect the money owed the town. Chris also noted that we have a 3-year contract with an audit company.

Chris also noted that this budget includes funds to establish a number of reserve funds, such as Conservation, Capital Road, Capital Reappraisal and Capital Cruiser. This will ensure the town has funds available when the need arises for such purchases or repairs. He noted that changes occur and we never really know when or how much they will be. Chris explained that by setting up the funds it allows the money to move from year to year, it does not need to be spent in the budget year voted on.

Tepin Delaney asked about funds going for those exact things and not using it for something else. Chris answered that if there were a need to do any change in spending it would be brought back to the voters before used for any other purpose.

Yaroslav Stanchak thanked Chris for the explanation of the budget and that these additional articles do not add to the budget, but that the budget actually includes the funds being requested.

Davis Dimock asked that the board consider creating funds for town offices and town garage. Both buildings are in need of repair/replacement. Possibly put it in the budget for the 2020-21 year. Chris noted that a goal of the board is to get a footprint together and get it to the public for comment.

Explanation was also held about the retirement of the Irene debt of \$1.4 million. It is a 25 year loan. Adam Sappern asked for more clarification. Therese Kirby explained it is a fixed rate of 3% for 10 years with Mascoma Bank and the remaining years will be negotiated.

Katie O'Neal wanted to hear what was happening with the Energy Commission. Jose Lazo, Chair of the commission, explained what they are doing. They are planning to do a study with Bethel residents about energy savings.

Eric Benson called the vote and restated the article, passed by a voice vote.

Art. 11 Motion was made by Yaroslav Stanchak and seconded by Mark Heckman for the town to establish a reserve fund to be called the Conservation Fund in the amount of \$2,500, for the purpose of land acquisition, conservation easements and/or interests in property that achieve the Bethel Town Plan's conservation objectives, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2804. Ferrin Griffin gave an overview of what the commission has been doing this past year and what their future plans were. Other speakers for the conservation committee were Katie O'Neal and Jennifer Scott. Joanne Wood expressed how impressed she was with the committee's professionalism and their work. Lucien Hinkle called the question, passed by voice vote.

Art. 12 Motion was made by Yaroslav Stanchak and seconded by Stanley Capron for the town to establish a reserve fund to be called the Capital Road fund in the amount of \$132,775, to be used for the creation and maintenance of Bethel roads, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2804. Chris explained this money will help with upkeep of culverts, roads, and vehicle maintenance/replacement. Passed by a voice vote.

Art. 13 Motion was made by Carl Russell and seconded by Yaroslav Stanchak for the town to establish a reserve fund to be called the Capital Cruiser fund in the amount of \$5,000, to be used for the purchase, maintenance and equipment for the cruiser, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2804. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 14 Motion was made by Louise Ferris-Burn and seconded by James Gray for the town to expand the existing Capital Reappraisal Fund in the amount of \$5,000. Louise spoke that the last town wide appraisal cost approximately \$200,000. It is very close to having to be done again. This amount will help with the cost of that appraisal. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 15 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$24,650 for the support of the Human Services Agencies as listed on the warning. Paul Vallee spoke about the process and thanked the committee members.

Motion was made by Mary Floyd and seconded by Susie Fedak. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 16 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$135,943 to continue service provided by the White River Valley Ambulance, Inc.

Motion was made by Yaroslav Stanchak and seconded by Stanley Capron. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 17 Voted to collect Town Taxes and Town School District Taxes in 4 equal installments being due on Aug. 15, 2019, Nov. 15, 2019, Feb. 15, 2020 and May 15, 2020.

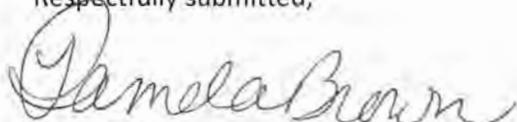
Motion made by Yaroslav Stanchak and seconded by Davis Dimock. Passed by a voice vote.

Art. 16 Other business

Rick mentioned there are many openings on town committees. It is critical that we have public input on matters and these committees play an important role. There is a table in the hallway with a list of committees and sign-up sheets. Please think about signing up for a committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Town Clerk



The Bethel Recreation Center has a new beautiful timber framed pavilion. The pavilion was built and raised to honor the memory of Scott Killian. Scott was a resident of Bethel that attended Whitcomb High school, coached youth soccer here, and so much more. People from the Timber Framers Guild, Building Heritage, and Bethel residents came together to raise the pavilion.

The pavilion was a community effort. Bethel resident Dan McCullough prepared the area, Building Heritage designed it, the Timber Framer's Guild cut it and the roof was completed by Savelberg Construction owned by Bethel residents Chuck and Michelle Washburn.



An Ice-Skating Rink was also put up at the Recreation Center. Chuck and Michelle Washburn built the rink. Bethel Volunteer Fire Department and other volunteers helped fill it.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Eric Benson.....Moderator

Jason Rogers..... Town Agent

Pamela Brown..... Town Clerk

Stan Capron.....Grand Juror

Pamela Brown.....Town Treasurer

Selectboard:

Paul Vallee: 3 Year Term, 2020

Maurice Brigham: 3 Year Term, 2021

David Eddy: 3 Year Term 2022

Lindley Brainard: 3 Year Term, 2020

Chris Jarvis (Chair): 2 Year Term, 2021

Listers:

Louise Ferris-Burt: Term Expires 2020

Roberta Carrier: Term Expires 2022

Jim Gray: Term Expires 2021

Penny Griffin: Office Staff Support

Trustees of Public Funds:

Carroll Ketchum: Term Expires 2020

Eric Benson: Term Expires 2022

Penny Griffin: Term Expires 2021

Justice of the Peace:

Eric P. Benson

Cathy Day

Ola O'Dell

Kirk White

Winslow Ayer

Lisa Campbell

Adam Sappern



Conservation Commission Volunteer Ferron Griffin sitting in Branlier Forest

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

Therese Kirby.... Town Manager, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, Water Superintendent,
Zoning Administrator, and Emergency Management Director.

Jean Burnham.... Assistant Town Clerk

Jean Burnham.... Assistant Town Treasurer

Neal Fox.... Health Officer

Oscar Gardner.... First Constable

Cecil Washburn..... Cemetery Commissioner

Robert Dean..... Fire Warden Term Expires 2021

Bethel Planning Commission:

Andrew Delaney (Chair) Term Expires 2021

Cecil Washburn Term Expires 2021

Peter Dohrn Term Expires 2021

Andy Stone Term Expires 2021

Bethel Development Review Board:

Eric Benson (Chair) Term Expires 2021

Penny Griffin Term Expires 2020

Keith Bollman Term Expires 2020

Chuck Washburn Term Expires 2021

Ruth Clough Term Expires 2020

Brad Andrews Term Expires 2021

Bethel Community Forward Festival Committee:

Susie Fedak Mary Floyd Cathy Day Marilyn Pratt

Barbara Nickerson Jamie Coogler

Bethel Conservation Commission:

Mary Floyd- Co Chair Term Expires 2022

Ferron Griffin- Co Chair Term Expires 2022

Emily Miller- Secretary Term Expires 2020

Jennifer Schomp- Term Expires 2022 Temporary Leave

Mark Heckmann -Term Expires 2020

Lisa Campbell- Term Expires 2020

Danny Dover- Term Expires 2022

Chris Fors- Term Expires 2021

Bethel Recreation Committee:

Elle Griffin Chair

Shane Kinsley

Dietre Feeney

Thatcher Hinman

Human Services Advisory Board:

Carroll Ketchum Paul Feeney Paul Vallee Sandy Farrell Stan Capron
Kelly Hill (Administrative Staff)

Bethel Energy Committee:

Nicole Cyr, Chair Jose Lazo Robert Carey Scott Putney

Bethel Council on the Arts:

John Duddie (Chair) Kyle Duddie

Revolving Loan Committee:

Carroll Ketchum Ellen Nobile Beverly Washburn

Solid Waste Management Program Joint Board (Bethel Representatives):

Bobbie Young Maurice Brigham Judy Brigham

Town Meeting Committee:

Eric Benson (Chair) Pam Brown Victoria Webber Rebecca Stone
Laura Rubenis

Emergency Management Planning & Operations Committee:

Therese Kirby Kelly Hill David Aldrighetti Allen Patton Tim Mills
Oscar Gardner Geary Coogler Jason Rogers Moe Brigham Rebecca Yon

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee:

Bill Hall

Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission Rep: Paul Vallee

Stagecoach Advisory Committee Representative: Thomas Burgos

White River Valley Ambulance Representative: Neal Fox

So. Royalton Senior Center Representative: Carroll Ketchum

ECFiber Board of Directors Representative:

Matt Washburn Ian Stewart (Alternate)

Red Cross Shelter Volunteers:

Tepin Delaney, Paul Vallee, Dave Bagley, Richard and MaryAnn Church, Greg and Susie Fedak, Hannah Williams, Terri Hodgdon, John Hubble, Meredith Manning, Joann Marshall, Jennie Marx, Lois Mears, Linda Dean Orr, Jennifer Schomp, Jolene Snelling, Katie Watters, Wendell Wills and Joan Wortman.

Regular Meeting Schedule of Town Boards & Committees:

Selectboard: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:00 PM

Planning Commission: 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Development Review Board: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 PM (as needed)

Conservation Commission: 2nd Tuesdays, 6:00 PM

Solid Waste Management Program Joint Board: 2nd Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Recreation Committee: 1st Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Energy Committee: 1st Wednesday, 6:00 PM



Arnold Block table at the Forward Festival

Pictured: Lindley Brainard, Lylee Rauch-Kacenski and Lisa Warhol

Select Board Year in Review 2019

The spring of 2019 presented the Town of Bethel with multiple challenges. A powerful rain storm, accompanied by the spring thaw, produced flood conditions throughout the town. Over one million dollars in damaged infrastructure resulted. During this same time period the Town Manager gave his notice and stepped down two weeks later.

Therese Kirby was appointed interim Town Manager while a Town Manager Search Committee was formed. The Town Manager Search Committee was made up of eight individuals, which included five Select Board members and three Bethel citizens. The process for selecting a new Town Manager took just over four months to complete. Therese Kirby was officially hired as our new Town Manager in September.

Multiple roads, bridges, and culverts were either destroyed or severely damaged during the Spring flood. The Town performed over one million dollars' worth of repairs and upgrades to these roads and structures throughout the spring, summer, and fall months. This work was performed by the Bethel Town Highway Department, FEMA bid projects through contractors, and a Federal Highway bid project.

The Water Department, Town Office, and Select Board were able to complete the Water Master Plan. The Water Master Plan was then engineered and the project went to the voters in November. In 2020 the Main Street project, adjacent streets, and holding towers will be put out for bid and constructed. These projects will fulfill a large majority of our licensing responsibilities with the State of Vermont Drinking Water Division.

The Fire Department was successful in receiving a grant for over \$100,000 worth of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)). Matching grant money was added into the approved 2019-20 budget which was discussed at last year's Town Meeting.

The Town of Bethel hired Oscar Gardner as the new Constable.

A new Garbage Ordinance, to be voted on at this year's Town Meeting, was drafted after dozens of concerns were expressed in the spring over excessive trash not being properly disposed of throughout several properties in town.

The Select Board, in partnership with the Town Manager and Department Heads, continue to work hard on cost effective, efficient budgets.

The Select Board will continue to work on future projects for the Town of Bethel in 2020, and at the same time manage the current budget efficiently.

In closing, the members of the Select Board wish to thank other elected officials, the hard-working Town personnel, as well as the many citizen volunteers who serve on the various Town Boards and committees. It is through the efforts of all these dedicated individuals, working as a team in the interest of the Town, that makes Bethel such a great place to live and work. Your efforts are recognized and greatly appreciated.

Town Manager's Office

2019 was a busy year for the Town of Bethel. In April of 2019 we were hit hard by the "rain event" causing over a million dollars in damage to our roads. The Road Crew and several local contractors immediately started putting roads back together so residents, stranded by the damage, could access Town roads. It was a difficult time for everyone and we appreciate the patience of residence as well as the kindness neighbors showed to neighbors, by checking on them and helping out when needed. I know some residents were frustrated by the delay between the flooding in April, the contracts being awarded, and work starting on the permanent repairs. All of the contracts were completed by October of 2019. Stone lined ditches were put in place, culverts upsized, culverts flushed and a temporary bridge placed at the Pinello's on Gilead Road. I would personally like to thank Chris Bump, Mike Blakeslee and Ryan Slack of the State of Vermont District 4 Transportation Agency. The assistance and advice they provided to me was invaluable.

During the summer of 2019, I hope you were all able to attend at least one of the Pool Director Dietre Feeney's spectacular Family Fun Nights. She will be continuing these themed nights over the winter and on into the summer. With the help of many volunteers, there has been a temporary ice-skating rink installed at the park. The winter has been a bit finicky on giving us ice making weather, but we hope that changes and many families can enjoy it. 2020 is shaping up to be an exciting time at the Recreation Area. The Recreation Committee is hoping to start construction on the skate park in the spring.

In November, the 2.8-million-dollar bond vote passed allowing us to move forward with the waterline infrastructure update. Utility Director Tim Mills has been working closely with Aldrich & Elliott to put the finishing touches on the plans. The project will go out to bid soon and start construction in the spring of 2020. This is just one phase spelled out in our Water Master Plan. We appreciate the support of the voters and are looking forward to completing this project in our continued efforts of bringing high quality water to the residents of Bethel.

Just a few of the items we are working on now are updating our Highway Access Policy, Class 4 Road Policy, Personnel Policy, Policy to work in the Town's Right of Way, starting the process on designing and building a new Town Garage, insulating and upgrading the electrical system at the Town Office, finding residents willing to serve on Town committees, creating a master plan for road maintenance, continuing to search and apply for grant money to offset costs and continuing to collect delinquent taxes and utility charges.

In June of 2019 came the resignation of Town Manager Greg Maggard. I became the Interim Town Manager in June and was hired as the permanent Town Manager in September of 2019. I am very excited to serve this wonderful Town and appreciate the support and kindness that have been extended to me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town staff for their support, and the Selectboard and the hiring committee for their confidence in me. If you have any questions, concerns or compliments for the staff, please email me at betheltownfinance@comcast.net or call the office at 234-9340.

Respectfully,

Therese Kirby

Fire Chief's Report

During this past year, Bethel Firefighters responded to more than 79 calls for service. Those calls range from vehicle accidents on the interstate, swift water rescues, to carbon monoxide detectors going off, lift assists with White River Valley Ambulance, and structure fires. This variation in call types requires firefighters to be trained in all aspects of firefighting, and have the ability to work well with community members.

Members of the Bethel Fire Department work hard to serve and protect their community. Not only do we fight fires, but we manage three fundraising activities each year; a coin drop, chicken barbeque, and softball tournament. This money is used to purchase equipment and fulfill other needs within the department so we are not solely dependent on tax dollars to meet our needs. This fall we plan to host grades pre-K through sixth for a class on fire prevention. The State of Vermont provides the fire trailer as a teaching tool, where we teach children about fire safety, fire prevention, and creating a plan with their families in case of a fire.

In last year's report, we mentioned we had applied for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase 20 new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), 40 air bottles (so every pack has two), 25 air masks with 19 of them having "team talk" so firefighters can communicate via Bluetooth with each other, and the fire command, while on a fire scene. We were lucky enough to be awarded \$124,285.71 towards the purchase. This would not have been possible without the grant writing skills of our Assistant Chief Geary Coogler. We are applying again in the next grant round for a compressor and fill station, which will allow us to fill the air bottles at any fire scene. If awarded, this will be another \$100,000 in equipment for the Department. We also applied for and were awarded \$12,350 from the State of Vermont's Department of Public Safety for much needed swift water rescue equipment.

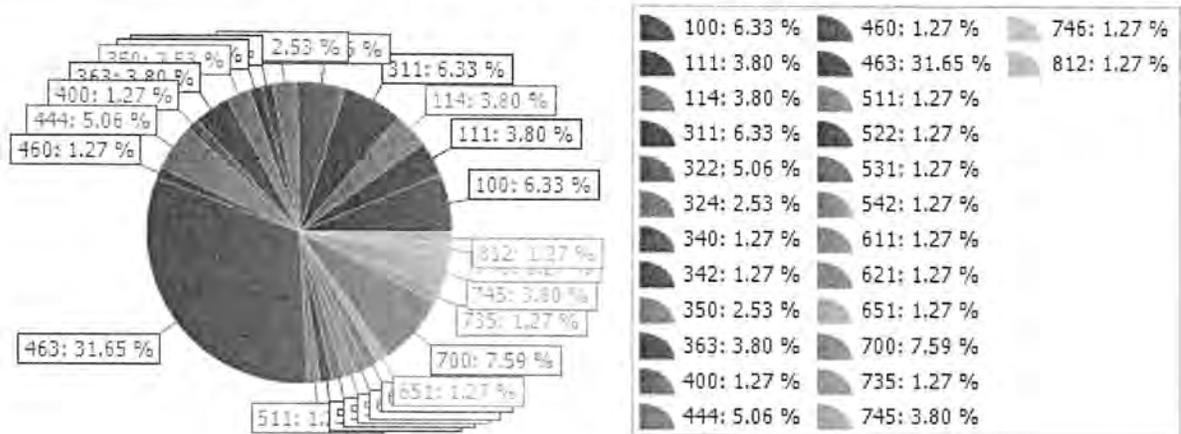
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bethel residents for their support. You cannot imagine how good it makes us feel to have a resident stop by and offer a kind word of support after returning to the station from a late night call or two. Feel free to stop by the Fire Station whenever we are there. We are always happy to give a tour of the station or answer any questions you may have.

Thank you to all of the Department members. I appreciate your dedication and the amount of time you commit to training, meetings and fire calls. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the contribution fire fighter's families make in our success. Without their shared dedication to a community we love, we would not be successful.

Sincerely,

David Aldrighetti
Fire Chief
Bethel Fire Department

Incident Reports By Incident Type, Summary



Incident Type	Total Incidents	Percent
100 - Fire, other	5	6.33%
111 - Building fire	3	3.80%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	3	3.80%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5	6.33%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	4	5.06%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2	2.53%
340 - Search for lost person, other	1	1.27%
342 - Search for person in water	1	1.27%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	2	2.53%
363 - Swift water rescue	3	3.80%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1	1.27%
444 - Power line down	4	5.06%
460 - Accident, potential accident, other	1	1.27%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	25	31.65%
511 - Lock-out	1	1.27%
522 - Water or steam leak	1	1.27%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	1.27%

Incident Type	Total Incidents	Percent
542 - Animal rescue	1	1.27%
611 - Dispatched & canceled en route	1	1.27%
621 - Wrong location	1	1.27%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	1.27%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	6	7.59%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	1.27%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	3.80%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	1.27%
812 - Flood assessment	1	1.27%

Total Number of Incidents: 79

Total Number of Incident Types: 26



Fire Chief David Aldrighetti and Assistant Chief Geary Coogler observing a training exercise.

Bethel Fire Department: 25-30 Year Apparatus Replacement Plan

Fiscal Year (July - June)	Balance Available as of June 30	Appropriation, Donation, etc.	Loan Payment	Apparatus Purchase	Revenue from Apparatus Sale	EOY Balance	Equipment Description
FY2017 (16/17)	(\$1,817.00)	\$50,000.00	\$64,770.00			(\$16,587.00)	Purchase from Brigham Industries
FY2018 (17/18)	(\$16,587.00)	\$50,000.00	\$64,770.00		\$5,421.00	(\$25,936.00)	
FY2019 (18/19)	(\$25,936.00)	\$2,424.00				(\$23,512.00)	
FY2020 (19/20)	(\$23,512.00)	\$4,250.00				(\$19,262.00)	
FY2021 (20/21)	(\$19,262.00)	\$38,550.00				\$19,288.00	2012 Kenworth paid off 3/2020
FY2022 (21/22)	\$19,288.00	\$38,550.00				\$57,838.00	
FY2023 (22/23)	\$57,838.00	\$38,550.00				\$96,388.00	
FY2024 (23/24)	\$96,388.00	\$38,550.00				\$134,938.00	
FY2025 (24/25)	\$134,938.00	\$38,550.00		\$ 165,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$18,488.00	Replace 2000 Ford F550 Rescue
FY2026 (25/26)	\$18,488.00	\$38,550.00				\$57,038.00	
FY2027 (26/27)	\$57,038.00	\$38,550.00				\$95,588.00	
FY2028 (27/28)	\$95,588.00	\$38,550.00				\$134,138.00	
FY2029 (28/29)	\$134,138.00	\$38,550.00				\$172,688.00	
FY2030 (29/30)	\$172,688.00	\$38,550.00				\$211,238.00	
FY2031 (30/31)	\$211,238.00	\$0.00	(\$223,500.00)	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$1,738.00	Replace 2001 Freightliner Eagle One (new 30 year loan)
FY2032 (31/32)	\$1,738.00	\$5,000.00				\$6,738.00	2017 Kenworth paid off 7/2031
FY2033 (32/33)	\$6,738.00	\$25,800.00				\$32,538.00	
FY2034 (33/34)	\$32,538.00	\$25,800.00				\$58,338.00	
FY2035 (34/35)	\$58,338.00	\$25,800.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$78,138.00	Replace Zodiac Boat & motor
FY2036 (35/36)	\$78,138.00	\$25,800.00				\$103,938.00	
FY2037 (36/37)	\$103,938.00	\$25,800.00				\$129,738.00	
FY2038 (37/38)	\$129,738.00	\$25,800.00				\$155,538.00	
FY2039 (38/39)	\$155,538.00	\$25,800.00		\$ 22,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$162,338.00	Replace Load Rite Elite Series Trailer & Polaris Ranger
FY2040 (39/40)	\$162,338.00	\$25,800.00				\$188,138.00	
FY2041 (40/41)	\$188,138.00	\$25,800.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$200,938.00	Replace Triton VC-714 Swift Water Trailer
FY2042 (41/42)	\$200,938.00	\$25,800.00				\$226,738.00	
FY2043 (42/43)	\$226,738.00	\$25,800.00				\$252,538.00	
FY2044 (43/44)	\$252,538.00	\$25,800.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$265,338.00	Replace Mission MES Back Country Rescue Trailer
FY2045 (44/45)	\$265,338.00	\$25,800.00				\$291,138.00	
FY2046 (45/46)	\$291,138.00	\$25,800.00				\$316,938.00	
FY2047 (46/47)	\$316,938.00	\$25,800.00				\$342,738.00	
FY2048 (47/48)	\$342,738.00	\$0.00	(\$142,000.00)	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$1,738.00	Replace Kenworth T370 Tanker (new 30 year loan)
FY2049 (48/49)	\$1,738.00	\$10,000.00				\$11,738.00	
FY2050 (49/50)	\$11,738.00	\$15,000.00				\$26,738.00	

** Loans to be paid via the general fund and appropriation to be reduced accordingly.



Town of Bethel – Constabulary

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Chief Constable – Sergeant Oscar J. Gardner



Residents of Bethel,

I am honored, and continue to be greatly appreciative of my opportunity to serve the community of Bethel. Since becoming Bethel's Constable, I've also accepted a full time Patrol Officer position with the Royalton Police Department. I feel confident in being able to serve both communities.

My efforts in Bethel have been two-fold:

1.) Being more visible within the entire Town of Bethel by making frequent contacts with motorists traveling through the town, and being involved within the community by conducting foot patrols, property checks, and answering civil and criminal complaints as I receive them from the Vermont State Police Royalton Dispatch.

2.) Being more involved with children in our schools through various means.

First, I volunteered to chaperone a trip to Boston with the middle school students. Second, we had a law enforcement shadow day where a panel of law enforcement officers from the Vermont State Police, Windsor County Sheriff's Department, Royalton Police Department, and Royalton and Bethel Constables performed a mock investigation for students who had expressed interest in careers in law enforcement. This activity was in lieu of a ride-along with police officers due to many reasons. And finally, prior to school starting I asked the elementary school art teacher, Ms. Timmerman, to ask her students to design a patch concept for the Town of Bethel Constabulary.



The patch concept was finalized January 16, 2020, by the Town Manager and Town staff. Let me say, the biggest challenge of all was selecting the final concept from many wonderful submissions. We narrowed the entries down to two, and I'm glad to announce that artist Madelyn Gibson's patch was chosen. Thank you, Madelyn. The drawing will be digitally rendered.

I will continue to serve our communities, the state of Vermont, and our country with compassion and equality. You can call me any time at 802-342-4343, and as always if you have an emergency, CALL 911.

Sincerely,
Sergeant Oscar J. Gardner

CAPITAL CRUISER 4 YEAR REPLACEMENT PLAN

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>2027-2028</u>
Opening Balance	10,050	3,175	7,788	12,400	17,013	5,625	10,238	14,850
Appropriation	5,000	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Estimated Interest	125	113	113	113	113	113	113	113
Total Available	15,175	7,788	12,400	17,013	21,625	10,238	14,850	19,463
Equipment Item	cruiser + fit-up				cruiser + fit-up			
Net Cost	12,000	0	0	0	16,000	0	0	0
Closing Balance	3,175	7,788	12,400	17,013	5,625	10,238	14,850	19,463

This is set-up to purchase used vehicles.

Due to the varying price of resale values, this capital plan does not include a value for resale or trade. Any money made on the sale of a used cruiser will be added into this fund and reflected at that time

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2019 was a very productive year despite flooding in April that took most of our resources in the summer. We spent most of our time rebuilding roads, stone lining ditches, and doing culvert replacement. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we made the repairs necessary after the flooding. We are looking forward to another successful year. One of our goals in 2020 is to concentrate on bridge maintenance which will include decking, cleaning and painting.

The Highway Department currently has three year-round employees, and two seasonal employees. Back in the fall long time employee, Douglas Marshall Sr., retired.

Our employees strive to keep our roads safe and well maintained. Thank you for all of your continued support. Here's to another successful year.

Allen Patton
Road Foreman



AJ Lewin, Jason Ballou, Allen Patton (Road Foreman), Morgan Drury, David Bergeron

Bethel Recreation Facility

What better place to spend your summer than at the Bethel Recreation Facility! It was yet another successful summer at the pool with 215 children taking public or private swim lessons, four summer camps enjoying open swim hours, two Teen Swims, and afternoon activities. We had 11 lifeguards on staff, six with Water Safety Instructor Training. New this year, patrons can rent the pool for private events during non-public hours. All rentals need to be arranged with Dietre Feeney, the Pool Director. Dietre ran the increasingly popular Family Fun Fridays again with themes ranging from Super Heroes Night, a Luau, and Vintage Car Show to a super fun Family Cook Off complete with three community members as judges, a VINS Raptor Encounter demonstration, and a Scuba Diving Demonstration in the pool with Bethel Fire Chief Dave Aldrighetti and Robert Tracy. The first Family Fun Night of the season highlighted the newly renovated woodland trail connecting the school and recreation facility, complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony. All season the summer program used the trail to bring children for swim lessons and open swim, keeping them off the busy highway. Other patrons enjoyed walks with their dog, and continue to now throughout the other seasons. The Rec Committee continues to assist as we can those working to develop and build future bike and hike trails up behind the Recreation Facility. Work continues to move forward with the skatepark, despite numerous setbacks, and we hope ground can be broke in the Spring as soon as the swing set can be moved to a new location on the property. Thanks to Chuck Washburn donating the materials and constructing the ice-skating rink, we can now offer pleasure skating and ice sports during the long winter months. A beautiful gazebo graces the property in memory of Scott Killian, and will be used in the future by skaters for a place to sit, rest, and warm up. Exciting things continue to happen at our facility as we strive to create a year-round facility, and an environment that can be enjoyed by all Bethel residents. We always welcome new people to join our committee which meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Town Office.





Photo Credit Dietre Feeney

**Town of Bethel Water Department
Tim Mills Utility Director**

I would like to open this report by thanking the voters of Bethel that took the time to come out and support the Water Bond vote on November 5, 2019. With the final results of the vote being 250 yea and 4 nay, a clear message was sent by the community in support of this effort. The scope of the project will benefit the community as a whole for many years to come.

The Town of Bethel Drinking Water Department has again been very busy this past year. Along with water main repairs, we have been utilizing our time doing water line and water shut-off locations for mapping purposes. This information is being carried forward to our engineers as we design and prepare for the water system upgrade scheduled for this year. The Water Department continues to perform bi-annual inspections of all fire hydrants to identify and respond to any deficiencies or repairs that may need to be made. We are also in the third year of our fire hydrant replacement schedule of replacing two annually.

The Town of Bethel drinking water system continues to operate under a mandate by the State of Vermont Drinking Water Division to chlorinate our drinking water year-round. The water is produced from two gravel packed wells known respectively as the Boulevard Well and the Gaiko Well. Both wells continue to show great integrity with no major work necessary at this time. The Town of Bethel Water Department continues to strive to meet the water system improvements mandated by the State of Vermont Drinking Water Division. These initiatives are not wasted as we continue to reap the rewards of these efforts throughout the Drinking Water System. The communities patients and support are very much appreciated as we all work together to improve the valuable asset that the Water System is for the residents of Bethel.

Respectfully submitted:
Tim Mills
Utility Director
Town of Bethel

Bethel Water Department	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 12/30/19	Proposed FY 20-21
30-6-00-81.00 Water Rentals	226,666	220,159	236,866	122,243	236,866
30-6-00-95.00 Interest & Penalty	4,500	12,421	4,300	2,388	4,300
30-6-00-9 Delinquent Water Rent (prior)	2,500		2,500		
30-6-00-9 Misc. Revenue	2,745	0	150		150
30-6-00-9 Fire Protection	5,500	5,500	5,500		5,500
30-6-00-96.02 Grant Revenue				39,395	
TOTAL - Water Department Revenues	241,911	238,080	249,316	164,026	246,816
30-7-00-01.00 Wages	20,106	24,864	20,910	11,501	22,910
30-7-00- Over time	3,919	7,841	8,230	4,646	8,230
30-7-00-02.00 Social Security	1,490	1,880	1,807	1,000	1,931
30-7-00-03.00 Medicare	348	440	423	234	452
30-7-00-04.00 Retirement	2,532	19,686	3,409		4,360
30-7-00-05.00 Health Insurance	6,419	6,066	6,935	2,695	8,579
30-7-00-05.01 Dental Insurance	283	266	310	170	435
30-7-00-06.00 Workers' Compensation	4,445	2,399	4,600	792	4,600
30-7-00-20.00 Electricity For Pumps	25,000	20,354	25,000	9,986	25,000
30-7-00-25.00 Repairs - Maintenance Pumps	10,000	803	10,000	0	10,000
30-7-00-25.01 Repairs - Hydrants	8,000	159	8,000	561	8,000
30-7-00-26.00 Mains & Distribution Line	10,000	18,977	12,500	12,776	12,795
30-7-00-27.00 Maintenance - Website	210	0	210		
30-7-00- Building Maintenance	500	129	500	1,206	500
30-7-00- Contracted Services			3,500	0	4,500
30-7-00-30.00 Tools	4,300	3,300		53	
30-7-00-51.00 Supplies (inc. PPE)	500	3,041	5,250	3,197	5,250
30-7-00- Office supplies/postage			1,600	632	1,400
30-7-00-52.00 Water Testing	2,500	1,537	2,500	2,068	2,500
30-7-00-53.00 Engineering Charges	1,500	0	5,000	94,803	3,000
30-7-00-54.00 Reserve Funds	0	0	5,000	0	5,000
30-7-00-70.00 Insurance	690	1,916	1,500	916	2,000
30-7-00-73.00 Legal Services	1,000	0	1,000	1,200	500
30-7-00-75.00 Reimb. To Town Of Bethel	7,061	7,061	5,216	0	6,585
30-7-00-76.00 State of Vermont Permits	7,000	3,222	4,000	2,674	4,000
30-7-00-77.00 Leases	200	100	200	100	100
30-7-00-78.00 Chlorine	1,200	1,535	1,200	163	1,400
30-7-00-79.00 Training		96	300	32	800
30-7-00-80.00 Dues			250	185	250
30-7-00-81.00 Uniforms			500	208	934
30-7-00-82.00 Grant Match			2,250	0	0
30-7-80- Reimburse GF	5,000	5,000	5,000		5,000
30-7-00-95.00 Other	100	1,641	100	57	100
30-7-00-96.00 Depreciation Expense	21,901	41,708	0		
30-7-50-90.80 Advertising	0	36			
30-7-60-91.00 Debt Service - Principal	77,105	77,105	81,507	50,017	80,890
30-7-60-91.02 Debt Service - Interest	18,601	10,854	20,610	3,241	14,816
TOTAL - Water Department Expenditures	241,911	262,015	249,316	205,113	246,816

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Photo Credit Kim Aldrighetti

Town of Bethel WWTP

The Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant was built in 1987; this year marking its' 32nd birthday. The plant continues to perform at an excellent level with no discharge violations reported to the Agency of Natural Resources this past year. The Wastewater Treatment Plant underwent our annual inspection this past summer. We are pleased to announce we received an "Excellent" grade on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations and Maintenance as a whole. While looking for cost savings and ease of operation for the future, we have begun the process of retrofitting our pump stations with materials that are more resistant to fatigue and wear from the less than glamorous conditions that they work under. The infrastructure in our Wastewater Collection System as a whole is in very good condition and should provide us with years of useful life as we continue these proactive initiatives. The modified equipment that we have in operation at this time continues to run smoothly with only occasional minor maintenance required. The plant continues to operate at approximately 50% design capacity with no major upgrades on the horizon.

Respectively Submitted,
Tim Mills
Utility Director
Town of Bethel

Bethel Sewer Department	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 12/30/2019	Proposed FY 20-21
20-6-00-81.00 Fees	237,959	237,088	247,477	138,347	248,332
20-6-00-95.00 Interest & Penalty	5,000	10,877	3900	2710	6000
20-6-00-96.03 Grant Revenue		24,860		430	
20-6-00 Delinquent Sewer fees (prior)	2,500	0			
TOTAL - Sewer Department Revenues	245,459	272,825	251,377	141,487	254,332
20-7-00-01.00 Labor - Operations	74,328	84,754	77,301	42,609	80,000
20-7-00-02.00 Social Security	4,608	4,729	4,793	2,413	4,960
20-7-00-03.00 Medicare	1,078	1,106	1,121	564	1,160
20-7-00-04.00 Retirement	7,834	-6,439	9,044	6,241	11,200
20-7-00-05.00 Health Insurance	19,353	20,696	20,757	8,383	20,838
20-7-00-06.00 Workers' Compensation	5,974	4,560	5,974	2,449	5,000
20-7-00-06.01 Dental Insurance	1,002	1,016	1,031	604	1,003
20-7-00-07.00 Insurance	2,369	1,281	1,350	614	2,480
20-7-00-20.00 Electricity	22,000	22,745	22,000	9,845	23,000
20-7-00-21.00 Telephone	1,400	2,253	1,700	979	2,500
20-7-00-25.00 Maintenance - Bldg.	1,000	2,357	1,500	2,819	2,500
20-7-00-25.01 Maintenance - System	8,500	18,102	21,500	18,488	20,000
20-7-00-26.00 Maintenance - Equipment	5,000	7,344	5,000	2,498	6,000
20-7-00-27.00 Maintenannc - website	215	0	215	0	215
20-7-00-33.00 Flushing sewer lines	1,500	600	1,500	1,950	2,000
20-7-00-34.00 Sludge Disposal	25,000	23,048	25,000	0	25,000
20-7-00-35.00 Supplies	2,300	3,431	3,000	775	3,000
20-7-00 Lab Testing	3,000	2,894	3,000	1,866	3,000
20-7-00 Lab Supplies	500	1,088	500	0	500
20-7-00 Generator	500	0	500	0	500
20-7-00 Postage/mailling			1,000	446	800
20-7-00-51.01 Chemicals	600	0	600	0	600
20-7-00-53.00 Engineering Charges		4,415	2,500	0	2,500
20-7-00-73.00 Legal Services	2,500	0	2,500	0	500
20-7-00-74.00 Auditing Services					
20-7-00-75.00 Reimb - Town of Bethel	9,979	7,061	4,428	0	4,428
20-7-00-75.01 Reimb - Use of emp. Truck	4,500	4,569	4,500	2,337	4,400
20-7-00-77.00 Lease	500	750	600	100	750
20-7-00-78.00 Training	500	208	300	0	800
20-7-00-79.00 Certification	1,000	1,502	1,250	545	1,500
20-7-00-80.01 Reserve Fund	6,000	6,000			6,000
20-7-00-80.00 Dues			250	185	250
20-7-00-81.00 Uniforms			500	243	800
20-7-00-82.00 Grant Match			2,250	0	1,500
20-7-00-95.00 Other	300	54	300	0	300
20-7-00 Reimburse GF	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	5,000
20-7-00-95.03 Debt Service	7,998	7,998	7,998	7,998	7,998
20-7-00-96.00 Depreciation Expense	16,973	64,223	8,467	0	0
20-7-60-91.00 Interest on debt	2,148	1,087	2,148	1,336	1,350
TOTAL - Sewer Department Expenditures	245,459	298,432	251,377	116,287	254,332

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BETHEL/ROYALTON SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

The towns of Bethel and Royalton jointly own a 22 acre parcel of land on Waterman Rd in Royalton which has been improved to provide facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of hazardous waste materials. The site also contains the now-closed landfill which served area towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual agreement, other member towns also use the waste management program, these towns being Barnard, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Rochester, Hancock and Granville.

Administration of the program has historically been managed by staff of the town of Bethel, under the direction and oversight of the Bethel and Royalton Select Boards. In August 2013, a new Inter-local Contract was approved and endorsed by the Bethel and Royalton Select Boards. This new agreement for administration of the solid waste program shifts management accountability and oversight from Bethel to the White River Alliance Board and the Alliance Manager.

In May 2016, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation approved the programs new "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for purposes of managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with the objectives of current local/state/national priorities. The SWIP has been formally adopted by the Select Boards of all 8 member towns. The new SWIP which begins July 1, 2020 is currently being developed and when approved will run through June 2025.

Our facility operates under a license (or "Certification") which is renewed every 10years. An application to renew was submitted to the Vermont Solid Waste Management Division in February 2014, and Approval was issued May 7, 2014. The certification is valid until March 31, 2024. The former Bethel/Royalton landfill is also "operated" under a certification, which was renewed for an additional 5 year term to end November 9, 2021. This certification provides for adequate monitoring of any residual effects stemming from the landfill use.

From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 a total of 4,859.21 tons of solid waste was collected at the transfer station "tipping floor". This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in state lined landfill. Materials received for recycling totaled 910.53 tons. These materials were directed to various facilities for processing. Various special wastes are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

Collection events for **Household Hazardous Wastes** were held in July and August 2019 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station and in June and October 2019 at the Rochester Town Hall Parking lot. A total of 190 families participated in the 4 events. These events provided a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of material. Small quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants and an appointment must be made in advance. There will be 2 events in 2020. 1 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station in May and 1 in Rochester in August. This will allow access for those towns not located near the transfer station. The public is encouraged to inquire at the facility for exact dates and schedule.

We consider the solid waste program to be comprehensive in the services provided to the public, and the program staff is well trained to provide advice or assistance.

This facility is open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7am to 3pm and Saturdays 7am to 1pm. It is closed on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.

BETHEL/ROYALTON SOLID WASTE PROGRAM											
SOLID WASTE REVENUES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	
	15-16	15-16	16-17	16-17	17-18	17-18	18-19	18-19	19-20	20-21	
40-6-00-32.00 Sale of Recyclable M	30,000	32,664.70	30,000	37,060	35,000	37,073	\$35,000	\$34,872	\$40,000	\$40,000	
40-6-00-34.01 Alliance Surcharge	88,430	88,434.56	88,981	89,838	88,981	88,847	\$88,981	\$89,897	88,981	88,981	
40-6-00-35.00 Fund Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
40-6-00-36.00 Sale of Equipment								1300			
40-6-00-81.00 Fees	1,042,709	953,770	950,000	884,010	1,000,000	804,097	\$1,000,000	\$882,433	1,000,000	1,000,000	
40-6-00-85.00 Proceeds of Debt	152	141.9	-	-	-	1333.33		\$5,433	\$7,954		
40-6-00-95.00 Other	8,600	4,884	8,600	7,713	\$8,600	\$9,993	\$8,093	\$2,325	\$8,000	\$7,719	
40-6-00-97.00 Solid Waste Restitution								\$2,142			
TOTAL SOLID WASTE REVENUES	1,169,891	1,079,895.17	1,077,581	1,018,621	1,132,581	941,642	\$1,132,074	\$1,017,402	1,144,935	1,136,700	
SOLID WASTE EXPENDITURES											
40-7-00-01.00 Wages	169,400	156,012	174,482	165,438	170,000	159,576	\$174,812	\$197,079	175,000	200,000	
40-7-00-02.00 Social Security	10,500	9,512.45	11,710	9,410	11,710	10,000	\$12,000	\$12,127	12,500	12,500	
40-7-00-03.00 Medicare	2,455	2,224.64	2,735	2,201	2,735	2,340	\$2,735	\$2,836	2,735	3,000	
40-7-00-04.00 Retirement	16,000	16,081.72	20,170	16,188	18,000	14,966	\$18,000	\$21,284	17,000	22,500	
40-7-00-05.00 Health Insurance	46,000	39,964.40	44,730	42,336	43,000	51,276	\$60,000	\$43,935	60,000	60,000	
40-7-00-06.00 Workers Compensat	18,235	22,280.74	27,385	32,370	27,385	32,119	\$27,000	\$20,584	28,000	30,000	
40-7-00-06.01 Dental Insurance	2,980	2,838.48	2,925	2,695	3,000	2,802	\$3,050	\$2,979	3,200	3,200	
40-7-00-07.00 Insurance	6,450	7,764.50	8,290	10,489	9,000	8,595	\$9,000	\$4,818	9,000	9,000	
40-7-00-20.00 Electricity	5,000	3,934.19	5,000	3,448	5,000	3,955	\$5,000	\$4,365	4,000	5,000	
40-7-00-21.00 Telephone	2,000	1,157.08	1,500	1,229	1,500	1,096	\$1,500	\$1,279	1,400	1,400	
40-7-00-22.00 Heat	3,500	1,716.12	3,500	1,525	3,500	2,012	\$3,500	\$1,975	3,500	3,500	
40-7-00-23.00 Uniform Rental	2,000	1,024.90	1,500	1,034	1,500	1,059	\$1,500	\$544	1,500	500	
40-7-00-25.00 Facility Maintenance	40,000	4,071.07	20,000	5,002	15,000	14,190	\$16,000	\$14,793	10,000	15,000	
40-7-00-26.00 Equipment Operatio	20,000	9,175.75	20,000	11,196	17,000	18,711	\$15,000	\$19,733	15,000	19,000	
40-7-00-26.01 Repair of Scales	1,500	1,660.00	1,500	0	2,100	4,960	\$2,100	\$1,116	3,000	2,100	
40-7-00-27.00 Equipment Rental	1,500	150.00	1,500	0	1,500		\$1,000	\$0	1,500	1,000	
40-7-00-27.01 Maintenance Websi	500	150.00	200	207	500	2,316	\$500	\$540	500	500	
40-7-00-44.01 New Equipment	10,000	0.00	35,000	0	10,000	50	\$20,000	\$20,000	10,000	10,000	
40-7-00-44.01 Office Equipment		302.00	5,000	389	5,006	1,015	\$5,000	\$2,282	4,000	4,000	
40-7-00-50.00 Legal	5,000	0.00	1,000	0	2,500	958	\$1,378		2,000	2,000	
40-7-00-50.01 Facility Manager Sea	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	\$0		2,500		
40-7-00-51.00 Supplies	5,000	4,645.00	5,000	3,564	5,000	4,112	\$2,500	\$3,604	3,000	3,000	
40-7000-52.00 Advertising				192	0		\$0		1,000	1,000	
40-7-00-61.00 Franchise Tax	1,000	0.00		0			\$0				
40-7-00-67.00 Tip Fee and Hauling	635,000	469,140.13	510,000	558,610	542,000	481,296	\$542,000	\$498,527	560,000	512,500	
40-7-00-68.00 Hazardous Waste	30,000	8,725.84	20,000	15,912	21,290	12,146	\$21,000	\$23,116	28,000	16,000	
40-7-00-69.00 Recycling	70,000	78,074.00	75,000	64,396	85,000	57,042	\$77,515	\$72,995	65,000	75,000	
40-7-00-75.00 Labor Reimburseme	15,000	15,000	15,330	15,330	15,800	15,800	\$6,000	\$5,794	10,000	10,000	
40-7-00-76.00 Auditing Services	6,000	7,093	15,000	22,288	10,000	9,728	\$8,000	\$9,900	10,000	10,000	
40-7-00-79.00 Recertification	10,000	4,679	10,000	3,498	10,000	5,226	\$10,000	\$881	10,000	10,000	
40-7-00-79.01 Swip Compliance	10,000	4,741	10,000	7,474	10,000	14,522	\$10,000	\$14,680	10,000	10,000	
40-7-00-80.00 Debt Service Princip	41,000	41,000	12,000		67,431	1,171	\$54,000	\$54,000	57,000	57,000	
40-7-00-80.01 provision for bad debt						18,851					
40-7-00-88.00 Debt Service Interes	1,371	1,332.50	624		624	6,865	\$3,984	\$3,668	5,600	4,000	
40-7-00-89.00 906 CAT Loader	3,000	14,787	5,000		2,500	2,700	\$2,500	\$4,693	3,000	5,000	
40-7-00-90.00 John Deer Excavator	4,000	7,008	6,000		2,500	37	\$2,500	\$4,689	3,000	5,000	
40-7-00-90-01 john deere excavator					2,500	3,082	\$3,000				
40-7-00-92.00 Replacement Reserve Account		10,000	5,000		10,000	10,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	12,000	12,000	
40-7-00-95.00 Other	500	851	500	622	500	1,241	\$1,000	\$3,090	1,000	2,000	
40-7-00-96.00 DEPRECIATION EXPENSE						55,459					
TOTAL SOLID WASTE EXPENDITUR	1,169,891	936,895	1,077,581	997,042	1,132,581	1,033,318	\$1,132,074	\$1,033,319	1,144,935	1,136,700	

TOWN OF BETHEL BUDGET Proposed FY 2020 Budget Summary

This year's proposed budget represents the Selectboard's continued efforts to create a budget which is based on historical actual expenses, as well as future economic indicators.

In April of 2019, the Town experienced another flood event, leaving us with over 1 million dollars in damage. The majority of the damage was done to gravel roads and took several months to repair. Thanks to several local contractors and the Road Crew, the emergency work was done and roads were opened within a few days of the initial storm. By fall of this year the contract work was complete, and with the assistance of the Bethel Fire Department, a lot of culverts were flushed. Campbrook Road is a Federal Highway; thus, we were able to be reimbursed for 100% of the work done to repair that damage. The other Town roads were eligible for aid from FEMA, thus leaving us with 12.5% of the damage to pay for. You will see a line item labeled "ERAF" under "materials" in the highway budget. This \$118,000 will pay our 12.5% on \$863,000 of damage. This does not include our share of the permanent Pinello Bridge or the Peavine Slide engineering and construction. That will be addressed in next year's budget.

The Public Works budget is up 10.7% over last year and that is due in part to the ERAF discussed above, engineering fees for the addition of storm drainage on Avon Drive and Livery Stable, increase in the diesel budget, outsourcing roadside mowing, ditching, and large tree removal. We also budgeted an additional \$10,000 for replacing fence at Fairview Cemetery and wall repair at Cherry Hill Cemetery. You will also note a decrease in the public works personnel budget, as we hired a seasonal employee instead of a year-round employee. The 2016 backhoe and 2017 International equipment loans were also paid off this year, so that money is now going into the Highway Equipment Capital Fund. We are also starting an Equipment Committee to have residents with heavy equipment experience recommend to the Selectboard what equipment to purchase and to assist with the long-range plan for equipment.

The Fire Department was successful with their application for the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant from FEMA for \$130,480. It will purchase 20 SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) units, masks, air bottles and pay for the first round of fit testing (each mask is specifically fit to each firefighter, to ensure their safety). This is a tremendous step forward for the Fire Department and the Town of Bethel. They have already applied for another large grant for a compressor and cascade system to fill air bottles. If successful, that will be another \$100,000 worth of equipment for fire fighters at a cost of only \$5,000 to Bethel residents. The 2012 Kenworth was also paid off this year, allowing that money to be deposited into the Capital Apparatus fund, to help with future purchases.

In the Constable's budget you will see an increase in insurance on equipment as that has not been properly allocated in the past, a new uniform line and an increase in cruiser repairs.

There was savings this year in the Municipal Office budget and the Town Hall budget, as the office staff downsized again, and we are managing the Town Hall via office staff. Total expenditures are up 3.94% over last year and the amount to be raised by taxes is a 2.77% increase over last year.

The Bethel Selectboard will be holding a Budget Informational Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2019 at 6 pm at the Town Hall.

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	NOTES:
LOCAL REVENUES						
10-6-00-10.01 Dog Tax	1,405	722	1405		1,400	
10-6-00-10.02 Local Licenses	770	855	925		855	
10-6-00-10.05 Town Clerk Fees	18,200	11,369	18200	409	17,200	2 year average
10-6-00-10.06 Town Clerk-Historic Preserv.						
10-6-00-10.08 Recreation Area Fees	6,300	8,471	6500	9,180	8,575	
10-6-00-10.16 Zoning Application Fees	775	1,078	850	1,225	1,030	
10-6-00-10.17 Zoning Regulations						
10-6-00-10.18 Overweight Permit Fees	510	475	510	75	500	
10-6-00-10.19 Trustees Of Public Funds	15	11	10		10	
10-6-00-10.22 Subdivision Permit Fees	0					
10-6-00-10.24 Town Hall Rental Fees	4,600	4,175	4300	1,388	3,550	
10-6-00-10.23 Land Use Withdrawal Pen.	0					
10-6-00-10.25 Fund Transfers	0					
TOTAL - Local Revenues	32,575	27,157	32,700	12,277	33,120	
MISCELLANEOUS LOCAL REVENUE						
10-6-00-21.00 Misc. Local Revenue		40				
10-6-00-21.02 Reimb. Tax Sale Exp.	0	1,558				
10-6-00-21.13 Insurance Claims	0	16,058		6,732		
10-6-00-21.18 2011 HMGP Buyout	0					
10-6-00-21.19 2013 FEMA/VT	0	242,206				
10-6-00-21.50 Other	500	7,987	100	538	300	
Total - Miscellaneous Local Revenue	500	267,849	100	7,270	300	
STATE AND FEDERAL REVENUES						
10-6-00-25.01 Highways - Class I	9,967	9,963	9,967	5,070	10,267	
10-6-00-25.02 Highways - Class II	48,924	48,938	48,924	24,901	50,425	
10-6-00-25.03 Highways - Class III	85,418	85,550	85,550	43,549	88,187	
10-6-0025.07 2/1 Paving						
10-6-00-25.04 spec. Bridge & Culvert						
10-6-00-25.07 VTRANS Paving Grant						
10-6-00-25.08 State Owned Lands	2,516	1,994	2,255	1,733	2,000	

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	NOTES:
10-6-00-25.09 Traffic Tickets	2,000	2,241	2,250	2,275	2,550	
10-6-00-25.10 Fish & Game (Fish Hatch.)		211				
10-6-00-25.11 Equalization Payment		1,183				
10-6-00-25.17 Bridge Maintenance Prog.						
10-6-00-25.21 Other		12,904				
10-6-00-25.22 Municipal Planning Grant		3,264		2,448		
10-6-00-25.33 Homeland Security Grant						
10-6-00-25.36 Constable Grant				1,092		
10-6-00-25.43 AOT Structures Grant		192,508				
10-6-00-25.44 Town Hall Historic Pres.		5,403				
10-6-00-25.46 Tower Lease	2,400	2,200	2,400	1,400	2,400	
10-6-00-25.47 PACIF Grant	0	1,035		551		
10-6-00-25.48 Better Backroads Grant	0					
10-6-00-25.51 TRORC- highway grant						
10-6-10-00.01 Dry Hydrant Grant	4,000	4,894	4,000		4,000	
TOTAL - State and Federal Revenues	155,225	372,288	155,346	83,019	159,828	
MISCELLANEOUS						
10-6-00-30.01 Admin Reimb-Solid Waste	5,794	5,794	5,216		5,216	
10-6-00-30.02 Admin Reimb-Sewer Dept.	7,061	7,061	4,428		4,428	
10-6-00-30.07 Admin Reimb-Water Dept.	7,061	7,061	5,216		6,585	
10-6-00-30.08 Green Maple True-Up				6,512		
10-6-00-30.10 RR Revenue Sharing	3,490	3,700	3,490		3,700	
10-6-00-30.11 GF Reimb-Sewer	5,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	
10-6-00-30.12 GF Reimb-Water	5,000	5,000	5,000		5,000	
10-6-00-30.15 Temporary Borrowing						
10-6-00 Green Lantern Lease		1,265	1,500	375	1,500	
TOTAL - Miscellaneous	33,407	34,881	29,850	6,887	31,429	
10-6-00-31.00 Checking Account Interest		7		3	6	
10-6-00-31.01 Sweep Account Interest	0	1,744	620	285	1,700	
10-6-00-31.06 Proceeds of Debt	185	1,447,511		3,251		
TOTAL - Interest Earnings	185	1,449,262	620	3,536	1,706	

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	NOTES:
TAXES - PROPERTY						
10-6-00-50.02 Current Property Taxes	4,336,776	4,170,072		2,466,018		
10-6-00-50.03 Land-use	110,678	126,986	110,678	140,411	123,400	
10-6-00-50.05 Delinquent Taxes-prior	50,000	184,459	45,000	48,216	40,000	
10-6-00-50.06 Penalty	13,300	17,936	10,000	3,455	16,500	2 year average is 17,815
10-6-00-50.07 Interest	15,000	38,709	13,000	4,271	25,000	2 year average is 34,293
10-6-00-50.09 Tax Sale Charges		200				
10-6-00-50.10 Education Billing Fee	5,734	5,734			5,000	
TOTAL - Taxes-Property	4,531,488	4,544,096	178,678	2,662,371	209,900	
10-6-10-00.00 Public Safety Grant Fire						
10-6-80-23.13 Johnson Interest						
TOTAL REVENUES	4,753,380	6,695,532	397,294	2,775,360	436,283	9.81%
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	1,944,018		2,002,594		2,058,149	2.77%
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,203,508	4,977,618	2,399,888	1,397,681	2,494,432	3.94%

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	2020/2021 Notes
PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL						
10-7-05-01.00 Wages	184,976	182,635	212,402	103,668	189,293	3 FT, 1 Seasonal, 1 PT updated the average
10-7-05-01.02 Overtime	36,000	43,933	36,000	13,933	40,000	
10-7-05-02.00 Social Security	13,701	14,364	15,401	7,384	14,216	
10-7-05-03.00 Medicare	3,204	3,360	3,602	1,727	3,325	
10-7-05-04.00 Retirement	23,291	30,100	29,063	16,230	32,101	Town match is 13.84%
10-7-05-05.00 Health Insurance	81,726	64,241	89,697	30,174	71,702	
10-7-05-06.00 Workers' Compensation	19,533	16,269	24,186	8,170	18,500	
10-7-05-06.01 Dental Insurance	4,492	3,585	4,634	2,184	3,173	
10-7-05-08.00 Mileage Reimbursement	2,500	1,549	1,000	670	1,600	
10-7-05-09.00 Training	500	525	500	47	500	
TOTAL - Public Works Personnel	369,923	360,561	416,484	184,187	374,410	-10.10%
TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT						
10-7-05-10.10 Insurance-Building & Equip.	14,500	10,080	14,500	4,587	9,800	decrease in prop/casualty rates
10-7-05-10.32 Repairs/Parts/Tires	41,000	82,629	50,000	40,753	56,000	
10-7-05-10.35 Permits	200	2,104	1,700	0	1,700	
10-7-05-10.36 Garage/Bldg. Maint.	8,500	12,651	12,300	5,108	12,300	
10-7-05-10.37 Electricity	3,000	2,937	3,000	1,304	2,640	
10-7-05-10.38 Telephone	3,685	3,074	3,685	2,277	5,800	
10-7-05-10.39 Uniforms	5,000	3,173	5,000	2,873	4,000	
10-7-05-10.40 Other	500	284	500	12	500	
10-7-05-10.41 Gas, Oil & Grease	7,000	11,817	7,000	3,744	9,400	
10-7-05-10.42 Diesel	50,000	58,602	50,000	39,440	55,000	
10-7-05-10.43 Underground Tank	500	525	2,000	1,327	1,500	
10-7-05-10.44 Communications System	500	3,027	4,200	395	4,200	
TOTAL - Town Owned Equipment	134,385	190,903	153,885	101,820	162,840	5.82%

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	2020/2021 Notes
HIRED SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT						
10-7-05-12.25 Roadside Mowing	0		-		9,000	Outsourcing
10-7-05- Ditching					20,000	Bidding out by foot
10-7-05- Tree Cutting					5,000	For large trees we cannot cut
10-7-05-12.40 Sweeping	1,000	-	1,000	1,800	1,800	new contractor price increase
10-7-05-12.41 Rental Equipment	3,000	55	6,000		500	
10-7-05-12.42 Hired Services	1,000	25,140	1,000	13,311	20,000	Contract work
10-7-05-12.43 Engineering Services	1,000		1,000		15,000	Livery Stable & Avon Stormdrains
TOTAL - Hired Services or Equipment	6,000	25,195	9,000	15,111	71,300	692.22%
MATERIALS						
10-7-05-30.01 Salt	68,000	114,168	100,000	32,139	60,000	
10-7-05-30.02 Chloride	18,000	13,365	18,000	7,020	14,800	3 year average
10-7-05-30.03 Gravel	36,000	21,779	36,000	24,200	45,000	need gravel to build up some roads
10-7-05-30.05 Sand	35,000	51,912	35,000	57,238	45,800	3 year average
10-7-05-30.07 Bridge Material	25,000	198,164	3,000			
10-7-05-30.08 Culverts	10,000	5,234	10,000	7,370	10,000	
10-7-05-30.09 Patching Material	2,000	850	2,000	4,092	2,000	
10-7-05- Guardrail					5,000	
10-7-05-30.11 Tools	1,000	2,559	4,000	3,741	4,000	
10-7-05-30.12 Signs	4,000	3,420	4,000	3,662	4,000	
10-7-05-30.14 Snow Fence						
10-7-05-30.15 Salt Boxes						
10-7-05-30.16 Highway Rehabilitation	110,000	89,471	132,775	38,096	115,000	Includes 35,000 for bridge repairs
10-7-05- ERAF					118,000	Pays our ERAF on \$863,000
10-7-05-30.95 Other	100	-	100	1,360	100	
TOTAL - Materials	309,100	500,922	344,875	178,918	423,700	22.86%

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	2020/2021 Notes
OTHER PUBLIC WORKS						
10-7-05-40.01 Storm Water Catch Basins	1,500	1,700	1,500	0	1,700	
10-7-05-40.02 Cemeteries	30,000	31,304	30,000	22,051	40,000	Fairview fence + Cherry Hill wall
10-7-05-40.03 Church Street Bridge Loan	26,810	26,809	20,306	17,297	19,600	
10-7-05-40.10 Sidewalk Improvement	100		-	0	0	
10-7-05-40.11 Parking-Pedestrian Safety	2,500	1,117	2,500	212	1,500	
10-7-05-40.13 Other	100		100	0	100	
10-7-05-40.14 Highway Equip Trust Fund	66,108	66,108	66,108	0	110,000	
10-07-05-40.24 2016 JD Backhoe	17,119	17,117	17,117	17,420	0	paid off in 9/19
10-07-05-40.25 2017 International	26,773	26,773	26,773	26,767	0	paid off in 9/19
10-7-05-40.23 Trench Drain Imp. Project						
TOTAL - Other Public Works	171,010	170,928	164,404	83,747	172,900	5.17%
10-7-05-54.04 Irene Flood Interest		8,568				
10-7-05-54.06 2013 Summer Flood						
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	990,418	1,257,077	1,088,648	563,783	1,205,150	10.70%

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	2020/2021 Notes
FIRE DEPARTMENT						
10-7-10-01.00 Wages	18,000	21,009	22,000	17,808	20,000	2 year average
10-7-10-02.00 Social Security	1,116	1,300	1,364	1,104	1,240	
10-7-10-03.00 Medicare	261	304	319	258	290	
10-7-10-06.01 Workers' Compensation	3,900	3,390	6,105	3,881	6,225	
10-7-10-07.00 Insurance On Equipment	10,944	6,849	11,000	5,779	14,200	
10-7-10-10.00 Apparatus/repairs/maint.	10,500	2,996	10,500	1,873	10,500	
10-7-10-10. Truck Equipment			3,000	0	3,000	
10-7-10-11.00 Gas, Oil & Lubricants	1,800	1,023	1,800	0	1,800	
10-7-10-20.01 Electricity	1,959	1,822	1,959	892	1,959	
10-7-10-21.00 Telephone	2,000	1,823	3,200	935	2,700	
10-7-10-22.00 Heat	4,000	4,544	4,000	645	4,000	
10-7-10-50.00 Communications	3,000	2,790	10,000	3,358	12,000	
10-7-10-51.01 Safety & Equip. Supplies	8,500	14,012	15,000	6,657	15,000	
10-7-10-52.00 Facility Maintenance	15,000	28,700	3,000	3,702	5,000	Finish backside of station.
10-7-10-95.00 Other			100	15	100	
10-7-10-96.00 Training	1,500	545	2,000	0	2,400	Need Firefighter 1 materials
10-7-10-97.00 Safety & Equipment Fund	-		4,250	19	38,550	
10-7-10-97.01 2017 Kenworth tanker	20,822	20,822	20,822	20,821	20,822	
10-7-10-97.02 2012 Kenworth	33,550	33,550	33,550	0	0	final loan payment March 2020
10-7-10-98.00 Homeland Security Grant		12,350		5,224	0	
10-7-10-98.02 Dry Hydrant Grant	2,500	6,450	2,500		2,500	
10-7-10-98 FEMA Grant Match			7,000		5,000	For compressor & cascade system
10-7-10-98.03 Fire Protection	5,500	5,500	5,500		5,500	
TOTAL - Fire Department	144,852	169,779	168,969	72,972	172,786	2.26%

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	2020/2021 Notes
CONSTABLE DEPARTMENT						
10-7-15-01.00 Labor	16,229	17,082	18,210	8,526	18,757	20 hours per week
10-7-15-02.00 Social Security	1,006	1,124	1,129	529	1,163	
10-7-15-03.00 Medicare	235	263	264	124	272	
10-7-15-04.00 Retirement		1,425	2,131	1,166	2,626	
10-7-15-06.00 Workers' Compensation	412	1,209	1,176	610	1,300	
10-7-15-07.00 Insurance on Equipment	1,688	1,811	800	1,079	2,300	
10-7-15-07.02 Professional Liability	3,500	2,240	3,000	1,118	2,375	
10-7-15-10.00 Cruiser	2,000	2,382	2,500	2,132	3,000	
10-7-15-21.00 Cell Phone	360	270	-	98	600	
10-7-15-39.00 uniforms						
10-7-15-62.00 Gas	2,000	1,475	2,655	0	2,700	
10-7-15-70.00 Contract Services	700	416	700	377	500	
10-7-15-90.00 Equipment			1,500	718	1,000	
10-7-15-90.00 Training	100	250	150	0	300	
10-7-15-90.00 Animal Control			1,000	264	1,000	
10-7-15-95.00 Cruiser Replacement Fund			5,000	0	5,000	
10-7-15-95.00 Other	100	1,387	100	142	100	
TOTAL - Constable Department	28,330	31,334	40,315	16,883	43,493	7.88%
RECREATION DEPARTMENT						
10-7-20-01.00 Wages	40,000	38,105	40,000	29,570	43,000	
10-7-20-02.00 Social Security	2,480	2,458	2,480	1,855	2,666	
10-7-20-03.00 Medicare	580	575	580	434	624	
10-7-20-04.00 Retirement					1,789	
10-7-20-06.00 Workers' Compensation	2,391	1,649	2,636	783	2,000	
10-7-20-07.00 Insurance-Building & Equip.	2,739	1,994	2,528	990	2,175	
10-7-20-12.25 Mowing						
10-7-20-20.00 Electricity	1,760	1,905	2,000	952	1,905	
10-7-20-21.00 Telephone	540	629	550	216	450	
10-7-20-25.00 Improvements	500					
10-7-20-25.00 Repairs & Maintenance	6,500	4,337	9,000	640	8,500	Ladders, shelving, mulch, etc.
10-7-20-27.00 Rec. Facility Improv. Fund	20,000	20,075	10,000	30	10,000	
10-7-20-30.00 Programming & Activities	2,500	2,490	3,000	1,454	3,600	Inc. Jan/Feb/April events
10-7-20-51.00 Supplies	5,000	2,242	2,500	300	2,500	
10-7-20-52.00 Chlorine	4,000	2,806	3,000	1,896	3,000	
10-7-20-53.00 American Red Cross	2,000	3,489	4,000	1,620	4,000	

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	2020/2021 Notes
10-7-20-56.00 Playground Equip						
10-7-20-60.00 Water & Sewer	1,500	1,168	1,500	506	1,400	
10-7-20-95.00 Other	150	37	150	169	150	
TOTAL - Recreation Department	92,640	83,959	83,924	41,414	87,759	4.57%
PARKS & PUBLIC PLACES						
10-7-25-01.00 Wages	10,000	8,820	8,200	3,928	11,654	
10-7-25-02.00 Social Security	620	531	508	244	723	
10-7-25-03.00 Medicare	145	124	119	57	169	
10-7-25-04.00 Retirement	1,054	1,183	959		1,632	
10-7-25-05.00 Health Insurance	3,755	3,164	3,424	1,319	5,157	
10-7-25-06.01 Dental Insurance	132	756	127	69	172	
10-7-25-06.00 Workers' Compensation	900	105	900	0	1,100	
10-7-25-07.00 Insurance	1,858	129	2,000	77	200	
10-7-25-12.01 Mowing	-	9				
10-7-25-20.00 Street Lights	27,000	17,868	22,000	9,307	22,000	
10-7-25-20.01 Electricity - Common	1,380	988	1,800	734	1,200	
10-7-25-25.01 Maintenance	3,780	1,756	3,780	1,459	2,780	Port-o-let/benches/ repairs
10-7-25-26.00 Parks Beautification	500	933	500	380	3,000	Maintain green spaces
10-7-25-27.00 Flags and Poles	1,000	432	1,000		750	
10-7-25-30.00 Streetscape Program	1,500	-	500		0	added to parks beautification
10-7-25-95.00 Other	500	-	100		100	
TOTAL - Parks & Public Places	54,124	36,798	45,918	17,574	50,636	10.28%
MUNICIPAL OFFICES						
10-7-30-01.01 Wages	131,000	109,169	100,185	30,141	69,741	
10-7-30-01.02 Salary - Town Clerk	25,795	30,180	31,181	15,841	32,360	
10-7-40-01.02 Treasurer	4,628	4,717	4,767	2,381	4,910	
10-7-40-01.03 Town Manager	74,675	74,554	78,795	39,140	82,400	
10-7-30-02.00 Social Security	14,638	13,702	13,326	5,420	11,743	
10-7-30-03.00 Medicare	3,423	3,204	3,116	1,267	2,746	
10-7-30-04.00 Retirement	24,885	25,998	25,147	11,141	26,736	
10-7-30-05.00 Health Insurance	107,763	91,357	93,479	30,029	81,144	
10-7-30-06.00 Workers' Compensation	2,621	1,392	2,500	374	800	
10-7-30-06.01 Dental Insurance	5,303	4,763	5,182	2,131	3,765	
10-7-30-07.00 Insurance - Building	5,099	2,885	5,099	1,584	3,800	
10-7-30-07.01 Bond Insurance	10,053	5,298	9,000	2,185	4,750	
10-7-30-20.00 Electricity	2,000	3,334	2,100	1,369	3,800	

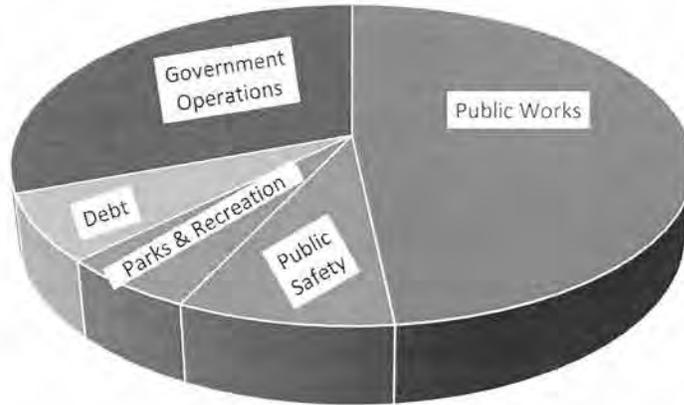
	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	2020/2021 Notes
10-7-30-21.00 Telephone	4,214	5,111	4,530	1,975	4,680	
10-7-30-22.00 Heat	3,500	5,445	4,800	988	5,000	
10-7-30-25.00 Maintenance - Building	3,500	4,042	3,500	297	5,000	
10-7-30 Trash removal			260	95	260	
10-7-30-26.01 Copier	1,000	1,411	800	373	800	
10-7-30-26.02- Computer	6,500	3,871	6,500	2,689	6,500	1 computer & software upgrade
10-7-30-26.03 Office Equipment	1,000	498	800	116	750	
10-7-30-27.04 Purchase - Office Furniture	500	446	600	0	500	
10-7-30-28.00 Lease - Photocopier	1,500	1,061	1,127	376	1,127	
10-7-30-51.00 Supplies	8,000	7,152	5,000	2,425	5,000	
10-7-30- Postage/Mailing Supplies			2,400	257	2,400	
10-7-30-60.00 Water & Sewer	1,500	1,168	1,300	601	1,400	
10-7-30-71.00 COMPUCOUNT					3,500	processing payroll/quarterly taxes
10-7-30-95.02 Managers Expense	500	211	500	42	500	
10-7-30-95.00 Other	350	2,273	350	45	350	
10-7-30-95.01 Training	500	842	600	358	800	
10-7-30-96.00 Accessibility Modifications						
TOTAL - Municipal Offices	445,146	404,737	408,444	153,887	367,923	-9.92%
TOWN HALL						
10-7-35-01.00 Wages	1,500	144	2,300	0	0	
10-7-35-02.00 Social Security	93	8	143	0	0	
10-7-35-06.00 Workers' Compensation	250	5	-	0	0	
10-7-35-07.00 Insurance	9,131	6,398	8,100	3,032	6,200	
10-7-35-20.00 Electricity	2,000	2,405	2,490	1,203	2,500	
10-7-35-21.00 Telephone	3,000	1,193	1,639	661	1,465	
10-7-35-22.00 Heat	3,500	2,988	4,700	1,003	4,700	
10-7-35-25.00 Building Repair	10,000	16,488	6,000	3,047	6,000	tasco, elevator, cleaning, etc.
10-7-35-25.02 Repair-Clock	350	295	350	0	350	
10-7-35-51.00 Supplies	750	1,143	750	128	800	
10-7-35-60.00 Water & Sewer	1,500	1,168	1,500	601	1,500	
10-7-35-95.00 Other	150	20	100	0	100	
TOTAL - Town Hall	32,246	32,256	28,105	9,675	23,615	-15.97%
TOWN OFFICIALS						
10-7-40-01.01 Selectboard	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	
10-7-40-01.04 Trustees Of Public Funds	250	200	250	250	250	
10-7-40-01.06 Health Officer	600	600	600	600	600	

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	2020/2021 Notes
10-7-40-01.07 Elections		200	250	0	250	
10-7-40-01.08 Board of Civil Authority	500		100	0	100	
10-7-40-01.10 Cemetery Commissioner	100	500	500	500	500	
10-7-40-02.00 Fica/medi		162		165	210	
TOTAL - Town Officials	2,500	2,712	2,750	2,565	2,960	7.65%
LISTERS						
10-7-45-01.00 Wages	12,500	11,402	13,750	3,273	14,250	
10-7-45-02.00 Social Security	775	709	853	203	884	
10-7-45-03.00 Medicare	181	169	199	51	207	
10-7-45-06.00 Workers' Compensation	162	162	170	0	214	
10-7-45-27.00 Computer	942	1,680	1,860	1,641	2,217	
10-7-45-51.00 Supplies	650	591	850	189	850	
10-7-45-62.00 Mileage	500	779	550	121	550	
10-7-45 Assessor Services					10,000	
10-7-45-64.00 Mapping Services	2,000	2,675	3,200	0	2,800	
10-7-45-70.00 Training	700	561	750	145	900	
10-7-45-80.00 Memberships	260	260	270	275	275	
10-7-45-95.00 Other	300	187	200	27	200	
TOTAL - Listers	18,970	19,175	22,652	5,925	33,346	47.21%
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS						
10-7-50-90.01 Town Meeting	400	400	250	0	325	
10-7-50-90.02 Town Reports	4,000	3,157	3,700	0	3,200	
10-7-50-90.03 Tax Billing	1,500	1,247	300	290	300	
10-7-50-90.04 Preservation Of Records	1,500	753	1,500	0	1,200	
10-7-50-90.06 Committee Training	300	-				
10-7-50-90.08 Legal	25,000	20,026	20,000	2,803	20,000	
10-7-50-90.09 Planning	2,000	172	2,000	1,085	1,800	
10-7-50-90.10 Auditing Services	25,000	44,518	20,000	16,777	22,000	
10-7-50-90.11 Training	3,000	758	3,300	164	3,000	
10-7-50-90.12 Recording Fees	600	-	220	0	100	
10-7-50-90.13 Maintain Website	500	750	230	750	1,000	
10-7-50-90.15 Meeting Minutes	1,500	1,335	1,500	797	1,500	
10-7-50-90.16 Conservation Commission	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	Move to capital fund
10-7-50-90.17 Red Cross Shelter Maint.	1,400	740	1,400	385	1,000	
10-7-50-90.18 Energy Committee	3,500	85	7,000		7,000	

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	2020/2021 Notes
10-7-50-90.20 Voting Equip. & Supplies	1,000	478	500		1,000	Presidential election year
10-7-50-90.80 Advertising	2,500	2,919	4,250	5,604	4,500	
10-7-50-90.81 Other	500	4,445	500	85	500	
10-7-50-90.82 Municipal Planning Grant	-	2,223	-	3,528		
10-7-50-90.92 Hazard Mitigation Buyout	-		-			
10-7-50-90.98 Capital Improv. Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	55,000	Move to capital fund
10-7-50-90.99 Cumulative Deficit				0	0	
TOTAL - Government Operations	129,300	146,390	132,750	37,575	140,425	5.78%
APPROPRIATIONS						
Local						
10-7-55-70.01 Bethel Library	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
10-7-55-70.02 Council On The Arts	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	
10-7-55-70.03 Bethel Historical Society	500	500	500	500	500	
10-7-55-70.04 Vt League Of Cities/Towns	3,365	3,365	3,456	3,456	3,551	
10-7-55-70.05 Two Rivers Reg Plan Comm	2,944	2,944	3,025	3,025	3,106	
10-7-55-70.06 Green Mtn. Economic Devel	1,008	1,008	1,008	1,008	981	
10-7-55-70.07 Green Up Day	150	150	150	150	150	
10-7-55-70.09 White River Partnership	500	500	500	500	500	
10-7-55-70.10 VT Rural Fire Protection (VACD)	100	100	100	200	100	
10-7-55-70.11 Bethel Forward Festival	500	500	500	500	500	
Human Services						
10-7-55-71.01 So. Royalton Senior Center	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
10-7-55-71.02 Visitt. Nurse Assoc. & Hosp	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	
10-7-55-71.03 Clara Martin Center	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	
10-7-55-71.07 Safeline	800	800	1,000	1,000	1,000	
10-7-55-71.08 Stagecoach	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
10-7-55-71.11 Cen VT Council On Aging	650	650	-		650	
10-7-55-71.15 Vermont Adult Learning	150				200	
10-7-55-71.21 Health Care & Rehab Ser	500	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	
10-7-55-71.23 Orange County Parent Child	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	
10-7-55-71.24 Quin-Town Center for Sr	250	250	-		250	
10-7-55-71.25 American Red Cross	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
10-7-55-71.27 One Planet (WRSVU)	500	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	
10-7-55-71.28 Health Hub			250	250	250	
10-7-55-71.29 Health & Rehab Services			250	250	250	
Total - Human Services	21,700	23,750	24,650	24,650	27,115	

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	Budget FY 19-20	Actual as of 1/17/20	PROPOSED FY 20-21	2020/2021 Notes
10-7-55-72.01 White River Valley Ambulance	127,890	127,890	135,943	77,119	123,900	
TOTAL - APPROPRIATIONS	162,707	165,207	174,332	115,608	164,903	-5.41%
DEBT SERVICE						
10-7-60-88.01 Long Term Debt-Sewer	35,941	35,039	-			
10-7-60-88.04 Long Term Debt-Town Hall	64,467	64,467	62,821	53,772	61,174	
10-7-60-91.00 Interest-Tax Antic Notes	1,500	2,170	1,500	0	1,500	
10-7-60-97.00 Long Term Debt-WW/BFD	20,717	20,717	22,960	22,960	22,960	
10-7-05-54.04 2011 Debt Financing	100,906	100,906	82,946	43,281	82,946	
TOTAL - Debt Service	187,590	223,299	170,227	120,013	168,580	-0.97%
TAXES						
10-7-65-88.00 School Tax Payment	2,388,902	2,368,954		1,238,668		
10-7-65-90.00 Reimb. Overpaid taxes		3,476		3,525		
TOTAL - Taxes	2,402,828	2,385,996	13,926	1,255,987	13,926	
MISCELLANEOUS						
10-7-70-91.00 Alliance Fee	18,930	18,900	18,930	18,900	18,930	
10-7-70-75.00 Tax Sale Purchase						
TOTAL - Miscellaneous	18,930	18,900	18,930	18,900	18,930	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,203,508	4,977,618	2,399,888	2,432,761	2,494,432	3.94%

Expenditure Breakdown: Fiscal Year 2020/2021



- Public Works
- Public Safety
- Parks & Recreation
- Debt
- Government Operations



Bethel Holiday Market and Pop Up Shops once again gave community members a chance to shop locally.
Photo Credit: The Arnold Block

Account Last Yr Pd 12 Jun
Actual

ASSET

10-1-00-00.00 Chck Acct - General	69,966.25
10-1-00-00.04 HRA Savings Account	111.50
10-1-00-00.05 Petty Cash - Town Office	250.00
10-1-01-00.00 Due From<to>Other Funds	335,457.60
10-1-05-00.01 Cash Sweep Account	397,854.58
10-1-05-00.02 ICS Sweep Savings	100.00
10-1-07-00.01 Taxes Receivable	154,249.65
10-1-07-00.03 Taxes Interest Receivable	12,971.10
10-1-07-00.04 Taxes Penalty Receivable	12,089.46
10-1-80-22.00 Land Held For Resale	14,580.00
Total Asset	997,630.14

LIABILITY

10-2-00-10.00 Prepaid Taxes	-13,612.50
10-2-00-10.03 Tax Overpayments	-5,787.67
10-2-00-10.04 Deferred Revenue	-149,000.00
10-2-00-90.00 Accts Payable	-90,443.52
10-2-00-90.07 Accrued Payroll	-11,859.72
10-2-00-90.31 Vision Plan	-1,088.10
10-2-00-90.37 AFLAC-After Tax	829.80
10-2-00-90.38 Aflac - Pre-Taxed	-2,073.41
10-2-00-90.74 Marshall DA Utility	-45.42
10-2-00-90.76 Mills Utility Payment	-99.45
10-2-00-90.77 Mural Donations	-50.00
10-2-10-10.06 Advances from Other funds	-26,544.00
10-2-11-00.14 Tax Sale Overages	-5,172.09
Total Liability	-304,946.08

FUND BALANCE

10-2-80-23.06 Fund Balance Forward	-1,194,081.29
10-3-00-00.00 Fund Balance	2,372,449.15
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	1,178,367.86
Fund Balance Current Year	-1,871,051.92
Total Fund Balance	-692,684.06
Total Liability, Fund Balance	-997,630.14

There may not be an “I” in team, but there is a “U” in volunteer!

The Town of Bethel is looking for volunteers for the Planning Commission. If you are interested in what the future of Bethel looks like, business growth and property rights, the Planning Commission would love to meet you. Attend a meeting or two and see what they are working on. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Town Office at 7:00 pm.



Pleasant Street 1918

The Great Outdoors is calling...why don't you answer?

The Town of Bethel is looking for volunteers for the Recreation Committee. If you are interested in swimming, skateboarding, tennis, hiking and more, the Recreation Committee needs you! They meet the 1st Thursday of the month at the Town Office at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT

	Budget Fiscal 17-18	Budget Fiscal 18-19	Budget Fiscal 19-20	Proposed Budget Fiscal 20-21	Estimated Tax
Gross Appropriations	2,171,724	2,360,622	2,399,888	2,494,432	
Less Anticipated Revenues	413,325	416,604	397,294	436,283	
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes	<u>1,758,399</u>	<u>1,944,018</u>	<u>2,002,594</u>	<u>2,058,149</u>	
Amount to be Raised by					
Town Highway & General Taxes	1,617,354	1,675,972	1,828,262	1,775,246	0.907
Plus Amount to be Raised by Special Articles					
Human Services Agencies	19,204	23,750	38,389	41,003	0.021
WRVA	121,841	127,890	135,943	123,900	0.063
Fire Dept. Building Maintenance	-	10,000			
Fire Protection/Hydrant Replacement		5,500			
Mascoma Line of Credit		100,906			
ERAF (12.5% of FEMA damage)				118,000	
Subtotal	141,045	268,046	174,332	282,903	0.145
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes	<u>1,758,399</u>	<u>1,944,018</u>	<u>2,002,594</u>	<u>2,058,149</u>	<u>1.052</u>
Change in Town Highway & General	155,611 11.26%	58,618 3.62%	152,290 9.09%	64,984 3.55%	
Change in Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes:	99,996 6.03%	185,619 10.56%	58,576 3.01%	55,556 2.77%	
Tax Rates	0.893	0.990	1.023	1.052	

* FY'21 Estimated Tax Rate if all Articles are approved and Based on 2019 Grand List of \$1,957,852

Using the Estimated Tax Rate for FY'21, Municipal Taxes for a home valued at \$100,000 would be \$1,052; for a home valued at \$200,000, taxes would be \$2,104

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF FUNDS RAISED BY TAXES

	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
General & Highway	\$1,585,143 6.25%	\$1,617,354 2.03%	\$1,792,375 10.82%	\$1,828,262 2.00%	\$1,893,246 3.55%
Human Services & WRVA	\$141,660 0.06%	\$141,045 -0.43%	\$151,640 7.51%	\$174,332 14.96%	\$282,903 62.28%
Local Agreement		\$13,568 0.000%	\$13,568 0.000%	\$7,046 -48.066%	\$7,636 8.367%
Total General Fund	\$1,726,803	\$1,771,967	\$1,957,583	\$2,009,640	\$2,183,785
Percent change over previous year:	5.72%	2.62%	10.48%	2.66%	8.67%

Note: Percentage figures beneath each item represent the change from the previous year.

The local agreement rate is not available until the Lister's Office lodges the Grand List in April. It represents the school tax portion we pay on Veterans Exemptions and Voted Exemptions.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS REPORT

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND:

June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ 27,103
FY19 Appropriation	\$ 66,108
Interest Income	\$ 25
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 3,893
Sale of Equipment	\$
Expenditures	\$ (2,100)
June 30, 2019 Balance	\$ 95,029

FY 2019 expenses consisted of a snow blower attachment for the Kabota.

FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND:

June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ (25,937)
Interest Income	\$ 75
Sale of Equipment	\$
Donations	\$ 2,424
Expenditures	\$ (0)
June 30, 2019 Balance	\$ (23,438) deficit

FY 2019 did not have any expenditures or appropriations, as we started budgeting for the loan payments in the general fund.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION FUND:

June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ 18,285
Interest Income	\$ 70
FY 19 Appropriation	\$ (0)
Expenditures	\$ (0)
June 30, 2019 Balance	\$ 18,355

RECREATION FUND:

June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ 84,456
FY19 Voted Appropriation	\$ 20,000
Interest Income	\$ 101
Donations/Fundraising/Grant	\$ 5,000
Expenditures	\$ (8,100)
June 30, 2019 Balance	\$ 101,457

FY 2019 expenses consisted of expenses for the trails and skate park design. We also received a donation of \$5,000 for the trail project.

REAPPRAISAL FUND:

June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ 137,901
ACT 60 Payment	\$ 10,055
Interest Income	\$ 691
Expenditures	\$ (0)
June 30, 2019 Balance	\$ 148,647

COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FUND:

June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ 4,282
Interest Income	\$ 0
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 4,541
Expenditures	\$ (4,297)
June 30, 2019 Balance	\$ 4,526

FY 2019 activity represents donations and payments to performers for concerts.

BANDSHELL FUND:

June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ 2,697
Donations/Fundraising	\$
Interest Income	\$ 15
Expenditures	\$ (0)
June 30, 2019 Balance	\$ 2,712

LEASEHOLD FUND:

June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ 3,537
Interest Income	\$ 19
Expenditures	\$ (0)
June 30, 2019 Balance	\$ 3,556

TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION FUND:

June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ 33,687
Recording Fees	\$ 623
Interest Income	\$ 62
Expenditures	\$ (0)
June 30, 2019 Balance	\$ 34,372

EMERGENCY SHELTER FUND:

June 30, 2017 Balance	\$ 739
Interest Income	\$ 0
Donations	\$ 0
Expenditures	\$ (0)
June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ 739

FORWARD FESTIVAL FUND

June 30, 2018 Balance	\$ 2,404
Donations/Event Income	\$ 2,059
Expenditures	\$ (1,658)
June 30, 2019 Balance	\$ 2,805

FY 2019 expenses consisted of costs to put on the event.



State Championship Baseball and Softball Wildcat Teams 2019

**Town of Bethel
Capital Improvements Program Summary**

	FY 2018/2019	FY 2019/2020	FY 2020/2021	FY 2021/2022	FY 2022/2023
Highway Equipment Fund					
Beginning Balance	27,103	95,024	146,132	101,132	-13,945
Annual Appropriation	66,108	66,108	110,000	115,000	120,000
Proceeds from Borrowing/insurance	3,893				
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment		0	35,000	30,000	
Interest Earned	20				
Money from Highway GF Budget					
Capital Expenditures					
Equipment Repairs: Grader *		-15,000			
Replace 2013 Freightliner in 2020			-190,000		
Replace 2013 Freightliner in 2021				-195,000	
Replace 2007 JD Grader					
Purchased Tires	-2,100				
Purchased 2017 Ford F-350					
Purchased Trailer					
Replace 2015 Ford F550					
Replace 2017 International					
Replace 2016 JD Backhoe					
Debt Service Expenditures:					
2015 Ford F550					
2017 Int'l & 2016 JD Backhoe					
Grader Payment (5 years -7/2023)				-65,077	-65,077
Ending Balance	95,024	146,132	101,132	-13,945	40,978

* Nortrax is assessing grader in 1/2020. Hoping to do significant maintenance to extend life of grader.

	FY 2018/2019	FY 2019/2020	FY 2020/2021	FY 2021/2022	FY 2022/2023
Fire Department Equipment Fund					
Beginning Balance	-16,769	-25,936	-25,307	-24,678	4,501
Annual Appropriation	50,000	629	629	29,179	29,179
Proceeds from Borrowing					
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	12,000				
Grant Proceeds					
Interest Earned	5				
Donations	200				
Capital Expenditures					
Purchased 2017 Kenworth T300					
Purchased Safety Equipment	-17,001				
Purchased Swift Water Equip.					
Debt Service Expenditures:					
2012 Kenworth T300	-33,550				
2016 Polaris Ranger					
2017 Kenworth T300	-20,821				
Ending Balance	-25,936	-25,307	-24,678	4,501	33,680

	FY 2018/2019	FY 2019/2020	FY 2020/2021	FY 2021/2022	FY 2022/2023
<i>Recreation Facility Impr. Fund</i>					
Beginning Balance	84,456	101,457	111,457	126,457	146,457
Annual Appropriation	20,000	10,000	15,000	20,000	30,000
Grant Proceeds					
Donations/Fundraising					
Trail Donations	5,000				
Interest Earned	101				
Capital Expenditures					
Trails	-5,000				
Playground					
Pool					
Skateboard Park	-3,000				
Fundraising Expenses	-100				
Ending Balance	101,457	111,457	126,457	146,457	176,457



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STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES
as of June 30, 2019

Note payable to Mascoma Savings Bank, with annual principal and interest payments of \$33,350, until 3/31/2020, for the pumper tanker.	\$ 32,591
Note payable to Bethel Economic Revolving Loan Fund, with annual principal and interest payments of \$14,170, until 9/10/2021, for the Fire Station Construction.	\$ 26,544
Note payable to KS StateBank, with annual principal and interest payments of \$20,821, due 7/5/2031, for the 2017 Kenworth T300 Tanker.	\$ 212,505
Note payable to Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, with annual principal payments of \$20,000 until 12/01/2018, \$15,000 to 12/01/2028, for the Church Street Bridge.	\$ 150,000
Note payable to the US Department of Agriculture, with annual principal payments of \$43,900, until 12/20/2030, for Town Hall Reconstruction.	\$ 526,500
Note payable to Mascoma Savings Bank, with annual principal and interest payments of \$43,890, until 9/1/2019, for a 2016 John Deere backhoe and a 2017 International.	\$ 42,727
Note payable to Mascoma Savings Bank, with annual principal and interest payments of \$82,946, until 11/18/2043, for debt retirement.	<u>\$1,444,000</u>
Total Governmental Liabilities:	<u>\$2,434,867</u>

Proprietary Funds:

Sewer:

Note payable to Bethel Economic Revolving Loan Fund, with annual principal and interest payments of \$8,790, until 9/2021, for construction costs.	\$ 20,921
Note payable to Mascoma Savings Bank, with annual principal payments of \$7,998 until 6/30/23, for capital improvements.	\$ 39,743

Water:

Note payable to People's Bank, with annual interest and principal payments of \$42,218, until 7/2022, for capital improvements.	\$ 119,420
Note payable to Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, with annual interest and principal payments of \$30,247, until 1/1/2031, for the 2009 water main replacement.	\$ 301,077
Note payable to Bethel Economic Revolving Loan Fund, with annual principal and interest payments of \$23,241, until 7/15/2019, for the 2013 water main replacement.	\$ 23,011
Note payable to Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for water system improvement engineering at 0% interest. (Will be rolled into the \$2.8 million water bond note.)	\$ 12,900

Solid Waste:

Note payable to KS StateBank, with annual principal and interest payments of \$52,036, until 1/15/2021, for a 2017 John Deere excavator and a 2017 John Deere loader.	<u>\$ 101,193</u>
Total Proprietary Fund Liabilities:	<u>\$ 618,265</u>

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

July 1, 2019 to Present (1/13/2020)

(Includes interest & penalty)

Beginning Delinquent Taxes Receivable as of June 30, 2019:

FY 2014	1	property	1,068.24
FY 2015	2	properties	4,182.46
FY 2016	4	properties	9,059.54
FY 2017	7	properties	10,574.62
FY 2018	21	properties	27,539.51
FY 2019	105	properties	126,885.84
Total Delinquent Taxes Receivable			\$179,310.21

Delinquent Tax Payments through January 15, 2020:

FY 2014	-988.36	
FY 2015	-0-	
FY 2016	-2,041.64	
FY 2017	-2,453.11	
FY 2018	-12,316.10	
FY 2019	-40,383.76	
Total Tax Collections		-\$58,182.97

Balance of Delinquent Taxes Receivable: \$121,267.69

Included in the delinquent balances are two properties that did not sell at the March 2019 tax sale. One of those properties has been abandoned and the other has started making monthly payments. The majority of the properties have payment arrangements in place. My plan is to hold another tax sale in the spring of 2020.

As of January 15, 2020, there are 85 properties that have not yet paid in full their August 15, 2019 and/or November 15, 2019, tax payments. That outstanding amount totals \$83,555.61. Those properties are not technically considered delinquent until May 15, 2020. The total outstanding taxes due the Town of Bethel as of January 15, 2020, is \$204,823.30, a reduction of 23.7% over last year at this time.

Delinquent Water & Sewer Accounts

Includes Interest

As of January 17, 2020

Adams, David	725.99	Laflamme, Susan	968.49
Allen, David & Kristey	4,024.54	Smith, Linda	900.19
Baldwin, Connie	7,672.93	Snelling, Jason & Jolene	2,235.40
Boule, Mary	623.73	Soule, Tom & Karen	1,083.46
Carpenter, Virginia	1,454.16	Staff, Jeff & Jennifer	3,029.23 (2 properties)
Conley, Sean & Marie	508.56	Thomas, Dustin	639.91
Emerson Block Real Estate	3,166.08	Washburn, Adam & Crystal	929.87
Heller, Richard & Sheryl	2,915.48	VRMTG Asset Trust	624.29
Hyde, Robert	1,917.43	Zisselsberger, Gary & Karin	351.33
Irish, Jeff & Rachel	635.29		

Total below includes 68 accounts with current payment arrangements which are not listed, and 1 bankruptcy. This is a reduction of 11% over last year at this time.

TOTAL: \$78,896.31



View from the top of Gaiko Reservoir

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
TOWN OF BETHEL
07-01-2018/06-30-2019

Checkbook balance 07-01-2018		\$ 585.92
Income from investments	7,444.70	
Perpetual care	432.00	7,876.70
 Total		 8,462.62

DISBURSEMENTS:

Northfield Savings Bank (Investment)	864.00	
Treas., Town of Bethel School District (Whitcomb)	3,968.29	
Treas., Town of Bethel School District (Clark)	1,492.20	
Treas., Town of Bethel School District (Cox)	5.49	
Treas., Town of Bethel Cemetery (Fair view)	726.07	
Treas., Town of Bethel Cemetery (Cherry Hill)	1,179.36	
Treas., Town of Bethel Cemetery (Lympus and Gilead)	11.20	
Treas., Town of Bethel Cemetery (East Bethel)	43.25	
Treas. Town of Bethel (Bass)	2.37	
Town of Bethel (Legion Band shell)	8.48	
Whitcomb Schools (Tucker0	7.99	
		8,308.70

Checkbook balance 06-30-2018		153.92
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The total of the portfolio as of 06-30-201 is \$327,375.70.

Breakdown of investments:

Cash	Mascoma Savings Bank	153.92	0.05 %
Bank C/D's	Mascoma Savings Bank	7,341.31	2.19 %
Bank C/D's	Northfield Savings Bank	158,924.49	47.46 %
Mutual Funds	Infinex investments	168,417.53	50.30 %
 Total		 334,837.25	 100.00 %

Carroll F. Ketchum, Clerk

01/15/2020
12:36 pm

Bethel 2019 Billed Grand List
Tax Book Report
*** GRAND TOTALS ***

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Bethel

	MUNICIPAL	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESI

TAXABLE PARCELS	1,117		
ACRES	27,189.60		
LAND	66,335,900		
BUILDING	144,469,600		
REAL	210,805,500	113,884,500	96,921,000
Add			
(+) NON-APPROVED CONTRACTS		0	111,400
(+) NON-APPROVED FARM CONTRACTS		0	0
(+) INVENTORY	0		
(+) EQUIPMENT	236,743		236,743
Subtract			
(-) VETERAN	560,000	480,000	80,000
(-) FARM STAB	0	0	0
(-) CURRENT USE	14,348,900	4,443,200	9,905,700
(-) CONTRACTS	348,143	0	111,400
(-) SPECIAL EXEMP.		0	246,900

GRAND LIST	1,957,852.00	1,089,613.00	869,251.43
HOMESTEAD	164,943,500		
HOUSESITE	145,128,000		
LEASE	0.00		
NON-TAX COUNT	65		
NON-TAX VAL.	13,538,100		
LATE HOMESTEAD PENALTY:			6,288.35

RATE NAME	TAX RATE	X GRAND LIST	= TOTAL RAISED

NON-RESIDENTIAL ED.	1.5178	868,137.43	1,317,658.99
HOMESTEAD ED.	1.5541	1,089,613.00	1,693,367.51
LOCAL AGREEMENT	0.0039	1,957,852.00	7,635.74
MUNICIPAL	1.0217	1,957,852.00	2,000,320.47
TOTAL TAX			5,025,271.05
TOTAL STATE PAYMENTS			628,854.01
MUNICIPAL PAYMENTS			116,734.90
EDUCATION PAYMENTS			512,119.11

2019 DOG LICENSES

122 Neutered Males at \$4.00 each	\$ 488.00
141 Spayed Females at \$4.00 each	564.00
26 Males at \$8.00 each	208.00
29 Females at \$8.00 each	232.00
5 Farm Animal Fees at \$5.00 each	25.00
Kennel Permit	45.00
Late Fees	330.00
State Fees Collected	<u>1,590.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,482.00
Less Town Clerk's Fees	636.00
Less State Fees Paid	<u>1,590.00</u>
Paid Town of Bethel	\$ 1,256.00

Licensing Requirements:

State law requires dogs age 6 months and older to have copies of current rabies certification and spayed/neutered licenses. Tags are important because they contain the tag and phone number of the town, in the event the dog becomes lost or questions arise regarding rabies vaccine. Please license your dog at the Town Clerk Office or via mail. The Town Control Officer, finding unlicensed dogs, may subject the owner up to \$50 in fines.

2019 LIQUOR LICENSES

FIRST CLASS:

Tozier's Restaurant	\$ 115.00
Babe's Bar Inc.	115.00
Creek House Diner	115.00
Cockadoodle Pizza Café	115.00
Tessie's Tavern	115.00

SECOND CLASS:

Champlain Farms	70.00
Locust Creek Store	70.00
Bethel Central Market	70.00
Sambor Enterprises	70.00

Total	\$ <u>855.00</u>
Less Town Clerk's Fees	<u>50.00</u>
Paid Town of Bethel	\$ 835.00

**VITAL STATISTICS
2019**

BIRTHS

NAME	DATE	PLACE	PARENT'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN
Mia Renee Rosado	March 9, 2019	Randolph	Jose I Rosado	Nina R Hovnanian
Flint Ley Young	June 4, 2019	Randolph	Tyler W Young	Lezlee L Rogers
Fia Alder Mitchell	June 15, 2019	Bethel	Adam T Mitchell	Caitlin T Rotkiewicz
Elena Patricia Connolly	June 20, 2019	Randolph	Kyle S Connolly	Kristen B Boule
Charlie Carter McKearney	August 16, 2019	Randolph	Jeremy C McKearney	Christine N Allen
Sawyer Lynn Tracy	September 4, 2019	Randolph	Joshua R Tracy	Sandy L Gates

MARRIAGES

APPLICANT A	RESIDENCE	APPLICANT B	RESIDENCE	DATE	PLACE
Jessica Lynn Hill	Bethel	Jashua Keith Eugene Tetrault	Bethel	May 4, 2019	Braintree
Kory Grant Richards	Bethel	Amanda Claire Regan	Bethel	May 18, 2019	Bethel
Konstadinos Georgious Makris	Bethel	Bridgette Sue Peck	Bethel	June 9, 2019	Bethel
Jennifer Mary Lynn Schomp	Bethel	Andrew Dubois Venable	Mendon	June 16, 2019	Groton
Sandy Lynn Gates	Bethel	Joshua Robert Tracy	Bethel	June 22, 2019	Bethel
Loretta Lynn Lumbra	Bethel	Stacey Alan Barcomb	Bethel	July 6, 2019	Bethel
Amy Jacqueline Coogler	Winchester, MA	Garrett Douglas McMillan	Winchester, MA	July 13, 2019	Tunbridge
Nina Renee Hovnanian	Bethel	Jose Ismael Rosado	Bethel	September 21, 2019	Randolph

DEATHS

NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	RESIDENCE
William P Tabor	74	January 18, 2019	Randolph, VT	Bethel
Judie L Taylor	64	March 3, 2019	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Barbara Noble	85	April 10, 2019	Berlin, VT	Bethel
Carla Hodgdon	73	April 20, 2019	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Lorraine E Aldrich	77	April 29, 2019	Randolph, VT	Bethel
Aaron P Simoneau, Jr.	19	April 30, 2019	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Barbara F Pinello	95	June 10, 2019	Randolph Ctr	Bethel
Arthur N Abbott	84	October 17, 2019	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Barbara A Hayward	77	November 20, 2019	Randolph, VT	Bethel

DEATHS REPORTED FROM OTHER TOWNS

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL
Clayton W Washburn Jr	April 12, 2019	Lebanon, NH	Fairview Cemetery
Arnold W Dunham	June 23, 2019	Morris Plains Borough, NJ	Fairview Cemetery
Ida V Olmstead	July 15, 2019	Randolph Center, VT	Fairview Cemetery
Nancy O Richardson	July 27, 2019	Barnard, VT	Old Church, Rte 12
Marjorie E Brown	July 16, 2019	Lyndon, VT	Fairview Cemetery
Masako T Bostwick	August 14, 2019	Tuscon, AZ	Fairview Cemetery
Bertha M Purinton	August 15, 2019	Rutland, VT	Fairview Cemetery
Shawn E Brown	September 5, 2019	Rutland, VT	Fairview Cemetery
Bruce A Mears	October 21, 2019	Braintree, VT	Fairview Cemetery
Yolanda Haeker	September 16, 2019	Paterson, NJ	Fairview Cemetery

APPROPRIATIONS

ORGANIZATION	2019 ACTUAL	2020 REQUESTED	2020 PROPOSED
AMERICAN RED CROSS	NA	1000.00	250.00
VERMONT ADULT LEARNING	NA	200.00	200.00
CENTRAL VT COUNCIL ON THE AGING	NA	650.00	650.00
CLARA MARTIN CENTER	2500.00	3265.00	3000.00
HEALTH HUB	500.00	1000.00	1000.00
ONE PLANET	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00
ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER	500.00	1000.00	1000.00
QUINTOWN SENIOR CENTER	1200.00	1204.00	1200.00
SAFELINE	800.00	1000.00	1000.00
SOUTH ROYALTON SENIOR CENTER	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
STAGE COACH	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00
VT ASSOC. FOR THE BLIND	800.00	800.00	800.00
VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION	6000.00	6000.00	6000.00
VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	300.00	300.00	300.00
WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS	600.00	600.00	600.00
HEALTH CARE AND REHAB SERVICES	NA	500.00	250.00
TOTALS	\$24650.00	\$27019.00	\$25700.00



Human Services Advisory Board working on appropriation requests. Members are Carroll Ketchum, Sandy Farrell, Stan Capron, Paul Vallee and Paul Feeney (not pictured).



WHITE RIVER VALLEY

AMBULANCE, INC

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge. We depend on billing income and the municipal contributions from your communities to provide quality emergency ambulance response in our region.

White River Valley Ambulance is designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensure level the state issues. This allows us to operate with an advanced skill set, which improves the outcome of our patients in our rural communities. White River Valley Ambulance maintains two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019 White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,342 emergency calls and transfers.

Over the past year we have held an EMT and an AEMT class to help increase the number of qualified responders in our communities with First Response squads, and WRVA. We hosted school field trips throughout the year to show and explain how Emergency Medical Services operate. We have held numerous CPR and First Aid courses throughout the past year as well.

WHAT WE DO MAY INTEREST YOU

- We are a professional ambulance service, with 10 full-time employees and multiple part-time staff.
- We staff two Paramedic level ambulance crews 24/7, 365 days a year.
- We provide primary 911 ambulance service to 10 communities, covering an area over 500 square miles in size.
- We respond to more than 1,200 calls for help every year.
- We transport patients from Gifford Medical Center to other healthcare facilities each year, often providing Critical Care level transport services. We also provide Advanced Life Support transfer to other hospitals throughout the state.
- We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont.

In 2020, we will continue to push the boundaries of what is possible in rural, pre-hospital medicine by incorporating continuous quality improvement and excellence in education. We will continue to accept more transfers from other medical facilities throughout the state. This will maintain our call volume and help control the per capita rate, which will be \$60.00. This is a decrease from \$63.00 from 2019.

Let us enter 2020 by expressing how thankful we are for the numerous first responders, and fire departments who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough.

3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032 802-234-6800 www.wvra.org

White River Valley Ambulance, Inc.

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2020 Budget

MONTHLY PAYMENTS BY TOWN FOR JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

Month	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
Assessments	56,820.00	121,800.00	74,760.00	41,100.00	17,880.00	19,380.00	32,760.00	286,680.00	68,340.00	44,160.00	763,680.00
January	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
February	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
March	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
April	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
May	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
June	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
July	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
August	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
September	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
October	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
November	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
December	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
Total	56,820.00	121,800.00	74,760.00	41,100.00	17,880.00	19,380.00	32,760.00	286,680.00	68,340.00	44,160.00	763,680.00

Month	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
Jan - June	28,410.00	60,900.00	37,380.00	20,550.00	8,940.00	9,690.00	16,380.00	143,340.00	34,170.00	22,080.00	381,840.00
July - Dec	28,410.00	60,900.00	37,380.00	20,550.00	8,940.00	9,690.00	16,380.00	143,340.00	34,170.00	22,080.00	381,840.00
Total	56,820.00	121,800.00	74,760.00	41,100.00	17,880.00	19,380.00	32,760.00	286,680.00	68,340.00	44,160.00	763,680.00

OPTIONAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS BY TOWN FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2021

Month	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
January 2021	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
February 2021	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
March 2021	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
April 2021	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
May 2021	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
June 2021	4,735.00	10,150.00	6,230.00	3,425.00	1,490.00	1,615.00	2,730.00	23,890.00	5,695.00	3,680.00	63,640.00
Total	28,410.00	60,900.00	37,380.00	20,550.00	8,940.00	9,690.00	16,380.00	143,340.00	34,170.00	22,080.00	381,840.00

(No increase until July 1, 2021)

Orange County Parent Child Center

802-685-2264 orangecountypcc.org

\$1000.00

The Orange County Parent Child Center Inc. (OCPCC) is a non-profit organization serving Orange and northern Windsor counties.

Our mission is to help families with young children build a sense of place within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy and wellness opportunities. Since 1989, families and providers have come to know us and access us as their primary community resource for any topic or need related to children and families.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, six free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Reach Up case management, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education for children 6 weeks to 6 years, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

Quin-Town Senior Center

802-767-3763 quintownsnrctr@myfairpoint.net

\$1200.00

The Quin-Town Senior Center is based in Hancock and since 1972 has given the senior citizens in our valley a place to go for onsite meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon. We have supplied nearly 5,000 meals this past year to seniors at the center and through our Meals on Wheels program. Our doors are open to meet our seniors' needs. We create a warm and inviting atmosphere for our seniors to socialize. We serve local foods as much as possible, and we provide nutrition information and education. Our Meals on Wheels program not only provides healthy meals to seniors, it also provides us with an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors. Our budget request is to cover a portion of our operating budget that is not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Therefore, each contributing town and their citizens help to run our program and provide quality meals and social enrichment for their aging neighbors and relatives within the six communities.

Safeline

800-639-7233 safelineinfo@safelinevt.org

\$1000.00

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in Orange County and Northern Windsor County. A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7 days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education. In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

TOWN APPROPRIATION SUMMARIES

Clara Martin Center

802-728-4466 claramartin.org

\$3000.00

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to the greater Orange County area for the last 50 years. Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

With 50 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Recent events in our communities have spotlighted opiate use, where Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem. Anyone can get help through our Substance Abuse programming by simply walking through our doors, or calling 728-4466.

Health Hub

802-431-6060 healthhubvt.org

\$1000.00

The Health HUB School-Based Clinic is the school clinic for the towns of South Royalton, Strafford, Chelsea, Sharon, Bethel, Tunbridge, Orange, Washington, Stockbridge, Rochester, and Williamstown, Vermont. Health HUB was started in the 1990s by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grants. It is a non-profit, 501(c3) organization. Health HUB operates in collaboration with the South Royalton Health Center. The school nurses are able to consult with the South Royalton Health Center. **The mission of the school clinics is to deliver prompt and cost-effective Medical, Dental and Mental Health services to children from infancy through high school.**

One Planet Afterschool Program

802-763-7775 ext 4

\$2500.00

One Planet strives to support student learning by offering high-quality afterschool and summer programming. During the school year, we offer a healthy snack, outdoor play time, homework support and enrichment programming each day. Our enrichment programming ranges from STEM activities to physical activities to arts-based activities.

One Planet also strives to support families by offering comprehensive programs that run until 5:30pm each day so working families can make use of them. We try to keep our fees reasonable and have a fee schedule based on family income. In order to make our programming affordable, we rely on a wide variety of funding sources, including 21C grant funds, parent fees, childcare subsidy, school funds and local town funding.

South Royalton Senior Citizens Center

802-763-7386

\$3000.00

We serve Bethel, Royalton, Sharon and Strafford. Many times, seniors from the towns will come to the center for meals and other activities. All are always welcome. To qualify as a senior, you must be 60 years old or older. Meal sites are in South Strafford at Barrett Hall on Wednesdays and in Royalton at the Academy Building on Tuesday and Thursday. The nutritional program provides one-third of the daily adult nutrition required. Entertainment is offered during many of the meals. Services offered include home delivered meals, transportation to the meal site, blood pressure clinics, foot clinics, and a flu shot clinic.

Stagecoach

802-728-3773 stagecoach-rides.org

\$4000.00

Stagecoach Transportation Services, Inc. was established in 1976 to create a network of community transportation alternatives that connect the people and places of Orange and Northern Windsor Counties of Vermont. Our mission is to enhance the economic, social and environmental health of the region by providing safe, reliable, affordable and accessible community transportation services for everyone in the communities we serve.

VT Association for the blind

(800) 639-5861 ext. 219

\$800.00

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2018 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. We served more clients than ever before and we launched our new iOS Training program for adult clients. It's clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will continue to play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. We are working harder than ever to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT & NH

888-300-8853

\$6000.00

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 2,206 homecare visits to 86 Bethel residents. This included approximately \$72,928 in unreimbursed care to Bethel residents. Bethel's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Vermont Center for Independent Living

800-639-1522 vcil.org

\$300.00

Since 1979, VCIL has been teaching people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy, and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Windsor County Partners

802-674-5101 wcpartners.org

\$600.00

WCP is in its 5th decade of building healthier communities through youth mentoring. Mentored youth learn life skills, provide community service and participate in cultural and athletic activities. WCP creates partnerships where mentors are matched with a school – aged mentee. These mentoring partnerships then meet at least two hours a week. With many partnerships continuing on for years. Financial support from Windsor County helps ensure the wellbeing of children and their families. WCP thanks the voters of Bethel for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

(802) 886-4500

\$250.00

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs. During FY18, HCRS provided 570 hours of services to 16 residents of the Town of Bethel. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Bethel.

American Red Cross

\$250.00

In the past year the American Red Cross has responded to 19 disaster incidents, assisting 49 of Windsor County. Mostly commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more of families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town Committee Summaries

Bethel Conservation Commission

Conservation members continued to work on preserving and protecting the natural, scenic and cultural resources of the town. Town forests and invasive species were frequent topics of discussion. We met with and gave input to the Planning Commission to promote conservation goals in their work on revising the Town Plan. A majority of our time successfully went to the continued effort to purchase and preserve the 10 acres of open space at 428 Pleasant Street, to accommodate the frequent flooding in that area. We are looking for community input on its future uses. Look for our display at Town Meeting.

Our present board consists of:

Mary Floyd, Ferron Griffin, Emily Miller, Jennifer Schomp, Mark Heckman, Lisa Campbell, Danny Dover, Chris Fors

Bethel Community Forward Festival Committee

The Bethel Community Forward Festival has become a truly community-centered and highly-anticipated event each fall. The festival was held in September, once again, on the Common, near the White Church. Many thanks to all of the community members who help to make this Festival so wonderful. Please visit the Community Forward Festival Committee section at www.townofbethelvt.com or look for us on Facebook.

Bethel Council on the Arts

The Bethel Council on the Arts (BCA) is pleased to report on another exciting season of concerts. The BCA provides weekly concerts on Wednesday nights during the months of July and August free of charge and open to the public. Our venue has become a popular gathering spot during the summer concerts and attendance is growing. This past season we brought back popular local bands including Bow Thayer, The Party Crashers, 4 Play and John Lackard. Special thanks to the generous residents of Bethel and especially the Bethel business community for continuing to support our summer concert series! You can check our schedule on the Town website <http://townofbethelvt.com/>

Town Meeting Committee

Bethel Town Meeting Committee worked to make town meeting accessible, understandable and fun. We organized donations of pie and exhibits by community groups at town meeting. We worked on editing and graphic design for the *Bethel Operator's Manual*.

BETHEL PLANNING COMMISSION

Traditionally, the Planning Commission was responsible for drafting three documents: (1) the Town Plan; (2) the Zoning Ordinance; and (3) Subdivision Regulations. During 2016, the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations were consolidated into a single Unified Bylaw. The Commission gathers information, drafts language, holds hearings, and submits recommendations to the Selectboard. The Selectboard, in turn, takes these recommendations under consideration, holds additional hearings, and adopts or rejects the Commission's recommendations.

The Commission's primary focus during 2017 was to begin preparations for the next Town Plan update. This task involves completing a town-wide survey and making revisions to sections of the Town Plan in order to ensure that the Town Plan complies with regional and state guidelines and regulations. In 2018, the Planning Commission will complete a survey and edit the Town Plan as part of its regular review of the Plan.

The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Town Offices on South Main Street. All meetings are public. Residents are encouraged to attend and any input is welcomed.

Bethel Development Review Board

The Development Review Board is the Town entity which reviews major subdivisions, conditional use permits, variances, and site plan approvals. It is the responsibility of the Board to make sure that all applications adhere to the requirements of the Bethel Unified Bylaw and Town Plan. While most of the application reviews are fairly simple processes, they are time consuming. The Board strives to keep the process flowing smoothly and all applicants are encouraged to schedule an appointment to review their project with the Zoning Administrator to ensure all necessary information is submitted. The Board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month by appointment, as needed

Bethel Energy Committee

In 2019 The Bethel Energy Committee co-hosted Solarize Bethel Region and helped bring a total of 110KW of affordable solar power to 15 households in the area. The team hosted an Electric Vehicle Car Show at the Forward Festival during National Drive Electric Week and brought over a dozen EV's into downtown Bethel, giving free test rides to over 40 residents. The Electric Vehicle Charging Station research project will continue into 2020. Join the BEC for a meeting; 1st Wednesday of the month @ 6pm and/or follow the BEC on Facebook to stay in the loop on current projects and share your ideas!

Bethel Recreation Committee

The Bethel Recreation Committee acts on behalf of the citizens of Bethel and the Select Board. The committee's purpose is to improve and expand recreation opportunities in Bethel by supporting programs that are intended to enhance the wellbeing and quality of life. It has produced a Master Plan that targets a variety of activities and interests of the Bethel community.

Members of the committee are: Ele Griffin (Chairperson), Dietre Feeney, Thatcher Hinman, and Shane Kinsley.



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