

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

FAIRFAX, VERMONT 05454



YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

We would like to thank Sheri Rainville for her decades of service at the Town of Fairfax.



"I've had the pleasure of working with Sheri at the Town Office for several years now and I couldn't think of a better person to illustrate how local government should operate. Sheri is the true embodiment of a civic servant, always going the extra mile to preserve the perception of our Town. Not many people are elected as Town Clerk and return years later as an Assistant Clerk. It goes to show how committed Sheri is to this Town. She did a lot of important things for our community, and she always maintained a smile. In other words, she made caring contagious around here. I'm sad to see her go, but I'm proud to try my best at carrying on her legacy. It will always be Sheri's vault, and it will always be Sheri's land records, but we will try to keep them tidy just in case you decide to come back! We'll miss you, Sheri!"

-anonymous

Front Cover: The Town of Fairfax Select Board and Employees at the annual Christmas Party.

****NOTICE****

TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2018

10:00 A.M. IN THE B.F.A. ELEMENTARY GYM

ALL NON-AUSTRIALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON
INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR TOWN & SCHOOL BUDGETS

TUESDAY MARCH 6TH, 2018

POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

B.F.A. FAIRFAX MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

ALL AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON, WHICH
INCLUDES ALL TOWN OFFICES, TOWN BUDGET AND THE SCHOOL
BUDGET

THE TOWN PORTION OF THE MEETING WILL BE HELD FIRST, STARTING AT 10:00 A.M.

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NOTICE TO VOTERS

For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings

BEFORE MEETING DAY:

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

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

ON MEETING DAY:

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

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

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

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

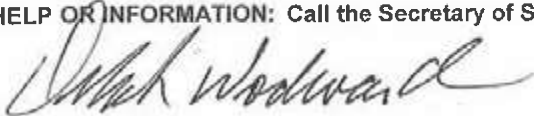
If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

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

NO PERSON SHALL:

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

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Attest: Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

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REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the Annual Town & School District Meeting Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 5, 2018. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

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If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

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

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

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

CHECK OUT:

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

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.



Attest: Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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DIRECTORY

TOWN OF FAIRFAX
12 BUCK HOLLOW ROAD
FAIRFAX, VT 05454
802/849-6111 FAX 802/849-6276
sboffice@fairfax-vt.gov

911 IS THE OFFICIAL EMERGENCY NUMBER

LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Vermont State Police	Lieutenant John Flannigan	524-5993
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Sheriff Robert W. Norris	524-2121
Rescue	Bambi Dame	849-2773
Animal Control Officer	Bill Stygles	849-6268
Emergency Management Coordinator	Steve Bessette	309-0891
Fire Chief	Tom Snyder	849-6075
Fire Station Lieutenant	David Raymond	849-6075
Fire Warden	Duane Leach	849-6174
Asst. Fire Warden	Paul Langelier	849-2230
Community Library	Deborah Landauer	849-2420
BFA Elementary School	Val French	849-2222
BFA Middle & High School	Amy Plog	849-6711

OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

www.Fairfax-VT.gov	David Raymond, Web Administrator	849-6075
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NOTARY PUBLICS: Deb Woodward, Amy Sears, and Lynn Parah

MONTPELIER REPRESENTATION

Senator Randy Brock	rbrock@leg.state.vt.us
Senator Carolyn Branagan	cbranagan@leg.state.vt.us
Representative Barbara Murphy	bmurphy@leg.state.vt.us

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - 2018

Dog Licensing: Licensing will take place at the Town Office starting on January 1, 2018. It will be considered delinquent after April 2nd and a late fee will be assessed. The fees are as follows: \$11.00 for spayed/neutered, \$13.00 non-spayed or neutered.

Rabies Clinic: A rabies clinic will be held at the Town Garage with the Stowe Veterinary Clinic Staff on Monday, March 26th from 4:30p to 5:30p at the Town Garage located at 317 Fletcher Road.

Household and Hazardous Waste Day: Saturday, April 21st, July 14th, & September 8th at the Town Garage on Fletcher Road from 8a to 12:00 noon.

Property Taxes: First payment is due in November 2018. Second payment is due in February 2019. Third and final payment is due in May 2019. Taxes paid after posted dates are subject to a collection fee of 8% applied to tax bill, and interest charged at 1% for first three months, 1.5% for every month thereafter.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT

Fairfax residents over 62 may get an application for a Green Mountain Passport at the Town Clerk's Office. These are free of charge.

LOCAL TALK ON FRONT PORCH FORUM

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

TOWN OFFICIALS

POSITION	NAME	TERM
Town Agent	Tom Fontaine	Term Expires 2018
Town Grand Juror	Tom Fontaine	Term Expires 2018
Town Moderator	Roberta Rodimer	Term Expires 2018
Delinquent Town Tax Collector	Johanna Blake	Term Expires 2018
Town Clerk	Deborah Woodward	Term Expires 2019
Town Treasurer	Deborah Woodward	Term Expires 2019
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	Lynn Parah	-

The Town Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am. - 4:00 pm. and the 1st and 3rd Monday evening from 6:00p. - 8:00p. 849-6111 x 10 or 11. Evening hours may vary to be compatible with Select Board Meetings.

SELECTBOARD

Duane Leach	Term Expires 2018
Thomas Fontaine, Chair	Term Expires 2018
Randy DeVine	Term Expires 2019
Stephen Bessette	Term Expires 2019
Steve Cormier, Vice-Chair	Term Expires 2020

The Selectboard meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm. until adjournment. The meetings are held at the Town Office in Conference Room 116, unless otherwise specified. Please call to confirm a 3rd meeting on the 5th Monday of the month.

ASSESSOR

Patricia McNall

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Peter Fitzgerald	Donna Meunier	Judy Cleary
Gary Gilbert	Lee D. Minor	Henry Raymond
Greg Hartmann	Marjorie Ellsworth	Robert Horr
Susan Mitchell	Mary Kay Raymond	Peggy Gilbert

FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3 YEAR TERM)

Janel Gamm	Term Expires 2018
Patricia Gallant, Chair	Term Expires 2018
Elizabeth Griffin	Term Expires 2019
Christina Fearon	Term Expires 2020
Eric Foreman	Term Expires 2020

Deborah Landauer, Public Library Director

School year Library Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8:30a-5:30p, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30a-8:00p, Friday 8:30a-3:15p, Saturday 9:00a-1:00p

Summer Library Hours: Monday & Wednesday & Friday 10:00a-5:30p, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00a-8:00p, Saturday 9:00a-1:00p

CEMETERY COMMISSION (5-YEAR TERMS)

Dale Bellows	Term Expires 2018
Barbara Duval	Term Expires 2019
Alfred V. Daniels	Term Expires 2020
Lucien Hayes	Term Expires 2021
Doug Collins	Term Expires 2022

REPRESENTATIVES TO NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Colleen Steen (Appointed)
Randy DeVine (Appointed)

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Colleen Steen (Appointed)

Term Expires 2018

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS –

NAME:

ADA Coordinator	David Raymond
Animal Control Officer	William “Bill” Styles
Fire Warden	Duane Leach
Assistant Fire Warden	Paul Langelier
Fire Chief	Tom Snyder
Deputy Fire Chief	Matt Gillilan
Emergency Management Coordinator	Stephen Bessette
Fence Viewer	Mark Rainville
Fence Viewer	Mary Kay Raymond
Fence Viewer	Randy DeVine
Health Officer	David Raymond
Legal Contact	Thomas Fontaine
Library Trustee/SB Representative	Steve Cormier
Real Estate Agent	Randy DeVine
Recreation Department/SB Representative	Thomas Fontaine
Road Crew/SB Representatives	Thomas Fontaine
	Randy Devine
Town Manager	Brad Docheff
Town Service Officer	Justin Brown
Tree Warden	Doug Reaves
Water & Sewer Commissioners SB Representative	Stephen Bessette
Zoning Administrator	Amber Soter

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Michelle Dufresne	Jason Heyer, Chair	Nick Hibbard
Claude Rainville	Martha Taylor-Varney	Lucien Hayes

Development Review Board meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, or as posted.

PLANNING COMMISSION (APPOINTED POSITIONS)

W. Greg Heyer, Chair	Mark Hunziker	Mark Kane
Richard Wimble	Martha Taylor-Varney	

Planning Commission meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, or as posted.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Utility Office Manager	Amy Sears
Superintendent	Randy DeVine
Assistants	Paul Langelier
	David Raymond

ZONING OFFICE

Administrator	Amber Soter
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Please call (802) 849-6111 (ext. 12) for current office schedule.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

Director	Colin Santee
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Please call (802) 849-6111 (ext. 20) for current office schedule.

WARNING 2018 FAIRFAX, VT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING & LOCAL ELECTION

The inhabitants of the Town of Fairfax who are legal voters in the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Elementary Auditorium of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting upon or transacting such business not involving voting by Australian ballot and for a public hearing and presentation of the proposed Town budget. These consist of ARTICLE 6 through ARTICLE 9.

ARTICLE 1 - ARTICLE 5 are to be voted upon by the use of the official Australian ballot. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gymnasium of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax.

ARTICLE 1 To elect from the legal voters of the Town of Fairfax the following officers:

Town Moderator	One Year Term
Selectperson	Three Year Term
Selectperson	Two Year Term
Town Agent	One Year Term
Town Grand Juror	One Year Term
Community Library Trustee	Three Year Term
Community Library Trustee	Three Year Term
First Constable	Three Year Term
Cemetery Commissioner	Five Year Term
Delinquent Tax Collector	Three Year Term

ARTICLE 2 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the **twelve (12) month Fiscal Budget** covering the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, as recommended by the Select Board, of \$2,878,293.00 of which \$1,888,079.00 is to be raised by taxes and \$652,454.00 to be raised by the previously approved trash fee (Article 3, 2016)?

ARTICLE 3 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the sum of \$10,000.00 for the sidewalk improvement fund which will accumulate to a substantial amount for a sidewalk project approved by the Select Board?

ARTICLE 4 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the **twelve (12) month Fiscal Budget** of \$84,134.00 covering the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in support of the Fairfax Rescue toward operation expense?

ARTICLE 5 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$25,477.00 for the support of social contributions to provide services to the residents of the Town?

- A. Age Well (CVAA)----- \$1,500.00
- B. American Red Cross----- \$500.00
- C. Fairfax Historical Society----- \$2,000.00
- D. Fairfax Success by Six----- \$2,500.00
- E. Franklin County Animal Rescue----- \$1,000.00

F. Franklin County Home Health Agency	\$8,998.00
G. Franklin County Industrial Development	\$500.00
H. Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Center	\$300.00
I. Friends of Northern Lake Champlain	\$500.00
J. Green Mountain Transit/CCTA	\$2,229.00
K. Green Up Vermont	\$300.00
L. Northwestern Counseling	\$1,800.00
M. Vermont Adult Learning	\$300.00
N. Vermont Association of Conservation District	\$100.00
O. Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$500.00
P. Voices Against Violence Laurie's House	\$1,500.00
Q. Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$300.00
R. Vermont Council on Rural Development	\$150.00
S. Vermont Family Network	\$500.00

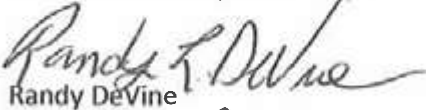
TOTAL: \$25,477.00

- ARTICLE 6 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax accept the reports of the Town Officers?
- ARTICLE 7 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax authorize the Select Board to place the tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer as heretofore?
- ARTICLE 8 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax act on any other business?
- ARTICLE 9 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax recess Town Meeting until March 6, 2018 at 7:00 A.M.?

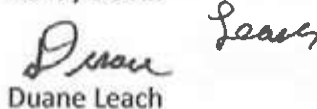
Dated at Fairfax, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, this 31st day of January 2018.



Thomas Fontaine, Chair



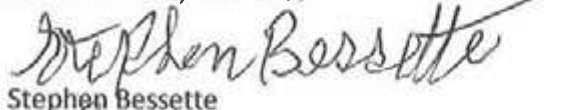
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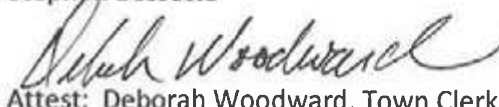
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Steve Cormier, Vice Chair



Stephen Bessette



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ABSTRACT OF THE 2017 TOWN MEETING

The 2017 Annual Town District Meeting was called to order at the Elementary Auditorium at Bellows Free Academy, Fairfax, Vermont by Moderator Roberta (Robby) Rodimer at 11:25 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Robby read Robert's Rules as modified by VT State Law.

ARTICLES 1 through ARTICLE 4 were voted upon by the use of the official Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Middle School Gymnasium of Bellows Free Academy, Fairfax, Vermont. The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.

Thomas Fontaine, Select Board Chair introduced the Select Board.

Barbara Murphy, State Representative, spoke about the weekly letter that she puts on Front Page Forum, Henry Raymond's Website, and on Facebook; the Doyle Poll survey that was out in the lobby and will also be at Tuesday's Election; along with a list of unclaimed property listing that is in the lobby.

Mark Kane, Planning Commissioner presented a slide show of the Current Gateway Enhancement Study along Route 104. It address's the primary entrance point into the Village of Fairfax. The community has recognized its Village through a Village Center Designation with the State of Vermont. Fairfax has pursued several planning studies (Non-Motorized Transportation and a Pedestrian Scoping Study) related to mobility. Some of these studies addressed (in some ways) the arrival to town. Efforts are underway to expand sidewalks in Town. Town offices have been relocated to the intersection of Buck Hollow Road and Main Street. Recent senior housing has been built in the Village core. Changes in the community are happening, but identifying Fairfax as a real village remains elusive. Study is commissioned to help explore how this identity might be established and support longer-term growth and vibrancy within the Village Center. The project goals are:

1. Create a welcoming public process to broaden the conversation about the identity for Fairfax.
2. Explore a range of options that help establish a welcoming atmosphere on the entry points to Fairfax and assist in traffic calming.
3. Establish options that address a wide variety of community concerns or interests; safety of pedestrians, speed of vehicles, sense of place, support of local businesses.
4. Use the results of the work to inform future decision-making and as guidance to long-range investments.

The project study extends from Route 104A intersection to just past Minor's Store along Route 104 heading east. Mark showed the 3D Point Cloud provided detailed information of terrain and buildings. Analysis and concepts were shown.

Colin Santee, Recreation Department spoke about our new Community Center, formerly the Baptist Building that was donated to the Town of Fairfax. Alex Hamel a Senior High School student spoke about the advantages of this Center for a future Youth Center, keeping students from being left behind with nothing to do. A Teen Center would be a great asset to our Community. Colin said this Center would also be available for school programs and the Town's people. Anyone that would like to get involved can sign up in the lobby. Colin also informed us of upcoming events such as the Egg Hunt, June Fitness, the 4th of July Parade with activities, and the Egg Run.

Tom Fontaine, Select Board Chair and Lauri Fisher, Select Board Vice Chair, presented a slide show titled Balancing Governance in Fairfax, VT 2017 and beyond. Overview highlights of 2016 in overview included

the trash update – SWIP, sidewalks...will they ever be complete?, ordinance revisions – Zoning/Fire, Recreation Department growth, on the horizon – state mandate briefing, employee safety training, staff changes, thanks to Stacy Wells, and appreciation recognition to Sheri Rainville, Amy Sears, and Colin Santee for minding the assistant gap.

The new 18 month transition will consist of a budget year January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. The property tax bills will consist of three (3) payments. Trash remains as a separate flat fee on the bill. The proposed budget has excluded traditional year-end payments to assist transition with no penalty or interest on late payments until the final payment that is due in May of 2018.

The Select Board highly recommends a Town Manager. Mandates from the State of Vermont, the requirements of Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns and the Auditors as to oversight of town management are too much for lay Board members. He or she shall have general supervision of the affairs of the town, will be the administrative head of all departments of the town government, and shall be responsible for the efficient administration thereof.

Article 4 would be an elimination of Lister. As of today, we have two Lister vacancies. Upcoming legislation requires certification. This would put Fairfax in compliance ahead of schedule.

Article 7 moves all items to Australian ballot without eliminating Town Meeting, allowing the entire taxpayer base to vote.

ARTICLE 1 To following officials were elected by the legal voters of the Town:

Town Moderator	One Year Term	Roberta Rodimer	648 votes
Selectperson	Three Year Term	Steve Cormier	624 votes
Selectperson	Two Year Term	Stephen Bessette	629 votes
Lister*	Three Year Term		
Lister*	One Year remaining Of a Three Year Term		
Town Agent	One Year Term	Thomas Fontaine	619 votes
Town Grand Juror	One Year Term	Thomas Fontaine	347 votes
Community Library Trustee	Three Year Term	Christina Fearon	443 votes
Community Library Trustee	Three Year Term	Eric A Foreman	382 votes
First Constable	One Year remaining Of a Three Year Term		
Cemetery Commissioner	Five Year Term	Doug Collins	662 votes

*pending the outcome of Article 4

The floor was opened to discussion and there was none.

ARTICLE 2 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the **eighteen (18) month Transitional Budget** covering the period from January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, as recommended by the Select Board, of \$4,018,488.08 of which \$2,452,415.06 is to be raised by taxes and \$959,677.00 to be raised by the previously approved trash fee (Article 3, 2016)?

The floor was opened to discussion and there was a question and answer session. There was a question of when are the payments due on the 18 month fiscal year transition and if there would be interest and penalties if not paid on time. Property tax will be in three payments. The payment stubs will be at the bottom of your 2017 property tax bill that will go out around August 2017. The first of three payments is due November 20, 2017. The second of three payments is due February 20, 2018. The third and final of three payments is due May 20, 2018. There will not be any interest or penalty due until after the last payment is due.

In Favor: 483

Opposed: 257

ARTICLE 3 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax vote to take advantage of the provisions of Chapter 37 of Title 24 V.S.A. § 1241 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and authorize the Select Board to employ a Town Manager?

The floor was opened to discussion and there was a question and answer session. Some floor discussion consisted of if the Town Manager would come from our town or out of town; if voted in, how long would it take to get someone hired and how will you go about this; what would the wage be and how many hours per week; and would this Town Manager also work with our Utility Department.

In Favor: 407

Opposed: 325

ARTICLE 4 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax vote to eliminate the elected positions of "Lister" and hire and contract with or employ a professionally qualified Assessor?

The floor was opened to discussion and there was a question and answer session. Some floor discussion consisted of what happens to the Lister that we already have if this is voted in; will we have a Lister and a Assessor; do we hire outside Assessors or do we hire a permanent employee; if passed and our Listers are getting done in 45 days, will we have a replacement by then; and why did Fairfax want to do a Town wide reappraisal when our CLA is 95.34.

In Favor: 407

Opposed: 308

ARTICLE 5 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$22,877.50 for the support of social contributions to provide services to the residents of the Town?

T. Age Well (CVAA)-----	\$1,400.00
U. American Red Cross-----	\$1,000.00
V. Fairfax Success by Six-----	\$2,500.00
W. Franklin County Home Health Agency-----	\$8,998.50
X. Franklin County Industrial Development-----	\$500.00
Y. Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Center-----	\$300.00
Z. Friends of Northern Lake Champlain-----	\$300.00
AA. Green Mountain Transit/CCTA-----	\$2,229.00
BB. Green Up Vermont-----	\$300.00
CC. Northwestern Counseling-----	\$1,800.00

DD. Samaritan House, Inc./Tim's House-----	\$1,000.00
EE. Vermont Association of Conservation District-----	\$100.00
FF. Vermont Center for Independent Living-----	\$500.00
GG. Voices Against Violence Laurie's House-----	\$1,500.00
HH. Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired-----	\$300.00
II. Vermont Council on Rural Development-----	\$150.00

TOTAL: ----- \$22,877.50

A motion was made by Randy DeVine and seconded Lauri Fisher. The floor was opened to discussion and there was a question and answer session. Some discussion and comments consisted of how important it is to have contribute to Franklin County Home Health due to helping out when they needed the help after surgery; with Franklin County Home Health being such a large amount, why isn't it a separate article; discussion was who was on or off this list compared to 2016 list; did these agencies submit 18 month of 12 month amount, they submitted 12 month. The motion was passed by a show of cards.

ARTICLE 6 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax approve the **eighteen (18) month Transitional Budget** of \$108,674.00 covering the period from January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in support of the Fairfax Rescue toward operation expense?

A motion was made by Cathy Carlson and seconded by Marti Sterin. Daniel Vanslette, Fairfax Rescue President presented a slide show consisting of some highlights; why an Article and not a town budget, Fairfax Rescue is primarily a Volunteer Squad; how you can support your volunteer squad; increase in levels of service. He presented the 2017 budget that is not in the town report. Medical supplies continue to increase; ambulance increase with upgrading a truck in the future; medical equipment increase; payroll expense is up this year; billing is now in house; sometimes we need to hire someone when the volunteers are not available; Medicaid tax on all runs; \$18,000 lost in 2016; insurance comparisons; and they are always looking for volunteers and are looking for grants. The subscription plan will go out next month at \$60. The floor was opened to discussion and there was a question and answer session. One comment was made that it was a good thing that the billing is back in Fairfax. The motion was passed by a show of cards.

ARTICLE 7 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax authorize all the Town current and contingent expenses be voted upon by the use of the Australian ballot beginning in the year 2018?

A motion was made by Mike Cain and seconded by Jeff Corey. The floor was opened to discussion and there was a question and answer session. Some floor discussion consisted of people feeling that they would not have a voice in Town decisions if the article passed. Other people felt that we would still have an informational meeting; this article would be the best for our Town; why is it that people do not show up for this floor vote Saturday meeting; and there is always more people that show up to vote

Australian ballot. The motion was passed by a show of cards with 46 voters in favor and 29 voters not in favor.

ARTICLE 8 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax act on the reports of the town officers?

A motion was made by Lauri Fisher and seconded by Thomas Fontaine. The floor was opened to discussion. Barbara Murphy asked that the Abstract of the 2016 Town Meeting be amended, with omitting her as servicing for Vermont Right of Ways. The motion was passed by a show of cards.

ARTICLE 9 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax authorize the Select Board to place the tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer as heretofore?

A motion was made by Lauri Fisher and seconded by Carol Vallett. The floor was opened to discussion and there was none. The motion was passed by a show of cards.

ARTICLE 10 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of property taxes for the current year expenses?

A motion was made by Lauri Fisher and seconded by Thomas Fontaine. The floor was opened to discussion. There was a comment of why the Line of Credit had increase so much compared to 2016, which is due to the 18 month budget, transitioning into fiscal year. The motion was passed by a show of cards.

ARTICLE 11 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax act on any other business?

A motion was made by Thomas Fontaine and seconded by Lauri Fisher. The floor was opened to discussion. A comment was made that the Select Board and the Town Office work double duty, which probably is not understood by most people in the room and that the Select Board should get payroll raises. The motion was passed by a show of cards.

ARTICLE 12 Shall the registered voters of the Town of Fairfax recess Town Meeting until March 7, 2017 at 7:00 A.M.?

A motion was made Lauri Fisher and seconded by Thomas Fontaine. The floor was opened to discussion and there was none. The motion was passed by a show of cards at 1:35 p.m. to recess the Town until March 7, 2017 at 7 a.m.

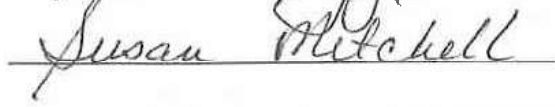
There are 3650 registered voters with 746 voting by Australian ballot making a 20% voter turnout.

Dated at Fairfax, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, this 8th day of March 2017

Peter Fitzgerald, Justice of the Peace

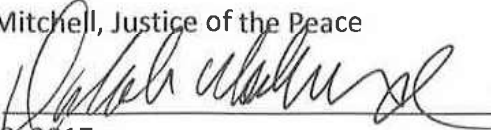
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Susan Mitchell, Justice of the Peace

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Attest:

March 8, 2017

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deborah Woodward", written over a horizontal line.

Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer

2018-2019 (12 MONTH)

July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

FISCAL YEAR

ANTICIPATED TOWN OF FAIRFAX REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

2018-2019 ANTICIPATED REVENUES	<u>\$337,760.00</u>
TOTAL	\$337,760.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,878,293.00
*2016 TRASH ARTICLE 3	-652,454.00
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>-337,760.00</u>
TAXES TO BE RAISED	1,888,079.00

ANY APPROVED WARNED ITEMS WILL BE ADDED TO THE TAX
RECOMMENDATION TOTAL

NOTE

*TRASH 2016 ARTICLE 3	100-7-64-330.000	\$652,454.00
2018-2019 PER UNIT	1913 UNITS ESTIMATE	\$341.00

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100-6-00-100					
Animal Control					
100-6-00-100.005					
Licenses	4,500.00	4,465.00	6,500.00	4,728.00	4,500.00
Total Animal Control	4,500.00	4,465.00	6,500.00	4,728.00	4,500.00
100-6-00-105					
Delinquent Tax Interest					
100-6-00-105.000					
Delinquent Tax Interest	18,650.00	24,981.87	28,000.00	26,123.21	26,000.00
Total Delinquent Tax Inter	18,650.00	24,981.87	28,000.00	26,123.21	26,000.00
100-6-00-115					
Fire Department Income					
100-6-00-115.005					
Other Receipts	1,000.00	345.00	1,125.00	2,597.50	1,500.00
100-6-00-115.010					
Retainer Fee	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Total Fire Department Inco	9,500.00	8,845.00	9,625.00	11,097.50	10,000.00
100-6-00-117					
Garage Income					
Total Garage Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-6-00-120					
Highway Income					
100-6-00-120.010					
State Aid	120,000.00	122,823.09	180,000.00	122,786.79	145,000.00
100-6-00-120.050					
Hwy Access Permit	300.00	180.00	300.00	245.00	300.00
Total Highway Income	120,300.00	123,003.09	180,300.00	123,031.79	145,300.00
100-6-00-125					
Interest Income					
100-6-00-125.000					
Interest Income	700.00	414.50	600.00	606.33	400.00
Total Interest Income	700.00	414.50	600.00	606.33	400.00
100-6-00-13					
Miscellaneous					
100-6-00-130.005					
2nd Class Licenses	600.00	510.00	750.00	695.00	580.00
100-6-00-130.010					
Cemeteries Income	200.00	250.00	300.00	0.00	250.00

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100-6-00-130.012					
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,395.01	0.00
100-6-00-130.015					
Land Rent	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
100-6-00-130.020					
Other Income	0.00	0.55	0.00	578.00	0.00
100-6-00-130.030					
Pilot Program	29.00	28.04	30.00	26.49	30.00
100-6-00-135.000					
School Treasurer	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	7,929.00	7,868.59	8,180.00	15,694.50	7,860.00
100-6-00-140					
Other Receipts					
100-6-00-140.005					
Copies	7,000.00	7,215.00	10,500.00	8,217.35	7,000.00
100-6-00-140.010					
Fines-Civil	6,250.00	3,885.99	5,700.00	3,955.78	3,500.00
100-6-00-140.015					
Hazardous Waste	0.00	232.00	0.00	4,263.00	0.00
100-6-00-140.020					
Hold Harmless	64,023.00	66,684.00	58,000.00	58,344.00	58,000.00
100-6-00-140.025					
Recordings	28,000.00	35,586.00	42,000.00	33,665.00	28,000.00
100-6-00-140.028					
Trash Bag Stickers Act 14	0.00	165.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
100-6-00-140.030					
Vehicle Registrations	200.00	207.00	300.00	243.00	200.00
100-6-00-140.035					
Weight Permit	700.00	730.00	1,050.00	780.00	700.00
Total Other Receipts	106,173.00	114,704.99	117,550.00	109,493.13	97,400.00
100-6-00-145					
Property Taxes					
100-6-00-145.000					
Property Taxes	2,487,883.00	6,932,665.45	3,670,825.00	1,824,349.57	0.00
100-6-00-145.005					
Other Rec School P Taxes	0.00	0.00	5,038,750.00	2,458,497.57	0.00
100-6-00-145.010					
Other Rec Gen Delinq Tax	0.00	1,028.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Property Taxes	2,487,883.00	6,933,693.45	8,709,575.00	4,282,847.14	0.00
100-6-00-150					
Zoning					
100-6-00-150.010					
Building Permits	32,800.00	31,900.00	47,500.00	42,850.00	35,000.00
100-6-00-150.015					
Compliance	1,500.00	1,770.00	2,500.00	1,915.00	1,500.00

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100-6-00-150.020					
Hearings	5,500.00	4,927.00	7,500.00	6,975.00	5,500.00
Total Zoning	39,800.00	38,597.00	57,500.00	51,740.00	42,000.00
100-6-00-160					
Taxes Fees Grants & Licen					
100-6-00-160.010					
Delinquent Taxes	0.00	359,584.18	0.00	195,953.04	0.00
100-6-00-160.015					
Library Funds - Fees	2,000.00	2,747.17	3,000.00	3,560.39	2,500.00
100-6-00-160.020					
Library Funds - Grants	600.00	100.00	600.00	2,110.00	600.00
100-6-00-160.025					
Marriage License	300.00	330.00	450.00	230.00	200.00
Total Taxes Fees Grants &	2,900.00	362,761.35	4,050.00	201,853.43	3,300.00
100-6-00-165					
Reimbursements					
100-6-00-165.000					
BFA School	0.00	78,013.00	0.00	81,083.81	0.00
100-6-00-165.090					
Water & Sewer Postage	1,000.00	878.17	1,200.00	596.26	1,000.00
Total Reimbursements	1,000.00	78,891.17	1,200.00	81,680.07	1,000.00
100-6-00-170					
Special Fund Revenue					
Total Special Fund Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-6-00-175.000					
Tax Collector Fee	0.00	24,457.85	0.00	15,618.26	0.00
Total Revenues	2,799,335.00	7,722,703.86	9,123,080.00	4,924,513.36	337,760.00
100-7-10					
Animal Control					
100-7-10-110.000					
Animal Control Stipend	3,600.00	3,381.00	5,400.00	3,900.00	4,200.00
100-7-10-500.000					
Humane Society Contract	500.00	500.00	750.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-580.000					
Animal Mileage	300.00	256.16	450.00	189.91	300.00
100-7-10-600.000					
Animal Dog Fee	400.00	380.00	600.00	565.00	500.00
100-7-10-600.005					
Animal Expenses	200.00	241.70	300.00	0.00	200.00

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100-7-10-600.015					
Dog License & Tags	350.00	417.29	725.00	398.82	350.00
Total Animal Control	5,350.00	5,176.15	8,225.00	5,053.73	5,550.00
100-7-15					
Board Meetings & Election					
100-7-15-110.000					
Town Meeting Stipend	1,500.00	1,074.32	3,000.00	735.00	1,200.00
100-7-15-110.005					
Civil Board Stipend	600.00	0.00	900.00	315.00	1,200.00
100-7-15-110.010					
Elections Stipend	3,000.00	910.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,200.00
100-7-15-310.005					
Election Supplies	200.00	340.16	600.00	191.24	400.00
100-7-15-550.000					
Election Ballots	4,000.00	2,806.46	4,000.00	1,178.90	3,000.00
100-7-15-550.010					
Town Reports/Postcards	4,125.00	4,506.10	4,500.00	2,396.23	2,500.00
Total Board Meetings & Ele	13,425.00	10,437.04	14,500.00	4,816.37	9,500.00
100-7-20					
Cemeteries					
100-7-20-460.000					
Fairfax Plains	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
100-7-20-460.005					
Cemetery Mowing	7,000.00	7,110.00	10,350.00	8,455.00	9,000.00
100-7-20-460.010					
Repairs	8,050.00	5,100.00	10,000.00	7,782.46	9,050.00
100-7-20-460.015					
Sanderson Corner	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
100-7-20-610.000					
Cemetery Flags	450.00	394.00	900.00	394.00	450.00
Total Cemeteries	16,000.00	13,104.00	21,750.00	17,131.46	19,000.00
100-7-22					
Constable					
100-7-22-110.000					
Constable Stipend	3,500.00	2,611.67	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
100-7-22-530.000					
Constable Cell Phone	300.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-22-580.000					
Constable Mileage	500.00	245.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-22-600.010					
Constable Equipment	475.00	468.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-22-610.000					
Constable Supplies/Postag	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Constable	5,000.00	3,400.68	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00

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100-7-25					
County Tax					
100-7-25-490.000					
County tax	38,541.00	38,066.76	40,695.00	40,854.56	39,310.00
Total County Tax	38,541.00	38,066.76	40,695.00	40,854.56	39,310.00
100-7-30					
Emergency Management					
100-7-30-110.000					
EM Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,400.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
100-7-30-310.000					
Emergency Management	0.00	38.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-30-350.000					
EM Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
100-7-30-550.000					
EM DSL	400.00	379.30	600.00	447.60	0.00
100-7-30-610.000					
EM Supplies	400.00	214.00	400.00	24.99	1,100.00
100-7-30-610.005					
EM Equipment	1,600.00	1,189.08	3,500.00	1,055.77	600.00
Total Emergency Management	3,900.00	3,320.38	6,900.00	3,128.36	3,700.00
100-7-35					
Fire Department					
100-7-35-110.000					
Fire Warden	400.00	400.00	500.00	500.00	400.00
100-7-35-110.005					
Fire Fighters	32,550.00	28,517.50	49,550.00	26,637.50	33,000.00
100-7-35-110.010					
Fireman Bat Chief	37,877.00	38,350.95	59,797.00	42,680.10	40,250.00
100-7-35-211.000					
Disability Insurance	2,000.00	1,835.00	4,000.00	1,835.00	2,000.00
100-7-35-340.000					
OSHA Mandated Health Chec	1,000.00	832.00	1,600.00	1,099.00	1,000.00
100-7-35-350.000					
Training	2,600.00	2,432.62	3,900.00	978.65	2,600.00
100-7-35-410.000					
Fire Water & Sewer	500.00	454.41	750.00	584.78	500.00
100-7-35-430.000					
Building Maintenance & Re	5,000.00	7,326.99	7,500.00	603.08	5,000.00
100-7-35-431.000					
Equipment Maintenance & R	7,000.00	5,120.13	12,500.00	7,157.44	7,500.00
100-7-35-431.005					
Fire Station Heat	5,000.00	3,171.10	4,500.00	4,500.39	3,500.00
100-7-35-432.000					
Fleet Maintenance	8,400.00	9,611.52	10,800.00	8,065.53	11,900.00
100-7-35-460.000					
Blacktopping	4,500.00	6,281.07	0.00	0.00	0.00

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100-7-35-530.000					
Telephone & Dispatch	43,275.00	43,017.34	50,000.00	43,316.61	47,000.00
100-7-35-580.000					
Fire Mileage	400.00	157.14	600.00	431.73	400.00
100-7-35-610.000					
Equipment & Supplies	12,000.00	11,495.00	18,000.00	10,815.61	12,000.00
100-7-35-610.005					
Turn Out Gear Replacement	8,000.00	7,701.29	25,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
100-7-35-622.000					
Fire Electricity	2,400.00	2,203.90	3,600.00	2,791.24	2,400.00
100-7-35-626.000					
Gasoline	1,600.00	882.69	2,100.00	724.66	1,400.00
100-7-35-627.000					
Fire Diesel Fuel	3,500.00	956.91	3,750.00	1,596.65	2,000.00
100-7-35-660.000					
Fire 2015 Art 3 Rollover	3,650.00	3,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-35-811.000					
Replacement Fund	40,000.00	40,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
Total Fire Department	221,652.00	214,397.56	318,447.00	154,317.97	217,850.00
100-7-40					
Garage					
100-7-40-424.000					
Tree removal	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-40-430.000					
Garage Maintenance	5,000.00	3,668.52	7,500.00	6,466.57	6,000.00
100-7-40-530.000					
Telephone & Cell Phone	1,200.00	1,568.38	2,250.00	2,049.28	1,800.00
100-7-40-610.000					
Tools & Supplies	4,000.00	3,629.80	6,000.00	5,755.36	4,500.00
100-7-40-622.000					
Garage Electricity	2,400.00	1,967.31	3,600.00	2,609.91	2,400.00
100-7-40-623.000					
Propane & Gas	700.00	971.07	1,050.00	1,051.57	1,000.00
100-7-40-624.000					
LP & Burner	2,000.00	443.50	4,500.00	3,005.03	2,500.00
100-7-40-625.000					
Uniforms	5,000.00	3,918.01	7,500.00	3,248.19	4,500.00
Total Garage	22,300.00	18,166.59	35,400.00	24,185.91	22,700.00
100-7-45					
Health					
100-7-45-110.000					
Health Officer Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,250.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
100-7-45-580.000					
Health Officer Mileage	200.00	37.26	300.00	0.00	200.00
Total Health	1,700.00	1,537.26	2,550.00	1,500.00	1,700.00

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100-7-5					
Highway					
100-7-52					
Equipment					
100-7-52-432.000					
Maintenance & Repair	57,300.00	63,181.18	85,950.00	69,555.45	65,000.00
100-7-52-626.000					
Gas & Oil	3,500.00	2,771.70	4,500.00	2,018.80	3,500.00
100-7-52-627.000					
Hwy Diesel Fuel	62,000.00	24,216.71	52,500.00	44,573.44	50,000.00
100-7-52-740.000					
New Equipment	95,000.00	79,359.47	95,000.00	91,666.84	50,000.00
Total Equipment	217,800.00	169,539.06	237,950.00	207,814.53	169,500.00
100-7-54					
General Highway					
100-7-54-110.000					
Compensation Payroll	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,976.01	0.00
100-7-54-250.000					
Highway Unemployment	0.00	494.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-54-424.000					
Hwy Tree Removal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
100-7-54-431.000					
Radios	700.00	777.90	1,050.00	756.90	700.00
100-7-54-460.005					
Cold Patch	6,500.00	2,511.95	6,500.00	4,677.63	6,500.00
100-7-54-460.010					
Culverts	15,500.00	13,840.04	15,500.00	20,062.86	15,500.00
100-7-54-460.015					
Covered Bridge	2,500.00	177.42	750.00	613.86	600.00
100-7-54-460.020					
Guardrails	3,500.00	3,533.70	3,500.00	197.80	3,500.00
100-7-54-651.000					
Signs	4,000.00	2,179.65	3,000.00	1,051.46	3,000.00
Total General Highway	32,700.00	23,514.79	30,300.00	31,336.52	31,800.00
100-7-56					
Summer Maintenance					
100-7-56-110.000					
Summer Payroll	103,530.00	101,053.01	154,611.00	96,861.45	99,768.00
100-7-56-460.000					
Blacktopping	142,000.00	142,000.00	142,000.00	139,758.45	200,000.00
100-7-56-460.005					
Blacktopping-New	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-56-611.000					
Chloride	17,000.00	15,128.60	34,000.00	19,843.15	30,000.00
100-7-56-650.000					
Gravel & Stone	65,000.00	63,054.33	180,000.00	45,949.85	90,000.00

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100-7-56-660.000					
Highway Rollover	58,350.00	55,119.02	76,805.00	48,305.94	0.00
100-7-56-670.000					
Roadside Mowing	5,800.00	5,810.00	8,700.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
100-7-56-680.000					
Save the Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
100-7-56-699.000					
Special Projects	10,000.00	5,060.45	75,000.00	69,338.27	70,000.00
100-7-56-990.000					
Summer Miscellaneous	1,000.00	2,062.14	1,500.00	9,134.63	1,000.00
Total Summer Maintenance	462,680.00	449,287.55	672,616.00	438,191.74	502,768.00
100-7-58					
Winter Maintenance					
100-7-58-110.000					
Winter Payroll	74,970.00	79,337.49	117,317.00	112,771.29	90,000.00
100-7-58-650.000					
Sand	30,000.00	17,920.00	46,500.00	27,270.00	42,000.00
100-7-58-650.005					
State Aid Salt	30,000.00	35,941.00	48,750.00	64,808.02	40,000.00
100-7-58-650.010					
Town Highway Material	16,000.00	15,677.04	24,000.00	15,747.58	16,000.00
100-7-58-650.015					
Town Highway Salt	30,000.00	35,940.93	48,750.00	64,807.87	40,000.00
100-7-58-990.000					
Winter Miscellaneous	2,500.00	3,394.47	3,750.00	2,898.73	2,500.00
Total Winter Maintenance	183,470.00	188,210.93	289,067.00	288,303.49	230,500.00
Total Highway	896,650.00	830,552.33	1,229,933.00	965,646.28	933,568.00
100-7-60					
Insurance					
100-7-60-210.000					
Medical - HRA Contributio	10,000.00	10,000.00	22,188.00	12,184.00	12,500.00
100-7-60-210.005					
HSA Contribution	0.00	5,861.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-60-210.010					
Medical Insurance	86,124.00	85,768.64	150,000.00	95,481.77	114,645.00
100-7-60-210.015					
Choice Cobra	435.00	360.00	690.00	540.00	435.00
100-7-60-210.050					
Medical - HRA to IRS Fee	15.00	15.19	18.00	18.08	19.00
100-7-60-210.075					
Cyber Coverage	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,086.00	2,086.00
100-7-60-210.080					
Flood-Covered Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.78	6,001.00
100-7-60-211.000					
Short Term Disability	1,009.00	1,297.91	1,656.00	1,115.26	1,000.00

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100-7-60-250.000					
Unemployment	825.00	6.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-60-260.000					
Workers Compensation	29,790.00	29,937.33	67,618.00	49,392.02	28,899.00
100-7-60-520.010					
Property	42,757.00	42,615.00	97,600.00	59,091.60	25,027.00
100-7-60-520.015					
Public Officials Bond	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,312.00	2,312.00
Total Insurance	170,955.00	175,861.86	339,770.00	228,221.51	192,924.00
100-7-62					
Interest					
100-7-62-830.000					
Interest Expense	12,600.00	5,913.18	24,525.00	0.00	27,000.00
Total Interest	12,600.00	5,913.18	24,525.00	0.00	27,000.00
100-7-64					
Landfill Expenses					
100-7-64-330.000					
Trash	139,143.00	542,870.79	959,677.00	627,300.00	652,454.00
100-7-64-950.000					
Warned Item Trash	410,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Landfill Expenses	549,143.00	542,870.79	959,677.00	627,300.00	652,454.00
100-7-66					
Law Enforcement					
100-7-66-330.005					
Law enforcement	124,283.00	120,077.38	155,354.00	134,036.64	124,283.00
Total Law Enforcement	124,283.00	120,077.38	155,354.00	134,036.64	124,283.00
100-7-70					
Library Expenses					
100-7-70-110.000					
Library Wages	30,858.00	31,252.63	51,842.00	36,909.65	36,803.00
100-7-70-110.005					
Librarian Wages	40,600.00	40,057.79	62,528.00	44,536.26	43,822.00
100-7-70-530.000					
Phone/Publicity/Postage/M	1,500.00	1,785.54	3,680.00	1,648.03	2,500.00
100-7-70-580.000					
Mileage & Prof Developmen	920.00	550.40	1,190.00	963.33	1,195.00
100-7-70-610.000					
Library Supplies	1,800.00	2,722.92	2,700.00	1,783.23	2,000.00
100-7-70-640.000					
Materials & Subscriptions	14,720.00	13,471.61	24,740.00	17,130.44	15,315.00
100-7-70-641.000					
Technology Equip/Software	2,200.00	1,793.00	3,320.00	1,884.25	2,450.00

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100-7-70-699.000					
Library Programs	3,780.00	3,733.17	6,335.00	3,909.62	3,780.00
Total Library Expenses	96,378.00	95,367.06	156,335.00	108,764.81	107,865.00
100-7-75					
Assessor Expenses					
100-7-75-110.000					
Lister Payroll	59,656.00	49,975.10	88,834.00	7,623.01	0.00
100-7-75-110.005					
Assessor Assistant Payrol	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,786.65	28,118.00
100-7-75-110.010					
Assessor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
100-7-75-330.000					
Mapping Service	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	947.00	750.00
100-7-75-350.000					
Assessor Training	2,000.00	1,199.80	2,050.00	360.00	2,075.00
100-7-75-450.000					
Assessor License	250.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	250.00
100-7-75-580.000					
Assessor Mileage	1,725.00	1,555.40	2,430.00	852.77	1,338.00
100-7-75-610.000					
Assessor Supplies	1,500.00	1,137.47	1,500.00	438.66	1,000.00
Total Assessor Expense	65,631.00	53,867.77	96,314.00	31,008.09	48,531.00
100-7-80					
Miscellaneous Town					
100-7-80-110.000					
Misc Twn Website Dir Stip	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
100-7-80-330.000					
Auditing	11,999.00	12,299.00	12,070.00	12,070.00	14,200.00
100-7-80-330.010					
Misc Town Gov Website	3,500.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-80-333.000					
Misc Town Attorney Fees	5,000.00	2,440.00	5,000.00	1,016.50	2,000.00
100-7-80-333.005					
Misc Web/Email Hosting	2,845.00	2,750.00	3,000.00	2,100.00	1,500.00
100-7-80-340.000					
Direct Deposit Expense	960.00	960.00	1,440.00	1,040.00	960.00
100-7-80-370.000					
Franklin Cty ChamberofCom	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.00	89.00
100-7-80-489.000					
Tax Abatements	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-80-530.000					
Misc Background Checks	0.00	0.00	0.00	520.00	0.00
100-7-80-541.000					
Bank Service Charges	100.00	0.00	150.00	2.00	0.00
100-7-80-550.000					
Misc Town Publication	1,500.00	778.68	1,200.00	3,185.89	3,000.00

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100-7-80-560.000					
Vermont league Cities & T	5,664.00	5,664.00	9,000.00	5,865.00	5,992.00
100-7-80-622.000					
Street Light	7,100.00	4,646.71	7,000.00	5,054.71	4,700.00
100-7-80-651.000					
Misc Signs	0.00	0.00	225.00	248.06	0.00
100-7-80-720.000					
Misc Twn Capital Improvem	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-80-850.000					
Misc Town P Tax MA1126	0.00	719.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-80-950.005					
NW Regional Planning	4,350.00	4,356.00	6,487.00	0.00	4,608.00
Total Miscellaneous Town	56,518.00	38,238.67	49,072.00	34,691.16	40,549.00
100-7-82					
Office					
100-7-82-110.000					
Town Clerk/Treas Payroll	42,682.00	42,398.60	65,304.00	47,556.40	44,824.00
100-7-82-110.005					
Asst Town Clk/Treas 1	35,536.00	31,877.24	58,780.00	47,661.69	43,351.00
100-7-82-110.010					
Asst Town Clk/Treas 2	408.00	154.66	870.00	304.64	561.00
100-7-82-110.015					
Asst Town Clk/Treas 3	1,346.00	286.11	2,060.00	703.97	3,163.00
100-7-82-330.000					
Computer Service	4,500.00	5,017.79	5,977.00	6,261.90	6,000.00
100-7-82-330.015					
Land Record/Vitals Expens	10,600.00	11,433.38	23,369.00	18,732.75	12,500.00
100-7-82-330.020					
Office Mapping Service	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,192.00	750.00
100-7-82-350.000					
Office Lawn Care	2,500.00	1,525.00	5,500.00	2,380.00	2,400.00
100-7-82-411.000					
Office Water & Sewer	475.00	441.29	713.00	530.79	500.00
100-7-82-423.000					
Office Maintenance	8,000.00	8,076.81	12,000.00	10,613.80	10,150.00
100-7-82-530.000					
Office Telephone	2,400.00	2,457.47	3,600.00	3,903.62	3,925.00
100-7-82-531.000					
Postage	7,500.00	6,208.79	9,750.00	5,539.27	6,200.00
100-7-82-560.000					
Office Snow Removal	500.00	696.03	750.00	129.72	500.00
100-7-82-610.000					
Supplies	4,000.00	3,575.61	6,000.00	3,404.19	4,000.00
100-7-82-622.000					
Office Electricity	2,500.00	2,836.26	4,500.00	3,530.79	3,200.00
100-7-82-624.000					
Office Fuel	1,000.00	1,024.52	1,500.00	1,223.27	1,300.00
100-7-82-740.000					
Office Equipment	3,000.00	3,016.84	4,500.00	3,267.56	3,200.00

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Total Office	126,947.00	121,026.40	206,673.00	156,936.36	146,624.00
100-7-84					
Officer Training & Expense					
100-7-84-300.000					
Appreciation	400.00	386.00	400.00	467.67	500.00
100-7-84-350.000					
Training Programs	1,200.00	764.50	1,000.00	434.10	600.00
100-7-84-580.005					
Officer Mileage	1,100.00	537.41	900.00	546.38	600.00
Total Officer Training & E	2,700.00	1,687.91	2,300.00	1,448.15	1,700.00
100-7-85					
Safety					
100-7-85-110.000					
Safety Officer Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
100-7-85-350.000					
Safety Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,600.00
100-7-85-580.000					
Safety Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Total Safety	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
100-7-86					
Selectboard					
100-7-86-110.040					
Selectboard Stipend	11,250.00	11,250.00	16,875.00	10,500.00	11,250.00
100-7-86-110.045					
Selectboard Assistant	31,247.00	27,761.75	46,871.00	11,383.35	4,000.00
Total Selectboard	42,497.00	39,011.75	63,746.00	21,883.35	15,250.00
100-7-88					
Payroll Obligation & Reti					
100-7-88-220.005					
FICA/MEDI	45,476.00	45,756.75	70,273.00	47,625.52	50,635.00
100-7-88-230.000					
Retirement	22,522.00	22,300.05	36,923.00	25,706.16	28,652.00
Total Payroll Obligation &	67,998.00	68,056.80	107,196.00	73,331.68	79,287.00
100-7-91					
Town Manager					
100-7-91-110.000					
Town Manager	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00
100-7-91-350.000					
Town Mgr Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
100-7-91-580.000					
Town Mgr Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00

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Total Town Manager	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,900.00
100-7-92					
Recreation					
100-7-92-110.000					
Maintenance Technician	9,937.00	8,898.33	9,300.00	4,552.90	6,200.00
100-7-92-110.005					
Rec Dir Payroll	28,571.00	28,472.96	47,602.00	34,298.37	32,824.00
100-7-92-110.010					
Forest Supervisor	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-7-92-211.000					
Rec Insurance	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-92-250.000					
Rec Unemployment	0.00	3,502.19	0.00	909.48	0.00
100-7-92-260.000					
Rec Workers Compensation	0.00	194.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-92-411.000					
Rec Water & Sewer	500.00	1,129.75	1,125.00	1,408.29	1,500.00
100-7-92-430.000					
Field Maintance	25,280.00	20,792.08	36,920.00	21,505.28	24,613.00
100-7-92-530.000					
Rec Cell Phone	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-92-580.000					
Membership and Conference	850.00	45.00	1,000.00	588.36	750.00
100-7-92-580.005					
Mileage	500.00	500.00	750.00	689.54	750.00
100-7-92-610.000					
Office Expense	900.00	849.19	750.00	415.99	500.00
100-7-92-622.000					
Rec Electricity	500.00	361.37	1,125.00	533.95	750.00
100-7-92-740.000					
Equipment	640.00	650.65	1,500.00	852.85	1,000.00
100-7-92-900.000					
Printing	500.00	0.00	750.00	146.00	500.00
Total Recreation	71,978.00	68,695.52	104,022.00	68,901.01	72,387.00
100-7-93					
Warned Items					
100-7-93-950.010					
Warned Item New Town Off	57,454.00	57,454.65	127,181.00	64,416.05	0.00
100-7-93-950.012					
Warned Items Fairfax Resc	58,918.00	58,918.00	108,674.00	70,122.00	0.00
100-7-93-950.015					
Warned Items Social Servi	21,674.00	21,674.00	22,877.50	22,877.50	0.00
Total Warned Items	138,046.00	138,046.65	258,732.50	157,415.55	0.00
100-7-95					
Zoning Expenses					

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100-7-95-110.000					
Zoning Administrator	34,343.00	31,544.73	52,552.00	35,333.06	36,086.00
100-7-95-110.005					
Zoning Board	5,000.00	4,740.00	9,000.00	3,360.00	5,200.00
100-7-95-330.000					
Zoning Mapping Service	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	947.00	750.00
100-7-95-333.000					
Zoning Attorney Fees	4,000.00	780.00	2,250.00	2,745.00	2,500.00
100-7-95-350.000					
Zoning Training	300.00	180.00	450.00	125.00	200.00
100-7-95-550.000					
Zoning Publishing	500.00	844.50	750.00	336.75	500.00
100-7-95-560.000					
Zoning Mileage	300.00	354.34	525.00	461.46	450.00
100-7-95-610.000					
Zoning Expenses/Postage	600.00	472.64	800.00	125.49	500.00
100-7-95-610.005					
Zoning Equip/Printing/Sup	700.00	217.49	950.00	691.80	400.00
100-7-95-700.000					
State Grant Excess Matchi	0.00	0.00	1,502.00	1,502.00	0.00
100-7-95-990.000					
Zoning Miscellaneous	300.00	0.00	225.00	0.00	75.00
Total Zoning Expenses	46,543.00	39,133.70	70,004.00	45,627.56	46,661.00
100-7-96					
Grant & Fees					
100-7-96-811.005					
Library Grant	600.00	100.00	600.00	610.00	600.00
100-7-96-950.000					
Library Fund - Fees	2,000.00	2,972.17	3,000.00	2,361.89	2,500.00
Total Grant & Fees	2,600.00	3,072.17	3,600.00	2,971.89	3,100.00
100-7-97					
Reimbursement Expense					
100-7-97-888.000					
BFA School	0.00	4,966,208.54	5,038,750.00	2,458,497.56	0.00
Total Reimbursement Expense	0.00	4,966,208.54	5,038,750.00	2,458,497.56	0.00
100-7-98					
Special Fund Expense					
Total Special Fund Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-99					
Tax Assessments					
100-7-99-950.020					
Tax Collector	0.00	24,298.67	0.00	15,617.17	0.00

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Total Tax Assessments	0.00	24,298.67	0.00	15,617.17	0.00
Total Expenditures	2,799,335.00	7,639,593.57	9,315,970.50	5,383,287.13	2,676,293.00
Total General Fund	0.00	83,110.29	-192,890.50	-458,773.77	-2,540,533.00

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	CEMETERY TRUSTS	12/31/2016	12/31/2017
Carroll Hill Cemetery Fund		8,450.49	8,462.16
Kingsbury Cemetery Fund		412.10	412.66
Safford Trust Cemetery Fund		1,593.55	1,601.42
General Cemetery Fund		279.50	279.90
Balance		10,735.64	10,756.14

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100-6-00-130.010 Cemeteries Income	200.00	250.00	300.00	0.00	250.00
 100-7-20 Cemeteries					
100-7-20-460.000 Fairfax Plains	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
100-7-20-460.005 Cemetery Mowing	7,000.00	7,110.00	10,350.00	8,455.00	9,000.00
100-7-20-460.010 Repairs	8,050.00	5,100.00	10,000.00	7,782.46	9,050.00
100-7-20-460.015 Sanderson Corner	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
100-7-20-610.000 Cemetery Flags	450.00	394.00	900.00	394.00	450.00
Total Cemeteries	16,000.00	13,104.00	21,750.00	17,131.46	19,000.00

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FUND BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2017
Town of Fairfax General Ledger
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Account Number	Account Description	Account Balance
100-1-00-800.000	General Fund Due To/From Other Funds	-598,387.98
105-1-00-800.000	Carroll Hill Cemetery Fun Due To/From Gen Fund	8,462.16
106-1-00-800.000	Fund 106 Due To/From Other Funds	0.00
110-1-00-800.000	Cemetery Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	279.90
115-1-00-800.000	Impact Fees Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	125,522.58
120-1-00-800.000	Bridge Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	0.00
122-1-00-800.000	Highway Grants Fund Due to/From Gen Fund	0.00
125-1-00-800.000	History Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	6,856.52
130-1-00-800.000	Reappraisal Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	215,783.27
135-1-00-800.000	Kingsbury Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	412.66
140-1-00-800.000	Recreation Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	9,068.44
145-1-00-800.000	Zoning Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	646.70
150-1-00-800.000	Safford Cemetery Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	0.00
155-1-00-800.000	Records Reserve Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	47,684.82
160-1-00-800.000	Recreation CVFS Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	56,409.27
161-1-00-800.000	Rec Community Ctr Due to/From Gen Fund	1,573.53
162-1-00-800.000	Rec Grants Fund Due to/From Gen Fund	0.00
165-1-00-800.000	Recreation Pav Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	419.07
170-1-00-800.000	Sidewalks Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	32,879.80
175-1-00-800.000	Fire Replacement Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	18,881.11
176-1-00-800.000	Fire Grants Fund Due to/From Gen Fund	0.00
180-1-00-800.000	Library Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	3,203.21
185-1-00-800.000	Settlement Due To/From Gen Fund	66,994.26
190-1-00-800.000	New Town Office Fund Due To/From Gen Fund	3,310.68
**** TOTALS FOR DUE/TO DUE/FROM ACCOUNTS		0.00

Support of Social Contributions

Agency	Voted 2017	Proposed 2018
Age Well (CVAA)	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00
American Red Cross	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Fairfax Historical Society		\$2,000.00
Fairfax Success by Six	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Franklin County Animal Rescue		\$1,000.00
Franklin County Home Health Agency	\$8,998.50	\$8,998.00
Franklin County Industrial Development	\$500.00	\$500.00
Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Center	\$300.00	\$300.00
Friends of Northern Lake Champlain	\$300.00	\$500.00
Green Mountain Transit/CCTA	\$2,229.00	\$2,229.00
Green Up Vermont	\$300.00	\$300.00
Northwestern Counseling	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Samaritan House, Inc./Tim's House	\$1,000.00	
Vermont Adult Learning		\$300.00
Vermont Association of Conservation District	\$100.00	\$100.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$500.00	\$500.00
Voices Against Violence Laurie's House	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$300.00	\$300.00
Vermont Council on Rural Development	\$150.00	\$150.00
Vermont Family Network		\$500.00
	\$22,877.50	\$25,477.00

2017 Select Board Report

This year marked one of significant change for the town. We said goodbye to two Select Board members, Ann Lemieux and Lauri Fischer, and hello to Stephen Bessette and Steve Cormier. We also bid a fond farewell to longtime Town employee Sheri Rainville. Despite her retirement, Sheri is just as engaged with the community as ever by volunteering with both the Fairfax Historical Society and the Parks & Recreation Department. Taking her place is Lynn Parah, and our new Town Manager Brad Docheff.

We would like to recognize Sheri Rainville for her years of service. A true public servant, Sheri is held in high regard amongst our community because of her ability to inspire a passion for civic service amongst her colleagues. Her energy paired well with her positive attitude, and her presence in the Town Office will be missed by citizens, by her coworkers, and by this board.

In 2017 we received a \$2550 SWIP grant to help offset the expense associated with Household Hazardous Waste day. We will host three Household Hazardous Waste days at the Town Garage on Fletcher Road this year, all on Saturday from 8am until 12pm. Dates in 2018; April 21st, July 14th, and September 8th.

We have made progress on many of our ongoing projects. The final easement to phase one of the sidewalk project was signed, our 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved, a crosswalk in the village was approved by the necessary parties and will be installed by the blinking yellow light. We completed work at the Town Office thanks to Joey Pigeon, of Pigeon Brothers Excavating. Joey donated his time, transportation, and machine hours required to complete the ditching and work on the lawn.

The previous year also included several key changes to help reduce our operating expenses. The biggest being our change of insurance providers from VLCT's PACIF to Hickok & Boardman. This switch provides us with similar coverage, and a price tag \$20,000 less than our previous insurer. We are almost through our 18 month budget, and into a 12 month budget cycle starting July 1, 2018 running to June 30, 2019. This change from a calendar year to a fiscal year was approved by voters last year.

Unfortunately one of our longtime employees, D. Jay Leach, was injured during the cleanup from the wind storm in late October 2017. We continue to wish D. Jay the best while he is still recovering. In D. Jay's absence, the Highway Department is currently being led by interim Road Foreman, Tim Germaine. Tim was on the Highway crew prior to this appointment, and is also a member of the Fairfax Rescue Squad.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Steve Cormier, Vice Chair
Randy Devine
Duane Leech
Stephen Bessette

ANNUAL TOWN CLERK/TREASURER REPORT FOR 2017

As Town clerk, I have a myriad of duties overseeing recording, preserving and certifying public documents, administering oaths of office, complying with the State of Vermont information requests, and running Town, primary, general, and special elections as Presiding Officer.

As Treasurer, I'm responsible for keeping the Town's account receivables, account payables, payroll, general and fund accounts, which includes the office, officers, law enforcement, elections, payroll, payroll withholdings, insurance, garage, highway, fire, recreation, Assessor, Constable, animal control, cemeteries, emergency management, zoning, and the library. I work with the independent Auditors to settle Town accounts and provide the Select Board with information about town finances. I serve as the collector of current property taxes. Additionally, I am also the School's Treasurer, verifying all their revenues, liabilities and accounts payable.

Through the Vermont Elections Management System, both the Online Voter Registration (OLVR) and My Voter Page (MVP) websites are available for you as residents and voters. These websites can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> (OLVR) and <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us> (MVP). Residents are able to register to vote through these websites. They are also now able to request Absentee Ballots through these websites. The State of Vermont sends the information to The Fairfax Clerk's Office for processing. I have assisted the Select Board with important town decisions to accomplish their goals. We are continuing land record preservation through Xerox/ACS Government Records Services with a new five year contract. The land records located in the vault are microfilm protected have been converted to digital images back to 1987 using the full service indexing ACS 20/20 Prefect Vision system. Our plot maps are now completely indexed, microfilmed and converted to digital images. We have two land record computers in the office for searchers use at the price of one. The searchers love this system and cannot stop expressing their love of this ACS 20/20 Perfect Vision system. Property owners are still able to take advantage of the free Automated Tax Payment Program, where tax payers can now automatic withdrawal their property taxes into the Towns checking account when the taxes are due. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover Credit/Debit cards. There is no fee to the Town. There is a fee charged to the card holder of 3% +.50 swipe fee or a \$2.00 minimum. Modernization in accounting practices and land record access, coupled with using up to date technology is allowing the Town Office to run more efficiently and provide accurate data, which enables me to attend to other important tasks in our ever evolving, high pace environment, and fast growing Town.

Here are a few highlights of what happened throughout 2017:

- Conducted a rabies clinic at the Town Garage in March. We registered 644 dogs in 2017.
- I was able to receive free election supplies consisting the control barriers, ballot bins, ballot bags, & canvas bags through the Office of the Secretary of State.
- ICS Sweep accounting has been set up with our Bank replacing the collateral agreement. This is the best protection for the Town of Fairfax's funds.
- Our Canon copier and Pitney Bowes postage contracts were updated.
- Town Reports were available at the Town Office and other local locations saving monies by not mailing each one out. This was very much accepted by the people. They are also available online on our website @ Fairfax-vt.gov.
- A Special School District meeting was held on May 8, 2017 to amend the 2017 Fairfax Town School District Meeting Warning with a correction on the date and Article 2 revising the equalized pupil percentage from 1.15% to 4.39%.
- A Special School District Election was held on October 10, 2017 for the purpose of a \$16,000,000 bond vote for construction of renovations, capital improvements and additions to our School. There were 1410 voters with 412 in favor and 998 opposed.
- There was a change in our billing cycle on **property taxes** from January 1st through December 31st to an **eighteen (18) month transitional year starting January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**. We accomplish this, with billing the property taxes in three payments. The **first** of three payments was due **November 20, 2017**. The **second** of three payments is due **February 20, 2018**. The **third** and final of three payments is due **May 20, 2018**. That completes the transitional period. We will continue to have three property taxes payments for the upcoming **2018-2019 Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019**. You can expect your next property tax bill at the end of July 2018 consisting of 3 payments also. Please view the dates on your upcoming property tax bill. I maybe tweaking them a little to better serve the Town of Fairfax. We have been doing a lot of education with the property tax payers, the searchers, the lenders, and the escrows companies with this transition. Several property tax payers paid early, before the end of December so that they could use what they paid for income tax purposes.
- Lynn Parah started in July as my new Assistant.
- My Assistant, Sheri Rainville retired at the end of August. She completing the task of getting all our Plot Maps indexed and available on the computer before she retired. What a great accomplishment. Words cannot express the privilege of working together. She will be greatly missed by us all in the Town Office.

I look forward to seeing you at the **Annual Town & School District Meeting** on Saturday, March 3, 2018, held at the **Elementary Auditorium of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street** and the **Annual Town & School District Meeting Election** on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, held at the **Middle School Gymnasium at Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street**. Feel free to call me anytime at the Town Office at (802) 849-6111 extension 11. I am happy to be of service to each and every one of you.

Respectfully,



Deborah Woodward
Fairfax Town Clerk/Treasurer

2017 Highway Report

Our responsibilities as the Highway Department includes all regular maintenance needed to allow for the consistent and safe travel on all paved and dirt roads. We also make improvements allowing for increased vehicle and bicycle use of designated routes. We work closely with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission to secure funding for road management projects, as well as stormwater/runoff management projects as they become more important in our State.

In 2017 we were able to complete several paving projects in areas of high need like Fletcher Road, Buck Hollow Road, Brick Church Road, Cherrierville Road, and Goose Pond Road. Other notable projects included several changed culverts around town, as well as upgrading the intersection of Swamp Road and Fletcher Road. This dangerous intersection now allows for increased visibility in both lanes of travel and includes guard rails lining the embankment.

In order to keep up with the amount of work, we purchased some much needed equipment this year. In addition to a new plow truck, we also purchased a Hydroseeder. The hydroseeder will allow us to complete a significant ditching project later in 2018. We also built some equipment ourselves when we could. We constructed a Road Roller to supplement our increasing efforts in road grading.

We are planning to accomplish a lot in the 2018 season, some highlights of our project list include; as much shimming/paving to our paved roads as possible, significant ditching project including culvert repairs and lining with stone, update of road name signs and speed limit signs, establish solid base on dirt roads.

In addition to the specific projects mentioned above, we are also excited to introduce an updated maintenance schedule including plans for paving, ditching, road side mowing, and regular road grading.

I look forward to having the opportunity to be able to take on this task, but I could not to begin to do it without the help from the committed crew at the highway department, and the team at the Town Offices.

Respectfully,

Tim Germaine, Interim Road Foreman

Fairfax Utility Pollution Control 2017

Our average daily discharge of processed (cleaned) sewage for the year 2017 was 36,000 gallons, which compares to 32,000 gallons per day in 2016. Recorded rain fall was 53 inches and 97 inches of snow fall. Rain + snow adds to our discharges. This can be compared to 2016 (which was a hot + dry year) with 32 inches of rain and 35 inches of snowfall.

Activities that took place during the year were as follows; meter inspections on new sewer connections, replaced 1 worn out air diffusion blower, explore rates, tracking available allocation, responding to sewer line plug-ups (3) – all were house sewer lines, repairs to main air diffusion lines, rebuilt 2 manholes, explore new generation of meters, replacement of non-working meters, recertifying sludge application field (involving Engineering, sampling + Wastewater Management Division), close monitoring of lagoon levels during heavy rain events, entertaining needs of sewer allocation for prospective new business, repairs to W.W.T. Facility building (38 years old) , cleared sludge field – ready for sludge application in 2018, locate sewer lines for GMP pole installations. responding to pump station alarms, clearing from wind storm damage and tracking budget w/meetings. This is just a few highlights of our activities not including regular operations, maintenance and equipment repairs.

Our 2018 schedule looks to be warp speed active!

Again- we welcome anyone interested in the operations of sewage treatment to contact us for a visit or just stop by.

You can now pay you Utility bill with your debit/credit card on line or in the office.

Visit us on the Towns Web Site – click on “Utility”
That’s life at the Pollution Control Facility

<u>Owner/Official</u>	<u>Utility</u>	<u>Pollution Control Facility</u>
Selectboard	Utility Manager	Chief Operator
Sewer Commissioners	Amy Sears	Randy L. DeVine
12 Buck Hollow Rd.	12 Buck Hollow Rd.	12 Buck Hollow Rd.
Fairfax, VT. 05454	Fairfax, VT. 05454	Fairfax, VT. 05454
(802)-84-6111 X 16	(802)-849-6111 X 15	(802)-849-6033 (W)
		(802)- 849-6304 (H)

Fairfax Utility Water Department 2017

The total demand (usage) on the water system for 2017 was 12,132,200 gallons, at an average daily demand of 32,144 gallons. In 2016, the demand on the system was 13,811,500 gallons, averaging 37,737 gallons per day. We contribute the less demand of water in 2017 to two factors; a considerably wetter year and more low flow fixtures being installed. There was a total rainfall in 2017 of 53 inches compared to 30 inches in 2016 and yes, we did have a hot + dry spell but it was short lived compared to 2016, which the summer months were extremely hot + dry. We continue to monitor these events so we can make adjustments when needed before an emergency situation may occur.

During the 2017 year the department had **NO LINE LEAKS**, however there were 6 private line (house lines) leaks. Other water usages were; Our yearly flushing event, Fire Dept. training + fire hose pressure tests and refilling Fire Trucks after a fire.

Activities during the year were; a water disconnect at a burned house, installed some extensions stems to main line water valves, repairs to a flooded out booster station, explore water rates, booster pump failures, review relocating some Fire Hydrants required by the Agency of Trans., develop a new Total Coliform + Lead and Copper sampling plan required by the State of VT. Water Division, up-dated our O+M manual, explore a new generation of water meters (which our present meters are 10 years past their accuracy life design), up-dated our Source Protection Plan, completed our Consumer Confidence Report, entertained school tours, rebuilt a booster pump (20+ yrs. Old), locate water lines for GMP pole replacements, responded to power outage-windstorm damage (power outage for 2 1/2 days), set up our emergency generator to continue to provide water, accessing storm damage + clearing debris (more to do in spring), Flushing Hydrant destroyed from a car crash and many meetings, training classes, regular maintenance + equipment repairs. Major highlights and on going projects include; replacement of our water control computer system (it crashed with no return! \$\$), entertaining a new business with needs to water with a possible new water source.

Our yearly flushing event will be May 21-25

We had no violations due to unacceptable water quality in 2017 or for any other year for a matter of fact.

Please contact us with any questions you may have about the Fairfax Water Department and/or our water quality.

If you notice any suspicious activity related to the water system, please do not hesitate to contact us our any Town Official immediately.

You can now pay your water bill with your debit/credit card on line or in the office.

Visit us on the Town Web Site – “Click on Utility”

Owner/ Official	Utility	Water Superintendent
Selectboard	Amy Sears	Randy L. DeVine
Water Commissioners	Utility Manager	Superintendent
12 Buck Hollow Rd.	12 Buck Hollow Rd.	12 Buck Hollow Rd.
Fairfax, VT. 05454	Fairfax, VT. 05454	Fairfax, VT. 05454
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FAIRFAX UTILITY DEPARTMENT
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Penalty Water & Sewer	5,252.23	3,000.00	2,252.23	175.07%
SEWER CONNECTION FEE'S	9,000.00			
SEWER FINAL FEE	9,000.00			
SEWER MISC.	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
SEWER PERMITS/Applications	1,500.00	100.00	1,400.00	1,500.0%
SEWER SERVICE	88,754.58	92,000.00	-3,245.42	96.47%
WATER MISC	16,433.26	50.00	16,383.26	32,866.52%
WATER SERVICE	126,164.22	125,000.00	1,164.22	100.93%
Total Income	256,104.29	220,200.00	35,904.29	116.31%
Gross Profit	256,104.29	220,200.00	35,904.29	116.31%
Expense				
6560 - Payroll Expenses				
Direct Deposit Fee	42.00	125.00	-83.00	33.6%
FICA	7,392.43			
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	3,541.76	3,953.85	-412.09	89.58%
SEWER WAGES				
Sewer- Call out Comp. 2hr min	0.00			
Sewer Floating Holiday	169.84			
Sewer Holiday	750.48			
Sewer Hourly Rate	59,875.51			
Sewer Overtime	394.62			
Sewer Sick Time	104.82			
Sewer Vacation	1,693.37			
SEWER WAGES - Other	124.46	60,695.52	-60,571.06	0.21%
Total SEWER WAGES	63,113.10	60,695.52	2,417.58	103.98%
WATER WAGES				
Water- Call out Comp 2 hr min	397.00			
Water Floating Holiday	169.84			
Water Holiday	750.48			
Water Hourly	29,902.28			
Water Overtime	315.33			
Water Sick Time	95.93			
Water Vacation Time	1,693.37			
WATER WAGES - Other	124.46	36,850.23	-36,725.77	0.34%
Total WATER WAGES	33,448.69	36,850.23	-3,401.54	90.77%
6560 - Payroll Expenses - Other	-2,042.88			
Total 6560 - Payroll Expenses	105,495.10	101,624.60	3,870.50	103.81%
SEWER				
ADVERTISING	771.75	75.00	696.75	1,029.0%
CERTIFICATIONS	1,000.00	200.00	800.00	500.0%
CHLORINE	930.31	1,300.00	-369.69	71.56%
COMPUTER PROGRAM UPDATES	335.97	250.00	85.97	134.39%
EDUCATION/TRAINING	146.50	125.00	21.50	117.2%
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
HSA Contribution - Company	0.00			
INSURANCE				
DISABILITY INS.	58.85	75.00	-16.15	78.47%
HEALTH INSURANCE	201.00	780.00	-579.00	25.77%
PROPERTY INS.	1,201.00	1,201.00	0.00	100.0%
WORKERS COMP INS.	1,689.59	1,456.00	233.59	116.04%
Total INSURANCE	3,150.44	3,512.00	-361.56	89.71%
LAB SUPPLIES	293.24	350.00	-56.76	83.78%
Membership	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
MILEAGE SEWER	1,834.60	1,750.00	84.60	104.83%
MISC	0.00	35.00	-35.00	0.0%
NEW EQUIPMENT	1,231.54	1,400.00	-168.46	87.97%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	917.92	500.00	417.92	183.58%
PERMIT	873.71	925.00	-51.29	94.46%
POSTAGE	298.13	500.00	-201.87	59.63%
PROFESSIONAL FEES				
Professional Fee's Other	5,150.00	200.00	4,950.00	2,575.0%
Legal	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Professional Fee's Audit	2,465.00	2,500.00	-35.00	98.6%
Total PROFESSIONAL FEES	7,615.00	3,200.00	4,415.00	237.97%
REPAIRS & MAINT./ PARTS	4,492.01	6,000.00	-1,507.99	74.87%
SHIPPING CHARGES	412.06	500.00	-87.94	82.41%
SHOP SUPPLIES	2,026.83	1,800.00	226.83	112.6%
SUB-CONTRACTED LABOR	2,036.35	1,000.00	1,036.35	203.64%
TOOLS- SMALL	164.88	500.00	-335.12	32.98%
UNIFORMS	810.94	826.00	-15.06	98.18%
UTILITIES				
ELECTRIC	13,470.01	15,500.00	-2,029.99	86.9%

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
HEATING	783.82			
TELEPHONE	950.35	950.00	0.35	100.04%
Total UTILITIES	15,204.18	16,450.00	-1,245.82	92.43%
WASTE WATER TESTING	3,504.00	1,900.00	1,604.00	184.42%
Total SEWER	48,050.36	43,248.00	4,802.36	111.1%
WATER				
ADVERTISING	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
CHLORINE	711.44	775.00	-63.56	91.8%
COMPUTER PROGRAM UPDATES	335.98	250.00	85.98	134.39%
DONATION	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
EDUCATION/TRAINING	314.50	250.00	64.50	125.8%
EQUIPMENT	399.57	425.00	-25.43	94.02%
HSA Contribution - Company	0.00			
INSURANCE				
DISABILITY INS.	58.85	75.00	-16.15	78.47%
HEALTH INS	201.00	780.00	-579.00	25.77%
PROPERTY INS.	1,201.00	1,201.00	0.00	100.0%
WORKERS COMP. INS.	1,689.59	1,456.00	233.59	116.04%
Total INSURANCE	3,150.44	3,512.00	-361.56	89.71%
LAB SUPPLIES	243.12	200.00	43.12	121.56%
MEMBERSHIPS	420.00	450.00	-30.00	93.33%
MLEAGE WATER	2,045.06	1,982.00	63.06	103.18%
MISC.	0.00	35.00	-35.00	0.0%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	917.90	500.00	417.90	183.58%
POSTAGE	298.13	500.00	-201.87	59.63%
PROFESSIONAL FEES				
Legal	90.00	1,800.00	-1,710.00	5.0%
Professional fee's other/Audit	2,465.00	2,500.00	-35.00	98.6%
Total PROFESSIONAL FEES	2,555.00	4,300.00	-1,745.00	59.42%
REPAIRS & MAINT./Parts	2,874.34	3,250.00	-375.66	88.44%
SHIPPING CHARGES	159.70	175.00	-15.30	91.26%
SHOP SUPPLIES	267.87	350.00	-82.13	76.53%
SUB-CONTRACTED LABOR	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
TOOLS-Small	154.09	300.00	-145.91	51.36%
UNIFORMS	810.94	826.00	-15.06	98.18%
UTILITIES				
ELECTRIC	7,681.19	10,000.00	-2,318.81	76.81%
HEATING	2,106.39	3,500.00	-1,393.61	60.18%
TELEPHONE	887.95	900.00	-12.05	98.66%
Total UTILITIES	10,675.53	14,400.00	-3,724.47	74.14%
WATER BOND INVESTMENT PYMT	48,840.70	48,000.00	840.70	101.75%
WATER SAMPLES	1,440.00	1,100.00	340.00	130.91%
Total WATER	76,614.31	82,230.00	-5,615.69	93.17%
Total Expense	230,159.77	227,102.60	3,057.17	101.35%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Temp Access Permit	2,500.00			
Total 7010 - Interest Income	22.70			

Utility Department Budget

July 2018 to June 2019

Income	Penalty - Water & Sewer	\$3,000.00
	Sewer Application	\$500.00
	SEWER MISC.	\$50.00
	SEWER SERVICE	\$92,000.00
	WATER MISC	\$50.00
	WATER SERVICE	\$125,000.00
	Total Income	\$220,600.00

Payroll Expenses	SEWER WAGES	\$64,000.00
	WATER WAGES	\$35,000.00
	FICA	-
	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$4,430.00
	Payroll Expenses - Other	\$275.00
	Total Payroll Expenses	\$103,705.00

Sewer	Advertising	\$75.00
	Certifications	\$200.00
	Chlorine	\$1,300.00
	COMPUTER PROGRAM UPDATES	\$340.00
	Education & Training	\$150.00
	EQUIPMENT- New	\$2,750.00
	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$75.00
	INSURANCE	
	Health	\$500.00
	WORKERS COMP INS.	\$1,700.00
	Disability Ins.	\$75.00
	Lab Supplies	\$350.00
	Memberships	\$275.00
	MILEAGE SEWER	\$1,800.00
	MISC.	\$35.00
	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$800.00
	PERMIT	\$900.00
	POSTAGE	\$400.00
	PROFESSIONAL FEES	
	Audit	\$2,500.00
	Legal	\$500.00
	Others	\$500.00
	REPAIRS & MAINT./ Parts	\$5,500.00
	SHIPPING CHARGES	\$500.00
	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,800.00
	SUB-CONTRACTED LABOR	\$1,400.00
	Tools- Small	\$200.00

UNIFORMS	\$826.00
UTILITIES	
ELECTRIC	\$14,500.00
HEATING	\$1,000.00
TELEPHONE	\$1,000.00
WASTE WATER TESTING	\$2,000.00
Total Sewer Expense	\$45,451.00

Water

Advertising	\$50.00
Chlorine	\$825.00
Computer Program Updates	\$340.00
DONATION	\$100.00
Education/Training	\$450.00
Equipment	\$500.00
INSURANCE	
WORKERS COMP. INS.	\$1,700.00
Disability	\$75.00
Health Ins.	\$500.00
PROPERTY INS.	\$1,500.00
Lab Supplies	\$300.00
MEMBERSHIPS	\$450.00
MILEAGE WATER	\$2,000.00
MISC.	\$35.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,000.00
POSTAGE	\$400.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	
Audit	\$2,500.00
Legal	\$1,800.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES - Other	\$500.00
REPAIRS & MAINT./ Parts	\$3,250.00
SHIPPING CHARGES	\$200.00
SHOP SUPPLIES	\$350.00
Sub Contracted Labor	\$500.00
Tool- Small	\$300.00
UNIFORMS	\$826.00
UTILITIES	
ELECTRIC	\$10,000.00
HEATING	\$3,000.00
TELEPHONE	\$900.00
WATER SAMPLES	\$1,300.00
Water Bond Payment 1/4ly	\$40,000.00
Total Water	\$75,651.00

Fairfax Fire Department 2017 Report

Fire Department Response Breakdown by Major Incident Types

Incident Type	2017 Payroll Year 11/16/16 – 11/15/17	2017 Calendar Year
Fires	14	14
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear (No Fire)	0	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical (Includes Car Accidents)	51	54
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	20	17
Service Call	53	62
Good Intent Call	11	13
False Alarm & False Call	19	22
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	2	2
Special Incident Type	0	0
Total	170	184

Fire Department Budget

	18-19 Budget 12 Months	17-18 Budget 18 Months	17-18 To Date As of 1/30/2018	Balance
Fire Warden	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Firefighter payroll	\$33,000.00	\$49,550.00	\$26,637.50	\$22,912.50
Battalion Chief Payroll	\$40,250.00	\$59,797.00	\$42,680.10	\$17,116.90
Disability Insurance	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,835.00	\$2,165.00
OSHA Health Check	\$1,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,099.00	\$501.00
Training	\$2,600.00	\$3,900.00	\$978.65	\$2,921.35
Water & Sewer	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$584.78	\$165.22
Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$603.08	\$6,896.92
Equipment Maintenance	\$7,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$7,157.44	\$5,342.56
Fire Station Heat	\$3,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.39	-\$0.39
Fleet Maintenance	\$11,900.00	\$10,800.00	\$8,065.53	\$2,734.47
Telephone & Dispatching	\$47,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$43,316.61	\$6,683.39
Mileage	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$431.73	\$168.27
Equipment & Supplies	\$12,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$10,815.61	\$7,184.39
Turnout Gear	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Electricity	\$2,400.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,791.24	\$808.76
Gasoline	\$1,400.00	\$2,100.00	\$724.66	\$1,375.34
Diesel Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$1,596.65	\$2,153.35
Capital Replacement / Apparatus	\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
	\$217,850.00	\$318,447.00	\$154,317.97	\$164,129.03

In 2017 we received \$869.71 in matching funds from the VT Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests & Parks, allowing us to purchase \$1,739.42 in Wildland Firefighting Equipment with only \$869.71 coming out of our Equipment Budget. Through this program, Fire Departments place an order through the State, from select items available in the GSA Wildland Catalog. The State then places a single order, obtaining bulk pricing. The Towns reimburse the State of VT for half of the purchase price of the equipment.

Revenues in the 2017-18 budget include; \$1,562.50 from the Town of Fletcher for responses into their community that exceeded what was covered by their retainer fee in 2016 and \$1,612.50 for 2017. We also received \$35.00 for incident report requests, and \$1,000.00 for Change of Ownership Fire Safety Inspections of Public Buildings, totaling \$4,210.00 in revenues.

Respectfully Submitted
David Raymond
Battalion Chief

Annual Report

We are honored to present you with our report for 2017. Fairfax Rescue is a private not-for-profit Paramedic level ambulance service providing coverage to Fairfax, Fletcher and the Northern area of Westford. Fairfax Rescue is pleased to also provide mutual aid coverage to Cambridge, Georgia, St. Albans, Milton and East Fairfield. We provide stand by coverage for local events such as the Westford Turkey and school sporting events. We have certified 3 new EVDT (EVOC) emergency driving instructors and 4 new CPR instructors. We offer CPR and First Aid classes and with the goal of helping the communities that we serve to become HeartSmart Communities. We host EMT courses and other Advanced training opportunities.

Some of Rescue's Outreach Events:

- Annual Open House and Health Fair
- CPR/AED and First Aid Courses
- Turkey Trot and other local sporting events
- July 4th Parade
- Big Truck Day hosted by Success by Six
- Reflective 911 Signs
- EMT and EVDT certification courses

Fairfax Rescue has some of the most highly trained professionals in EMS. We currently have 3 Paramedics on staff, as well as a critical care flight paramedic and two members attending paramedic school. We are committed to continuing to provide high quality Pre-Hospital care 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Providing this level of care is both challenging and expensive. Fairfax Rescue is staffed primarily by volunteers. These volunteers collectively gave thousands of volunteer hours last year in addition to ongoing training and continued education.

We are honored to have such a dedicated membership. In addition to focusing on volunteer recruitment in our efforts to keep the costs down for the communities we serve, in 2017 we brought our billing in house to minimize costs associated with outside fees while utilizing specialized training within our membership. We continue to offer our subscription plan to help off-set the costs that insurance billing does not cover and greatly appreciate the generous donations we receive throughout the year. We have also obtained numerous grants throughout the year to help cover the costs of new and state of the art equipment.

Fairfax Rescue is always recruiting new volunteers. Contact us at 802-849-2773 stop by our station at 14 Goodall Street in Fairfax, visit our webpage at Fairfaxrescue.org or like us on Facebook for more information on joining our team or CPR/AED/First aid courses. We are proud to serve your community and look forward to speaking with you

Tim Wasilewski, EMT
President Fairfax EMS Inc (d.b.a Fairfax Rescue)
12/3/2017

Fairfax Emergency Management

Happy 2018. The town has in order paperwork to be compliant with state and federal governments. We finally have an adopted mitigation plan which took almost two year to be accepted. Thank you Regional Planning for your continued support. After town meeting the Emergency Operation Plan will be updated with new contact information.

I had a couple purchases this year, 3-new handheld radios which replaced out of date radios purchased in 2003. A new ID card system which also replaces an out of date process which I have been using for many years.

As most all of you know we had a severe wind storm on October 30, 2017, this storm generated expenses above and beyond our normal day to day operational cost. We are working with FEMA to try and regain some of our losses, there is no guarantee. Please continue to prayer for our road foreman who was seriously injured while working to clean up trees after this storm.

Remember preparedness begins at home. Thank you for your support.

Best regards,

Stephen Bessette-EMC

Fairfax Town Health Officer's Report 2017

The Town Health Officer (THO) is a position that State law requires every Town to fill. The THO is nominated by Town Government Officials, and appointed by the VT Commissioner of Health for a three-year term. The role of the THO is defined in the VT Statutes, Title 18, Chapter 11 (18VSA Ch.11, §§ 601-624).

Town Health Officers are given the authority by the VT statutes to investigate and mitigate any potential or existing public health hazard in his/her town. Each town has a local board of health, made up of the town's Selectboard & THO. The THO investigates all complaints, and has exclusive authority to take emergency mitigation steps, and may enforce any State health regulations and local health ordinances in his/her town.

The Town Health Officer investigates issues related to the VT Rental Housing Code, in regard to sanitation facilities, rubbish issues, insects & rodents, and heating. The THO also deals with sewage/septic system issues, lead paint laws, and asbestos issues. The THO is also responsible for following up on reported animal bites, and will work jointly with animal control when required.

Reminder.....the State of VT requires that all dogs be licensed with the Town, no later than April 1 of each year.

If you believe you have an issue that falls under the jurisdiction of the Town Health Officer, please contact me at 849-6075 (Fairfax Fire Department Business line). You can also contact me by email, fire@fairfax-vt.gov. Please include your name, address, contact information, location of issue you are reporting, and detailed information about the issue.

You can visit the Health Officer page on the Town of Fairfax web site for more information.

<http://www.fairfax-vt.gov/healthofficer>

Respectfully Submitted

David Raymond
Town Health Officer

FAIRFAX ASSESSORS OFFICE
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FAIRFAX, VT 05454

Tel: 802-849-6111 ext.19 Fax 802-849-6276

The Assessor is responsible for performing all town property assessments. Keeping, updating and maintaining the value of real property in the town on which the Selectboard will set a tax rate necessary to raise the monies to pay for town services, maintenance, town roads and school. The office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. If you have questions or need further information or assistance you can call the number above. Don't forget you can check the web site for important dates such as lodging the Grand List and Grievance.

Over the past year the Assessor's office received and reviewed 76 new notices /permits. There were 28 new houses, 6 detached garages, 10 additions and /or finished areas, 16 barns/sheds, the remainder being porches, decks, duplexes, etc. It is permissible to have more than one project on a permit. There is also ongoing routine work such as finishing up prior year permits as they are good for two years. Homestead Declarations, Current Use, Veteran Exemptions, Property Transfers and mapping, (an ongoing project as there are so many changes during the year.)

Completed the required Sales Report in August. The Sales Report determines the new Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD). The 2018 CLA is currently 94.01% of FMV and COD is 7.90%. These numbers are very important in regards to school spending and the tax rate.

To keep informed, many meetings are attended such a VALA (Vermont Assessor and Lister Association) every other month in Randolph. MSOL/CAMA in February, NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) Annual Seminar in March, TOEC (Town Officer Education Conference) in April, also other classes the state or PV&R offer.

Based on the 2017 Grand List figures, and the voted budgets, the municipal tax rate of .6212 plus local agreement of .0031 was set by the Selectboard for residential and non- residential tax purposes. The state sets education rates, the municipal rate is \$1.3681 and non- residential is \$1.61. This results in a residential rate of **\$1.9924** and a non-resident rate of **\$2.2343**.

Article #4 on the 2016 warning to eliminate the Lister position passed, subsequently I was appointed by the Selectboard to fill the position of Assessor Assistant. I enjoy the everyday work but, it has really grown into a very complex and technical position. In the near future a more qualified Appraiser will be needed to fulfill the job requirements.

REMINDER: All Homestead Declarations must be filed with the state every year by April 15th to avoid a penalty. If the April 15th deadline is not met there will be a 3% penalty assessed on your tax bill. The form HS-122 can be found online at <http://tax.vermont.gov>.

Assessor Assistant: Patricia McNall

Fairfax Zoning Office

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Zoning Office Report:

The number of permits issued in 2017 totaled 76, compared to 66 in 2016. New residential construction increased slightly with 37 units being permitted versus 27 in 2016. There were 22 new single unit dwellings permitted and 6 replacement homes. There were 2 permits for multi unit dwellings that will result in 9 new units being constructed. The number of Certificates of Compliance, issued to homeowners selling or refinancing their homes, rose slightly this year with 67 being issued in 2017. Certificates of Compliance doesn't directly reflect re-sale home sales in Fairfax, they are only performed when requested and not required by the town. It is becoming common practice for attorneys and lenders to request this when a property is selling.

PERMIT TYPE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Single Family Homes	32	21	14	23	22
Multi Family Homes	4	8	5	2	2 (9 units)
Replacement Homes	2	3	5	3	6
Additions/Basements	11	11	12	9	8
Garages/Barns	13	10	8	4	10
Accessory Apartments	0	1	0	1	0
Commercial	1	1	1	1	0
Other (sheds, Decks, pools)	34	27	32	22	22
Change of Use	1	2	0	0	1
Signs	1	0	2	0	3
Home Occup/Industry	1	1	1	1	2
Certificates of Compliance	52	49	57	58	67

The Zoning Office would like to remind you that a permit is needed for any construction involving 100 square feet or more. This includes basements, decks, additions and more. Please call the office if you have any questions whether a permit is required or not.

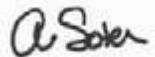
The DRB maintained a full schedule. There was a total of 6 subdivisions and in total the DRB held 14 public hearings. Some projects required more than one hearing and other projects have not yet been issued final decisions. There were also Conditional Use/Site Plan and Boundary Adjustment hearings. The Zoning Office continued to provide assistance to the DRB by analyzing all development proposals prior to their Public Hearings, and by writing reports to assist the DRB in evaluating projects which come before them.

The Zoning Office also provided staff support for the Planning Commission throughout 2017. The 2017 Planning Commission conducted 12 meetings. The Planning Commission's primary goal this year was to get a start on the 2018 Fairfax Town Plan Update. Additionally, funded by a grant awarded in 2015, the Fairfax Route 104 Village Gateway Enhancement Study, was completed. The Gateway Study Final Report can be found at <http://www.fairfax-vt.gov> within the Planning Commission Section.

As always, the Zoning Office was a bustling place and continued to answer questions and provide information and guidance for property owners, home buyers, attorneys, mortgage companies, engineers, and anyone else who phoned, wrote, or visited.

Our goal in 2018 is to continue to provide the best possible service and information to those who contact us. Our office is normally open at minimum four days a week. Hours may vary from week to week, and you can call the Town Office to check our hours before you come in. 802-849-6111. Our email is always open; zoning@fairfax-vt.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber Soter,
Zoning Administrator,
Planning Commission
& DRB Coordinator

Development Review Board

12 Buck Hollow Road

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Development Review Board Report:

Members of the Development Review board in 2017 were: Jason Heyer (Chair), Martha Varney (Vice Chair), Nicholas Hibbard (Clerk), Michelle Dufresne, and Claude Rainville.

The Development Review Board (DRB) holds public hearings on development projects the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7PM in the Town Offices. Additionally, the DRB schedules working sessions and site visits as needed.

In 2017 the Fairfax Development Review Board conducted **14 public hearings**. Some projects had more than one hearing and other projects have not yet had final decisions. The Board approved 6 subdivisions which were all Administrative Review by the Zoning Administrator. In addition, there were; 3 Conditional Use/Site Plan Review hearings, 1 Final Plat Revision, 1 boundary adjustment and 1 Appeal Hearing.

The DRB considers various development proposals and usually conducts one or more public hearings at each meeting. The hearings can be Sketch Plan Reviews, Preliminary Plat Hearings, Final Plat Hearings, Revisions, Variances, Appeals or Conditional Use/Site Plan Hearings. Each hearing must be publicly warned and notification sent to all adjoining property owners. Before each hearing, each Board member must familiarize themselves with the case by reviewing all pertinent information. The signed minutes are sent to interested parties who attended the hearing. After the final hearing, the Board will go into deliberative session to discuss the information presented and make a decision. The decision is formally written as a "Findings of Fact and Order" (which must be recorded by the applicant in the Town Records) and is sent to the applicant and to all 'interested persons' who attended the hearing. The final survey map for the project (Plat), if required, must be reviewed by the Board, and signed by the Chairman

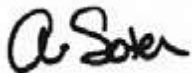
before it is filed, by the applicant, in the Town's land records.

An Interested Person is anyone who may legally appeal to the Development Review Board or the Vermont Environmental Court, as prescribed by the Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning Act. These include:

- 1) The party owning title to the subject property, or the designated agent of said property, or a municipality or solid waste management district empowered to condemn it or an interest in it.
- 2) Persons owning or occupying property in the immediate neighborhood.
- 3) Any ten voters or property owners in the Town who file a petition with the Development Review Board.
- 4) The Selectboard of the Town or any adjourning Town.
- 5) Certain State Agencies

The Zoning Administrator, Amber Soter, conducts Administrative Reviews for eligible 2-lot subdivisions and boundary adjustments. In addition, the Zoning Administrator actively assists residents through the DRB process, produces and posts public notices, invites adjoining landowners to hearings, takes minutes at hearings, drafts decisions for the DRB, and mails correspondence to the Board and participants. Copies of the signed minutes from each meeting can be viewed at the Zoning Office. Schedules and minutes are also available on the Town's website at, <http://www.fairfax-vt.gov/>.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber Soter
Zoning Administrator,
Planning Commission
& DRB Coordinator

Planning Commission

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Planning Commission Report:

Members of the Planning Commission in 2017 were: Greg Heyer (Chair), Richard Wimble (Vice Chair), Mark Hunziker (Clerk), Mark Kane, Martha Varney.

The 2017 Planning Commission conducted 12 meetings. The Planning Commission's primary goal this year was to start the 2018 Fairfax Town Plan Update. Early in the year, the meetings consisted of goal planning and organizing for this large undertaking. By June, the draft of the newly created Energy Section was completed and reviewed.

At the 4th of July Celebration the Planning Commission hosted a display that described what the Town Plan update was all about. It demonstrated the possible effect on citizens, and how they can have their voices heard. Subsequently, the Planning Commission conducted an extensive survey focusing on many topics within our Community. The results of this study will be incorporated into the Town Plan and have been a valuable tool during the writing process. The Town Plan will be organized differently than in the past, with appendices available for people wishing to have additional information. It is the hope that the flow of the Plan will be more enticing to read and easier to understand.

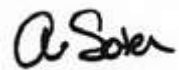
Funded by a grant awarded in 2015, the **Fairfax Route 104 Village Gateway Enhancement Study**, was completed. The Gateway Study Final Report can be found at <http://www.fairfax-vt.gov> within the Planning Commission Section. The ideas and concepts developed within this study are meant to inspire and promote a community conversation about how to best to link the two parts of the Village together and unify the community brand or identity to enhance the sense of place.

If you are interested in becoming a member of an Energy Committee, please contact the Zoning Office.

The Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7PM in the Town Office Building. Public attendance and input is always welcome. The Planning Commission would like to thank the members of all the Town Boards for their hard work and service to the Town.

Agendas and copies of the signed minutes from each meeting can be viewed in the Zoning Office and on the new Town website; www.Fairfax-VT.gov. Please feel free to contact the Zoning Office located in the Town Office Building for further information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Soter".

Amber Soter
Zoning Administrator,
Planning Commission
& DRB Coordinator



Northwest Regional Planning Commission 2017 Fairfax Town Report

Northwest Regional Planning Commission is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

Municipal plan and bylaw updates and related technical assistance: Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education and training, bylaw modernization and plan updates.

Brownfields: Complete environmental site assessments and fund clean-ups so properties can be sold, developed or re-developed to benefit the economy, create or protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.

Transportation planning: Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and provide services such as intersection studies, corridor plans and traffic counts.

Emergency planning: Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and Vermont Emergency Management and Homeland Security on emergency planning, exercises and training.

Energy conservation and development: Ensure increased local and regional input in energy programs and permitting through the adoption of a regional energy plan and assistance with the development of local energy plans.

Watershed planning and project development: Implement water quality projects and programs to protect water resources, ensure safe water supplies, enhance recreational opportunities and address known sources of pollution.

Regional plans: Coordinate infrastructure, community development and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption and administration of a comprehensive regional plan.

Geographic Information System Services: Provide municipalities, state agencies and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.

Special projects: Complete special projects such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development and affordable housing projects.

Grants: Provide assistance identifying appropriate grant sources, defining a project scope and writing grant applications.

2017 FAIRFAX TOWN PROJECTS

- ✎ Updated the Local Emergency Operations Plan along with documenting and submitting Tier 2 Hazardous Materials reports for Highway Department and Water and Sewer Departments.
- ✎ Successfully addressed FEMA's comments regarding the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and resubmitted for approval.
- ✎ Provided technical support for the Town updating E-911 addresses and road name data. Updated the E-911 poster map and provided Westford and Cambridge E-911 maps for Fire and Rescue.
- ✎ Provided technical assistance for planning and zoning including a review of proposed amendments to the development regulations.
- ✎ Drafted a Municipal Planning Grant to design traffic calming measures as a next step identified in the 2017 analysis to connect the north and south villages and worked with the Town to begin the project.
- ✎ Drafted a ground-mounted solar screening bylaw in coordination with the Planning Commission.
- ✎ Working with the Planning Commission to update the Town Plan, including new flood resiliency and other sections to meet state statute. Completed a town survey to provide input on the Plan that received 281 responses.
- ✎ Drafted a municipal energy plan including the data and maps required by the Vermont Department of Public Service standards.
- ✎ Assisted with Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid project selection.
- ✎ Wrote a successful Better Roads Category A grant application for road erosion inventory, completed the inventory and updated the culvert inventory.
- ✎ Wrote a successful Ecosystem Restoration Grant application to develop a Stormwater Master Plan.

Fairfax Town
Regional Commissioners
Randy Devine & Colleen Steen

Transportation Advisory
Committee
Colleen Steen

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with municipal roads general permit compliance, water quality project implementation, local energy plans, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is greatly appreciated. NRPC is your resource -- please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, mapping or other needs.

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When reviewing the past two decades it was obvious Calendar Year 2017 was probably the busiest year for FCIDC. Activities included a three million dollar, 17,000 sq. ft. expansion for Vermont Precision Tools (VPT) at the FCIDC Multi-tenant facility located in Swanton. We broke ground in July and completed construction in mid October. This expansion will allow for the creation of 50 new VPT jobs over the next few years.

In the St. Albans Town Industrial Park the Peerless facility (owned by FCIDC) embarked on one more expansion. The project consists of tearing down a 22 ft high 85,000 square foot pre engineered building and replacing it with a 60 ft high 90,000 square foot efficient facility. The total project cost will be 25 million dollars.

As we have stated many times this last year, between 2017 and 2018 Franklin County will experience in excess of 150 million dollars in construction and capital investment. Ben & Jerry's are currently wrapping up a major expansion and Barry Callebaut just broke ground in December on a 22 million dollar project. FCIDC continues to reinforce that \$150 million investment is not bad for a county of 50,000 people. There are a number of counties that would love to trade places with us. Both the Ben & Jerry's and Barry Callebaut will also be creating additional jobs for our region; all towns benefit from the new job creations.

Great things are happening throughout Franklin County:

- Runamok Maple just purchased the former Amoskeag Woodworking facility in order to expand their business and to create jobs.
- Swanton Village and Town worked with Ace Hardware, BMTM, David Fosgate and FCIDC to develop a plan to improve downtown and to create and retain jobs in their community.
- There is continued energy on behalf of the Richford Economic Advancement Corporation to create access and develop an overlook to the Missisquoi River in hopes of growing tourism.
- In Enosburg there is renewed energy by residents to recreate a vibrant business community and downtown.
- The Georgia Dairy Industrial Park has operated their 2 million dollar water plant upgrade for one full year. The new plant provides significantly better water quality for the companies in the Park: Perrigo, Bariatrix and Med Associates.
- Montgomery has been chosen by The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) to be the host for one of their community visits in 2018. The outcome of a visit such as this is to create a plan for the community to address citizens concerns.

As we look back to 2017 it is evident that one of the few negatives Franklin County has experienced is the continued struggles of our dairy farmers. Milk prices continue to remain at consistent low prices with no major changes on the horizon. The dairy industry plays a huge roll in our local economy; feed and equipment dealers, retail stores, car dealers and hardware stores are all feeling the impact.

Please do your best to support your local businesses, farmers and producers. We can make our County economy that much stronger by buying local. Here's hoping to a strong 2018 County economy.

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Fairfax Community Library
“Where Community Connects”
www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org

Patron : “I really appreciate your ongoing effort to supply us with thoughtful reading - and your willingness to find individual requests. The Library is an amazing resource in our community!”

The Library had a busy and productive 2017. Here are some **highlights** from the year:

- Held a series of 6 parenting workshops with professional presenters and free child care
- Partnered with the Rec. Dept for the Egg Hunt and Hot Cocoa with the Easter Bunny
- Ran 7 regularly scheduled after school programs and clubs: STEM, Crafternoon, LABGirls, Legos, Sewing, Read to a Dog, Chess
- Partnered with Building Bright Futures to place Baby Dedication books in the collection
- Awarded, with the Rec. Dept., a \$1500 grant from Rise VT for a Story Walk to be installed on the Rec. Path in 2018
- Library staff participated in numerous professional development opportunities
- Received gifts in the amount of \$1100 being used to create lendable STEM kits
- Purchased much-needed replacements of furnishings, funded by BFA-Fairfax
- The Director presented on VPR’s Vermont Edition show about fun low-cost and free things to do in the summer in Vermont (think libraries!)
- Hosted Art Bop, along with other area libraries, featuring local artists and live music

Doing all this takes staff, resources and space. We are passionate about serving the community and we appreciate your support of our mission. In 2018-19 the public library trustees and staff will be updating the Library’s Strategic 5 Year Plan. We hope to talk to many residents during that process to find out how the Library can meet the community’s needs.

2017 By the Numbers:

- 22,471 visits (up 5% over 2016)
- Attendance at Story Time - 965
- 35,715 items checked out (up 8.5% over 2016)
- 139 new patrons registered, total public patrons - 1,479
- Attendance at programs - 3,935 (up 261% since 2011)
- 1,620 public computer sessions
- 420 volunteer hours worked
- 3,115 ebooks and downloadable audio books checked out (up 15% over 2016)
- 200 uses of area attraction passes
- 245 youth and teens participated in the Summer Reading Program

Young patron: “Guess what? I made a fall reading program at home because the summer reading program ended!”

2017 Parks & Recreation Report

When we look back on the last year, we can't help but smile. Since this time twelve months ago we have made significant progress with our two largest projects, the Fairfax Community Center and the 100 Acre Woods. We wouldn't be able to experience this success without the growing number of incredible volunteers and supporters throughout our community. Whether it was by attending a meeting, liking one of our posts, or by cooking Omelets at the Egg Run, THANK YOU for promoting the growth of recreation within our community! We couldn't do it without you!



We have completed the first phase of renovations at the Community Center including; the removal of the lower level furnace/ducting, removal of lower level ceiling, addressing drainage issue around lower level entryway, instillation of LP heaters allowing building to remain useable year-round, the initial stages of restoring historic stained-glass windows on upper level, and many other exciting projects. Working with the local non-profit group, *Friends of the Fairfax Community Center* (FFCC), and two other volunteers, our team was able to secure a \$15,000 grant from the State of Vermont to perform the work outlined above. No tax revenue from the ratepayers of Fairfax has been used for the renovations of this space.

While we have good momentum, securing funding is becoming increasingly more important as our project advances. The *Preservation Trust of Vermont* has helped us develop a capital campaign, and we expect to launch it later this spring. This includes a blend of soliciting donations, introducing new fundraisers, and even recreating events from Fairfax's past. The capital campaign is how we will raise funds to use as a match for our grants. Our mission with this project is not just to preserve an important piece of Fairfax history, but to inspire the members of our community to feel like they are a part of that history themselves.

In some of the other work we do, we have established a plan that will increase the public's ability to access the 100 Acre Woods. Our Town Forest in North Fairfax has been underutilized, and our plan for 2018 addresses this by focusing on four key components allowing increased access and awareness of this natural resource. We have planned to improve the access road from VT 104, install a clearly marked parking area, design and construct a sustainable trailhead, and install trail markings on the existing trails. We hope to have this project funded through a *Recreational Trails Program* grant made available through the *Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation*.

More information on either of these projects, as well as our event calendar, volunteer sign ups, and department contact info can be found on our website at: <https://www.fairfaxrecreation.com>.

Thank you,

Colin Santee, Director

Fairfax Parks & Recreation Department



Robert W. Norris
Sheriff

I would first like to thank all the townships and those residents throughout Franklin County who have continued to support this office. With your support and interaction with this office, we have been able to address many of your concerns and we look forward to working with you in this upcoming year. The men and women of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office look forward to offering continued professional law enforcement services to all residents of your community.

The following is a report of the activity of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

The deputies of this office handled approximately 5,648 complaints throughout the county.

This office made 1,803 traffic stops resulting in 2,149 tickets and warnings being issued.

We made 273 arrests in 2016.

The following are the totals for your community:

Incidents:	870	Arrests:	20	Tickets/Warnings:	366
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This Office has the ability to respond throughout Franklin County for any active shooter and other unusual incidents that may require a special response team and we have the ability to respond to marine search and rescue calls and patrols.

We will continue to work with all the residents of Fairfax and ask that you visit us on Facebook @ [facebook.com/fcsomt](https://www.facebook.com/fcsomt).

Thank you,

Robert W. Norris
Franklin County Sheriff

802.524.5993

STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
VERMONT STATE POLICE

802.527.1150



St. Albans Field Station
140 Fisher Pond Road
St. Albans, VT 05478

January 3, 2018

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Field Station, we are providing our 2017 Annual Report. This report will provide you information in regards to current staffing, specialty services and statistical information.

St. Albans Barracks Mission Statement:

The mission of the Vermont State Police St. Albans Field Station is to protect the citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. We will strive to reduce crime and crashes with thorough criminal investigations and aggressive highway safety enforcement.

- *Criminal Investigation – The St. Albans Station will make every attempt to prevent crime before it makes its way into our jurisdiction. We will accomplish this goal through an extensive intelligence network that will allow us to engage problems in the communities that we serve and by sharing investigative information with our local, county, state and federal law enforcement partners. Our priority remains to pursue those that distribute drugs and cause social harms against persons and property in our communities.*
- *Highway Safety Enforcement – Through aggressive high visibility motor vehicle enforcement programs, our Troopers will seek out and arrest those individuals that choose to drive impaired by alcohol and/or drugs on our highways. We will continue to use timely data to locate specific areas to prevent and reduce crashes. Our Troopers will use every motor vehicle contact as an educational opportunity as well as looking beyond the traffic stop in an effort to identify criminal activity as it filters into our communities. Collaborating with local, county and federal agencies is essential to any success.*

Specialty Services provided by the St. Albans Field Station:

In addition to their field primary responsibilities, many of the Troopers assigned to the St. Albans Station are members of special response teams that provide expert response

"Your Safety Is Our Business"

capabilities in a variety of areas to address critical needs throughout Vermont. The allocation of these resources is as follows:

4 - Troopers on the Tactical Services Unit (SWAT Team)

0 - Troopers on the SCUBA Team

2 - Trooper assigned a K-9

2- Troopers trained as Drug Recognition Experts

1 - Trooper on the Crime Scene Search Team

4 - Troopers on the Clandestine Laboratory Team

2- Troopers on the Crisis Negotiation Unit

1-Trooper on the EVOC Instructor

1-Trooper on the Honor Guard

2 - Member's Assistance

2017 Total Annual Figures & Comparison:

Total cases investigated:	6452
Total arrests:	530
Total tickets issued:	2004
Total warnings issued:	2375
Fatal Accidents Investigated:	6
Burglaries Investigated:	56
Impaired Driving Arrests	101

	Total Crashes	Total Burglaries	Total Thefts
Average of 2015- 2016	560	93	175
2017	532	56	172

Local Community Report: Fairfax

Total Cases:	526
Total Arrests:	34
DUI Arrests	6
Collisions w/ Damage	23
Collisions w/ Injury	7
Vandalisms:	7
Alarms	20
Burglary:	7

We will continue to make our communities safer through enforcement, directed patrols, outreach and community programs. It is our privilege to serve the citizens of your community.

Respectfully,


Lieutenant Maurice Lamothe
Station Commander

State of Vermont
Department of Health
St. Albans District Office
27 Federal Street, Suite 201
St. Albans, VT 05478
HealthVermont.gov

[phone] 802-524-7970
[fax] 802-527-5405
[toll free] 888-253-8801

Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Fairfax

Your local health district office is in St. Albans at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

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

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served many pregnant women and children to age five in Fairfax with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017 we responded to 33 cases of infectious disease in Franklin & Grand Isle Counties. In 2017, \$15,014, 203 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$1,081,504.22 was distributed in Franklin county.

Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. We are in the process of adding three new prescription drugs drop off sites in addition to the St. Albans Police Dept. and Grand Isle Sheriff Dept. The new sites will be located at Northwest Medical Center, the South Hero Pharmacy and in Richford at the Notch Health Center. The new sites are expected to be up and running early in 2018. The boxes can accept all medications except liquid medications.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Affairs Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free in New England)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

January 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

American Legion	802-296-5166
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Disabled American	802-296-5167
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Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168
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Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Mulcahy
Acting Medical Center Director

Bennington CBOC
186 North Street
Bennington, VT 05201
(802) 440-3300

Brattleboro CBOC
71 GSP Drive
Brattleboro, VT 05301
(802) 251-2200

Burlington CBOC
128 Lakeside Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 657-7000

Littleton CBOC
264 Cottage Street
Littleton, NH 03561
(603) 575-6701

Rutland CBOC
232 West St
Rutland, VT 05701
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**BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY – FAIRFAX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT**



**75 HUNT STREET
FAIRFAX, VT 05454**

**BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY – FAIRFAX, VT
ELECTED OFFICERS**

POSITION

TERM

MODERATOR

Roberta Rodimer

Term Expires 2018

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Scott Mitchell

Term Expires 2018

Jasen Boyd

Term Expires 2018

Kathi Ellsworth Muehl

Term Expires 2019

9Michael Bruso

Term Expires 2019

Elaine Stone Carpenter

Term Expires 2020

The School Board meets on the second Monday of every month

BFA TRUSTEES (5 YEAR TERM)

Lee Minor

Term Expires 2019

John Mitchell

Term Expires 2020

James Meunier

Term Expires 2021

Alfred Daniels

Term Expires 2021

Dale Bellows

Term Expires 2022

SURETY BONDS

Surety bonds, as required by law, are on file in the Town Office.

ANNUAL FAIRFAX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2018

The inhabitants of the Town of Fairfax who are legal voters in the Annual Town School District Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Elementary Auditorium of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00am for the purpose of voting upon or transacting such business not involving voting by Australian Ballot and for a presentation and public hearing of the proposed school budget.

Article 1 through Article 4 shall be voted upon by use of the official Australian ballot. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00am to 7:00pm at the Old Middle School Gymnasium of Bellows Free Academy, Fairfax.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the legal voters of said school district elect the following officers?

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

- School Moderator for one-year term
- School Director for two-year term
- School Director for three-year term

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of said school district approve the school board to expend \$12,282,123 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,056.89 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.47% lower than spending for the current year.

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of said school district approve the school board to expend up to \$300,000 for bathroom renovations at BFA Fairfax Middle/High School and to replace the bleachers in the Richard A. Brown Gymnasium? It is estimated that this expenditure, if approved, will result in education spending of \$371.79 per equalized pupil. This spending per equalized pupil is not higher than spending for the current fiscal year. It is also estimated that if this proposed expenditure and the proposed budget (Article 2) are both approved, education spending per equalized pupil will increase by \$177.23, or 1.34% over such spending for the current fiscal year.

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of said school district authorize the School Directors to borrow money for school expenses in anticipation of revenue for the ensuing year?

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 5: To approve reports of School Directors from the previous year.

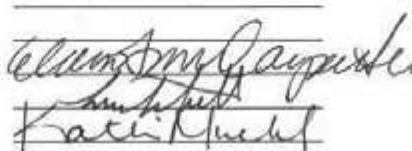
ARTICLE 6: To conduct any other legal business to come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 7: To adjourn.

The legal voters of the Fairfax Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

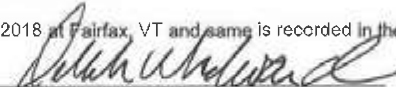
Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Fairfax Town School District duly called, noticed, and held on January 10, 2018.

Jasen Boyd
Michael Bruso
Elaine Stone Carpenter
Scott Mitchell
Kathi Muehl



Received by Fairfax Town Clerk's Office for record and this 11th day of January 2018 at Fairfax, VT and same is recorded in the posted records.

ATTEST:



Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer

ABSTRACT OF THE 2017 FAIRFAX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

FAIRFAX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT *Annual Meeting 2017*

The 2017 Annual Town School District Meeting was called to order at the Elementary Auditorium at Bellows Free Academy, Fairfax, Vermont by Moderator Roberta (Robby) Rodimer at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Robby read Robert's Rules as modified by VT State Law.

ARTICLES 1 through ARTICLE 3 were voted upon by the use of the official Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Middle School Gymnasium of Bellows Free Academy, Fairfax, Vermont. The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.

Elaine Carpenter, School Board Chair introduced our FWSU, our Principals, and the School Board. A slide show was presented. Elaine Carpenter, Chair spoke about the Fairfax School Budget FY18 Proposal consisting of the BFA Fairfax's committed to ensuring all students become informed, literate, critical thinkers who demonstrate responsible social and civic behaviors. This year's budget is \$13,259,900
Next year's budget will be \$12,107,122

- In 2014, BFA began moving Speech and Language services to the Supervisory Union to comply with Act 156. Over the next several years, more services were moved out of the local budget into the SU budget (special education, EEE, transportation).
- Next year, as a result of Act 156, the state will now reimburse the SU directly for the above services instead of reimbursing schools directly. FWSU will reduce charges to BFA to the net cost of the services (total expenditures minus state revenue).

The impact on the local budget is a decrease of \$1,445,000 in revenue and \$1,445,000 in expenditures. Budget-to-budget expenditure comparison is no longer a valid measure to assess budget growth. Per pupil growth provides a more consistent comparison. The budget reallocation summary consists of:

- **High School Technology Integrationist (\$65K)** – This position will provide additional technology opportunities for high school students through direct instruction and expanded course offerings (coding), as well as support for teachers with technology-based instruction in classrooms.
- **Increase Spanish Teacher 0.3 FTE (\$16K)** – Expand Spanish offerings to meet increased demand.
- **Grade 1 Classroom Teacher (\$65K)** – Hire an additional classroom teacher due to increased enrollment, based on class size policy requirements.
- **Early Education Program Expansion (\$43K)** – To comply with Act 166, we are expanding our capacity to serve early ed students. We will hire a part-time teacher and paraprofessional to staff an additional session, and equip a new classroom.
- **Flexible Pathways Coordinator (\$61K)** – This position was grant-funded for the past few years, but is now being added to the local budget in anticipation of diminishing grant revenue.
- **School Resource Officer (20\$K)** – The SRO will enhance security and safety of our school and provide resources as a law enforcement officer, counselor, and educator. Duties would include truancy enforcement, substance abuse prevention, providing resources and guidance to students, families, and staff, and sharing their expertise in class to help students better understand the law.
- **Reduce 2 Paraprofessionals and Hire a Special Educator** – Provide increased instructional and behavioral expertise for special education students.
- **Summer School Program Restructure (-\$15K)**– Restructure learning opportunities to provide direct, targeted instruction for special education students.

The estimated school tax impact would have a 2017 tax rate of 1.3681 and a 2018 estimated tax rate of 1.3838. Article 2 was explained indicating that the tax rate increase is 1.15%. Increases in per pupil spending do not correlate with the tax rate increases. The estimated school tax bill was discussed. Property owners with household income less than \$141,000 will receive a reduction on their education tax bill based on income. There was a comparison with different towns along with the state average, showing that BFA Fairfax is low on spending in the projected 2018 regional spending per equalized pupil.

The tax rates also remain low in Fairfax. Enrollment was summarized for all grades from 2009-2010 through 2016-2017 increasing the pupil count for PK-5 but decreasing in grades 9-12. Rachelle LeVau, School Board, spoke about The Capital Improvement Plan highlighting: replacing the underground storage tank, renovations, roof, tile, and parking lot paving. LRFPC Committee updates consisted of the following:

- Committee has been meeting for the past two years to consider options for upgrading the middle/high school facilities
- Middle/High School have essentially had no building upgrades in 30 years
- Board and community meetings are being developed for a planned bond vote this fall. Construction would start in the spring/summer.
- Elementary bond will be completely paid off before we begin payments on any new bond
- The draft proposed plan to be put forth by the committee includes:
 - *Upgraded Bathrooms and Flooring*
 - *A New Middle School Gymnasium*
 - *A New School Auditorium*
 - *Relocated/Redesigned Front Entrance and Administrative/Guidance Offices*
 - *Updated Science/STEM Labs*
 - *Upgraded Multipurpose Room and Cafeteria*
 - *Relocated/Redesigned Nurse Stations*

Elaine spoke about the tradition of fiscal responsibility consisting of:

- Open FWSU Negotiations for fair and equitable teacher and para educator contracts. **Visit www.fwsu.org/negotiations for detailed information.**
- Since 2010, we have reduced 6.02 teacher FTEs from the High School in response to declining enrollment/class size.
- Following DMC Report recommendations to provide better student services for less cost:
 - *Increase contact time that Special Educators and Speech Language Pathologists directly serve students*
 - *Increase Speech Language Pathologists group sizes*
- Added a fourth Kindergarten classroom, but continued to operate with 3 general ed para educators
- Upgrades of the facilities have essentially been deferred 30 years
- Consolidated purchasing across the supervisory union in technology
- Future focus on creating a robust high school program to remain competitive with area high schools or run the risk of losing students

Act 46 update was discussed along with the White House timeline. The next steps consist of:

- High School students completing film to document history of the White House
- Submit information for final Act 250 approval to remove the White House
- Solicit bids and have board approve removal of structure

Article 1

The following officials were elected by the legal voters of the Town:

<i>School Moderator</i>	<i>One year term</i>	<i>Roberta Rodimer</i>	<i>634 votes</i>
<i>School Director</i>	<i>Three-year term</i>	<i>Elaine Carpenter</i>	<i>629 votes</i>
<i>School Director</i>	<i>Two-year term</i>	<i>Michael Bruso</i>	<i>615 votes</i>
<i>BFA Trustee</i>	<i>Five-year term</i>	<i>Dale Bellows</i>	<i>672 votes</i>

The floor was opened to discussion and there was none.

Article 2

Shall the voters of said school district approve the school board to expend \$12,107,122, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,292.77 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.39% higher than spending for the current year. BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Robby explained that the revised Article 2 was done due to correcting 1.15%, to per equalized pupil is 4.39% and correcting the date of the Australian vote from March 6, 2017 to March 7, 2017. A subsequent Town Meeting to validate the revision will be taking place. The motion was made by Rachelle LeVau and seconded by Kathy Muehl. The floor was opened to discussion and there was none.

In Favor: 404

Opposed: 339

Article 3

Shall the voters of said school district authorize the School Directors to borrow money for school expenses in anticipation of revenue for the ensuing year? BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

The motion was made by Rachelle LeVau and seconded by Kathy Muehl. The floor was opened to discussion and there was none.

In Favor: 455

Opposed: 284

Article 4

To approve reports of School Directors from the previous year.

A motion was made by Mike Cain and seconded by Geoffrey Schukei. The floor was opened to discussion and there was none. The motion was passed by a show of cards.

Article 5

To conduct any other legal business to come before said meeting.

A motion was made by Amber Soter and seconded by Steve Bessette. The floor was opened to discussion and there was a question and answer session. Some floor discussion consisted of the surprise and concern of a possible Construction Bond; pros and cons of school choice in the future; along with making sure that we as a School do not live beyond our means. The motion was passed by a show of cards.

Article 6

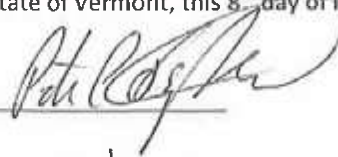
To adjourn.

A motion was made by Carol Vallett and seconded by Geoffrey Schukei. The floor was opened to discussion. The motion was passed by a show of cards at 11:22 a.m. The School recessed until March 7, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

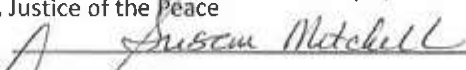
There are 3650 registered voters with 746 voting by Australian ballot making a 20% voter turnout.

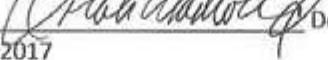
Dated at Fairfax, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, this 8th day of March 2017

Peter Fitzgerald, Justice of the Peace



Susan Mitchell, Justice of the Peace



Attest:  Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer
March 8, 2017

WARNING OF FAIRFAX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

The inhabitants of the Town of Fairfax who are legal voters are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Multipurpose Room of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:00pm for the purpose of voting on the following article in order to validate the action taken at the March 7, 2017 annual meeting.

ARTICLE 1: "Shall the action taken at the Annual Meeting of the Fairfax Town School District held on March 7, 2017, in spite of the fact that the original published notice and warning for that meeting erroneously indicated that the meeting would be held on March 6, 2017, rather than March 7, 2017, and that Article 2 erroneously indicated that the proposed budget would result in a per pupil increase of 1.15 percent rather than 4.39 percent, and any act or action of the municipal officers or agents pursuant thereto be readopted, ratified and confirmed?"

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Fairfax Town School District duly called, noticed, and held on March 22, 2017.

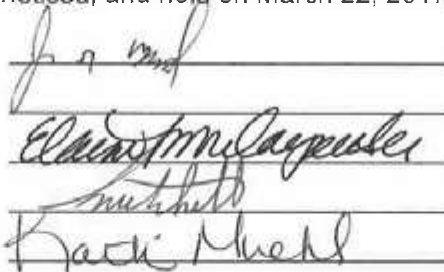
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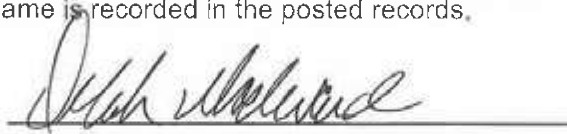
Scott Mitchell

Kathi Muehl



Received by Fairfax Town Clerk's Office for record and this 27th day of March 2017 at Fairfax, VT and same is recorded in the posted records.

ATTEST:



Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Date 3/27/17

ABSTRACT OF THE 2017 FAIRFAX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

The 2017 Fairfax Town School District Special Meeting was called to order in the Multipurpose Room of Bellows Free Academy, 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax, on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. by Moderator Roberta (Robby) Rodimer.

Robby informed the voters of the rules on this floor vote. She read:

ARTICLE 1: "Shall the action taken at the Annual Meeting of the Fairfax Town School District held on March 7, 2017, in spite of the fact that the original published notice and warning for that meeting erroneously indicated that the meeting would be held on March 6, 2017, rather than March 7, 2017, and that Article 2 erroneously indicated that the proposed budget would result in a per pupil increase of 1.15 percent rather than 4.39 percent, and any act or action of the municipal officers or agents pursuant thereto be readopted, ratified and confirmed?"

A motion was made by Elaine Carpenter and seconded by Jason Boyd. The floor was opened to discussion and there was none. The motion was passed by a show of cards.

A motion was made to adjourn, so moved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

There are 3712 registered voters with 10 voting by a floor vote.

Dated at Fairfax, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, this 10th day of May, 2017

Gary Gilbert, Justice of the Peace

Steve Cormier, Select Board

Attest:
May 11, 2017




Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer

WARNING

TOWN OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

The legal voters of the School District of the Town of Fairfax, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Middle School Gym/Old Gym at Bellows Free Academy High School, 75 Hunt Street in the Town of Fairfax on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017** between the hours of seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article:

ARTICLE I **AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF** **GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS** **FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS**

The Fairfax Town School Board proposes to incur bonded indebtedness for the purpose of financing the final design, permitting, site work and the construction of renovations, capital improvements and additions to Bellows Free Academy Fairfax Middle and High School at an estimated total project cost of **Sixteen Million Dollars** (\$16,000,000.00). It is expected that none of the project costs will be eligible for state school construction aid because there is presently a moratorium on state school construction aid funding. Therefore, the Fairfax Town School District will be responsible for **100%** of the project costs. So,

Shall general obligation bonds of the Fairfax Town School District in an amount not to exceed **Sixteen Million Dollars** (\$16,000,000.00) be issued for the purpose of financing the final design, permitting, site work and the construction of renovations, capital improvements and additions to BFA Fairfax Middle and High School and related site work and eligible project expenses?

State funds are not available at this time or this project is not eligible to receive state school construction aid. The Fairfax School District will be responsible for all costs of any borrowing and the costs of the improvements and additions to the BFA Fairfax Middle and High Schools.

The legal voters of the Fairfax School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Fairfax School District are FURTHER NOTIFIED that an informational meeting will be held on Monday, OCTOBER 9, 2017 at six o'clock in the afternoon (6:00 p.m.) at the Fairfax Community Library, 75 Hunt Street, in the Town of Fairfax for the purpose of explaining the proposed improvements and the financing thereof.

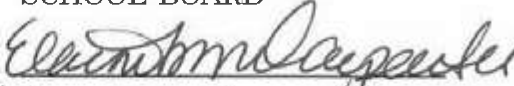
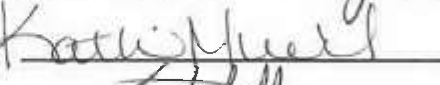

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the School Board of the Fairfax Town School District duly called, noticed, and held on August 21, 2017.

Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Fairfax on August ~~22~~ 2017.

ATTEST:


Town Clerk

TOWN OF FAIRFAX
SCHOOL BOARD

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY
REGARDING 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO
BFA FAIRFAX MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

RESOLVED, at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Town School District of Fairfax, Vermont held on August 21, 2017, it was determined that the public interest and necessity demand that certain capital improvements, renovations and additions be made to the Bellows Free Academy Fairfax Middle and High School on Hunt Street in Fairfax, Vermont, more particularly including reconfiguration and renovation of the main entryway and the cafeteria, upgrading selected classrooms, construction of a new middle school gymnasium and school auditorium, renovations, upgrades and repairs to bathrooms and locker rooms, replacement of the middle/high school roof and repaving parking areas, upgrading mechanical systems, ADA compliance work, landscaping and related site work and project costs (the "Project") at an estimated total project cost of Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of the Project will be too great to be paid out of the annual revenue and available resources of the Fairfax Town School District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no state school construction aid funding is presently available to finance a portion of the Project costs leaving the Fairfax Town School District responsible for all costs of the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a proposal for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Fairfax Town School District in the aggregate amount not to exceed Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) to pay for the Project should be submitted to the legal voters of the Fairfax Town School District at a Special Meeting to be duly called, warned and held for that purpose on October 10, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts relating to the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness and the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Fairfax Town School District for the purpose of designing, constructing and making said improvements within the corporate limits of the Fairfax Town School District be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 53 of Title 24, and Chapters 9, 21 and 123 of Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Warning and form of Ballot be adopted for use in connection with consideration of the above-stated proposition of making said public improvements and incurring bonded indebtedness therefor.

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Dated: 8/21/2017

TOWN OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD

Elaenor Capode
Karen Mitchell
Kurt Hill

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Town Clerk

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT
OF TOWN OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT
TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES
FROM PROCEEDS OF INDEBTEDNESS

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfax, Vermont School District (the "Issuer") believes that it is necessary and therefor intends to construct capital improvements and additions to, and renovate the BFA Middle and High Schools (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer expects to pay certain capital expenditures (the "Reimbursement Expenditures") in connection with the Project prior to the issuance of indebtedness to finance costs associated with the Project on a long-term basis;

WHEREAS, the Issuer reasonably expects that for that part of the Project consisting of design and construction costs, debt obligations in an amount not expected to exceed \$16,000,000 will be issued and that certain of the proceeds of such debt obligations will be used to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer declares its reasonable official intent to reimburse its prior expenditures for the above-described part of the Project with proceeds of a subsequent borrowing;

NOW THEREFORE, the Issuer declares:

Section 1. The Issuer finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and that all of the capital expenditures covered by this Resolution were or will be made not earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution.

Section 2. This declaration is made solely for the purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This declaration does not bind the Issuer to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the Project.

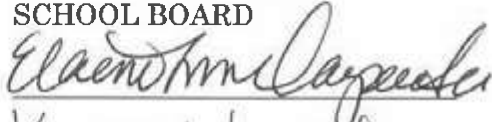


Section 3. The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of indebtedness to reimburse itself for Reimbursement Expenditures within 18 months of either the date of the first expenditure of funds by Issuer for such Project or the date that such Project is placed in service, whichever is later (but in no event more than three years after the date of the original expenditure of Issuer funds for such Project), and to allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 of the proceeds thereof to reimburse itself for its expenditures in connection with the Project.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the School Board of the Town of Fairfax School District duly called, noticed, and held on August 21, 2017.

ATTEST:


District Clerk

TOWN OF FAIRFAX
SCHOOL BOARD

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**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION
OCTOBER 10, 2017
100 BALLOTS**

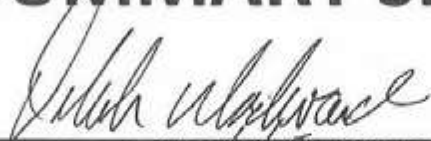
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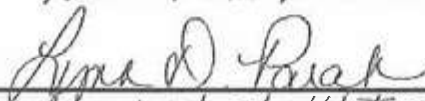
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SUMMARY SHEET:

SIGNITURES


TOWN CLERK/Treasurer


Assistant clerk/Treasurer



FAIRFAX BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The school board has met regularly throughout the past year to provide thoughtful leadership and budget management to our school community. We are proud of the work we have done in supporting new learning opportunities for our students, educators, and school leaders while ensuring policy and budget oversight is maintained. Shane Seals joined us as our board representative from the junior class. Along with senior Bailey Halliday, he helps to bring the student perspective to the board. I am pleased to share with you some of the highlights from this year.

INSTRUCTION

- Our school continues to be a leader in innovative learning and leadership practices as evidenced by our inclusion into the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools. We are one of only 83 districts in the country to be a part of this learning community working to improve learning outcomes for students.
- We settled both teacher and paraeducator contracts last year ensuring that our educators are compensated fairly for their daily work and commitment to educating Fairfax students.
- Our strength in co-curricular activities is evidenced by high participation rates at all grade levels. We recently added Ultimate Frisbee as a varsity sport, beginning next year, and lacrosse as a club sport. We continue to provide students with many opportunities to participate in co-curricular activities.
- Music, drama and the arts are an important component of our learning community. From our production of the musical 'Tarzan' to art displays throughout the building and increasing numbers of students participating in music performances, the arts are thriving at Fairfax.
- The Farm to School (FTS) program created a large garden area behind the school last summer. Fresh produce was supplied to our meal program as well as a community dinner. Plans are in the works for an outdoor classroom and a chicken coop for this coming summer. Students are excited and learning about sustainable farming by doing the work involved in planting, maintaining and harvesting crops.
- Tremendous effort has gone into transitioning to a proficiency based student centered school. Students are being asked to demonstrate their learning in new and creative ways, moving away from grades and exams and towards portfolios and proficiency. This is a state requirement and again, Fairfax has shown leadership in this area.
- Our students are engaged in learning through travel and exploration, including trips to Boston, New Orleans, Quebec City, and Montreal as well as throughout New England. A Spanish class trip to Costa Rica is in the planning stages.
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a program that is being implemented in our elementary school this year. Teachers and students work together to promote positive attitudes and behavior, ultimately improving our school culture.
- We see increasing numbers of students who are challenged with emotional and behavioral concerns. We are working creatively to address these needs.

BUILDING

- Our proposal for renovations and additions to the building was defeated in October. We are now in the process of forming a new committee to look at building needs for the future and will bring this to a town vote.
- We are proposing a separate article on the warning to address renovations to bathrooms and replacement of the bleachers. We need to address ADA compliance issues as well as safety concerns and we feel these changes to our building need to be addressed as soon as possible.

TRANSPORTATION

- We purchased a new bus last year and were able to replace the roof on the bus garage, a much-needed repair.
- We have faced significant challenges in transportation this year, primarily a shortage of qualified bus drivers and substitutes. This has impacted not only our daily bus runs but also transportation of our students to athletic events. Our administrative team, along with our bus drivers, has been creative in planning for a driver shortage on any given day.
- We have included the purchase of a van in our budget for next year, which will hopefully ease the demand on our busses.

BUDGET

- We were fortunate to have a budget surplus last year, part of which we were allowed to reinvest in the school. We allocated money to run water and electricity to the garden for the Farm to School program, pay for installation of the new playground, improve elementary bathrooms, replace a tractor, purchase soccer nets, and goal posts, as well as put money towards field maintenance.
- We put money into our Capital Improvement Fund as well.
- The budget we are presenting to you represents a 1.15% tax rate increase over our previous year's budget. This is a reflection of an increasing number of students as well as our history of fiscal responsibility.
- We are proposing to add an additional Grade 1 teacher to address the increasing student population.
- We have also added a part-time early education teacher to add additional sessions of preschool. State law Act 166 requires that we provide 10 hours of preschool each week for our youngest students.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for their dedication and commitment to BFA Fairfax. We have worked hard for you and will continue to do so as we help to provide an education that prepares our students for an ever-changing world. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have additional comments, questions, or concerns about the school.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Carpenter, Chair
Fairfax Board of School Directors
Email: ecarpenter@fwsu.org

Fairfax Town School District
Summary of Anticipated Revenues
Fiscal Year 2018-19

	2015-16	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	Proposed 2018-19
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Fund Balance	94,380	-	34,620	-	70,680	185,453
Tuition	1,341,900	1,139,557	1,210,195	1,126,335	1,160,000	1,389,200
SPED Tuition/Transportation	78,000	62,785	35,000	19,049	-	-
Interest Earned	45,000	4,796	4,000	6,875	4,500	30,000
Summer Food Service	5,300	-	-	-	-	-
Game Receipts	6,000	5,893	6,500	6,229	6,500	6,500
Miscellaneous	10,000	65,972	13,000	22,841	13,000	15,000
Drama Revenue	12,000	12,984	12,000	11,028	12,000	12,000
General State Support Grant	9,175,963	9,175,963	9,646,472	9,646,472	10,070,085	10,271,863
Vocational Tuition Aid	233,374	233,374	233,573	233,573	245,505	263,607
Transportation Reimbursement	193,975	193,975	221,136	217,655	-	-
SPED Block Grant	278,641	278,641	285,327	285,327	-	-
SPED Intensive Reimbursement	820,700	804,462	948,603	858,469	349,160	-
SPED Extraordinary Reimb.	140,130	270,593	269,450	285,825	7,167	-
Essential Early Ed Grant	57,861	57,861	59,312	59,312	-	-
SPED Care & Custody	99,340	130,258	84,387	43,034	51,900	-
Driver Ed Reimbursement	6,000	6,726	6,200	6,568	6,500	6,500
Voc Transportation Reimb.	80,000	-	80,000	-	-	-
State Reimb-Adult Learning	-	24,214	28,125	15,507	28,125	20,000
Proceeds on Debt	-	426,826	-	-	-	-
Adjustment Prior Year Tuition	-	(80,338)	-	44,392	-	-
Impact Fees	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total General Fund Revenue	12,693,564	12,829,542	13,187,900	12,898,491	12,035,122	12,210,123
Special Program Revenue	65,000	72,917	72,000	50,051	72,000	72,000
Gross Revenue	12,758,564	12,902,459	13,259,900	12,948,542	12,107,122	12,282,123

FAIRFAX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPENDITURE BUDGET PROPOSAL
Fiscal Year 2018-19

	2016-17 Budget	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Budget	<i>Proposed</i> 2018-19 Budget	
ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION					
TEACHERS SALARIES	1,259,256	1,268,193	1,352,673	1,449,247	
PARAPROFESSIONAL WAGES	63,501	76,426	63,471	65,792	
SUBSTITUTE WAGES	45,000	15,111	10,000	1,000	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	323,834	321,901	343,496	350,728	
SOCIAL SECURITY	105,893	98,771	110,168	117,706	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	3,572	4,739	3,570	3,701	
TUITION REIMB.	20,000	14,109	23,000	23,000	
CONTRACTED SUBSTITUTES	-	37,330	46,000	42,000	
CONTRACTED SVC.	8,837	8,714	7,517	9,600	
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	500	70	500	500	
SUPPLIES	21,800	23,517	21,800	26,800	
WORKBOOKS	3,000	-	1,740	1,740	
BOOKS	3,000	1,100	1,000	1,000	
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	240	-	-	-	
EQUIPMENT	500	7,482	500	500	
Total ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION	1,858,933	1,877,463	1,985,435	2,093,314	5.43%
MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUCTION					
TEACHERS SALARIES	793,794	771,237	792,555	822,901	
PARAPROFESSIONAL WAGES	1,594	6,731	19,232	10,998	
SUBSTITUTE WAGES	18,000	841	6,000	-	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	212,561	213,563	210,532	219,337	
SOCIAL SECURITY	62,928	55,898	63,227	64,850	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	90	358	1,082	619	
TUITION REIMB.	12,000	12,886	12,000	17,209	
CONTRACTED SUBSTITUTES	-	18,647	18,500	18,500	
CONTRACTED SVC.	8,000	9,976	8,000	8,000	
TUITION OTHER SCHOOLS	27,000	-	-	-	
SUPPLIES	18,900	18,345	18,900	18,900	
BOOKS	1,000	136	1,000	1,000	
EQUIPMENT	-	350	-	-	
Total MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUCTION	1,155,867	1,108,968	1,151,028	1,182,314	2.72%
HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION					
TEACHERS SALARIES	1,257,946	1,233,329	1,334,931	1,406,044	
SUBSTITUTE WAGES	32,000	53,466	23,000	-	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	318,232	277,413	312,593	313,131	
SOCIAL SECURITY	99,824	94,762	105,287	109,192	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	-	832	-	-	
TUITION REIMB.	34,000	23,759	34,000	28,000	
CONTRACTED SUBSTITUTES	-	23,525	18,500	25,000	
CONTRACTED SVC.	48,325	31,693	43,050	39,296	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	800	205	800	800	
TUITION TECH CENTERS	485,798	485,795	532,983	541,088	
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	1,000	119	1,000	1,000	
SUPPLIES	32,460	26,270	32,460	32,460	
DRIVERS ED GAS	1,000	771	1,000	1,000	
BOOKS	4,000	2,393	2,500	2,500	
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	1,000	36	-	-	
MANIPULATIVE DEVICES	500	-	-	-	
EQUIPMENT	2,500	7,590	8,000	5,000	
Total HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION	2,319,385	2,261,958	2,450,104	2,504,511	2.22%

	2016-17 Budget	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget	
GENERAL INSTRUCTION					
TEACHER SALARIES	18,700	3,525	12,700	12,700	
HOURLY WAGES	23,300	8,833	12,750	14,750	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	130	-	-	-	
SOCIAL SECURITY	3,596	938	2,330	2,483	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	1,446	277	716	716	
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	500	-	500	500	
CONTRACTED SVC.	12,277	14,092	12,277	12,277	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	38,000	24,282	28,000	28,000	
SUPPLIES	35,200	16,121	37,000	37,000	
BOOKS	900	1,050	900	900	
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	1,000	9,351	1,000	7,000	
DUES & FEES	400	453	400	400	
Total GENERAL INSTRUCTION	135,449	78,922	108,573	116,726	7.51%
Total Direct Instruction	5,469,634	5,327,311	5,695,140	5,896,865	3.54%
COMPENSATORY ED					
TEACHERS SALARIES	52,654	54,508	104,766	164,264	
PARAPROFESSIONAL WAGES	53,613	31,183	36,413	38,616	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	12,126	10,413	31,212	31,807	
SOCIAL SECURITY	8,129	6,490	10,800	15,712	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	2,959	1,717	2,048	2,172	
TUITION REIMB.	2,500	2,305	2,500	2,500	
CONTRACTED SVC.	2,500	1,748	2,500	2,500	
FWSU ASSESSMENT-COMP ED SVCS	32,888	32,894	34,213	33,952	
SUPPLIES	1,500	853	1,500	1,500	
BOOKS	500	-	500	500	
Total COMPENSATORY ED	169,369	142,111	226,452	293,523	29.62%
EARLY EDUCATION					
TEACHERS SALARIES	47,856	45,170	67,901	69,113	
PARAPROFESSIONAL WAGES	40,134	31,089	46,004	27,966	
SUBSTITUTE WAGES	800	2,786	-	3,000	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	23,697	21,876	27,499	24,128	
SOCIAL SECURITY	6,792	5,722	8,714	7,761	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	2,258	1,133	2,588	1,573	
TUITION REIMB.	2,000	-	1,000	1,000	
FWSU ASSESSMENT-EEE SVCS	115,165	115,773	40,446	66,471	
CONTRACTED SERVICES	-	278	3,000	2,000	
TUITION OTHER SCHOOLS	24,744	68,024	57,204	133,947	
SUPPLIES	1,800	1,978	4,800	3,000	
BOOKS	100	16	100	100	
EQUIPMENT	-	-	7,000	1,000	
Total EARLY EDUCATION	265,346	293,845	266,256	341,059	28.09%
SPECIAL EDUCATION					
PARAPROFESSIONAL WAGES	505,269	437,758	499,117	-	
OTHER HOURLY WAGES	-	623	-	-	
SUBSTITUTE WAGES	29,000	3,107	1,000	-	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	68,057	47,799	57,868	-	
SOCIAL SECURITY	38,653	32,971	38,259	-	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	30,640	24,092	28,075	-	
TUITION REIMB.	4,000	271	4,000	-	
CONTRACTED SUBSTITUTES	-	22,594	33,000	-	
FWSU ASSESSMENT-SPED SVCS	1,701,810	1,575,213	615,944	1,068,770	

	2016-17 Budget	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget	
Total SPECIAL EDUCATION	2,377,429	2,144,428	1,277,263	1,068,770	-16.32%
K-12 SPEECH /LANGUAGE					
PARAPROFESSIONAL WAGES	38,501	16,998	18,395	-	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	2,131	739	710	-	
SOCIAL SECURITY	2,945	1,339	1,407	-	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	2,166	935	1,035	-	
TUITION REIMB.	500	600	500	-	
FWSU ASSESSMENT-SLP SVCS	166,805	191,724	90,335	95,960	
Total SPEECH /LANGUAGE	213,048	212,335	112,382	95,960	-14.61%
EXTRA CURRICULAR					
SALARIES	103,800	91,914	104,800	110,800	
HOURLY WAGES	7,000	3,287	7,000	7,000	
SOCIAL SECURITY	8,476	7,180	8,553	9,012	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	-	519	-	-	
OFFICIALS	26,000	21,664	26,000	26,000	
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	2,000	1,449	2,000	2,000	
CONTRACTED SVC.	37,000	43,828	45,000	45,000	
FIELD MAINTENANCE	2,000	12,809	2,000	2,000	
SUPPLIES	24,538	26,939	24,538	30,079	
EQUIPMENT	3,000	11,539	3,000	3,000	
DUES AND FEES	14,000	15,227	14,000	14,000	
Total EXTRA CURRICULAR	227,814	236,355	236,891	248,891	5.07%
GUIDANCE					
TEACHERS SALARIES	225,866	220,021	223,945	247,528	
OTHER HOURLY WAGES	38,192	38,281	39,213	38,314	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	75,654	68,343	84,559	52,564	
SOCIAL SECURITY	20,368	18,736	20,299	22,430	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	2,148	2,068	2,206	2,155	
TUITION REIMB.	6,000	2,257	6,000	6,000	
CONTRACTED SVC.	37,000	17,059	13,050	13,050	
POSTAGE	2,700	2,119	2,200	2,200	
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	800	598	1,500	1,500	
SUPPLIES	4,000	2,604	4,000	4,000	
BOOKS	1,200	103	100	100	
DUES & FEES	1,000	5,395	1,000	1,000	
Total GUIDANCE	414,928	377,584	398,072	390,841	-1.82%
LIBRARY					
TEACHERS SALARIES	52,654	52,654	53,707	56,358	
PARAPROFESSIONAL WAGES	27,289	24,897	27,016	28,628	
SUBSTITUTE WAGES	1,500	85	-	-	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	28,529	28,646	28,567	29,279	
SOCIAL SECURITY	8,318	5,399	6,175	6,501	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	1,535	1,369	1,520	1,610	
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	1,500	865	1,500	1,500	
CONTRACTED SVC.	4,044	3,697	4,044	4,044	
CONTRACTED SUBSTITUTES		4,049	3,700	4,000	
POSTAGE	1,000	148	1,000	1,000	
SUPPLIES	1,800	1,641	1,800	1,800	
BOOKS	14,000	12,482	14,000	14,000	
PERIODICALS	3,000	3,593	3,000	3,000	
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	1,100	885	1,100	1,100	
SOFTWARE	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
FURNITURE	-	32,953	-	-	

	2016-17 Budget	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget	
Total LIBRARY	149,269	176,363	150,129	155,820	3.79%
PLANNING ROOM					
TEACHERS SALARIES	40,734	66,338	66,945	69,008	
PARAPROFESSIONAL WAGES	49,572	34,589	37,663	41,518	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	24,677	9,901	10,533	11,165	
SOCIAL SECURITY	6,771	7,670	8,002	8,455	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	2,788	1,902	2,119	2,335	
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	
CONTRACTED SUBSTITUTES	-	3,763	-	3,500	
CONTRACTED SVC.	-	-	20,000	20,000	
SUPPLIES	450	120	450	450	
Total PLANNING ROOM	126,492	124,283	147,212	157,931	7.28%
NURSE					
TEACHERS SALARIES	111,982	115,134	117,040	128,436	
SUBSTITUTE WAGES	2,000	3,975	2,800	4,000	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	41,587	35,869	41,698	44,352	
SOCIAL SECURITY	8,720	8,307	9,168	10,237	
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	5,000	505	5,000	5,000	
CONTRACTED SVC.	200	283	200	200	
SUPPLIES	2,500	2,692	2,500	2,500	
BOOKS	200	-	200	200	
SOFTWARE	250	-	250	250	
EQUIPMENT	900	255	900	900	
Total NURSE	173,339	167,020	179,756	196,075	9.08%
STAFF SUPPORT/PROF. DEV/TECHNOLOGY					
TEACHERS SALARIES	213,434	189,141	193,483	135,676	
HOURLY WAGES	77,594	78,043	79,640	18,500	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	57,411	62,752	63,926	26,043	
SOCIAL SECURITY	22,455	19,475	21,085	11,986	
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	4,196	4,169	4,311	-	
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	10,900	451	10,900	10,900	
CONTRACTED SVC.	103,995	119,923	166,991	141,324	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	-	-	5,486	6,696	
SUPPLIES	600	4,759	2,300	2,875	
INSERVICE	3,000	31	3,000	1,000	
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	
SOFTWARE	-	5,937	-	75	
EQUIPMENT	130,936	155,376	131,877	127,981	
Total STAFF SUPPORT	626,021	640,057	684,499	484,556	-29.21%
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION					
SCHOOL BOARD STIPENDS	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	
BOARD SECRETARY WAGES	1,300	-	1,300	-	
SOCIAL SECURITY	367	268	367	268	
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	-	285	-	128	
CONTRACTED SVC.	2,000	3,636	2,000	3,649	
LEGAL SERVICES	8,000	6,602	8,000	8,000	
TREASURERS' OFFICE	7,000	7,660	7,000	7,000	
LIABILITY INSURANCE	14,556	10,993	11,543	12,114	
ADVERTISING	3,000	1,954	2,000	2,000	
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	-	111	-	-	
SUPPLIES	-	65	1,000	1,000	
DUES & FEES	3,500	2,711	3,500	3,500	
STATE HEALTH INSURANCE FEE	-	-	-	15,517	
MISCELLANEOUS	500	44	500	500	

	2016-17 Budget	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget	
Total GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	43,723	37,829	40,710	57,176	40.45%
FWSU ASSESSMENT					
FWSU ASSESSMENT	667,076	667,090	681,367	740,386	
FWSU AUDIT ASSESSMENT	8,250	8,200	8,700	10,000	
Total FWSU ASSESSMENT	675,326	675,290	690,067	750,386	8.74%
BFA ADMINISTRATION					
PRINCIPAL SALARIES	283,086	283,086	290,871	325,491	
HOURLY & SUBSTITUTE WAGES	116,580	114,107	112,053	114,555	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	99,333	99,910	98,162	55,764	
SOCIAL SECURITY	32,593	31,643	32,783	34,306	
RETIREMENT BENEFITS	6,558	6,109	6,247	12,275	
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	4,000	4,451	4,500	4,500	
CONTRACTED SVC.	6,750	2,978	6,750	5,000	
TELEPHONE	10,000	15,482	13,000	15,250	
POSTAGE	6,000	5,583	6,000	6,000	
PRINTING	1,200	580	1,200	700	
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	3,000	2,394	3,000	3,000	
SUPPLIES	5,000	3,781	4,500	4,500	
BOOKS	500	-	500	500	
GRADUATION EXPENSE	13,000	12,071	13,000	13,000	
EQUIPMENT	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	
DUES & FEES	8,000	8,398	8,000	8,000	
Total BFA ADMINISTRATION	596,600	590,573	601,566	603,841	0.38%
BUSINESS SERVICES					
SHORT TERM INTEREST	3,000	3,918	3,000	30,000	
Total BUSINESS SERVICES	3,000	3,918	3,000	30,000	900.00%
PLANT OPERATIONS					
HOURLY & SUBSTITUTE WAGES	285,992	264,485	280,516	298,513	
INSURANCE BENEFITS	125,323	114,780	116,078	107,308	
SOCIAL SECURITY	21,878	18,463	21,460	22,996	
RETIREMENT BENEFITS	15,373	13,827	15,065	16,077	
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	500	1,000	500	500	
CONTRACTED SVC.	60,600	69,259	50,600	51,200	
WATER & SEWER	12,000	7,251	10,000	10,000	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	58,000	43,914	56,500	56,500	
PROPERTY INSURANCE	55,924	42,087	44,947	46,964	
TELEPHONE	1,000	1,199	1,500	1,500	
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	100	-	100	100	
SUPPLIES	60,000	49,985	60,600	60,600	
ELECTRICITY	147,906	111,121	139,008	122,511	
PROPANE	13,008	8,925	11,824	9,840	
FUEL OIL	97,775	45,264	71,400	65,000	
GASOLINE	2,500	794	2,500	2,500	
EQUIPMENT	1,000	42,597	8,500	16,409	
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	-	18,000	55,000	8,000	
FEES & PERMITS	500	35	500	500	
Total PLANT OPERATIONS	959,379	852,986	946,598	897,018	-5.24%
TRANSPORTATION					
FWSU ASSESSMENT-TRANSP.	449,154	400,692	205,072	187,151	
EQUIPMENT	84,357	-	-	35,000	

	2016-17 Budget	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget	
Total TRANSPORTATION	533,511	400,692	205,072	222,151	8.33%
DEBT SERVICE					
BOND INTEREST	18,672	14,311	9,010	-	
BOND PRINCIPAL	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	
PLAYGROUND DEBT	-	-	20,047	19,260	
Total BOND PAYMENTS	163,672	159,311	174,057	164,260	-5.63%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXP.	13,187,900	12,562,291	12,035,122	12,055,123	0.17%
GRANT PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	72,000	50,051	72,000	72,000	
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL IMPV. FUND	-	185,445	-	155,000	
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENDITURES	13,259,900	12,797,787	12,107,122	12,282,123	1.45%

District: Fairfax County: Franklin		T071 Franklin West		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$9,842 of spending per equalized pupil
				9,842	1.00
				11,862	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 14 expenditures)	\$12,758,564	\$13,259,900	\$12,107,122	\$12,282,123
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$12,758,564	\$13,259,900	\$12,107,122	\$12,282,123
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$12,758,564	\$13,259,900	\$12,107,122	\$12,282,123
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$3,349,227	\$3,379,855	\$1,791,532	\$1,746,653
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$3,349,227	\$3,379,855	\$1,791,532	\$1,746,653
14.	Education Spending	\$9,409,337	\$9,880,045	\$10,315,590	\$10,535,470
15.	Equalized Pupils	769.03	775.89	778.45	806.89
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$12,235.33	\$12,733.82	\$13,251.45	\$13,056.89
17.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$196.97	\$187.78	\$203.25	\$180
18.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp)	\$14.16	\$17.26	\$38.62	\$39
19.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp)	-	-	-	-
20.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)	-	-	-	-
21.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)	-	-	-	-
22.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)	-	-	-	-
23.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)	-	-	-	-
24.	<i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp)	\$4.28	\$9.90	-	\$27
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth \$12,629.58	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00	threshold = \$17,816 \$17,816.00
26.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$12,235	\$12,734	\$13,251	\$13,056.89
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	129,351% based on \$9,285	131,263% based on \$9,701	130,428% based on yield \$10,160	132,665% based on yield \$9,842
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$13,056.89 ÷ (\$9,842.00 ÷ \$1,000)]	\$1,2806 based on \$0.99	\$1,3126 based on \$1.00	\$1,3043 based on \$1.00	\$1,3266 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Fairfax equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.33)	\$1,2806	\$1,3126	\$1,3043	\$1,3266
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	96.03%	95.94%	95.34%	94.01%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,3266 ÷ 94.01%)	\$1,3335 based on \$0.99	\$1,3681 based on \$1.00	\$1,3681 based on \$1.00	\$1,4111 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(13,056.89 ÷ \$11,862) x 0.00%]	2.33% based on 1.80%	2.34% based on 2.00%	2.21% based on 2.00%	- based on 0.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 0.00%)	2.33% based on 1.80%	2.34% based on 2.00%	2.21% based on 2.00%	- based on 0.00%
36.		-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-
- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,842 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,862 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.629. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate. - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor. - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.					

FAIRFAX TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017

GENERAL FUND – CASH BASIS

RECEIPTS

Receipts & Electronic Deposits	12,838,699.11
Investment/Sweep Misc Credit	8,307,000.00
Interest	408.07
Total Receipts	<u>21,146,107.18</u>

Disbursements and Debits

Disbursements	12,508,588.36
Investment Misc Debit	8,650,000.00
Total Disbursements	<u>21,158,588.36</u>

Beginning Cash Balance 7-1-16	15,092.18
Total Receipts	21,146,107.18
Total Disbursements	<u>-21,158,588.36</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-17	2,611.00

Deborah Woodward
Fairfax School Treasurer

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT 2018

Our schools matter. Over the past year, this phrase has run through my mind on countless occasions. Our schools matter because they are the hub for student learning. Our schools matter because they are the heart of our rural communities. Our schools matter because the task of preparing our children for the future, not the past, is an awesome responsibility that we all share.

One reason I've continued to ponder these ideas is Act 46, a monumental piece of education legislation passed three years ago which encouraged school districts to merge. That encouragement included tax savings and grants for communities that chose to consolidate. When Act 46 was passed, school boards in FWSU immediately initiated conversations about how to attain the goals of law as it launched a supervisory union-wide study committee. FWSU member schools participated in a ten-month Act 46 Study Committee from January 2016 through October 2016 and carefully self-evaluated the merits of merging three local districts into one system. (<https://www.fwsu.org/act-46>).

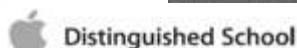
The Committee met 18 times over the course of ten months. After thorough research, the committee decided not move forward with a vote to merge the school districts in FWSU. The primary reason for this determination was the reluctance of two of our districts to voluntarily give up school choice in their communities. Although the FWSU Act 46 committee disbanded, our commitment to equity, effectiveness, and efficiency - the major tenets of Act 46 - have not.

In 2016, all three FWSU school districts explored unification options with individual district Act 46 studies and discussions in compliance with state law. All of the minutes of the meetings can be found at www.fwsu.org/act-46. Last spring each district came to the independent conclusion that seeking an Alternative Structure with the other districts in FWSU was the best way forward to satisfying the goals of Act 46. So what exactly is an Alternative Structure? It represents status quo of what we currently have in FWSU. All member districts remain the same and the current governance structure would not change (i.e. local school boards for each district and the supervisory union). What makes it "alternative" is the structure of a supervisory union is not what is envisioned by Act 46. Act 46 envisioned single school districts, something each school study committee rejected.

That is not the end of the story, at least not yet. FWSU submitted an application to the State Board of Education asking for an alternative structure designation. The State Board will not act on this application until next November. It is uncertain if they will accept our application. It is within the realm of possibility that the State Board could reject our request and move to assign the local districts within FWSU to other similar school districts in our region or state. The chances are small, but it is conceivable given the desired unification goals of Act 46. At this point, we can do nothing but wait for the State Board to render their final decision. In the meantime, we continue to do what we do best at FWSU - work creatively to find efficiencies in our system and offer an excellent educational experience for our students.

Our three FWSU member districts are proud of what they have built and accomplished together. Throughout the alternative structure application process, our school programs and initiatives were highlighted and documented, but it was only half of the story. Below I've described in greater detail how we believe our efforts meet the spirit of Act 46.

- We are passionate about sharing our story every day on our blog [The FWSU Story \(www.fwsu-blog.org\)](http://www.fwsu-blog.org). Community members follow our educational journey and enjoy a close-up look at what is happening in the classroom and beyond.
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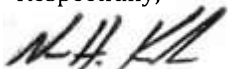


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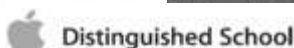
- FWSU was one of two supervisory unions in Vermont to pilot an extensive study with the District Management Council (DMC). The goal of the study was to raise achievement for struggling students with and without IEPs while controlling costs. FWSU has decreased the rate of special education spending by 2% over the last three years compared with the prior three years (FY16-FY18).
- As a learning community, we are driven by “a belief in what is possible.” Read our Action Plan (<https://www.fwsu.org/about>). The four targets of our plan are Proficiency-based Personalized Learning, Leadership, Flexible Learning Environments, and Engaged Community Partners.
- FWSU is one of 83 districts nationwide to be a member of the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools. DPLIS connects and rallies the most forward-thinking leaders of the nation’s school districts. By working together on shared priorities - and partnering with leading entrepreneurs, researchers, and education leaders - League districts pioneer innovative learning and leadership practices that lead to improved outcomes for students and that help prepare them for learning for life. Digital Promise works at the intersection of education leaders, researchers, and entrepreneurs and developers to improve learning with the power of technology.
- FWSU has been named an Apple Distinguished School twice in the past 5 years. The Apple Distinguished Program designation is reserved for programs that meet rigorous criteria of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, as well as demonstrate Apple’s vision of exemplary learning environments. FWSU is the only school in Vermont to be given this designation.
- FWSU has been named a global education school of distinction by IVECA for our work in international virtual education. IVECA Center for International Virtual Schooling pursues to implement the intercultural education programs. Last year students from FWSU spent 6-week sessions communicating with partner schools in 8 countries. The Center also conducts research and strives to provide the necessary educational support systems in collaboration with other universities, the United Nations, UNESCO, international NGOs, and business groups. FWSU was featured in the educationally renowned journal *Edutopia* for its work in global education.
- Last year FWSU launched Innovation Labs in all of our schools. Innovation Labs offer students a more intense focus on design-thinking and innovation as it enlarges our capacity to integrate skill-sets like coding, research, fabrication, making, and gaming, along with transferable skills, to solve the authentic problems our world is now facing.
- FWSU was one of ten schools nationwide featured in the Education Elements Competency (proficiency) based Education Playbook. FWSU (BFA Fairfax HS) was recognized for its leadership developing a proficiency-based system for our students.
- FWSU was the first P21 Exemplar school district from Vermont. As Partnership for 21st Century Learning Exemplar District, FWSU demonstrated “ample support and commitment to the 21st-century skills development of all students. FWSU earned the P21 Exemplar status for model policies enacted to support schools in the integration of the 21st Century Learning Framework and for visionary planning around district-wide adoption.”

In conclusion, our FWSU schools are thriving and our communities are growing. We have aligned all necessary systems to continue to make our schools successful and affordable. I want to thank you for your continued support of our schools. We could not do it without you.

Respectfully,



NED KIRSCH, *Superintendent*



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FRANKLIN WEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Budget FY-2019

	Budget FY-2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2018	<i>Proposed</i> Budget FY-2019	
REVENUES:							
Fund Balance	68,250	-	25,000	-	20,000	70,000	
Interest Earned	2,000	2,527	2,000	3,151	2,500	3,000	
Miscellaneous Income	1,000	18,132	500	4,857	500	500	
Grant Administration	100,000	121,902	115,000	116,391	115,000	99,500	
SPED Block Grant	-	-	-	-	667,500	715,000	
SPED Intensive Reimb.	-	-	-	-	1,011,777	1,807,449	
SPED Extraordinary Reimb	-	-	-	-	383,024	487,603	
SPED State Placed Costs Reimb.	-	-	-	14,265	-	30,600	
SPED Excess Costs Revenue	-	-	-	48,572	-	-	
State Transportation Grant	-	-	-	-	443,000	451,097	
Early Education Grant	-	-	-	-	140,537	144,000	
Vocational Transportation Rev.	-	105,216	-	108,486	100,000	105,000	
SLP/SPED Assessments	1,517,490	1,450,390	3,183,927	3,230,698	1,282,526	2,000,983	
Audit Assessments	22,750	24,250	23,500	23,300	24,700	18,898	
Transportation Assessment	547,250	786,652	945,261	889,002	484,603	501,225	
Other Transportation Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	
Other Staff Assessments	189,566	264,041	364,820	323,178	175,359	245,406	
Fairfax Assessment	626,801	626,801	667,076	667,090	681,367	740,386	
Fletcher Assessment	97,062	97,062	97,029	97,031	100,943	109,687	
Georgia Assessment	421,161	421,161	448,760	448,770	479,481	521,012	
TOTAL REVENUES	3,593,330	3,918,134	5,872,873	5,974,791	6,112,817	8,061,346	
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:							
CURRICULAR COORDINATOR							
Salary & Wages	112,631	113,288	115,006	115,661	119,316	121,866	
Insurance Benefits	27,736	27,668	29,519	29,406	29,380	23,909	
Social Security	8,707	8,601	8,897	8,813	9,226	9,323	
Retirement Benefits	1,246	1,237	1,313	1,317	1,349	3,337	
Continuing Education	2,250	1,769	2,250	1,536	2,250	2,250	
Mileage Reimbursement	3,300	2,785	3,300	3,093	3,300	3,300	
Equipment	-	884	-	-	-	-	
Professional Fees	600	589	600	758	600	900	
TOTAL CURRICULAR COORD.	156,470	156,821	160,885	160,584	165,421	164,885	-0.32%
TECHNOLOGY							
Salary & Wages	155,357	158,811	161,712	163,914	169,246	288,863	
Insurance Benefits	54,083	57,250	56,764	56,605	55,865	86,765	
Social Security	11,883	11,159	12,371	11,792	12,948	22,098	
Retirement Benefits	7,081	7,276	7,555	7,508	7,948	14,621	
Continuing Education	5,800	372	4,000	742	4,000	4,000	
Contracted Services	55,000	48,476	56,500	53,659	60,000	60,350	
Mileage Reimbursement	1,500	1,459	1,500	1,082	1,500	1,500	
Supplies	1,500	1,009	1,500	825	1,500	900	
Equipment	6,000	7,966	4,000	2,274	4,000	3,500	
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	298,204	293,778	305,902	298,401	317,007	482,597	52.24%
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT							
Salary & Wages	194,538	195,597	201,523	202,309	206,277	214,588	
Insurance Benefits	31,691	30,498	34,419	32,620	33,660	33,499	
Social Security	15,035	14,707	15,570	15,119	15,885	16,577	
Retirement Benefits	5,874	5,691	5,837	5,774	5,983	6,517	
Continuing Education	6,000	2,927	5,000	3,989	5,000	4,200	
Contracted Services	500	7,430	500	4,892	500	1,000	

FRANKLIN WEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Budget FY-2019

	Budget FY-2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2018	<i>Proposed</i> Budget FY-2019	
Legal Fees	1,000	45	1,000	254	500	500	
Audit	36,750	38,750	38,000	37,700	40,000	30,398	
Advertising	2,000	468	1,000	-	1,000	500	
Mileage Reimbursement	4,500	4,175	4,500	3,759	4,500	4,500	
Books	-	-	-	222	-	-	
Equipment/Furniture	1,000	1,642	500	-	500	500	
Membership Dues	5,000	4,017	4,800	4,435	4,800	4,800	
Subscriptions	300	305	300	156	300	300	
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPT.	304,188	306,252	312,949	311,229	318,905	317,879	-0.32%
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE							
Salary & Wages	88,733	93,902	91,395	86,635	105,750	104,684	
Insurance Benefits	20,037	20,008	21,454	21,415	25,420	23,520	
Social Security	8,138	8,626	8,449	6,074	8,090	8,008	
Retirement Benefits	-	-	-	22	886	2,000	
Continuing Education	2,500	676	2,500	215	2,500	2,500	
Contracted Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Mileage Reimbursement	2,000	1,417	1,800	2,364	1,800	2,500	
Equipment	500	-	500	-	500	500	
Professional Fees	400	934	400	-	900	400	
Miscellaneous	100	126	100	90	100	100	
TOTAL STUDENT SUPPORT	122,408	125,689	126,598	116,815	145,946	144,212	-1.19%
BUSINESS SERVICES							
Salary & Wages	206,539	209,569	218,693	219,411	226,735	242,205	
Insurance Benefits	57,825	48,671	57,389	50,511	49,326	38,251	
Social Security	16,716	16,492	17,741	17,381	18,307	18,689	
Municipal Retirement	11,360	11,514	12,302	12,068	12,753	13,624	
Continuing Education/Conferences	5,500	40	3,500	1,340	3,500	3,500	
Contracted Services	2,500	1,110	2,000	960	2,000	2,000	
Mileage Reimbursement	1,800	1,682	1,600	1,343	1,800	1,800	
Software	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	
Equipment	500	-	500	-	500	500	
Dues & Fees	300	347	400	375	400	400	
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	26	-	-	
TOTAL BUSINESS SERVICES	303,040	289,425	314,125	303,415	315,321	370,969	17.65%
OFFICE & BUILDING EXPENSES							
Maintenance Salaries	69,054	69,396	71,126	72,287	73,082	78,976	
Insurance Benefits	22,878	23,154	23,896	24,331	23,711	24,251	
Social Security	5,283	5,005	5,441	5,253	5,591	6,042	
Municipal Retirement	3,799	3,814	4,001	3,914	4,111	4,442	
Continuing Education/Conferences	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	
Contracted Services	6,300	8,785	6,300	6,778	7,500	4,000	
Rent	20,900	20,686	21,318	21,318	21,744	22,288	
Property/Liability Insurance	2,900	3,922	4,226	3,862	4,055	4,055	
Phone Expenses	3,600	1,619	1,600	1,466	1,600	1,600	
Postage	1,500	1,570	1,500	1,149	1,500	1,500	
Mileage Reimbursement	1,500	1,071	1,500	1,268	1,500	1,500	
Supplies	9,000	5,411	8,500	5,265	8,500	8,500	
Utilities	7,000	5,958	7,000	5,496	7,000	7,000	
Equipment	1,000	1,499	1,000	676	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL BUILDING EXPENSES	154,714	151,890	158,408	153,063	161,894	166,154	2.63%

FRANKLIN WEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Budget FY-2019

	Budget FY-2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2018	Proposed Budget FY-2019	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND BEFORE ACT 156	1,339,024	1,323,855	1,378,867	1,343,507	1,424,495	1,646,696	15.60%
<u>ACT 156 IMPLEMENTATION</u>							
SPEECH & LANGUAGE SERVICES:							
Teacher Salaries	306,866	304,732	300,154	297,924	304,372	298,392	
Paraprofessional Wages	-	-	-	-	-	18,456	
EE SLP Salaries	80,172	80,109	-	-	-	-	
Insurance Benefits	42,762	43,682	27,454	42,708	43,139	54,210	
Social Security	30,473	29,246	23,679	22,652	23,810	24,755	
Municipal Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	1,061	
Tuition Reimbursement	5,750	7,550	5,000	6,868	6,500	7,000	
Contracted Substitutes	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	
Contracted Services	-	-	-	11,354	-	-	
Travel Expense	-	-	-	104	-	200	
Supplies	-	-	2,375	2,879	2,375	2,375	
Equipment	-	-	2,000	-	-	1,500	
TOTAL SPEECH & LANGUAGE	466,023	465,319	360,662	384,489	380,196	412,949	8.61%
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES:							
Teacher Salaries	790,974	731,052	782,469	749,738	840,620	825,391	
Paraprofessional Wages	-	12,280	12,840	-	-	938,827	
Hourly Wages	-	2,982	3,000	6,844	-	13,462	
Insurance Benefits	179,936	173,463	191,164	186,866	210,732	318,221	
Social Security	60,557	54,296	61,166	54,805	64,747	138,496	
Municipal Retirement	-	624	722	-	-	54,740	
Tuition Reimbursement	20,000	10,375	21,175	20,071	16,000	20,000	
Contracted Substitutes	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	
Contracted Services	-	-	413,500	578,381	543,000	688,500	
Contracted Transportation	-	-	120,107	101,358	98,223	85,000	
Postage	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	-	
Tuition	-	-	894,421	704,488	742,310	675,836	
Travel Expenses	-	-	2,000	660	1,000	1,000	
Excess Costs	-	-	308,800	499,895	416,299	713,500	
Supplies	-	-	8,400	2,435	22,900	20,000	
Books	-	-	-	-	300	-	
Equipment	-	-	2,000	3,509	7,000	12,000	
TOTAL SPECIAL ED	1,051,467	985,072	2,823,264	2,909,050	2,964,631	4,544,973	53.31%
EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES							
Teacher EEE Salaries	55,827	58,961	53,813	46,862	55,071	57,456	
Local Teacher Salary	-	23,228	21,804	2,100	-	-	
SLP Salaries	-	-	88,325	91,001	92,192	86,147	
Paraprofessional Wages	-	-	-	-	-	58,140	
Insurance Benefits	12,649	35,435	45,127	35,783	36,399	35,048	
Social Security	4,271	5,915	12,656	10,152	11,380	15,631	
Municipal Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	3,343	
Tuition Reimbursement	2,000	2,455	5,600	2,841	3,500	3,500	
Contracted Services	-	-	-	1,580	-	1,500	
Supplies	-	-	-	844	-	1,140	
Equipment	-	-	-	1,540	-	1,000	
TOTAL EARLY ED	74,747	125,994	227,325	192,703	198,542	262,905	32.42%

FRANKLIN WEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Budget FY-2019

	Budget FY-2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY-2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY-2018	<i>Proposed</i> Budget FY-2019	
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL SVCS FOR SCHOOLS:							
Teacher Salaries	91,040	114,285	109,914	102,156	91,475	94,881	
Board Secretary Wages	-	-	-	952	-	4,544	
Other Hourly Wages	-	-	-	3,119	-	-	
Insurance Benefits	13,921	14,752	15,971	15,513	15,737	16,872	
Social Security	7,108	8,741	8,609	8,053	7,141	7,749	
Municipal Retirement	-	-	-	52	-	256	
Tuition Reimbursement	2,750	270	3,000	305	3,000	2,000	
Travel Expenses	-	-	-	64	-	200	
Excess Costs	-	-	-	261	-	-	
TOTAL OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL	114,819	138,048	137,494	130,475	117,353	126,502	7.80%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS:							
Salaries	73,257	277,115	285,513	279,396	281,224	291,591	
Insurance Benefits	18,433	47,231	44,454	49,716	44,063	42,879	
Social Security	5,604	20,979	21,918	21,115	22,362	22,331	
Municipal Retirement	4,029	7,814	11,107	6,992	11,330	7,050	
Tuition Reimbursement	500	70	500	40	500	500	
Contracted Services	445,427	451,575	463,807	464,477	480,539	501,170	
Repairs & Maintenance	-	598	2,000	4,839	-	5,000	
Vehicle Insurance	-	4,481	5,612	4,170	4,378	4,500	
Advertising	-	963	-	5,365	800	3,500	
Telephone	-	1,620	2,200	1,358	2,100	1,800	
Uniforms	-	3,032	4,400	1,625	3,000	3,000	
Mileage Reimb.	-	238	-	402	500	500	
Parts & Supplies	-	18,826	18,000	18,986	18,000	20,000	
Tires & Tubes	-	565	2,500	9,010	2,500	5,000	
Water & Sewer	-	773	550	588	800	800	
Garage Heat	-	4,578	4,000	2,808	4,500	4,000	
Diesel & Gas	-	48,520	76,000	50,562	60,638	60,000	
Bus	-	-	-	84,295	87,667	87,000	
Equipment (not buses)	-	2,240	1,000	116	1,000	5,000	
Fees & Permits	-	650	1,500	1,082	1,500	1,500	
Miscellaneous	-	-	200	105	200	200	
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	547,250	891,868	945,261	1,007,047	1,027,600	1,067,321	3.87%
TOTAL FWSU BUDGET	3,593,330	3,930,156	5,872,873	5,967,271	6,112,817	8,061,346	31.88%



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January 26, 2018

Board of Directors
Fairfax Town School District
4497 Highbridge Road
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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Fairfax Town School District for the year ended June 30, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 28, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Fairfax Town School District are described in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the Fairfax Town School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

As described in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements, the Fairfax Town School District changed accounting policies related to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB Statement) No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not Within the Scope of GASB Statement 68*, and *Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68*, GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units*, GASB Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*, and GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues*, in 2017. There was no impact in the financial statements based on the cumulative effect of these accounting changes.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate(s) affecting the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Fairfax Town School District's financial statements was (were):

- ☐ Fair value of investments
- ☐ Allowance for uncollectible accounts
- ☐ Depreciation expense which is based on the estimated useful lives of capital assets
- ☐ Pension related assets, liabilities and expenses which are based on actuarial valuations
- ☐ Accrued compensation

Management's process for determining the above estimates is based on firm concepts and reasonable assumptions of both historical and future events. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements are reflected in the deposits and investments, capital assets, long-term liabilities and fund balance footnotes.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. A schedule of any uncorrected misstatements has been presented to management with the management representation letter. We did not identify or propose any adjustments of misstatements as a result of audit procedures that were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 30, 2017.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Fairfax Town School District’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Fairfax Town School District’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

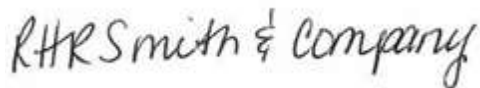
We applied certain limited procedures to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of Contributions, and Notes to Required Supplementary Information, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the Fairfax Town School District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "RHR Smith & Company". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "R" and "H" being prominent.

RHR Smith & Company, CPAs

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