

Town of Newbury Vermont

Annual Report
for the year ending December 31, 2018



Town Meeting:
March 5, 2019
10:00 am

Newbury DAR Building

The building on the front cover was constructed as the District #3 rural school house in 1851. It sits on the site of the Old State House built for use by the Vermont Legislature in 1801. It is currently owned by the Town of Newbury and leased to the Oxbow Chapter NSDAR.

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2018 Town Officers

Moderator (elected)	Brad Vietje
Town Clerk (elected) expires 2021	Nikki Tomlinson
Treasurer (elected) expires 2019	Mary Collins
Selectboard (elected) expires 2019 expires 2021 expires 2021	Brian Emerson Stephen C. Cole Alma Roystan
Listers (elected) expires 2020 expires 2021	Janis Moore Amanda Beaulieu One Vacancy
Town Constable (elected) expires 2020	Glen Godfrey
Delinquent Tax Collector	Mary Collins
Town Agent (elected)	Patsy Cole*
Grand Juror (elected)	Jeff Taylor*
Auditors (elected) expires 2019 expires 2019 expires 2020	Gail Bromley*** Jody Engle Jean Welch
Budget Committee (appointed)	Sam Calley Marvin Harrison Denis Hopta
Animal Control Officer (appointed)	Glen Godfrey
Cemetery Committee (appointed)	Greg Allen Glen Godfrey Steve Wheeler
Conservation Commission (appointed)	Michael Thomas Chelsea Lynes Ami Norton Diane Norton Carol Stoll Two Vacancies
Development Review Board (appointed)	Amanda Beaulieu Robert Beaulieu Emily Hausman Roberta Jewett

Development Review Board (Cont'd)

Charles Schulze
Larry Scott
Once Vacancy

Fire Chiefs (appointed)
Newbury Village
Wells River
West Newbury

John Renfrew
Jeff Morin
Steven Willett

Fire Warden (appointed)

Jeff Morin

Highway Foreman (appointed)

Robert Beaulieu

Justices of the Peace (county officers elected by the town
at November General Elections for a two-year term)

Amanda Beaulieu
Patsy Spear Cole
Ginny Fuller
Rick Hausman
Catherine Kidder
Scott Labun
Art Morris
Dustin Putnam
Sarah Putnam
Wayne Richardson

Planning Commission (appointed)

Larry Scott, Chair
Bill Chidsey
Frank Tegethoff
Brandi Young

Recreation Board (appointed)

Shannon Young, Chair
Chris Bean
John Girard
Felicia Kingsbury
Jamie Mills
Matthew Nusbaum
Molly Dugan Sullivan

Solid Waste Commission (appointed)

Gavin A. Reid, Chair
Jim Collins
Mary Collins
Connie Philleo
Claude Phipps

Zoning Administrator (appointed)

Dennis Marquise

*appointed in 2018

***One year position appointed in 2018

Warning

Annual Town Meeting

March 5, 2019

To the Voters of Newbury, Greeting:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury, legal voters of the Town are hereby warned and notified to meet in Newbury Village Hall, in said Newbury Village, Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following articles, viz:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.
- Article 2: To elect all other Town Officers:
- Selectperson, 3 years; Treasurer, 3 years; Lister, 3 years; Auditor, 3 years; Auditor, 2 years; Grand Juror, 1 year; Town Agent, 1 year. Voting to be by Australian Ballot. Polls Open: **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Article 3: To hear and dispose of reports of Town Officers and hear and dispose of accounts.
- Article 4: To see if the Town of Newbury will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay expenses in anticipation of taxes.
- Article 5: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer on or before August 10, 2019, with delinquent taxes subject to penalty of 8% and interest charges of one percent per month?
- Article 6: To fix the compensation of all Town Officers. Shall the Town accept the compensation recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee?
- Article 7: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$631,500 to defray the general expenses of the Town?
- Article 8: Shall the voters authorize purchase of a grader, for an amount not to exceed \$246,000, to be paid from existing Town funds that will be refunded by annual appropriations over a period not to exceed 7 years?
- Article 9: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$750,000 for highway purposes?

Article 10: To transact any other business necessary to come before said meeting.

Alma Royston
Stephen Cole
Brian Wood
Selectboard

Newbury, Vermont, January 25, 2019

I hereby certify that the foregoing
was recorded before posting.

Attest, Nickie L. Domlinson
Town Clerk

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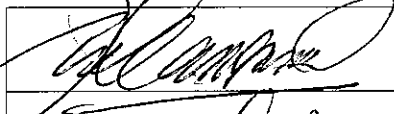
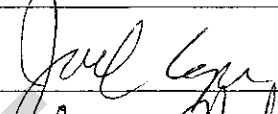

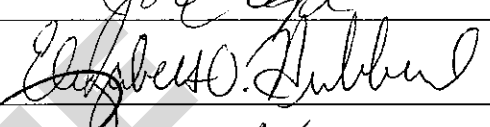
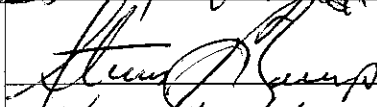
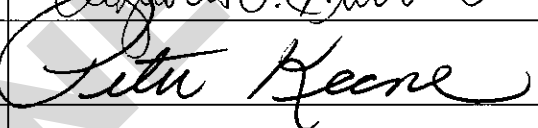


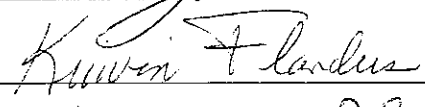
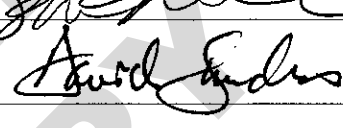
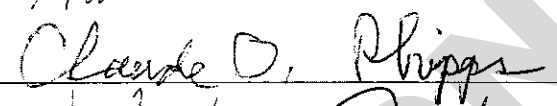
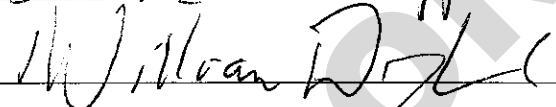
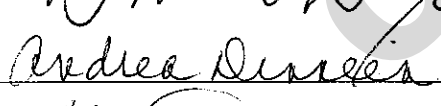

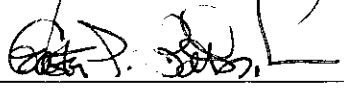
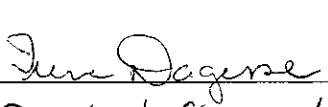
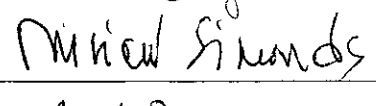
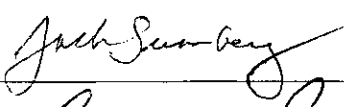
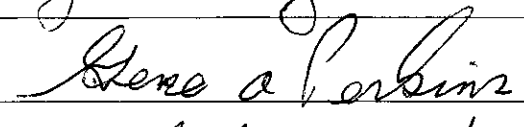
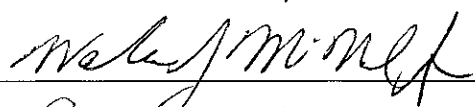

WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$825,073?

 Newack	 Julie Lynn
 Emily D. Dutton	 Elizabeth O. Dutton
 Steve Bump	 Lita Keene
 Kenneth Johnston	 [unclear]
 Kevin Flaudus	 David Enders
 Claude O. Phipps	
 William D. [unclear]	
 Andrea Dunsen	
 Yves Dangle	
 [unclear]	
 Dan Dagenre	
 Michael Simonds	
 Jack Sumburg	
 Gene A. Perkins	
 Wade J. M. Melf	
 Preston Smith	

2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL as of 12/31/18	2019 PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$400.00	\$576.25	\$400.00
Audit -- Financial	\$7,595.00	\$7,595.00	\$7,595.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Cleaning	\$1,600.00	\$1,880.00	\$1,920.00
Copier	\$2,000.00	\$1,947.43	\$2,000.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$5,985.58	\$5,000.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$1,798.10	\$1,500.00
Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$16,000.00	\$12,134.00	\$15,000.00
Planning	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$1,312.50	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$3,000.00	\$2,634.67	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$13,897.22	\$3,600.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,200.00	\$3,190.17	\$3,000.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,100.00	\$967.68	\$1,100.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$50,595.00	\$54,453.60	\$47,715.00
Gross Wages	\$379,193.00	\$377,731.57	\$394,610.00
Overtime Wages-- Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$6,401.25	\$5,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$23,820.00	\$23,847.39	\$24,466.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,571.00	\$5,577.19	\$5,722.00
State Unemployment Insurance	\$13,500.00	\$3,451.29	\$5,000.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$19,990.00	\$20,201.46	\$21,010.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$34,000.00	\$58,466.00	\$55,000.00
Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$7,867.01	\$7,000.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$5,000.00	\$1,603.85	\$4,000.00
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Personnel Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$160.49	\$500.00
Training	\$1,500.00	\$866.31	\$1,500.00
Travel	\$100.00	\$49.43	\$100.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$496,174.00	\$506,723.24	\$524,408.00
BUILDING EXPENSES			
Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$8,450.00	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$9,800.00	\$7,864.08	\$9,000.00
Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,277.01	\$1,000.00
Misc. Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$43,801.25	\$1,000.00
Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,069.86	\$3,000.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$15,800.00	\$64,462.20	\$15,000.00

2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2018	2019 PROPOSED BUDGET
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Purchases	\$500.00	\$121.14	\$500.00
Baler Loan Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
Baler Repairs	\$6,000.00	\$4,720.52	\$1,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$10,928.71	\$8,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,200.00	\$2,623.14	\$2,200.00
Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$5,561.68	\$4,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$2,362.17	\$1,500.00
Skidsteer Fuel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$6,931.69	\$5,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$2,258.38	\$2,000.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$18,000.00	\$23,637.43	\$21,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$18,803.99	\$12,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$53,700.00	\$77,948.85	\$97,700.00
PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$1,150.85	\$1,000.00
Permits & Fees	\$450.00	\$333.60	\$450.00
Composting	\$22,000.00	\$21,567.00	\$20,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$3,000.00	\$8,852.83	\$3,000.00
Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$15,000.00	\$13,254.71	\$10,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$24,000.00	\$34,907.64	\$24,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$3,295.29	\$3,000.00
Sale of Recyclables--Processing	\$30,000.00	\$49,133.87	\$25,000.00
Special Collections	\$300.00	\$27.99	\$300.00
Supplies	\$500.00	\$464.31	\$500.00
Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$14,506.80	\$9,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$109,250.00	\$147,494.89	\$96,250.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$725,519.00	\$851,082.78	\$781,073.00
DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS			
Interest			
Principal			
TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION			
CAPITAL FUND			
Capital Improvement Fund	\$35,000.00	\$33,450.00	\$44,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$35,000.00	\$33,450.00	\$44,000.00
TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$760,519.00	\$884,532.78	\$825,073.00
Grants--St of VT	\$59,000.00	\$77,972.35	\$59,000.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$35,000.00	\$39,585.00	\$41,000.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care (CEG Fees)	\$3,200.00	\$6,375.20	\$3,500.00
Interest Income	\$25.00	\$11.20	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$46,632.08	\$500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$500.00	\$4,359.82	\$1,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$179,394.00	\$97,363.33	\$130,000.00
Compost Income	\$13,000.00	\$20,899.02	\$18,000.00
Electronics Income	\$22,000.00	\$24,222.42	\$15,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$10,000.00	\$31,017.45	\$25,000.00
Battery Income	\$3,750.00	\$6,432.00	\$8,000.00
Tire Income	\$9,000.00	\$12,756.70	\$12,000.00
Per Capita Assessment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,500.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$425,000.00	\$475,762.19	\$470,398.00
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$760,519.00	\$843,463.76	\$825,073.00

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.

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January 24, 2019

Selectboard
Town of Newbury
P.O. Box 126
Newbury, Vermont 05051

We have reviewed the financial statements of the Town of Newbury, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Offices.

Sullivan, Powers & Company

TOWN OF NEWBURY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2018

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Building Maintenance Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash	\$ 545,175	\$ 0	\$ 510,505	\$ 229,310	\$ 9,923	\$ 1,294,913
Investments	38,763	0	0	0	115,812	154,575
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	161,941	1,571	0	0	0	163,512
Due from Other Funds	0	235,496	0	26,652	31,195	293,343
Total Assets	<u>\$ 745,879</u>	<u>\$ 237,067</u>	<u>\$ 510,505</u>	<u>\$ 255,962</u>	<u>\$ 156,930</u>	<u>\$ 1,906,343</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,857	\$ 9,710	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 19,567
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	2,990	7,495	0	0	0	10,485
Due to Other Funds	289,243	0	3,000	0	1,100	293,343
Due to School Tax Account	35,186	0	0	0	0	35,186
Total Liabilities	<u>337,276</u>	<u>17,205</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>358,581</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>						
Prepaid Property Taxes	343	0	0	0	0	343
Unavailable Property Taxes, Penalties and Interest	108,000	0	0	0	0	108,000
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>108,343</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>108,343</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>						
Nonspendable	0	0	0	0	6,236	6,236
Restricted	1,752	219,862	417,971	0	48,722	688,307
Committed	0	0	89,534	0	0	89,534
Assigned	167,322	0	0	255,962	100,872	524,156
Unassigned	131,186	0	0	0	0	131,186
Total Fund Balances	<u>300,260</u>	<u>219,862</u>	<u>507,505</u>	<u>255,962</u>	<u>155,830</u>	<u>1,439,419</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 745,879</u>	<u>\$ 237,067</u>	<u>\$ 510,505</u>	<u>\$ 255,962</u>	<u>\$ 156,930</u>	<u>\$ 1,906,343</u>

TOWN OF NEWBURY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Building Maintenance Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ 644,285	\$ 695,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,339,285
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	35,052	0	0	0	0	35,052
Intergovernmental	76,285	442,862	0	0	21,905	541,052
Charges for Services	37,782	0	0	22,416	38,901	99,099
Permits, Licenses and Fees	29,316	425	0	0	0	29,741
Investment Income	452	0	830	664	633	2,579
Donations	239	0	0	0	1,752	1,991
Other	2,468	3,014	0	0	0	5,482
Total Revenues	825,879	1,141,301	830	23,080	63,191	2,054,281
Expenditures:						
General Government	451,120	0	0	0	47,058	498,178
Public Safety	149,737	0	0	0	0	149,737
Highways and Streets	4,766	779,573	0	0	0	784,339
Culture and Recreation	51,707	0	0	0	38,791	90,498
Cemetery	7,926	0	0	0	0	7,926
Solid Waste/Recycling	21,736	0	0	0	0	21,736
Capital Outlay:						
Highways and Streets	9,000	352,445	0	0	0	361,445
Culture and Recreation	31,254	0	0	0	0	31,254
Debt Service:						
Principal	27,600	16,230	0	0	0	43,830
Interest	8,146	542	0	0	0	8,688
Total Expenditures	762,992	1,148,790	0	0	85,849	1,997,631
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	62,887	(7,489)	830	23,080	(22,658)	56,650
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):						
Proceeds from Sale of Land and Building Held for Resale	18,000	0	0	0	0	18,000
Transfers In	15,500	161,716	155,000	0	0	332,216
Transfers Out	(60,000)	(95,000)	(170,716)	(6,500)	0	(332,216)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(26,500)	66,716	(15,716)	(6,500)	0	18,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	36,387	59,227	(14,886)	16,580	(22,658)	74,650
Fund Balances - January 1, 2018	263,873	160,635	522,391	239,382	178,488	1,364,769
Fund Balances - December 31, 2018	\$ 300,260	\$ 219,862	\$ 507,505	\$ 255,962	\$ 155,830	\$ 1,439,419

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

as of December 31, 2018

TOWN & HIGHWAY

Delinquent taxes presented by warrant on 10/16/18- \$127,152.15

Collected in 2018 - \$124,821 taxes, \$11,653 interest

Year(s) Billed	No. of Accounts		Amount	
	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>
2013-2015	19	6	\$ 8,706	\$ 2,161
2016	55	12	26,462	5,455
2017	118	55	60,195	26,032
2018		145		64,046
Delinquent Town and Highway Taxes			\$ 95,363	\$97,694

SCHOOL

Delinquent taxes presented by warrant on 5/16/18 - \$170,075.96

Collected in 2018- \$193,968 taxes, \$29,898 interest

Year(s) Billed	No. of Accounts		Amount	
	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>
2013-2015	51	13	\$ 59,911	\$ 12,628
2016	82	30	74,884	20,926
2017		74		79,130
Total Delinquent School Taxes			\$134,795	\$112,684

The tax sale held in November included all accounts with balances from 2016 and earlier unless a payment plan had been established. This practice of a tax sale each year, allowing only one full year of delinquent taxes, will continue. Although the outstanding 2018 town tax balance was up only slightly compared to the 2017 balance at the end of 2017, the number of accounts with delinquent balances shows a significant increase. This could be due to the late release and due date of the 2018 bill with more accounts owing a partial balance at the end of the year. Although the outstanding school tax balance decreased by about 15% it is expected that as a whole, collection totals will become more static.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Collins, Delinquent Tax Collector

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
DECEMBER 31, 2018

Grand List – 08/08/18

Town	\$2,252,171
Highway	2,064,126

Billed: Town tax	2,252,171@ .285	\$ 641,869
Highway tax	2,064,126@ .34	701,803
Billing Adjustments		<u>751</u>
Total Taxes Receivable		\$ 1,344,423

Current Taxes Collected	1,217,271
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Warrant to Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 127,152
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined a cross section of the Town of Newbury's account for 2018 and to the best of our knowledge, the statements and accounts are correct.

Jody Engle
Jean Welch

Auditors, Town of Newbury

Statement of Indebtedness

Beginning Balance - 01/01/18	\$248,400.00
Additions	0.00
Deletions	27,600.00
Ending Balance - 12/31/18	\$220,800.00

Note Payable – Wells River Savings Bank, Fire Engine, \$276,000 plus interest due annually for ten years, interest of 2.9%. Final payment due 07/13/2026.

BUDGET REPORTS

TOWN ACCOUNT	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2019 BUDGET
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	631,500.00	653,876.70	22,376.70	631,500.00
State of Vt - Hold Harmless Payment	58,000.00	62,103.00	4,103.00	62,000.00
Licenses	4,000.00	5,448.00	1,448.00	4,500.00
Investment Income	300.00	450.83	150.83	300.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	15,000.00	10,278.68	(4,721.32)	10,000.00
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	20,000.00	24,772.93	4,772.93	17,000.00
Zoning Fees & Fines	2,000.00	5,205.00	3,205.00	4,500.00
Current Use Payback	-	2,081.88	2,081.88	-
Tire Recycle Fees	200.00	540.00	340.00	200.00
Recording, Copies, Misc	17,500.00	19,802.06	2,302.06	17,500.00
Grant	-	2,509.00	2,509.00	-
School Tax Account - Collection Costs	17,500.00	17,500.00	-	17,500.00
School Treasurer Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
State of Vermont - Fines	1,200.00	1,122.89	(77.11)	1,000.00
Town Fines	-	17,000.00	17,000.00	-
Insurance Claim/ Refund	-	1,948.00	1,948.00	-
Sale of Assets - Tax Sale Property	-	18,000.00	18,000.00	-
TOTAL REVENUES	768,200.00	843,638.97	75,438.97	767,000.00

General Government

Personnel

Salaries	158,000.00	160,220.45	(2,220.45)	167,000.00
Penalties - Del Collector	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Social Security	12,300.00	12,644.09	(344.09)	13,000.00
Insurance Benefits/Unemployment	32,480.64	25,088.32	7,392.32	31,900.00
Retirement	5,100.00	5,104.05	(4.05)	5,300.00
Reimbursed Expenses	500.00	326.00	174.00	400.00
Education	900.00	330.00	570.00	500.00
Total Personnel Expense	212,280.64	206,712.91	5,567.73	221,100.00

Office

Building Maintenance	5,000.00	7,283.19	(2,283.19)	6,000.00
Cleaning	3,000.00	2,742.00	258.00	3,000.00
Equipment	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	1,500.00
Equipment Repairs/Contract	400.00	360.70	39.30	400.00
Listers Office	7,500.00	7,468.20	31.80	7,500.00
Postage	4,800.00	4,185.75	614.25	4,800.00
Printing & Advertising	4,500.00	3,570.74	929.26	4,500.00
Software Contract/Consultant	7,000.00	7,681.47	(681.47)	8,000.00
Supplies	4,000.00	3,351.11	648.89	4,000.00
Telephone/Internet Service	2,300.00	2,371.03	(71.03)	2,400.00
Utilities	6,000.00	6,009.01	(9.01)	6,200.00
Total Office Expense	47,000.00	45,023.20	1,976.80	48,300.00

Professional Services

Audit	8,600.00	8,400.00	200.00	8,800.00
Insurance	73,000.00	68,299.00	4,701.00	70,000.00
Legal	20,000.00	5,275.27	14,724.73	20,000.00
Taxes, Licenses, Dues	61,000.00	61,471.08	(471.08)	63,000.00
Total Professional Services	162,600.00	143,445.35	19,154.65	161,800.00

General Govt continued	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2019 BUDGET
Other				
Building Repairs and Renovations	10,000.00	6,500.00	3,500.00	4,000.00
Interest	300.00	941.41	(641.41)	700.00
Justices/Election	3,000.00	3,067.66	(67.66)	2,500.00
Pound	3,000.00	2,047.57	952.43	3,000.00
Dog Listing	400.00	291.94	108.06	400.00
Zoning/Planning Commission	1,000.00	1,461.68	(461.68)	4,325.00
Conservation Commission	600.00	705.00	(105.00)	800.00
Solid Waste - Recycling	20,000.00	21,736.03	(1,736.03)	27,000.00
Ordinance Enforcement	4,000.00	3,288.00	712.00	4,000.00
Tax Sale Purchase & Maint	-	187.59	(187.59)	-
Tucker Mt. Acquisition & Fees	35,000.00	31,254.34	3,745.66	-
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	617.98	382.02	1,000.00
Total Other Expense	78,300.00	72,099.20	6,200.80	47,725.00

Total General Government	500,180.64	467,280.66	32,899.98	478,925.00
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Emergency Services				
Fire Department				
Payroll	28,500.00	22,407.00	6,093.00	28,500.00
FICA	2,920.00	2,517.41	402.59	3,000.00
Consumables	1,600.00	-	1,600.00	1,600.00
Education & Training	2,300.00	1,452.00	848.00	2,300.00
Dues	1,250.00	1,047.00	203.00	1,250.00
Insurance	1,100.00	1,057.00	43.00	1,100.00
Lights	2,500.00	2,670.02	(170.02)	2,700.00
Heat	4,800.00	3,392.11	1,407.89	4,800.00
Telephone	3,100.00	3,111.94	(11.94)	3,200.00
Answering Service	4,700.00	4,600.50	99.50	4,700.00
Rent	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
Water	540.00	540.00	-	540.00
Repairs	12,500.00	6,991.40	5,508.60	16,300.00
Gas & Oil	2,550.00	1,556.80	993.20	2,550.00
Propane	200.00	231.71	(31.71)	250.00
Supplies	1,300.00	627.97	672.03	1,300.00
Equipment	21,700.00	18,725.68	2,974.32	39,650.00
Forestry Equipment	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Building Maintenance	4,000.00	2,132.01	1,867.99	4,000.00
Dry Hydrant	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Contracted Services	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	-
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	50,000.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	35,604.00	34,803.60	-	34,000.00
Total Fire Department	172,864.00	149,064.15	22,999.45	203,440.00

Other				
Emergency Management	950.00	280.00	670.00	950.00
EMS	12,500.00	12,446.48	53.52	12,500.00
Emergency Services Administrator	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	7,500.00
Emergency Medical Co-ordinator	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Police Protection	15,500.00	6,310.96	9,189.04	15,500.00
Total Other	39,450.00	29,537.44	9,912.56	39,450.00

Total Emergency Services	212,314.00	178,601.59	32,912.01	242,890.00
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Town Account continued	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2018 BUDGET
Bridges & Rails				
Bridges & Rails	7,000.00	13,766.00	(6,766.00)	7,000.00
Total Bridges & Rails	7,000.00	13,766.00	(6,766.00)	7,000.00
Public Safety & Health				
Capstone	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Central VT Council on Aging	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Clara Martin Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Green Mt Economic Development	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Green Up Vermont	500.00	386.00	114.00	500.00
Orange County Diversion	175.00	175.00	-	175.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
Safeline	700.00	700.00	-	700.00
Stagecoach	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	4,500.00
Vermont Congragational Home	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance & Hospice	8,500.00	8,500.00	-	8,500.00
VT Assoc of Conservation Districts	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
VT Center for Independent Living	460.00	460.00	-	460.00
Wells River Action Program	400.00	400.00	-	400.00
Health Officer	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Ambulance Service Contract	42,399.00	42,939.00	(540.00)	42,939.00
Total Public Safety & Health	73,734.00	74,160.00	(426.00)	74,274.00
Culture & Recreation				
Recreation Department	13,500.00	9,868.07	3,631.93	13,500.00
Beach Program	4,000.00	4,604.72	(604.72)	5,000.00
4th of July Parade	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Baldwin Memorial Library	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Halls Lake Association - Milfoil Control	6,000.00	4,550.00	1,450.00	6,000.00
Lower Cohase	550.00	550.00	-	550.00
Mentoring Project of Upper Valley	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Newbury Historical Society	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Orange East Senior Center	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	3,500.00
Tenney Memorial Library	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Total Culture & Recreation	64,550.00	60,572.79	4,477.21	65,550.00
Miscellaneous				
Cemetery Maintenance	8,500.00	7,925.95	574.05	8,500.00
Memorial Day	900.00	-	900.00	900.00
Veteran's Park	1,000.00	684.34	315.66	1,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	10,400.00	8,610.29	1,789.71	10,400.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	868,178.64	802,991.33	64,886.91	879,039.00

Town Account continued	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2019 BUDGET
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	868,178.64	802,991.33	64,886.91	879,039.00

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	(99,978.64)	40,647.64	10,552.06	(112,039.00)
Transfer to Bridge Reserve Fund	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)	-	(20,000.00)
Transfer from Bridge Reserve Fund	0.00	9,000.00	(9,000.00)	0.00
Transfer from Building Maint Fund	10,000.00	6,500.00	3,500.00	4,000.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Transfers Out	(109,978.64)	36,147.64	5,052.06	(128,039.00)
Fund Equity - January 1	223,077.98	223,077.98		259,225.62

Fund Equity - December 31	113,099.34	259,225.62		131,186.62
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HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

	2018 Budget	2018 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2019 Budget
Property Taxes	695,000.00	695,000.00	-	750,000.00
State of Vermont - Hold Harmless Pymnt	76,000.00	78,423.00	2,423.00	78,000.00
State of Vermont	188,000.00	187,993.85	(6.15)	187,000.00
State of Vermont - Class 2 Roadway Grant	-	67,595.08	-	-
Grant-In-Aid	-	20,383.51	-	-
FEMA Grant	55,000.00	88,466.38	33,466.38	-
Insurance Claim	-	1,976.15	1,976.15	-
Misc	-	1,038.15	1,038.15	-
Weight Permit & Access Fees	400.00	425.00	25.00	400.00
TOTAL REVENUES	1,014,400.00	1,141,301.12	38,922.53	1,015,400.00

Personnel

Salaries	260,000.00	256,272.87	3,727.13	275,000.00
Social Security	20,000.00	20,169.14	(169.14)	21,000.00
Insurance Benefits	90,000.00	81,984.82	8,015.18	93,000.00
Retirement	14,500.00	13,557.71	942.29	15,000.00
Clothing Allowance & Misc Benefits	3,500.00	2,744.20	755.80	3,500.00
Unemployment	500.00	22.52	477.48	500.00
Total Personnel	388,500.00	374,751.26	13,748.74	408,000.00

Highway Account continued	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2019 BUDGET
Gas & Oil	90,000.00	72,325.82	17,674.18	90,000.00
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	50,000.00	60,881.07	(10,881.07)	55,000.00
Stormwater, Environmental Compliance	2,700.00	240.00	2,460.00	1,500.00
Hired Equipment	35,000.00	39,339.57	(4,339.57)	35,000.00
Sand	36,000.00	35,803.69	196.31	42,000.00
Gravel	100,000.00	93,821.14	6,178.86	100,000.00
Salt	46,000.00	45,924.73	75.27	57,000.00
Chloride	19,500.00	13,430.00	6,070.00	19,500.00
Cold Patch	1,000.00	511.75	488.25	1,000.00
Resurfacing/Reconstruction	140,000.00	108,654.73	31,345.27	140,000.00
Paving Grant Expenses	-	84,493.85	(84,493.85)	-
Grants-in-Aid	-	7,507.99	(7,507.99)	-
Culverts & Other Infratstructure	7,000.00	6,236.99	763.01	7,000.00
Signs	4,000.00	3,633.52	366.48	4,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00	1,768.47	231.53	2,000.00
Tools	1,500.00	593.10	906.90	1,500.00
Telephone/Communications	1,500.00	1,393.16	106.84	1,500.00
Contracted/ Professional Services	1,000.00	848.50	151.50	1,000.00
Utilities	10,000.00	9,972.30	27.70	10,000.00
Garage Building Repairs & Maint	12,500.00	2,211.64	10,288.36	12,500.00
Loader Loan Payment	16,775.00	16,772.16	2.84	-
Grader Loan Repayment to Town	-	-	-	35,000.00
Equipment	6,000.00	5,428.89	571.11	1,000.00
Pavement Maintenance	8,500.00	-	8,500.00	8,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	530.00	470.00	1,000.00
Total Other Operating Expenses	591,975.00	612,323.07	(20,348.07)	626,000.00
Non - Recurring Equipment Expense	181,000.00	161,716.00	19,284.00	152,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,161,475.00	1,148,790.33	12,684.67	1,186,000.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Rev over Expenses	(147,075.00)	(7,489.21)	139,585.79	(170,600.00)
Transfers To Capital Fund	(95,000.00)	(95,000.00)	-	(100,000.00)
Transfers From Capital Fund	181,000.00	161,716.00	-	152,000.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Transfers	(61,075.00)	59,226.79	139,585.79	(118,600.00)
Fund Equity January 1	160,634.84	160,634.84		219,861.63
Fund Equity December 31	99,559.84	219,861.63		101,261.63

BUDGET NOTES

Revenues

Taxes

The town uses the modified accrual basis of accounting that requires revenue received within sixty days of the end of the year to be accounted for in the prior year. An estimate of anticipated tax collection through February 2018 is included in this line.

Town Fines

Two properties with long time zoning violations were transferred during the year. Settlement of the negotiated fines was satisfied upon transfer.

Insurance Claim

A claim for damage to a fire truck was received in 2018 with repairs scheduled for early 2019.

Expenditures

General Fund

Recycling

Disposal fees for mixed containers increased substantially during 2018.

Fire Department Equipment

Budget includes funding for replacement of outdated SCBA air cylinders and safety gear for various members.

Bridges & Rails

Unplanned repairs to bridges on Peach Brook Road and Cesari Road were necessary. Funding for a portion of this cost was transferred from the bridge reserve fund.

Highway Fund

FEMA Revenue

Reimbursement from FEMA and the State of Vermont for expenses incurred as a result of the July 1, 2017 flooding event.

Garage Building Repair

Improvements to the building's insulation are planned.

Equipment Purchases

The 2008 International truck will be replaced with a 2019 International dump truck of comparable size early this year.

We are asking for voter approval to purchase a 2019 John Deere grader to replace the 1990 Champion that has exceeded its life expectancy. We intend to finance this purchase using existing funds to be repaid to the funds in yearly installment of \$35,000.

Equipment Reserve Funds

The balances of the reserve account funds as of December 31 were: highway equipment - \$247,123; fire equipment - \$89,534; and bridge fund - \$170,854.

Other Designated Funds Balances

Preservation of Records	34,790
Bandstand Fund	1,540
Building Fund	255,962
Reappraisal Fund	91,629
History Publishing	39,283
Cemetery	6,976
Bayley Fund	1,542
Cemetery Endowments	5,644
Forest Management	2,423
Woodchuck Mt. Conservation	1,006
Conservation Committee Fundraising	2,213
Listers' Education	2,970
Recreation Fundraising	1,752
After School Program	5,084

2019 Report of the Town Budget Advisory Committee

Throughout the month of January, the volunteer Town Budget Committee met several times with the Selectboard to hear and review proposals from the town departments, committees and the two libraries. The 2019 budget presented in the Town Report is the result of discussion, debate and collaboration with the Selectboard and Town Treasurer.

	<u>Basis</u>	<u>2018 Rate</u>	<u>2019 Rate</u>
Selectboard Member Stipend	Annual	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Selectboard Chair Stipend	Annual	\$17,000.00	\$19,000.00
Selectboard Meetings	Per Meeting	\$50.00	\$50.00
Town Clerk	Hourly	\$21.66	\$22.31
Town Treasurer	Hourly	\$23.00	\$23.69
Tax Collector	Monthly Stipend	\$250.00	\$250.00
Listers	Hourly	\$18.35	\$18.90
Constable	Hourly	\$19.50	\$20.09

To address the need to attract and maintain quality staff members for town office personnel and the highway department, salary/hourly increases have been included in the 2019 budget. The salaries line for the Highway Department represents a 5.7% increase over last year's figures/rates. The salaries line for General Government also represents a 5.7% increase over last year's figures/rates. A portion of this increase is due to an increase in the number of hours worked. Mileage accrued for town business in personal vehicles will be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.50/mile. The 2019 budget committee meetings included considerable discussion about the condition of highway department equipment. This resulted in recommendations to replace a town truck and grader. Funds to replace the truck are available in the equipment reserve. Several options to borrow funds for a new grader were considered, including a partial or full loan from other town accounts that could reduce or eliminate finance charges for the purchase. Please refer to the Town Budget Report for more specific details.

We also recommend the following additions to the various Town Department Reserve Accounts:

Fire Department Reserve Account	\$50,000.00
Bridge Reserve Account	\$20,000.00
Highway Equipment Reserve Account	\$100,000.00

Respectively submitted by the Newbury Town Budget Advisory Committee,

Dennis Hopta, Marvin Harrison, Sam Calley

After School Program

Our third year of offering quality after school care at a very affordable price to the students of NES has gone very well. We offer a safe and nurturing environment for students Kindergarten to sixth grade five days a week from 2:40-5:30 p.m.

We are now offering a new daily schedule for children attending the program. Students with homework are offered the opportunity for the first 20-30 minutes to complete their assignments, while all other children have a recess period. When the students with homework are finished, they join the others for recess. This is followed by a nutritious snack and a planned activity. Each month, the program puts out a calendar of the activities planned for each day of the program. Some activities include: crafts, chess, soccer, musical performances, puzzle making, holiday events, and much more! Also this year we hired two professionals in the areas of art (Karl Neubauer) and technology (Laurie Williams), who work with the children every Monday (art) and Thursday (technology) afternoon. We have had several volunteers from the community join the program this year for either a one-day activity, or a multi-week club. We also had the opportunity to take an amazing trip to the Ropes Course in Pike, NH and we hosted an exciting learning experience with the BMU After School Program involving the Squam Lake Science Center.

We would like to thank the following volunteers for their involvement in the program so far this year: Art Morris, Maarten Smit, Stuart Wright, Dan Berna, Sue Hebb, Heather Fischer, and Mary Burnham. We would like to thank, in advance, the volunteers who have planned to be a part of the program in the next several months: Rick Damon, Stan Willenbring, Dan Berna, Heather Fischer, Chance Lindsley, Vermont State Police, Craig Hervey, and Cody Sanborn. The children attending this program are very fortunate to have had the experiences provided by all of you. Our program would not be the same without your time and effort! If anyone reading this report has an interest in volunteering for the program please contact Lindsey LeBeau at 802-866-5621. Please note, finger printing is not required to be a volunteer for the program.

Daily cost ranges from \$10.00 to \$16.00 depending on the number of days students are enrolled for. Our average daily attendance has jumped from 19 to 25 in the past year and we fully expect that to continue to grow. Our commitment to running the program effectively with no tax dollars has been very successful. Tuition assistance is available through the state of Vermont.

Finally, we would like to thank the Town of Newbury, the Select Board, and Chance Lindsley for supporting us through these past two years. Thanks to your support, our program has continued to grow to meet the needs of the children in this community. We would also like to thank our hardworking staff for making this program a success. We are very excited to see what the rest of this school year brings!

Sincerely,

Paul Jewett
Lindsey LeBeau

Program Staff:

Paul Jewett – Administrator
Lindsey LeBeau – Site Director
Billie Lamarre – Program Staff
Phil Munkelwitz – Program Staff
Jen Allen – Substitute
Elizabeth – Volunteer

NEWBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MISSION STATEMENT: To increase public awareness of natural resources in Newbury through educational campaigns and gathering resource data in order to provide residents with the information they need to make informed decisions.

Volunteers Wanted! NCC wants to add to our **volunteer list**. If you would like to help out with events, trail work, fund-raising projects, tree planting, etc., **let us know who you are!** If you are looking for projects for your church group, 4-H, Boys & Girl Scouts, service group, or school related community service, NCC can help you with project ideas that will benefit both your group and our community. ***NCC meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Baldwin Library in Wells River at 7:00pm.*** All Newbury residents are invited to attend, share, and learn.

PROJECT REPORTS FROM 2018 and EVENTS FOR 2019:

Tucker Mountain Town Forest:

The transfer of the 636 acre forestland that includes Tucker Mountain and southern half of Woodchuck Mountain was transferred to the Town in December. We are excited about taking part in the development of this new Town Forest.

The top of Tucker Mountain was cleared for pastures in 1810 and has remained open since then, with views in all directions. The grassy meadows on Tucker Mountain are abundant with wildflowers and offer excellent habitat for nesting birds. The land includes a wetland of beaver ponds along the West Branch of Halls Brook and a large vernal pool. Hunters, hikers, cross-country skiers, snowmobiles, mountain bikers, horseback riders, and ATV riders all use the mountain for recreation. School groups from Newbury and Bradford make yearly treks to the top and have celebrated International Day of Peace there.

The NCC is prepared to work closely with the management committee in developing a management plan. We are also eager to recruit volunteers and begin work on projects that will protect the land and promote recreational and educational use such as erosion control, signage, planning and laying out trails, and forest management.

Erosion on the top of Tucker is of serious concern. Heavy vehicle use has caused old roads to wash out, creating gullies that grow deeper and wider with more exposure to rainstorms. Drivers then create new trails over the meadows and these, too, begin to wash out. We encourage everyone to be mindful of the damage and to avoid driving to the top, or at least to stay on established roads. Erosion like this is difficult and prohibitively expensive to repair. Now that the town owns the mountain, it's our duty and privilege to care for it.

Paddle the Border: This event starts with a canoe and kayak paddle on the Connecticut River held semi-annually in both May and October. Event sponsors include Newbury Conservation Commission, Bradford Conservation Commission, Haverhill Recreation Commission, and Lower Cohase Chamber of Commerce with support from Upper Valley Land Trust and Upper Valley

Trails Alliance. The Paddle is followed by a cookout provided by the Wells River/Woodsville Rotary Club, live music by Strawberry Farm Band, and displays set up by Community groups to promote historical, cultural, educational, and environmental information about the Connecticut River Valley. **Join us in 2019 to celebrate the event's 16th year!**

- The May paddle begins from the Woodsville Community Field and goes to Bedell Bridge State Park **(Sunday, May 19th)**.
- The October Paddle goes from the Newbury/Haverhill Crossing boat launch to Bugbee Landing in Bradford **(Sunday, October 6th)**.

Trails Day Work Day: National Trails Day is held every year on the first Saturday in June. **2019 will be the 22nd year of this important day.** Volunteers can participate locally by joining NCC and Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA) in a workday involving the upkeep of local hiking trails. This year we will be working on the Wells River Nature Trails and the Cross Vermont Trail behind Blue Mt. School. We meet at Blue Mt. School on **Saturday, June 1st**.

Trail Maintenance is a year round effort. The most effective way to maintain the trail system is by using volunteers. What a great way to enjoy the outdoors and assist others at the same time. If you are not familiar with the hiking trails in Newbury and/or would like to volunteer your time, please contact any NCC member and we will gladly show you the trails.

Birding With Bill: This May event is held with Bill Shepard, Executive Director of the Connecticut River Birding Trails, and local host Alice Allen. The group explores the Wells River Nature Trails, successfully calling and identifying a large variety of birds. This is a very popular event and group size is limited. For more information on "Birding with Bill" call Alice Allen at 802-584-4077 or visit our web site.

Cross Vermont Trail Fall Foliage Bicycle Ride: This year's annual ride on the Cross Vermont Trail is also in its **22nd year**. The ride starts from Kettle Pond in Groton State Park and goes to Blue Mt. School. We had a great turnout in 2018 and saw a lot of new riders, both local and from out of the area. The CVT Fall Foliage ride is held every year on the last Saturday of September. **(Saturday, September 28)**.

Cross Vermont Trail Association News

Imagine a multi-use, four-season, off-road trail across the width of Vermont following the Winooski River & Wells River Valleys - a 90 mile greenway for cyclists, skiers, and walkers which would connect communities, their schools, and the natural areas between. This vision has steadily moved toward reality through the quiet work of the Cross Vermont Trail Association.

CVTA 2018 Achievements:

East Montpelier: Gained permanent trail easement building up to our Big Bridge Project, and built a temporary bridge where the railbed was washed out east of rte. 14.

Richmond: Help local volunteers rebuild the Johnnie Brook trail.

Williston: Helped get a Bike Path connection to be included in the design for the new highway crossing over Muddy Brook.

Marshfield: Working with landowners on the CVT and helping improve the trail where the railbed crosses the Martin Covered Bridge Park.

Groton: CVT worked with AmeriCorps volunteers on the Telephone Line Trail a side trail off the CVT. Congratulation to the Town of Groton for taking steps to protect the multi-use nature of five miles of town-owned railbed, and reaffirming CVTA's partnership with the town to help keep the railbed open as a trail into the future.

Newbury and Blue Mt. Union School: Began reconstruction of the trail/railbed near Blue Mt. School last fall. CVTA signed a new license agreement with the school and are planning on more trail improvements in 2019.

The Cross Vermont Trail Association, formed in 1999, is an incorporated, private non-profit organization that is member-based and volunteer-driven. We are funded by winning competitive grants and through individual donations from trail users. Residents of all towns through which the trail route passes are invited to get involved in the CVTA. Get better trails near where you live. Maps, guidebook, and more information on the trail routes are available at www.crossvermont.org, or call us at 802-498-0079.

Greg Western, Trail Programs Coordinator ~ Michael Thomas, Regional Coordinator

NCC GOALS FOR 2019

1. NCC will continue our public outreach by working with local educators at Newbury Elementary School and Blue Mt. Union. NCC will continue hosting educational workshops to increase community interest and involvement in local conservation efforts.
2. NCC will work towards establishing a Town Forest & Conservation Fund. This fund could be used as a match for grants; for improvements for our trail networks; to help protect and preserve wildlife habitat and wetlands, working farm land, and historical sites; educational programs for our community and schools; and to support NCC members attending workshops etc.
3. NCC will work toward improving our town forests by reviewing the forests management plans, and developing a town forest policy that balances conservation, recreation, public access, education, and good forestry stewardship.
4. NCC will join Upper Valley Trails Alliance. This will help NCC promote the trails we work on and our events like Paddle the Boarder and Trails Day Work Day. This will also give NCC more opportunity to network with other Conservation Commissions and like minded groups and help NCC expand our volunteer networks.
5. NCC will continue improving our Web-Site. By working with social media [Web-Site and Face Book] NCC will be able to reach out to residents and visitors to promote events, share pictures, stories, and adventures in Newbury. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get involved!

Our website, www.NewburyConservation.org, contains much information including upcoming events. Please check it often and follow our Facebook page for notes of interest.

For more information about Newbury Conservation Commission and our events contact Michael Thomas 802-757-3960 or mikethom1@charter.net

Submitted by: Ami Norton, Carol Stoll, Dianne Norton, Chelsea Lynes, Michael Thomas

Emergency Services Coordinator's Report

The 2019 year is going to bring about some changes in the fire services. The Select board has decided that there will be one Chief for the three fire stations for Newbury. This position will include duties to oversee Station Chiefs and assume the responsibilities of the Emergency Services Coordinator. This change will streamline contact for all Fire Departments and Emergency Service management. The position of Chief will be appointed by the Select board following Newbury Town Meeting and an application process will apply for anyone wishing to apply for the position.

There continues to be large increases in paperwork for Emergency Services. More meeting and workshops are required relating to local government, as well as State and regional requirements. Mutual Aid, LEPC, Watershed Flooding in relationship to the Connecticut River Valley, meth labs, mass-casualty shootings and power outages are a few of the meetings that I have attended throughout the year.

Robert (Bob) Taylor, submitted a FEMA Grant for the replacement of SCBA Breathing Apparatus for the Town of Newbury, in excess of \$100,000. We were in the running for this money until the money ran out last year. Application was made again this year with additional support from a professional grant writer and hopefully will help to secure funding for this equipment. A huge THANK YOU to Bob Taylor and Mary Collins for the countless hours of work in this process!

I would like to thank all personnel at Newbury Elementary School for making our school buildings and grounds a safer place for children in the community. Many improvements have been made this year to secure the buildings from intrusion.

As this will be my last year as Emergency Services Coordinator, I would like to thank all Fire departments and Emergency Service personnel for all they contribute to our community. Because of these men and women, our community is a safer place for all and the numerous hours they contribute make it possible.

I would also like to thank the citizens of Newbury and the surrounding communities for their support over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas R. Merrill
Newbury Emergency Services Coordinator

NEWBURY EMS



Newbury EMS Run Summary

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total # of Calls:	289	291	317	286
# of Medical Calls:	195	164	187	192
# of Trauma Calls:	84	120	116	83
#Fire Related Calls:	10	7	14	11
# East of I-91	187	214	216	201
# I-91 & West	102	77	101	85
MV Accidents	35	38	46	22
Mutual Aid	20	19	20	23
Avg. # Respond./call	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.2
DHART Landings	6	3	3	5

In 2018, Newbury EMS personnel continued to respond, 24 hrs./day, 365 days/yr., to all medical related emergencies in our town. As the above table showing our last four years of service indicates, we average just under 300 calls/year.

Newbury EMS personnel are certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, and we currently have 9 EMT's, 1 Adv. EMT and 1 Paramedic on the roster. We look forward to continuing our service to the town and, as always, we thank you for your support.

Below are a couple of brief thoughts we wish to leave you with:

- Please consider taking a CPR class, if you have not already done so. Time and distance are our enemies in cardiac emergencies and we need your help before we arrive.
- Please have easily visible 911 markers on your property; also, be sure they can be seen from both directions.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Martin, NEMS Chief

Newbury Fire Warden's Report

The Warden and assistants issued over 300 permits for **BRUSH, GRASS AND LEAVES** during the year 2018. Remember if you burn without a permit or burn illegal items the town can issue a bill for reimbursement of containment of and extinguishment of the fire. There could also be a fine and or community service. Please don't burn any thing other than what is legal and remember

WE MAY ONLY ISSUE PERMITS FOR BRUSH, GRASS AND LEAVES.

With snow on the ground you may burn without a permit, but we would appreciate a call letting us know that you are going to burn, and remember **YOU MAY ONLY BURN BRUSH, GRASS AND LEAVES**. If you have anything else to burn (such as old buildings, boards, collapsed or partially burned buildings ect.) you must contact the VT Dept. of Air Pollution Control at 1-888-520-4879. They will advise you of the procedure to follow.

We are getting more and more reports of burning without a permit and burning illegal items. When you obtain a burn permit it does not mean you can burn anything you want. Follow the law and burn what is legal.

BURN BARRELS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE STATE OF VERMONT UNLESS YOU ARE BURNING BRUSH, GRASS OR LEAVES.

Thank you to all of you who continue to call for permits even when there is snow on the ground, it makes our job much easier and safer.

Fire Warden
Jeffrey Morin

During the non-snow season, times for burning are as follows.

Monday through Friday after 5PM out by 9AM the following day.

(Weekends) Permits **MAY** be issued for **BRUSH, GRASS OR LEAVES ONLY** during any hours as long as weather permits, and the fire is out by 9AM Monday. All fires must be monitored, don't leave your fires unattended. (Remember your permit is a privilege not a right and it can be revoked at any time by any of the following people regardless if they issued it or not. Also, you the permit holder are bound by State of Vermont Forestry Regulations regarding fire laws.)

To obtain a fire permit please call one of the following.

Jeffrey Morin 802-757-2706

John Paye 603-726-0642

Steve Sharf 802-429-2292

Steve Willett 802-431-3505

Dylan Kidder 802-505-5481

To obtain a permit you may have to call more than one person. If you get no answer from whom you normally get a permit, call the next person listed. We all work during the day so please be patient and wait for one of us to call back.

ONLY THE NUMBERS LISTED CAN ISSUE PERMITS
DO NOT CALL THE FIRE DEPT
EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR PERMITS

NEWBURY VILLAGE STATION

Newbury Village Station had a busy year with important saves from a dedicated crew of 12 firefighters. We were toned out to 41 alarms in 2018 and active as a squad for 31 other events. 2018 call breakdown includes 5 structure fires, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 5 trees on wires, 8 smoke/carbon monoxide detector alarm investigations, 3 chimney fires, and a variety of other calls. 9 of our 41 alarms were for mutual aid to other towns or to assist Newbury's other stations. Importantly, 3 of our alarms were assisted by Newbury's other stations or Haverhill, New Hampshire stations. We're sincerely thankful for that help.

Three events from 2018 stand out. The first two are the Congregational Church rectory and Newbury Village Store fires. The firefighting at both of these historically important buildings underlines what Newbury Village Station members pride themselves on: 24/365 readiness and a fast, effective response. The third noteworthy event is the aircraft crash in the Connecticut River. Although it turned out to be a two-passenger amphibious "ultralight", initially it was unknown whether we'd find a commercial passenger jet.

Highlights of 2018 include the addition of two junior firefighters to the squad: Lucas Huntington, born June 15th to Captain Brandon Huntington and his wife Justine and Dustin Putnam born September 18th to firefighter Dustin Putnam and his wife Rachel. Welcome Lucas and Dustin! Other highlights include participating in a live burn drill on Snake Rd. organized by West Newbury station and hosting Newbury Elementary School and Oxbow High School Special Needs students at the station for fire prevention awareness programs. Continuing in a tradition of many years, on a cold and rainy Halloween night, around 50 Village trick or treaters came by the station for candy.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Fall Festival boot drop fundraiser and those who donated to the station in other ways. Your contributions go toward equipment, the regional fire school scholarship fund, food and water at fire scenes, and general support. A special thank you goes out to our guardian angel, Lynne Rider, who spoils us with desserts for our monthly meeting and training nights. Thank you Lynne!

Although the town's 2018 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant application for new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) was turned down, the town has re-applied for a 2019 grant and we're hopeful that our aging SCBA gear can be replaced. Our station applied for and won a grant of \$558 from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns for the purchase of accident scene signage.

In 2019 we're planning further training and education to keep our skills sharp and look forward to joint drills with the Wells River, West Newbury, and Haverhill, New Hampshire stations.

Please change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors every 6 months. Take care of those devices so they can take care of you while you sleep. Please help us find your home quickly by prominently posting your street number.

Respectively submitted,
Chief John Renfrew

Wells River Station

The members from the Wells River Station responded to 60 calls totaling 560 hours of time in the year 2018. We responded to structure fires, auto fires, trees and wires down, CO alarms, mutual aid calls, alarm activations, EMS assists, and auto accidents. We meet each month on the 1st Monday and have training on the 3rd Monday.

On one call involving trees and live wires down the power company couldn't be on scene for some time due to power outages all over the state due to heavy wet snow, (this location still had power). Fire Dept personnel closed the drive and marked the entrance with signs that read WIRES DOWN. The next day the power company had still not arrived and workers from the location decided to cut and clear the drive and lines themselves. The point I am trying to make is no matter what don't go near power lines that are down especially when you know they are still live! The people who did this work are very lucky to be alive and able to talk about it.

Our first application for a grant to replace our 15-year-old SCBA (breathing apparatus) was turned down. But we along with the expertise of Bob Taylor of Newbury Village Station are working again trying to acquire a new SCBA grant. Hopefully this grant will make the cut early in the 2019 year. The 15-year life span on the air cylinders will be coming to an end in 2018 and we must have them recertified at a cost of \$300 each plus shipping per air cylinder. We have 20 SCBA units in the town.

This year we are saying so long to longtime Fire Officer Robert (Pudge) Engle. He is stepping down as an officer of the department after many years serving you. Pudge started as a Probationary FF in 1999 and progressed to Assistant Chief in which he served for 9 years. Pudge will still be a member of our department but will be stepping back a bit and assisting the younger members with his leadership skills. THANK YOU, Pudge.

Each August on the first Saturday we host a Fire Department picnic at Halls Lake at the Veterans Picnic Area, FF and families from all three stations, Select Board, Wells River Village Trustees as well as past members from Wells River Department are welcome to attend. We had a great time in 2018 and hope to see all of you again in 2019 on August 3rd.

On February 9, 2019 we will have our annual Super Raffle. This event is held at the Happy Hour in Wells River and all who attend have a good meal and lots of fun.

Thank you to all for your continued support of the fire department.

Respectfully Submitted
Chief Jeffrey Morin

**REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON
MONOXIDE DETECTORS MONTHLY AND TO CHANGE
THE BATTERIES TWICE A YEAR. PLEASE MAKE SURE
YOUR 911 NUMBER IS VISIBLE AT THE ROAD
FOR RESPONDING EMERGENCY CREWS**

WEST NEWBURY STATION

The fourteen members of the West Newbury Fire Station had 44 events this year, of which 5 were structure fires, 2 wires down, 1 mutual aid cover, 1 carbon monoxide investigation, 3 brush fires, 1 fire alarm investigation, 1 chimney fire, 1 hazmat call, 1 medical assist, 1 unpermitted burn, 1 assist VSP with road closure, 1 frozen pipes with water in a basement, and 1 car fire with a structure involved. Along with the calls, the members also attended one meeting per month and one drill per month. Many members also attended the Twin State Fire School at BMU. Members that were unable to attend fire school made it to other classes throughout the year. We were able to obtain a few new members this year Jackson Schramm who is a junior member, Joe Towne, and Bill Chidsey.

This year we were fortunate enough to have a house that was available to the fire department for training. This made it possible for Newbury EMS and all three stations in Newbury to get together and have live fire training in a controlled environment.

Along with all of the meetings, drills and calls every year, firefighters spend many hours away from their families. If you see a fire fighter in passing, please be sure to thank them for donating their time to keep our community safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Willett, WNFD Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee was appointed by the Selectboard in 2018 with the 'charge' being to explore ideas for the future, as the current configuration of three separate stations (Wells River, W. Newbury and Newbury village), each with its own physical limitations and the amount of apparatus needed to supply each, continues to be an operational and budgetary concern.

At the 'status quo' – current three-station setup and the expected thirty-year rotation of engines (pumper units) plus tanker trucks and other required equipment and assuming the same rates of increase in equipment/apparatus costs, it is clear that annual contributions to the equipment reserve fund would need to increase significantly and operational expenses will increase, as well.

In that light, the committee took the following steps:

- Investigated fire insurance sensitivity in relation to current and potential station locations
- Explored possible sites for maximizing response time/insurance coverage relation
- Visited nearby towns' stations to see their buildings, get a sense of 'what works best', costs, etc.
- Investigated loan/bonding programs for financing such facilities
- Conducted analysis of distances from Newbury residences from existing and potential sites
- Conducted analysis of historical fire outcomes given possible new station locations
- Conducted site and cost analysis for new station configurations
- Conducted cost analysis of existing and proposed apparatus cost

CONCLUSIONS AS PRESENTED TO THE SELECTBOARD IN DECEMBER '18:

Unfortunately, there is no magic here. The analysis shows that keeping the status quo would require annual increases into the equipment reserve fund from \$40k to approximately \$70k to be in a position to fund major apparatus purchases as they 'age-out' – and even that would need to increase over time, assuming recent historical numbers on increasing apparatus costs.

By building a new station to replace, for example, W. Newbury and Newbury village stations (in the Hebb's Corner to Town Farm corridor) on Scotch Hollow Rd. could remove one set of apparatus from the equation and provide a facility large enough to serve the combined service areas/squads – and allow for possible purchase of some used equipment (currently limited in the same by building size restrictions.)

For the first 25 years the annual bond/loan repayment costs for the new building would more than offset the savings in equipment/apparatus/operational expenses, so this would be a solution built for long-term sustainability and savings – as well as to provide a more functional facility for the firefighters. With that in mind, the committee has offered to continue working with the Selectboard to provide more information and education to the voters/taxpayers, should they wish to continue the conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Harrison, Chair

Mary Collins, George Emerson, Dan Martin, Doug Merrill, John Paye, Bob Taylor, Steve Willett

**Town of Newbury
Highway Department**

“2018” was a challenging year with unexpected equipment break downs, numerous early summer rain events and two unplanned bridge repairs. However, the challenges were met thanks to a hard working crew that is always willing to work together to overcome any issue. I personally am proud to work with them.

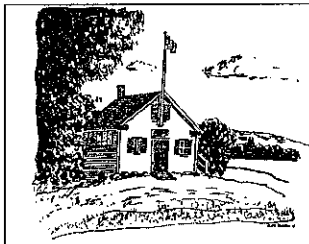
This past spring the primary grader had issues that resulted in it being out of service for an extended period of time. These major repairs were covered under the extended warranty. Mud season and early spring require two machines to even attempt to keep up with the miles that we have to cover. Our older machine was not able to fill the gap. Consequently we had to rent a machine for 5 weeks at a cost of \$12,500.00. Later in the spring we were able to borrow a machine from The Town of Corinth for a few more weeks. Due to the unplanned expense of renting a machine we were forced to cut some scheduled work. I would like to extend a special thank you to the Town of Corinth. Their generosity saved us further rental costs.

The need for two graders in this town has, and will continue to exist because of the extensive amount of gravel roads that we maintain. The fact that vehicles today have considerably less ground clearance make mud season more and more difficult for us. One machine is basically grading roads every day of the season that conditions allow. The other is used to clean ditches and spread gravel. After storm events both machines are needed to get things back in shape in a reasonable amount of time. Spring requires the use of both. If one of the machines breaks down the other needs to be reliable enough to take over.

Consequently we feel it's time to replace one of our graders. The unit to be replaced is the 1990 Champion Grader (29 years old) which has exceeded the normal replacement schedule by 9 years. This machine is no longer able to be considered a reliable unit. The town has had two graders for at least 40 years.

The loader loan was paid off this year and we feel it is the time to begin a payment schedule for a grader. At this time the Selectboard and Budget Committee are looking into ways of financing to minimize interest costs.

Sincerely,
Bob Beaulieu
Highway Department



NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Museum at the old West Newbury School House
Post Office Box 33 – Newbury, Vermont 05051
At 155 Tyler Farm Road – West Newbury, Vermont
newburyhistorical@gmail.com

The Newbury Historical Society had a busy 2018. The year's activities started with a display at the Newbury Town meeting and ended with a booth at the non-profit Giving Fair in Bradford.

Five monthly Open Houses at the Schoolhouse Museum on Tyler Farm Road were held: May 20, June 17, July 15 with birthday cake to celebrate Jacob Bayley's 292nd birthday, August 11 in conjunction with the West Newbury Festival (for the second year in a row we participated in the festival's parade), and the final Open House of the season on September 16. With the exception of the Open House held during the West Newbury Festival, we have chosen the 3rd Sunday of each month, at 2:00pm, as the best time to greet visitors to the Newbury Historical Society and the collection of Newbury artifacts.

The Society held its 3rd "Story Corps Booth" under our canopy at the Wells River Family Picnic, on Saturday June 30. The Story Corps booth is designed to encourage local residents to tell stories from their lives in this area. These stories are recorded with the goal of having them on file at the Newbury Historical Society's Schoolhouse Museum in order to inform visitors about the people and places that shape our community. Gene Cesari, Hod Symes, Selenda Girardin, Dan Burwinkle, Hope Hutchinson, and Fay Homan told their stories. Several of them were about the circumstances that brought them to take up residence in Newbury. A couple others were about memorable characters encountered by the storytellers. And one was about the remarkable return of a lost item.

Our summer historical program series began on July 25, at 7:00pm, the Newbury Historical Society cooperating with the Ryegate Historical Society, presented a program on the Bayley-Hazen Military Road by Alan Boye, Barnet resident, professor at Northern Vermont University (formerly Lyndon State College) and former commentator for Vermont Public Radio. He spoke to an overflow crowd at the Presbyterian Church in Ryegate Corner.

The second program was held August 23, at 7:00pm at the Wells River Congregational Church, Hod Symes, President of the Society and Wells River Historian presented "Wells River Stories Seldom Told". He told 13 vignettes from the history of Wells River, some following up on "Wells River Moments" told on WYKR 5 years ago (all ended with, "But that's a story for another day"), others adding surprise endings to stories from his book. Using a Power Point presentation, these tales all were delivered with pictures.

Longtime West Newbury resident, Tom Kidder, treated a packed house at the West Newbury Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon September 9th, to the third and final Newbury Historical Society program of 2018. Tom's engaging PowerPoint slide show on the history of Tucker Mountain had the audience fascinated by this property, rich in both beauty and history. Tom has tromped and skied all over Tucker Mountain and, arguably, knows the landscape as well as anyone. Following Tom's formal presentation, a stalwart group of close to 30 people seized the day for a hike and guided tour up to the top of Tucker Mountain. Tom identified places along the way that had been featured in his slide show. Arriving at the top, the early fall day allowed folks to savor the 360° view. Good cheer, high spirits, and appreciation for the beauty of Newbury's iconic mountaintop accompanied people back to their cars.

During the "So Long Summer, Hello Fall" Festival in Wells River on Saturday September 1, the Newbury Historical Society again had a booth at the festival. There were displays of Newbury school events through the years, in our booth, along with the pictures of six one room schoolhouses, which folks were asked to identify. Tom Kidder of West Newbury, did just that, and received a gift certificate to the Happy Hour as a prize. Special Thanks goes to Allen Fuller of Newbury who helped get the school photographs ready for the contest.

The major improvement to the museum building this summer was the installation of seamless covered gutters along the north and south sides of the schoolhouse including the hallways that lead to the outhouses, and the outhouses. You have to look closely to see that the gutters have been added. With the water coming off the roof now being diverted away from the building it should be a big help with the moisture problems we have in the building especially in the spring and summer. Humidity monitors that record temperature and humidity were placed on the first and ground floor this fall. The data collected will help guide us to the next steps in solving the humidity problem.

The society held two fund-raisers this year. A hand crocheted afghan raffle with the winning ticket drawn at the 1st Congregational Church of Newbury Fall Festival, and a table at the Giving Fair in Bradford on December 8th where we sold books, some surplus and donated items, and tickets to our 2019 cord wood raffle. The two events brought in \$603.00. Pam Coleman, summer Newbury resident was the lucky winner of the Afghan.

The Schoolhouse Museum was decorated for the Christmas Season with white window candles, a small tree with white lights in the flower barrel and a simple evergreen wreath on the front door.

The Newbury Historical Society published two newsletters, one in May and one in December. Content not only included reports on our ongoing programs, but other news from the community, and some articles dealing with the long history of the Town of Newbury. The newsletters are mailed to NHS members and a few others

The Officers and Directors are: President - Hod Symes, Secretary –Diann Cottrill, Treasurer – Jean Welch, Assistant Treasurer, Richard M Roderick -VP - Programs and Events - Emmy Hausman, VP –Collections – Carol Stoll -- VP -Building and Grounds- Richard M Roderick and Directors- George Willard, Amanda Beaulieu, Selenda Girardin and David Wilson.

The society operates on a small budget with funds coming from an annual appropriation, membership dues and sale of Newbury related books, and a group of dedicated volunteers. We have about 100 paid members. Annual dues are:

- Individual - \$10 per year
- Family [same address] - \$15
- Senior [over 65] - \$ 5
- Commercial/Institutional - \$25

We invite you to become a member, your dues help us to continue our mission of preserving our past for future generations. We are a 501c3 nonprofit group and your donations are tax deductible. If you would like to volunteer there are many opportunities, from helping to staff our open houses or events, to helping to organize our archive files or helping with social media and other activities based on your talents or interest. Please contact us at our email above or let any board member know.

If you have a memory about Newbury you would like share, please stop by at our Story Corps booth at next years Wells River Family picnic or write it down and mail or email it to us. Your memory could be from yesterday or from 50 years ago.

If you have a item you would like to donate to the society please contact us so we can determine if we can properly house the item and would add to our collection. The society looks for items that have a direct connection to Newbury.

We are again requesting the same appropriation as we have in the past few years --\$3,000. We thank you and appreciate the town's continued support.

Board of Listers

We finished up the statistical reappraisal for the 2018 Grand List in September. The values were set as of April 1, 2018. A BIG Thank You to everyone's incredible cooperation, in a timely manner, during the reappraisal! It was amazing teamwork.

Team work is #1 in this office and we both enjoy being out in the field, in all kinds of weather, measuring dwellings and outbuildings.

We appreciate property owners contacting us for re-assessments, grievance notices, permit completions and demolition of buildings. Inspections are done in an expedient manner and are helpful for our data collection. Special thanks to everyone who has completed and returned a Sales Analysis form in a felicitous manner.

Our main goal is to keep all Newbury property up to date, and equitable, at all times. Please remember that when you take **DOWN a structure to let us know, so we can remove it from your file, as well as when you **ADD****** a structure to your property, please inform us so we can include it in your file. Listers are required, by April 1st, to measure/assess all new structures.**

Please be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by Federal & State TAX DAY to avoid any penalties.

The board would like to remind everyone in town that we are available to answer questions about how your property values are determined and provide you with any other information concerning your properties' valuation. Our office is open daily to answer questions and provide information to townspeople, appraisers, attorneys, etc. This office is currently open Monday through Thursday from **7:30 am to 12:30 pm**. If these times don't fit your schedule, please call the office and we would be glad to arrange a time that will work.

The Lister's office has its own phone number, Please Make Note of It: **802-866-5026**. We have voice mail and check the messages every day we are in the office. We also have an email address: listers@newburyvt.org and it is also checked every day we are in the office. The Newbury website home page is at: www.newburyvt.org and has a page dedicated to the Lister's office as well as all regulations regarding ZONING & PERMITS. The Grand List is parked there and is available for public viewing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Beaulieu & Janis Moore

Recreation Board

Newbury Recreation Department has had a busy and successful year. This year and this department has seen a noticeable change, in many areas. We are looking forward to 2019 year and all the areas we hope to continue to strengthen.

The seven board seats were filled through the fall, at that time Amanda Welch let us know she would be stepping down, we want to thank her for her time and commitment to this program and wish her well. Currently we have the open seat, but we fully expect to fill that seat in early 2019. Having a full board for most of the 2018 year has allowed us to strengthen our existing programs and events as well as create some new ones.

We continued to have strong showing in our athletic programs. We believe a large component of the success of our athletic programs is a result of these offerings being free of cost to NES students. We fielded a major's softball and minors baseball teams this past spring. We had a strong machine pitch and Tball showing. The K-2 soccer program had about 30 kids signed up and were invited to participate in a jamboree at Thetford at the end of the season, which was a wonderful way to wrap up the season. The 3/4 and 5/6 soccer teams had a great season. Basketball is off to a great start, we did a little restructuring in the primary grades this season. We've created a coed kindergarten instruction/skills program, by doing this the 1/2 kids will spend more of their practicing working on the fundamentals as well as learning about game situations in the hopes they will be even more prepared when they move up to 3rd grade and are playing a full schedule. We had a very strong showing for the 3/4 girls basketball team. It did not look like we had enough interest at the 1/2 or 3/4 boys' level to support teams for either age group. We managed to combine 2/3/4 boys, which allowed for a full team to play a full season. This season we have two 5/6 coed basketball teams playing full seasons. Overall the basketball season is off to a wonderful start. We are forever grateful for the continued support of all the volunteers who step up for our athletic programs all year long, from coaches, to referees and umpires, to the families that get their children to the athletic events, we can't thank you enough for your support of our program.

The Newbury Recreation Department continues to work collaboratively with FoNES in several of our shared events. The Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Howl continue to be our most successful community events. We had wonderful turnouts at both, we believe the collaboration with the FoNES is critical to the success of these events. We hope to continue to work together in the future.

Our annual Common Clean Up day took place in April. We had several families turn out to help with the yearly event in which we facilitate the preparation of the baseball and softball fields for the upcoming season as well as general upkeep of the entire common. We are always looking for as much community support as we can find, we try our hardest to publicize this event and will continue to do so. This year we introduced the Semi Formal dance in June, for 5th & 6th graders. The idea behind this dance was to provide an end of year celebratory event, similar to a junior/senior program, as a way to send the 6th graders off and welcome the 5th graders into their final year at NES. About 90% of the 5/6 graders attended the dance, we decorated the gym in the most “formal” way we could. We received a lot of positive feedback regarding this event and look forward to improving it this year.

Communication has been broad goal for our department over the past year. We continue to have our Newbury Recreation Facebook page, we are working on a mass distribution list for emailing updates and notifications beyond just NES families. The email we are currently using is recreation@newburyvt.org.

As we as a board reflect on 2018 and look to the 2019 year, we cannot express our thanks to the community of Newbury for their continued support of our program each year, both financially and through volunteer support at our various events throughout the year. We are very much looking forward to the upcoming year.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Milestones! 2018 saw a couple major milestones in the Town of Newbury history.

On November 26, 2018, after months of intensive research, meetings and more meetings—mostly by the Newbury Elementary School Board,(NES) the Selectboard and NES signed documents transferring the ownership of the Village Common property owned by NES to the Town. Documents were also signed agreeing if the school premises were no longer used (for a period of one year) for an accredited academic curriculum, the Town has the option of purchasing the premises for one dollar. This excludes the building currently used as the gym as this will revert to the Village. This transfer will ensure the Common will remain under local control.

Secondly, on December 12, 2018, after a year plus of extreme effort, meetings, public input and negotiations, the Selectboard signed documents accepting ownership in partnership with VT Land Trust and VT Housing and Conservation Board, of Tucker MT. Property. Going forward this property will be referred to as Tucker MT Town Forest.

Shortly after Town Meeting, a Fire Dept. Advisory Committee was formed to look at the many issues facing the Town and fire dept. Meeting regularly they did an amazing amount of research and produced a thoughtful report. (The SB asked a report be submitted for the annual report) This report does not provide any clear advice on how to proceed, but it does give the SB solid information to use moving forward. Sincere thanks to that committee.

During the past year the Town was offered the option of acquiring the old State Hwy. Garage property on Rte 302 outside of Wells River. In meetings with the state representative and listening to conditions, which would be applicable to purchasing the property, it did not seem to be in the best interest of the town to pursue that option.

Enforcement of violations is a continuing problem, but after a few years of complications and negotiations, a couple significant solid waste and zoning violations were resolved.

In April, after vetting several candidates, the Planning Commission submitted Dennis Marquise name to the Selectboard to fill the Zoning Administrator vacancy created by the resignation of Preston Bristow. Dennis has proved to be a valuable addition to the town.

Adequate Law Enforcement continues to be a problem for the Town. As the State Police are increasingly busy with issues around the state, the Selectboard has discussed options on the best way to increase law enforcement presence. One option being discussed is “partnering” with neighboring towns to create sufficient hours to fund a full-time officer from within the Orange County Sheriff’s Dept.

This is a small recap of the business that came before the Selectboard this past year. As always we are grateful to everyone, and to all our Committees and Boards. Numerous volunteer hours contribute to a vibrant town. Please contact any Selectboard member with any concerns and/or suggestions.

Your Selectboard: Alma Roystan, Brian Emerson and Stephen C. Cole

Vital Statistics Registered in Newbury

Births.....8
Marriages.....12
Deaths.....26

Vital records are public record and are available at Newbury Town Offices. Recent privacy concerns and identity theft issues led us to omit them from the town report.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

2018 Annual Report

The Solid Waste Committee assists the town selectboard in handling solid waste issues consistent with the town's responsibility for the management and regulation of the storage and collection of solid waste within the town. Members of the committee during 2018 were Gavin Reid, Carly Wade, James Collins, Mary Collins, Claude Phipps, and Connie Philleo.

This report notes or references appropriate times and places to dispose of solid waste. Please call the town office (866-5521), a member of the committee, or the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (802-626-3532 or toll free 800-734-4602) with any questions.

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

Newbury continues to be a member of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD). The costs of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events are borne by NEKWMD. In 2017, the waste management district began charging a fee for picking up the materials that we recycle through them. Newbury residents can also recycle at the facilities in Ryegate and Corinth which are part of the same waste management district.

Incidental to membership in NEKWMD, town voters also have an opportunity to vote on the annual NEKWMD budget at the Newbury annual town meeting. A copy of the NEKWMD Executive Committee report is included in the town report along with the proposed NEKWMD budget. The NEKWMD waste plan is available upon request. As a prerequisite to joining NEKWMD, the Town of Newbury was assured that the waste facility siting criteria in its revised Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) would be honored. Claude Phipps is the town representative to NEKWMD; John Narowski is the alternate.

Former Boltonville Landfill

The old landfill off Route 302 adjacent to the Wells River was covered with a synthetic cap in 2003. Regular testing and review of sampling from monitoring wells in the area continues. Copies of semi-annual results from such tests are available on request. They are also posted at the town clerk's office.

Household Hazardous Waste

In addition to other household hazardous wastes, products containing mercury have been banned from all landfills in Vermont. ***This means that full size tube and compact bulb fluorescent lamps, non-digital thermostats, thermometers, switches, relay devices, batteries, or like products containing mercury cannot be placed in your trash.*** Vermont law provides that every person who discards solid waste within the state shall separate ***labeled*** mercury-added consumer products from the waste. The mercury-added products should be set aside and taken for proper disposal to a household hazardous collection day. Assistance in disposing mercury-containing products can also be obtained from NEKWMD. The 2019 schedule for household hazard waste (HHW) collections is attached along with a list of acceptable HHW materials. Please note that latex paint is now accepted along with hazardous waste.

Electronic Waste

Since 2011, most electronic items have been banned from landfills, but *computers, computer monitors and peripherals, cathode-ray tubes (CRT's), printers, and televisions* can be recycled free of charge under Vermont's electronic recycling program. Ryegate and Bradford are both collection depots and designated sites for this program. See E-Cycling locations listed at the end of the recycling chart. Other electronic devices are also banned from landfills, and while not specifically listed by the state's electronic recycling

program, most any device can be recycled for free through NEKWMD. If you have concerns regarding possible fees, call 802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602.

Trash Disposal

Household and commercial trash disposal continue to be handled by individual contracts with various waste haulers in the private sector or through so-called fast trash operators who set up at various sites and accept waste on a fee-per-bag basis. Whenever the recycling depot in Newbury Village is open, the trash is currently collected by TDL Waste Services. The committee encourages proper disposal of the waste you produce as well as the continuation or initiation of recycling and composting efforts in your homes and businesses. ***The use of burn barrels as a means of disposing of waste is illegal.*** In addition to being unlawful, such activities are often offensive to one's neighbors and are harmful to air and water quality and human health, especially that of infants and the elderly.

Recycling

The recycling depot is located behind the fire station in Newbury Village and is open on Saturday mornings from 8 AM to 12 PM. In 2018, the coordinator was Glen Godfrey assisted by Charles Mabey.

The recycling markets are always uncertain and the cost of handling continues to rise, but NEKWMD gets better prices, because its materials are clean and properly sorted. In 2017, China stopped taking foreign waste, making the recycling of plastics much more difficult. Still, our cardboard, mixed paper, books, and plastic bags go to NEKWMD. Mixed containers (glass, plastic, and metal) are handled through Northeast Resource Recovery Association of Epsom, New Hampshire, with transport of materials by A.B.L.E. Waste Management, Inc. of Plymouth, Vermont.

2018 Volumes			
Mixed containers	35.79 tons (net)	Plastic bags	0.93 tons
Mixed paper	22.12 tons	Alkaline batteries	0.12 tons
Cardboard/Boxboard	19.60 tons	Hardcover Books	1.17 tons

Consistent with the town's obligation to provide recycling services, the town covers the cost of recycling by a line item in the town budget. ***The use of the Newbury facility is restricted to Newbury residents and owners of Newbury property.*** No fees or stickers are required. ***Please consult our recycling chart or the website <http://nekwmd.org> for current guidelines. Recyclables must be clean and properly sorted.***

Scrap Metal, White Goods, and Tires

Newbury residents can recycle scrap metal and white goods (used appliances) at the Ryegate recycling center or the NEKWMD facility in Lyndonville throughout the year. Neither facility charges extra for appliances containing Freon. The yard operated by Stockley Trucking, Inc. in Lisbon, New Hampshire (603-838-2860) will pay by weight for metals. Due to low volumes of material collected, Newbury has not had a scrap metal collection day since 2014. If one is scheduled in 2019, it may be held in conjunction with the Household Hazardous Waste event.

Tires in small quantities can be recycled through the Town of Newbury. The fee for disposal of passenger vehicle and small truck tires (diameters of 17 inches or less) is \$3.00 for tires off the rim and \$5.00 on the rim. The charge for larger tires is \$7.00 without rim or \$14.00 with rim. ***Vouchers or prepaid receipts for disposal of tires must be obtained at the town clerk's office before the tires can be accepted at the town garage on Scotch Hollow Road.*** (Tires may be recycled at a lower cost if taken to NEKWMD in Lyndon, Vermont.)

What You Can Do

Help reduce the waste stream and pollution of our environment by purchasing products in recyclable containers. *A chart of items acceptable for recycling is available at the town office and is included with this town report. It should be noted that there are different rules and sorting requirements for materials taken to the recycling centers in Ryegate and Corinth.*

Items, such as lead-acid batteries, tires, mattresses, and appliances should be returned to retailers when and where replacements are purchased. Rechargeable batteries, as well as alkaline and “button” batteries, can all be taken to the Newbury recycling center.

The Future of Recycling

Recycling makes sense. In 2018, we recycled approximately **79.73 tons** of material at the Newbury Village facility. By reducing the volume of waste, we reduced the individual cost of waste disposal and extended the life of landfills. Because of the shortage of landfills in Vermont, the legislature approved Act 148 in 2012. This Universal Recycling Law is requiring adherence to a specific timeline for recycling:

Collection services required by the law

Facilities that offer trash services must also provide services for managing:

- Mandated recyclables by 2014
- Leaf and yard debris by 2015 (Newbury is exempt)
- Food scraps by July 1, 2017

Trash haulers that offer curbside service must also provide services for:

- Mandated recyclables by 2015
- Leaf and yard debris by 2016
- Food scraps by July 1, 2017

Facilities and haulers cannot charge a separate fee for collecting mandated recyclables.

Timeline of the law for residents

- 2015: Mandated recyclables were banned from landfill
- 2016: Leaf and yard debris and clean wood scraps are banned from landfill
- July 1, 2020: Food scraps are banned from landfill. (Large generators of these materials, such as food processors and restaurants, were banned from sending these materials to the landfill sooner, beginning with the largest producers in 2014.)

Thanks

The committee extends thanks to the recycling attendants and members of the town road crew who assist with collection of tires and scrap metal, including those improperly discarded along our roads. We also thank members of the public who continue to recycle and participate in special waste collection days, including the annual Green Up Day. We hope they will encourage their friends and neighbors to join in these efforts. We also welcome public input regarding any matters relating to solid waste disposal.

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Jim & Mary Collins
802-866-5441

Gavin Reid, Chairman
802-866-5951

TOWN OF NEWBURY RECYCLING GUIDELINES

EFFECTIVE 2019

COMMINGLED PAPER

MATERIAL	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	PREPARATION
ENVELOPES & OPENED MAIL	WHITE, MANILA, COLORED, GUMMED & WINDOWED ENVELOPES	TYVEK OR PLASTIC ENVELOPES, MAILERS PADDED WITH BUBBLE WRAP	REMOVE NON-PAPER ENCLOSURES (CDs, PLASTIC CARDS) & STRINGS. WINDOWS & LABELS ARE OK.
MAGAZINES, CATALOGS & BOOKS	GLUE- OR STAPLE-BOUND PUBLICATIONS, PHONE BOOKS, PAPERBACK BOOKS	CDs, PLASTIC WRAPPING OR PLASTIC COVERS HARDCOVER BOOKS ARE RECYCLED SEPARATELY (SEE NOTE 3.)	MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY. REMOVE PLASTIC OR METAL BINDERS.
NEWSPAPER	ALL SECTIONS & INSERTS	NEWSPAPER THAT IS WET OR CONTAMINATED WITH PAINT, OIL, OR PET WASTE.	MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY. REMOVE PLASTIC BAGS. DO NOT TIE WITH STRING.
PAPER BAGS	ALL COLORS (EXCEPT BROWN KRAFT BAGS)	PLASTIC-COATED OR PLASTIC-LINED ANIMAL FOOD OR KITTY LITTER BAGS	REMOVE STRING & PLASTIC HANDLES.
SHREDDED PAPER	CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS	PLASTIC BAGS, SHREDDED PLASTIC (CREDIT CARDS)	DEPOSIT LOOSE (NOT BAGGED).
WHITE & COLORED PAPER	OFFICE PAPER, GLOSSY FLYERS & BROCHURES, MANILA FILE FOLDERS, POSTER PAPER, CONSTRUCTION PAPER, GIFT WRAP (PAPER) & CARDS	BLUEPRINT PAPER, CARBON PAPER, NCR FORMS, WAX PAPER, MYLAR OR FOIL PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, FACIAL TISSUE, PAPER PLATES, CUPS, NAPKINS, STICKERS OR STICKER BACKING	MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY. REMOVE PLASTIC TABS, PAPER CLIPS & HANGING-FILE STRIPS. STAPLES ARE OK.

CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, KRAFT PAPER

MATERIAL	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	PREPARATION
CARDBOARD & KRAFT PAPER/BAGS	CONTAINERS WITH CORRUGATED CENTER LAYER, KRAFT PAPER/BAGS	OIL, PAINT, OR CHEMICAL STAINS; WAX COATING, PLASTIC / METAL STRAPPING, STRING, WOOD, PLASTIC FILM OR FOAM PACKING MATERIALS	MUST BE CLEAN, DRY, AND TOTALLY FLATTENED . REMOVE EXCESS TAPE. STAPLES & LABELS ARE OK.
BOXBOARD & PAPERBOARD	FOOD & CLOTHING BOXES; 6 & 12-PACK BEV. CARRIERS, TISSUE BOXES, PAPER TOWEL & TOILET PAPER CORES , PAPER EGG CARTONS	PAPER PLATES OR CUPS (INCLUDING TAKEOUT COFFEE CUPS), FROZEN OR REFRIGERATED FOOD BOXES (UNLESS MARKED RECYCLABLE), FOIL BEVERAGE CARRIERS, DRINK BOXES, MILK, JUICE, OR SOUP CARTONS	EMPTY AND FLATTEN. DISCARD PLASTIC LINERS. REMOVE METAL POUR SPOUTS.

TOWN OF NEWBURY RECYCLING GUIDELINES

EFFECTIVE 2019

COMMINGLED CONTAINERS				
MATERIAL	DESCRIPTION	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	PREPARATION
GLASS	BOTTLES, JARS	FOOD & BEVERAGE CONTAINERS	LIGHT BULBS, HEADLIGHTS, STAINED GLASS, PYREX, CERAMICS, DRINKING GLASSES, WINDOWS, & MIRRORS	RINSE CLEAN. DETACH METAL & PLASTIC LIDS; NECK RINGS ARE OK.
METAL	AEROSOL CANS EXCEPT PAINT & PESTICIDE	COMPLETELY EMPTY (SEE NOTE 2.)	(SEE NOTE 2.)	DO NOT PUNCTURE. DETACH PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS FROM THE CONTAINERS.
	ALUMINUM	CANS, PIE PLATES, TRAYS & FOIL	SCRAP METAL (SEE NOTE 1.) SNACK BAGS & CANDY WRAPPERS (ARE NOT ALUMINUM FOIL).	RINSE CLEAN. LABELS ARE OK. ALUMINUM LIDS ARE OK.
	STEEL (TIN) CANS	FOOD & BEVERAGE ONLY	OIL CANS OR FILTERS, FUEL CANS OR CYLINDERS, EMPTY PAINT CANS (SEE NOTE 1.) MEDICAL NEEDLES	RINSE CLEAN. LABELS ARE OK. STEEL (TIN) LIDS ARE OK.
PLASTIC	#1 THROUGH #7 (CONTAINERS MUST BE NUMBERED)	BOTTLES & JUGS (ANY SIZE), TUBS & TRAYS, TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS, PLASTIC LIDS 2+ INCHES WIDE	MOTOR OIL, PESTICIDE, OR POOL CHEMICAL CONTAINERS. (FOR OTHER EXCLUSIONS, SEE NOTE 4.), STYROFOAM IN ANY FORM	RINSE CLEAN. DETACH PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS. NECK RINGS ARE OK. (SEE NOTE 4.)

1. SOME OR ALL MAY BE RECYCLABLE IN RYEGATE. CHECK WITH RYEGATE REGARDING OIL CANS, OIL FILTERS, AND FUEL CYLINDERS.
2. IF AEROSOL CAN IS EMPTY, BUT ONCE CONTAINED PAINT OR PESTICIDE, IT MUST BE RECYCLED AS SCRAP METAL. IF AEROSOL CAN STILL CONTAINS PAINT, PESTICIDE OR OTHER SIMILAR MATERIALS, STORE UNTIL THE NEXT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT.
3. HARDCOVER BOOKS HAVE THEIR OWN COLLECTION BIN AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. COVERS MAY REMAIN ATTACHED.
4. NO BIODEGRADABLE PLASTICS (PLA), CHILDREN'S TOYS & SLEDS, UTENSILS, PLASTIC HOUSING FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, CLEAR MOLDED PLASTIC DISPLAY PACKAGING, OR WOVEN PLASTIC BAGS. RECYCLABLE PLASTIC BAGS (#2, #4, & BUBBLE WRAP) GO INTO SPECIALLY DESIGNATED CONTAINERS.

NEWBURY RECYCLING CENTER ACCEPTS CELL PHONES AND ALL BATTERIES (EXCEPT WET-CELL) WEIGHING UP TO 11 POUNDS EACH. DISTRIBUTORS THAT SELL AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES WILL ACCEPT WET-CELL BATTERIES.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Vermont E-Cycles electronic recycling collection locations **operate year-round. All computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals and TVs - regardless of brand, age, or condition - are accepted for FREE recycling.** Other electronic devices accepted at these locations may involve a fee. See locations below:

Bradford Transfer Station and Recycling Center	143 Fairground Rd	Bradford	802-775-7722
Groton/Ryegate Transfer Station and Recycling Center	269 School St	E Ryegate	802-584-3880

2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 4	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Danville Stump Dump
SATURDAY, MAY 11	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Guildhall Town Hall
SATURDAY, MAY 18	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Albany Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 25	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Bloomfield Town Clerks
SATURDAY, JUNE 1	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 8	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Westmore Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Westfield Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 6	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Holland Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JULY 27	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Newbury Town Garage
SATURDAY, SEPT. 21	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 1, 2019 to October 4, 2019. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that **may be**:

Toxic- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

Corrosive- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

Reactive- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY
802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or www.nekwmd.org

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$73936.94

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, MI-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- ALKALINE BATTERIES *

GARDEN SUPPLIES

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS *
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE
- LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES *
- LIGHTER FLUID
- OIL-BASED PAINT
- LATEX-BASED PAINT
- PAINT THINNER
- PROPANE CYLINDERS
- SEALANTS
- STAINS/STRIPPERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- TRANSMISSION FLUID *
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS *

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS

CALL THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY OR HAVE ITEMS NOT ON THIS LIST

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Zoning and Planning

Development Review Board

The Development Review Board (DRB) hears applications for subdivisions, conditional uses, variances, waivers, and appeals of an Administrative Officer's decision. The DRB is a citizen's panel appointed by the Selectboard. It generally meets once a month depending on the permit activity.

In 2018, the DRB conducted 8 hearings on 5 nights which included 1 subdivision permit, 5 conditional use permits for activities in the shoreland zones, and 2 setback waivers. The process can take up to two months (or longer depending on the complexity and public input) to conclude because of advance public notice requirements and the appeal waiting period following a hearing.

The Administrative Officer is clerk to the DRB and the person to contact to begin the process. DRB members are: Amanda Beaulieu, Bob Beaulieu, Emmy Hausman, Bobbie Jewett, Chuck Schulze and Larry Scott.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission completed a comprehensive re-write and update to the Newbury Town Plan in 2015. That plan has a shelf life of eight years.

The Planning Commission completed a comprehensive bylaw update that combines zoning, subdivision and flood hazard regulations which was adopted by the Selectboard on October 11, 2017 and is now the operative law.

The Planning Commission generally meets once a month and the Administrative Officer provides staff support to the Commission. The Commission, after its tireless efforts over the last 3 years to update the town plan and revise the zoning/subdivision rules has been relatively idle of late. It will be reviewing the new ordinance to see if there any tweaks that need to occur in 2019.

Planning Commission members are: Larry Scott (chair), Frank Tegethoff and Brandi Young and William Chidsey.

Administrative Officer

Dennis Marquise has been Newbury's Zoning Administrator (now referred to as the Administrative Officer pursuant to the regulations adopted in 2017) since May of 2018. The phone number to reach the Administrative Officer's voicemail is 866-5026 and the email is zoning@newburyvt.org. Office hours are Tuesday from 2 PM to 6 PM and Wednesday from 8 AM to 10AM or by appointment.

There were approximately 50 zoning permits issued in 2018, up from 28 in 2017. Of the permits issued, approximately 15 were after-the-fact permits where the parties neglected to obtain a permit in advance of their project and the offenders were fined in accordance with town rules.

The Administrative Officer reminds everyone to review the ordinance before undertaking any work on your property or contact him to discuss your project. The ordinance can be found at: <https://www.newburyvt.org> and follow the link to the Newbury's zoning/subdivision regulations. If you have any questions call or send an e-mail. That advance contact may save you money and hassle later.



Baldwin Memorial Library

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Hours: M 10-5, W 12-6, F 12-7

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Last year, Ira Glass and a troop of National Public Radio correspondents visited libraries all over the country. They did not come to Wells River, but they did visit two other Vermont libraries. What they found everywhere were amazing examples of how libraries are like Harry Potter's "Room of Requirement" - spaces that transform into whatever you need them to be. These stories were aired on the program *This American Life*, and you can hear them at: <https://www.thisamericanlife.org/664/the-room-of-requirement>.

Mark Nelson, a young film maker from Ryegate, coincidentally spent a day at the Baldwin Library in November and put together a short video clip to show what happens here. At the time, we weren't aware of what NPR was up to, but Mark's film ended up telling a similar story. Visit Baldwin Memorial Library – Facebook to check it out.

The VT Humanities Council chose Katherine Paterson's book *"Bread and Roses, Too"* for its 2018 state-wide reading program. The Baldwin and Tenney Libraries teamed up to really do justice to this fine book by one of Vermont's very special authors. We distributed copies to read, of course, and we offered nearly a full year of related programming, including an ambitious field trip to the National Historic Park in Lowell, MA. A diverse group of 18 toured the canal system that powered the mills, visited a period cotton mill in operation, and viewed exhibits on immigration and the industrial revolution.

During the summer, our prescribed homework for kids is: READ, RECREATE, REST, REPEAT ... and eat ice cream. Along with a number of activities and presentations for the 2018 Summer Reading Program "Libraries Rock", we kept with tradition. Wells River just happens to be situated close to some rail trails AND to several great ice cream stands. So each summer we make a point to get on our bikes and pedal one of those trails to one of those ice cream shops. This time we braved several road crossings, misty drizzle, and a fallen tree to make it all the way to Hatchland and back!

Community partnerships are important to us. We rely on and are grateful for the support given by all our business neighbors. We welcome weekly visits by clients and staff of Upper Valley Services and Life Transition Services. We look forward to the annual BMU kindergarten field trip, and we are proud to participate in BMU's fall open house. We open our doors for meetings of WRAP, 302 Cares, Newbury Conservation Commission, Newbury Planning Commission, and Little Rivers Health Care. We take the library "on the road", giving out free kids' books at the West Newbury Festival parade, the

South Ryegate Summer Festival, and the Wells River Community Picnic at the Berry Memorial Field. We bring skates to the Winter Festival at Ticklenaked Pond. We offer a winter coat exchange during the winter, and we collect for the Emergency Food Shelf. We invite volunteer readers to offer storytimes for kids. We co-host programs with the Groton and Tenney Libraries, local churches, and the Pulaski Masonic Lodge. Many of our programs are at the library, but others are outside, in church basements, and at BMU. Next year, who knows where we might turn up!

In 2018, the library was honored to receive gifts in memory of Albert Stevens, Lee Waterman, and Leanore Myrick. Al, of course, was a long-time library trustee as well as one of the founding members of WRAP. Lee, a former librarian from across the river, loved audiobooks in her later years; check out our revitalized “Lee Waterman Memorial Audiobook Corner”. And Leanore, with her delightful wit and wisdom, was the life of our book discussion group.

We gratefully recognize our capable, creative, and cherished volunteers Barb Zimmer, Jim Marsden, Rachel Thibault, Megan Batchelder, Greg Collins, Steve Martel, Michael Adam, Matthew Gherardi, Riley Murray, Abigail Tellier, Bill O’Malley, Larry Clark, Beth Nelson, Emma & Zoe Buhner, Jennifer Locke, and Kaylee & Alicia King. What do these volunteers do? They run the desk, water the plants, catalog books, organize magazines, collect the mail, do projects with kids, shovel snow, set up window displays, distribute posters, suggest new books, dust the shelves, and help with programs.

Finally, we thank the residents of Wells River, Newbury, and Ryegate for including the Baldwin Library in your annual budgets. We are also faithfully sustained by individual and business donors; many are local residents, some come from our neighboring towns on both sides of the river, and some are with us from far away just during the summer.

Circulation	7,319 items borrowed (141/week)
Library Visitors	5,738 adults, 949 children (129/week)
Reference Service	622 (12/week)
New Members	60 adults, 17 children
Interlibrary Loans	90 items loaned; 505 items borrowed
In-library Computer Use	1,047 adults, 108 children (22/week)
“ListenUpVermont” Usage	141 audiobook and 122 e-book free downloads
Donations added to collection	92 children's books, 105 adult books, 182 movies, 12 audiobooks, 10 music CD's, many puzzles, and more skates & snowshoes to lend

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (all elected at the Wells River Village Annual Meeting)

Ann Marie Fredella and Kim Goody (terms end 2019)
 Joyce Powers and Karen Kreis (Chair) (terms end 2020)
 Chip Conquest and Chris Buhner (terms end 2021)

TREASURER
 Nancy Ranno

LIBRARIAN
 Peggy Hewes

**Baldwin Memorial Library
2019 Budget**

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Librarian	21,778.90	21,778.88	22,308.00
Custodian	1,144.00	1,144.00	1,144.00
Substitute	324.00	168.00	324.00
Social Security	1,790.00	1,762.46	1,790.00
Books for Adults	3,500.00	2,780.09	3,500.00
Books for Children	1,700.00	1,063.71	1,700.00
Subscriptions (print)	200.00	406.16	400.00
Subscriptions (electronic)	600.00	960.16	700.00
Computer Maintenance	700.00	218.78	700.00
Supplies	800.00	836.17	800.00
Equipment	0	0	0
Programs	700.00	953.45	800.00
Advertising	300.00	477.70	400.00
Insurance	1,850.00	1,940.00	2,000.00
Heating Fuel	2,900.00	3,521.92	3,500.00
Electricity	1,000.00	1,164.91	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,550.00	1,594.08	1,600.00
Water/Sewer	400.00	432.00	450.00
Postage	800.00	1,305.45	1,300.00
Building/Grounds	200.00	0	200.00
Travel/Professional	300.00	300.00	300.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	431.83	400.00
Grant Spending	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL	43,036.90	43,315.75	45,516.00

<u>Income</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Ryegate Town	200.00	200.00	200.00
Wells River Village	20,600.00	20,600.00	20,600.00
Newbury Town	14,000.00	16,200.00	16,200.00
Donations	5,236.90	5,970.00	5,800.00
Fundraising Events	2,400.00	2,107.50	2,116.00
Interest/Dividends	400.00	527.58	400.00
Grants	200.00	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	0	63.36	0
TOTAL	43,036.90	45,868.44	45,516.00

Capstone Community Action

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 16,017 people in 10,494 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 55 Newbury & Wells River households representing 148 individuals this past year included:

- 1 household accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 24 households with 73 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 13 individuals in 8 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- Homeless individuals with 7 homeless family members worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 6 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 11 additional family members.
- 1 household furnace was replaced at no charge, making it warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- 2 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 6 residents.
- 1 entrepreneur received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 5 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.

Capstone thanks the residents of Newbury & Wells River for their generous support this year!



CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN NEWBURY

Local Partnerships in Learning

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Newbury residents for fifty-three years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16- 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Newbury is served by our Bradford learning center. This site has welcoming learning rooms (with computers, laptops and internet access to support instruction). CVABE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed.

CVABE provides ongoing outreach to town residents and education services and last year 7 enrolled. In addition, 3 volunteers from Newbury worked with CVABE's professional staff to deliver and support literacy services. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. *As parents gain literacy, their children are twice as likely to grow up literate themselves.*

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 500 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,055 per student to provide a full year of instruction. *Nearly all students are low income.* Over 100 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Newbury's voter-approved *past* support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life.

For more information regarding CVABE's adult education and literacy instruction for students, or opportunities for volunteers, contact:

CVABE's Bradford Learning Center
24 Barton St., PO Box 917
Bradford VT 05033
(802) 222-3282
www.cvabe.org

Central Vermont Council on Aging

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

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

Some of the options we make available include:

- Senior Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development for home-delivered and community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, group training, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members who help to make it possible for seniors to remain in their home.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 43 Newbury (including West Newbury) residents. Case Manager, Marianne Barnett is designated to work directly with the seniors in Newbury. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 420 hours of service to Newbury seniors.

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

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

Child and Family Services
Ayers Brook., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

Community Support Services
24 South Main St., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-6000

Adult and Children Outpatient Services
1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

Farmhouse
P O Box 278, Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

East Valley Academy
579 VT Rte. 14 So., East Randolph, VT 05041
(802) 728-3896

Central VT Substance Abuse Services (CVSAS)
100 Hospitality Drive, Berlin, VT 05601
(802) 223-4156

Safe Haven
4 Highland Ave., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-5233

Regional Alternative Program
Norwich Avenue, Wilder, VT 05088
(802) 295-8628

Wilder
PO Box 816, Wilder VT 05088
(802) 295-1311

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Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol and other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to the greater Orange County area for the last 50 years.

Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24 hour emergency services.

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

Prevention programming for at-risk teens through Clara Martin Center's TAY (Transition Age Youth) puts clinicians out on the street to engage and connect with youth in order to intervene and/or treat substance abuse and mental health issues that impact their ability to thrive in the world. This program aims to reduce the risk factors for youth by helping them to obtain and keep stable housing, jobs, and build skills to achieve long term success in their lives for themselves and others.

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

FY18 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED Newbury	
Children & Family Services	534	Children & Family Services	10
School Services	103	School Services	9
JOBS	104	JOBS	2
Adult Services	595	Adult Services	24
CSP Services	170	CSP Services	11
Supportive & Transitional Housing	31	Supportive & Transitional Housing	0
Substance Abuse Services	537	Substance Abuse Services	16
Corrections Services	60	Corrections Services	2
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	460	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	22
Access	1179	Access	33
Total Served - unduplicated	2234	Total seen:	72
CVSAS	632	CVSAS	0

As one of 10 Designated Agencies in the state of Vermont, Clara Martin Center provides mental health and addiction recovery services for Orange County and the greater Upper Valley area.

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The agency continues to work with a wide variety of local partners to enhance community health and wellness including Stagecoach, local police departments, primary care providers, schools and supervisory unions, the Chelsea Health Center Board and local officials, to name a few.

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Cohase Chamber of Commerce

*serving Haverhill & Piermont, & Orford, NH
and
Fairlee, Bradford & Newbury, VT*

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Cohase Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is committed to fostering a vibrant economic climate by encouraging cooperation and communication among the region's communities, while ensuring a high quality of life.

Some of our major accomplishments for 2018 include but are certainly not limited to the following:

- ✓ Our **Annual Meeting** at Court Street Arts in January which included the presentation of our Citizen of the Year award and Business of the Year Award.
- ✓ A successful **Regional Economy Business Breakfast** in May with a turnout of about 40 business leaders and representatives to discuss challenges and successes within our regional communities.
- ✓ Co-sponsorship of the **Paddle the Border** events in May and October which brings people from all over to our region twice a year to celebrate our beautiful Connecticut River.
- ✓ An extremely successful **Regional Garden Tour and Tea** in July featuring regional gardens and an afternoon tea. Almost 120 people attended from all over New England.
- ✓ Our **Regional Farm Tour** in August which celebrated our area's agricultural heritage and featured open houses and tours at local farms. This year's event had good participation with some farms reporting over 100 attendees.
- ✓ Our **48 Hour Film Slam** in September. A record eight teams participated this year from throughout our region with many local attendees attending the public screening.
- ✓ **Business After Hours** events which brought together business people from throughout our region for networking and conversation.
- ✓ Educational workshops targeted towards our regional business community including a **SEO (Search Engine Optimization)** workshop, a workshop addressing **Tax Law Changes**, and a **QuickBooks** workshop was organized that will be held in January 2019.
- ✓ Promotion of a "**Buy Local**" mentality in our region through press releases, articles, social media and presentations as well as through our recurring **COHASE CASH** contest.
- ✓ Development of a **Business Advisor Program** which should be fully released by 1st Quarter 2019, providing entrepreneurs and business owners looking to open or expand their businesses with a directory of local contacts along with their areas of expertise.
- ✓ Active participation in and facilitation of community meetings and discussions centered on **Economic Development** and **Workforce Development**
- ✓ Our annual **Regional Economic Summit** held in December 2018 bringing together local leaders, legislators and business people to discuss economic challenges in our region.

Your support is vital to us achieving our goals and helping to continue to make the communities within the Cohase region a vibrant and attractive place to live, work and do business.

With gratitude,

Erik Volk
Executive Director

COHASE ROTARY CLUB

Serving the Cohase Region of VT & NH | www.cohaserotary.org

We are always looking for members and projects to help with. I would love to discuss Rotary with anyone who is interested in learning more – at a club meeting or one-on-one for coffee. Get in touch!

Monique Priestley, Cohase Rotary Club President 2017-2019

This year, we awarded four scholarships to local high school graduates, trained youth leaders, supported literacy by donating books, and participated at both Spring and Fall Paddle the Border. We implemented a district grant to install kinesthetic classroom equipment at BMU, accepted applications for the district-wide Alonzo Malouin Teacher Scholarship, had various community members speak at our meetings, participated in So Long Summer - Hello Fall, and sponsored The Giving Fair at Oxbow High School. We invited area high schools to participate in District #7850's 4-Way Test speech contest and had the pleasure of selecting Bryannah Heywood from BMU, who progressed through to the district level. Bryannah was also our BMU scholarship recipient this year and continued on to Northern Vermont University – Lyndon. In order to help make up funds for both the BMU equipment grant as well as student scholarships, we held an all-you-can-eat Pi(e) Day Fundraiser at Court Street Arts (which will be held again in 2019 on March 14th).

Our biggest project each year is to raise money to award at least four \$1,000 scholarships, one to a student from each of Blue Mountain Union School, Oxbow High School, River Bend Career & Technical Center and Woodsville High School. Since 1999, our Club has awarded \$133,500 in scholarships. Most of the funds for our scholarships come from our annual Jr. High School Basketball Tournament. 2019 will be our 52nd year for the tournament. We've received comments from many grandparents who recall playing in it themselves.

Additional Highlights:

- We welcomed several new members into the club including Colleen Steele, Zachary Shepard, and Crystal Pearson. We were also delighted to welcome-back Rotarian, Fred Swift who moved back from Texas.
- Club President, Monique Priestley, represented the club at: the 5-District Summit at Mount Washington Resort; the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada (which included 25,000+ Rotarians from 175 countries); and the Summit of Rotary International Zones 24 & 32 in Montreal, Canada (which includes Bermuda, Canada, France and the United States).
- The Club provided funds to assist Wisdom Stoves to file for a trademark with the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization.

- We joined forces with Oxbow High School's Track & Field team to co-sponsor the annual Mud Run. We were joined by a collection of wonderful community organizations and vendors. Thank you to everyone who participated!
- Every year we participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program. We send three high school freshman/sophomore students to a long weekend of leadership development at Lyndon State College. The RYLA program is run by previous recipients of the award.
- Rotary International views literacy as a basic human right. Our club works with the Dictionary Project to donate dictionaries to all 3rd grade students at Newbury Elementary School each year. This year, in addition to dictionaries, project leader Dennis Jowell worked with the school to also supply student atlases which were needed for their geography segment.
- The Club contributed \$600 to a project that Club #6410 of Sherbrooke, Canada initiated with Club #6868 of Obregon Sur, Mexico. The money went to an international effort to plant community orchards in Mexico.
- We provided a BMU class with newspaper subscriptions for Newspapers in Education.
- We won Rotary District #7850's Club Sustainability Award: Strong, but Mighty.
- Rotary International offers many opportunities that clubs can extend to students. We would love to work on Youth Exchanges and to set up EarlyAct, Interact, and Rotaract Clubs in schools.
- We launched our Pay It Forward Volunteer Network, an initiative to match up volunteers and nonprofit causes in the Cohase region. Visit www.cohase.org/volunteer for more information.

The mission of the Cohase Rotary Club is to build meaningful friendships and build members up while we serve our local community as well as the world at large. We affect real change with real people interactions. We believe there is value by meeting in person, serving locally through hands-on projects as well as monetary donations and serving internationally with human development projects. If you believe that civic participation is an essential element in the lives of well-rounded business leaders and engaged community members, please consider becoming a candidate for membership in the Cohase Rotary club and connect with like-minded leaders. Get in touch with us at www.cohaserotary.org.



Connecticut River Joint Commissions

July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Suite 225, 10 Water St., Lebanon, NH 03766.

Website at <http://www.crjc.org>

CRJC continues its mission to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley. With five local subcommittees and over 100 volunteers, it is guiding the watershed's growth by reviewing and commenting on hydro-electric dam relicensing, regulatory (development?) proposals, and initiatives on clean water and shoreland protection.

CRJC continues to bring policy makers and the public to our meetings to keep them abreast of the issues facing the Connecticut River.

During FY 18 CRJC convened meetings on NH and VT Regulations and Legislation; The Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative; and, a Cost Benefit Analysis of Joint State Clean Water Expenditures conducted by the Policy Research Shop at the Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth. CRJC continues to partner with the Connecticut River Conservancy on analyses of studies, including critical erosion studies, which are central to FERC relicensing of three hydro-electric dams.

There are currently openings on the Subcommittee in several communities. If you or someone in your community is interested in working with volunteers from area communities on river conservation issues or to serve on a local river subcommittee, please email us at contact@crjc.org.

The current officers of the Joint Commissions are *James McClammer, President (NH)*; *Jennifer Griffin, Treasurer (NH)*; *Steven Lembke, Vice President (VT)*; *Christopher Company, Secretary (VT)*. For a full list of Commissioners see the following website: <http://www.crjc.org/about-crjc/commissioners/>.



Headwaters of the Connecticut River,
Fourth Connecticut Lake, Pittsburg, NH



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CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee Annual Report - 2018

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) consists of two volunteers nominated by each of the following municipalities: Guildhall, Lunenburg, Concord, Waterford, Barnet, Ryegate and Newbury in Vermont; and Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Monroe, Bath and Haverhill in New Hampshire.

The Subcommittee provides a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting a portion of the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. The Subcommittee is one of five that make up the Connecticut River Joint Commissions since 1989. Specific responsibilities include providing advice to NHDES, VTANR and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and maintaining a corridor management plan.

The Subcommittee stayed updated on a number of issues including the ongoing dam management and relicensing through FERC, conservation projects by the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, and the potential opening of a River History Museum in Barnet. The Subcommittee reviewed and commented on a series of permits from across the region and on a range of issues such as manure pits, water drainage, bridge replacement and river bank development. The Subcommittee hosted a presentation on Aquatic Invasive Species. Members discussed ways to outreach to new members and are revamping outreach documents. Finally, the members have distributed the CRJC Homeowner's Guide for Water Quality Protection and the CRJC Shoreline Buffer Fact Sheet to central town locations (e.g. Public Library or Town Office).

There are currently openings on the Subcommittee in several communities. There is one representative in Lancaster, Monroe, Bath, Concord, Barnet, Ryegate and Newbury. There is no representation from Guildhall, Lunenburg and Waterford. If you or someone in your community is interested in working with volunteers from area communities on river conservation issues and serving as a liaison to the Riverbend Subcommittee, please contact our staff support Olivia Uyizeye at ouyizeye@uvlsrpc.org to learn more.



GREEN UP IN NEWBURY



May 5, 2018

Once again, the Green Up volunteers numbered more than 250. The weight of the trash collected was 1.06 tons, and the volume was approximately 12 cubic yards. Tires totaled 27. In addition, a pickup load of scrap metal and another of electronics were transported to Ryegate for recycling. The recyclable cans and bottles were taken to the Newbury Recycling Center. Refunds from redeemable drink containers brought \$145.60 to help reduce the costs of Green Up which included a \$150 fee to Green Up Vermont and \$381.60 for disposal of the trash. We thank Pete's Rubbish Removal for waiving the \$50 fee for delivery of the dumpster. **The state winner of the 2018 poster contest was Uma Chirkova, Grade 8, Newbury.**

WHO AND WHERE

Bailey Pond Rd: Rick & Emmy Hausman • Jaime Constantine **Bailey's Eddy:** Ken Rower **Baldwin Rd:** Robert & Amanda Longmoore **Bible Hill Rd:** Chip Conquest, Fay Homan • Joe & Cheryle Provost **Bolkum Rd:** Joseph Mahr, Walter Morse **Boltonville Rd:** Michael, Madison & Morgan Morrisette, Alyssa Crown **Bowen Rd:** Royce Thompson • Elaide Gahn • Michelle & Sue Redmond • Gwenyth, Micheala & James LaCount, Kimberly & Lilly Lee, Patrick Colby **Brock Hill Rd:** Russ & Peg Haviland **Brookside Ln:** Dante, Emma, Molly, Arthur & Ben Sargent **Cesari Rd:** Gene & Judy Cesari **Center St:** WRSB* **Chalmers Hill Rd:** Daniel Lemay **Chapel St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Cheney 4-Corner Rd:** Jack Edwards **Cole Rd:** Jeff, Jace & Evan Page, Patsy Cole **Cookman Rd:** NES** **Corey Hill Rd:** Dylan, Alison, Cyrus, Lucas & Elsie Kidder **Creamery St:** WRSB* **Cross St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Crusher Hill Rd:** Paul, Erin, Max, Brody & Rhys Pellegrino **Darling Rd:** Michelle & Sue Redmond **Deerfield Ln:** Russ & Peg Haviland **Depot Rd:** Elizabeth Upton **Dickey Rd:** Randy & Jennifer Oakley **Doe Hill Rd/Doe Ln:** Tom Burnham **Elm St:** Ronnie & Jean Welch **Fish Pond Rd:** Chris Jones, Marc & Barbara Krulewitz, Gerry Estill **Fisk Rd:** Michael Heffernan, Barbara Briggs **Flanders Brook Rd:** Troy, Erin, Natalie, Emma, Abby & Marley Perry **French Rd:** Tom Kidder **Fuller Rd:** Robert Chapla, Leo & Charity Fletcher • Alison Lauter with "Quill" • Stan Willenbring, Patty Vaughn **Fulton Rd:** Dennis & Olga Amaral • Troy, Erin, Natalie, Emma, Abby & Marley Perry **Gahn Rd:** Elaide Gahn **Golf Links Rd:** Joe & Cheryle Provost **Grapes Rd:** Michael Heffernan, Barbara Briggs **Grove St:** WRSB* **Halls Lake Rd:** Dante, Emma, Molly, Arthur & Ben Sargent • Doug Speck with "Laddie" • Allan & Scott Wheeler, Jim Densmore **Industrial Park Rd:** Chris, Wendy, Emma, Zoë & Noah Buhner **Jefferson Hill Rd:** Lizzie, Amy & Kris Vaughan • Angela Welch, Shane Sulham, Nathan Bachus **Johnson Dr:** Hope Hutchinson **Ledger Rd:** Robert & Amanda Longmoore **Leighton Hill Rd:** Johnathon, Hayden & David Grant • Tracy Dunn, Lisa Gurney • Jane Booth, David Tansey • Jeff, Jamie & Jenna Mills • Susan Kennedy **Lower Meadow Rd:** James A. Wheeler with "Ben" **Mace Rd:** Rhonda & Tony Wheeler, Rowan Pacht **Main St North:** WRSB* • Ronnie & Jean Welch **Main St South:** Elizabeth Upton • Judith Lerner • Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley • Kevin & Melanie Lawrence, Ben, Katie & Wren Cole **Maple Hill Rd:** Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo **Maple St:** WRSB* **McClure Farm Rd:** Michael, Madison & Morgan Morrisette, Alyssa Crown **Montebello Rd:** Judith Lerner **Moore Hill Rd:** Craig & Lisa Hervey • George & Julia Guay • Jeff, Susan & Eliza Goodell **Newbury Center Rd:** James Stoops, Dana Blair **Newbury Crossing Rd:** Kevin & Melanie Lawrence, Ben, Katie & Wren Cole **North Rd:** Bruce Mays, Cynthia Maltbie • Skip & Carol Metayer • Susan Underwood • John & Caroline Nininger **O'Gorman Rd:** David & Diana LaPlante **Old County Rd:** John & Harrison Renfrew **Old Schoolhouse Rd:** Kathy Damon **Old Stagecoach Rd:** Leslie Arnett, Catherine Ceranini **Old West Newbury Rd:** Tommy Girard & John Girard, Sr. **Oxbow Rd:** Elizabeth Upton **Page Hill Rd:** Troy, Erin, Natalie, Emma, Abby & Marley Perry **Peach Brook Rd:** Lynda Colbeth, Sophia Hart, Nason, Sierra & Paula Grant; Kevin Grant, Sr. •

Lyman Beecher, Tom Chaffee ♦ Daniel Lemay **Perini Rd:** Karl & Nathan Neubauer ♦ Daniel Berna, Susan Gaelic **Pine St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Pulaski St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Putnam Rd:** Russ & Peg Haviland **Railroad St:** Ronnie & Jean Welch **Ricker Rd:** Walter & Jennifer Fischer **Rogers Hill Rd:** James A. Wheeler with “Ben” ♦ Paul & Amy Perry **Romance Ln:** NES** **Round Barn Rd:** Robert & Amanda Longmoore **Route 5 North:** State Highway Crew in Bradford **Route 5 South:** State Highway Crew in Bradford **Route 302:** State Highway Crew in Wells River **Route 302/Mill St:** WRSB* **Schaeffer Hill Rd:** Hope Hutchinson **Scotch Hollow Rd:** John & Harrison Renfrew ♦ Olivia, Zach & Beate Kane, Devon Kingsbury ♦ Allison Line-Andrews, John & Moses Andrews ♦ Scott Magrath ♦ Doris McClintock, Allison Line-Andrews ♦ Jeanne Tilghman ♦ Brad Vietje, Linda Ide, Melanie & Sherri Sidney ♦ Crystal Sweeney, Nathan Smith ♦ Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo **Scott Rd:** Tom Burnham **Snake Rd:** Steve, Jan, Brynn & Mark Cole ♦ Tom Williams, Michelle Kupiec ♦ Dan, Danielle, Samuel & Matthew Corti **Stevens Place:** (Unassigned) **Swamp Rd:** Michael Heffernan, Barbara Briggs ♦ Greg, Debbie, Mike & Grace Eaton ♦ Laramie Bobar ♦ Steven & Adele Edelman ♦ Wendy Block, Nancy Martin, Maureen Flynn, Martha Ward ♦ Mary Ellen Davis ♦ Diane & Cecil Sweat ♦ Stan Willenbring, Patty Vaughn **Swift Rd:** George & Mary Emerson, Sid & Barb Young, Arlene Sedgley **Tenney Pond Rd:** Jeff, Jamie & Jenna Mills **Terry Hill Rd:** Michael Heffernan, Barbara Briggs **Toll House Rd:** Tom Burnham **Topsham Rd:** George & Mary Emerson, Sid & Barb Young, Arlene Sedgley **Tucker Mt Rd:** Bill & Carolyn Keck ♦ JD Sloan, Carly Wade ♦ Jessica Loeffler, Parrish & Rafferty Eiskamp with “Huxley” ♦ John & Hannah Narowski **Tullar Rd:** Ronnie & Jean Welch **Tyler Farm Rd:** Tom Kidder ♦ David & Diana LaPlante **Upper Rogers Rd:** Paul & Amy Perry ♦ Steve & Patti Clark **Urquhart Rd:** Bill & Carolyn Keck ♦ Renée Weeks **Vaughan Rd:** Lizzie, Amy & Kris Vaughan **Wallace Hill Rd:** Susan Kennedy ♦ Kathryn Smith ♦ Cameron, Rachel, Kyle & Daniel Sweet ♦ Walter & Jennifer Fischer **Water St:** Scott Darling, Katie Thayer **Welch Rd:** Melissa, Gaige, Teegan & Adley Gilmore **Wheeler Rd:** Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo **Whitcher Rd:** Mary Ellen Davis **Whitelaw Rd:** Michael, Madison & Morgan Morrisette, Alyssa Crown **Wrights Mt Rd:** Steve & Patti Clark

* Wells River Savings Bank: Mary-Ellen Gray, Hilda Huntoon, Elizabeth Marshall, Graham Gove, Irene Emerson, Crystal Pearson, Katie Davis, Tonya Bean, David Gonyaw, Patti Clark

** NES Student Council: Olivia Kane, Matthew Corti, Chase Fischer, Aidan Hervey, Natalie Perry, Sophia Hayes, Alyssa Vance, Addie Battis, Malari Young, Morgan Discoll, Valorie Hayes, Lizzie Vaughan

AT THE COMMON

The following persons sorted cans and bottles or helped in other ways: Dianne & Ami Norton, Carol Stoll, Alison Lauter, John Nininger, Tom Beers, Mary Durfee, Scott Magrath, Derry Gleason, Walter & Carol Cottrell, Ken Rower, Adam Miller, Susan Kennedy, Allison Line-Andrews, Karl Neubauer, Fay Homan, Chip Conquest, Chelsea Lynes, Andrea Franklin, Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo

MANY THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS!

If you participated but are not correctly represented, please let us know for future reports. Thanks!

At the end of May 2018, Claude Phipps and Connie Philleo had planned to retire as Newbury Green Up coordinators. They are still hoping that someone will offer to bring new leadership, renewed energy, and fresh ideas to continue this worthwhile tradition in their own way.

GREEN UP DAY IS ALWAYS THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY.

To volunteer your help in 2019, please send an email to here4now@sover.net or call (802) 866-9008.

To become a Green Up Coordinator, please contact the Town of Newbury.



Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation

35 Railroad Row, Suite 101
White River Junction, VT 05001

- Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) is actively supporting new, growing and relocating businesses that are wrestling with retention, expansion and other critical issues. We team with the Departments of Economic Development (DED), Labor and Education, the Vermont Workforce Development Council, 3 Regional Technical Centers (RTCs) and other partners to help businesses advance their performance levels through training with state and federally funded programs. This is a top priority and we devote a large portion of our time and attention to it.
- During the past 7 years, GMEDC has purchased 2 commercial facilities for tenants. We currently have a 30,000sf Build to Suit facility under construction in Randolph for a rapidly growing manufacturer made possible by a \$1M Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from DED and HUD. VEDA provided a mortgage loan for the balance. Combined our tenants employ over 250 people.
- Working with DED, we provide customized and confidential assistance to out-of-state companies interested in relocating to Vermont and companies hoping to stay here. Businesses receive individualized attention on matters regarding site location, financing, training programs, the Vermont Economic Growth Initiative (VEGI) tax incentives and a variety of other important issues including permitting, availability of housing and Federal grants.
- GMEDC helps business and organizations secure financing from Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) and other entities including USDA – Rural Development. We also manage Revolving Loan Funds for business support and disaster recovery. These provide gap financing not available elsewhere, especially following emergencies.
- We facilitate forums for career and technical education, manufacturing, forestry and other key sectors. We rely on resources provided by DED that are available through grants to non-profits, municipalities and community groups. Our Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC) is staffed with a Business Advisor who is an expert in helping start-ups and established companies alike.
- GMEDC works collaboratively with Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC- same district) to encourage appropriate land use, settlement and transportation patterns to stimulate healthy and vibrant communities, as desired by our 30 member towns. Recent assignments have included providing guidance, support and grant assistance to redevelop vacant public buildings, start a community store and purchase real property.
- Brownfield Redevelopment of contaminated sites has become an important part of our services. We assist prospective purchasers with professional guidance and support required to return contaminated sites to productive use. We are willing to consider taking title as an interim owner and leverage our expertise with state and federal funding. This increases employment and improved Grand Lists.
- We continued our work with our CEDS District (Combined Economic Development District) with our partners, TRORC, Springfield Regional Development Corporation (SRDC) and Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission to pursue regional initiatives. Our current mission is in support of strengthening and promoting the Creative Economy in collaboration with our neighbors in NH and the VT Council of the Arts.

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Halls Lake Association

The Halls Lake Association is a non-profit organization of lake residents established solely to promote and maintain the health and well-being of Halls Lake.

The health of Halls Lake is important to all town residents. It is a valuable town asset that provides outdoor and water recreational venues for all. In addition, the lake's summer camps and cottages constitute a significant source of property tax revenue for Newbury.

In 2018, the Town of Newbury generously provided administrative and financial assistance to our efforts to control the lake's Eurasian milfoil infestation. The lake was inspected by Vermont's Federation of Lakes and Ponds personnel in early July. They noted that they consider Halls Lake to be a success story in the control of milfoil. The lake's water quality was excellent throughout 2018. However, Eurasian milfoil is never completely eradicated. Continuous effort must be made to suppress its regrowth. Qualified contract divers who harvest milfoil were in limited availability in 2018, due to the large number of infested lakes in both Vermont and New Hampshire. Consequently, our annual milfoil harvest was not completed until late October.

The Halls Lake Association will continue to work to insure a clean, healthy lake in 2019. We appreciate everyone's help in maintaining this resource.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Timony
President, Halls Lake Association

The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley

Our Mission is to “encourage self-confidence and academic growth among children & adolescents by creating mutually beneficial relationships with responsible adult volunteers.” Our over-arching goal is to monitor and support those mentoring relationships through high school graduation, via opportunities for wholesome activities, which include community service projects, training for Mentors, and experiences that promote cohesiveness and a sense of community.

Trainings included one promoting mentee *resilience*, led by Chris Hultquist, Executive Director of Rutland County’s Mentor Connector. The second training in 2018 focused on celebrating *intellectual, physical and social differences*, led by Sam Drazin, Executive Director of Changing Perspectives. These trainings were funded by Mobius, VT’s Mentoring Partnership.

Wholesome group activities included a rousing sliding party and cook-out on a hillside near a Mentor’s home; during a school break, tours of Copeland Furniture, Sargent Metal Works and Wooden House Company provided insight into employment opportunities in our area and job skills needed. A graduation celebration was held at Veteran’s Memorial Park, Hall’s Lake to celebrate the successes of our 1 high school grad, five 8th grade grads and one 6th grade grad. Mentees, Mentors & family members enjoyed kayaking, swimming, sailing and a cook-out.

Cohesiveness and Community activities included the Annual Mentor Appreciation Dinner at Colatina Exit where guest speaker Syd Lea paid homage to our Mentors and shared stories of two adults who had a positive impact on his youth. On MLK National Day of Service, Mentors and Mentees volunteered to cook a meal for residents of The Haven in White River Junction. Mentors, Mentees and Board Members prepared 3,000 Annual Appeal letters that were sent to residents of Bradford, Newbury, Corinth and Fairlee. Our Annual Pizza Party for Parents & Families at Colatina Exit, featured Marko the Magician and celebrated the important role that parents play in supporting the mentoring relationship.

Evaluation in the form of our Annual Survey, revealed that:

- 100% of the Mentors Surveyed responded that they strongly agree that they are happy with the amount of communication and support they have received
- 100% of the Mentors Surveyed responded that they strongly agree that they have noticed positive changes in their Mentees
- 100% of the Mentors Surveyed said that they strongly agree that they would recommend mentoring to their friends
- 92% of the Mentees Surveyed said that they agree that when with their mentor they feel important
- 92% of the Mentees Surveyed said they feel comfortable when they are with their mentor
- 86% of the Mentees Surveyed said that having a Mentor has made a difference in their lives
- 86% of the Mentees Surveyed said they would recommend having a Mentor to their friends

Fiscal Sustainability is a challenge for a small, stand-alone private, non-profit organization. As such, support from funders and local individuals, organizations and Towns has been the life-blood of The Mentoring Project. Grants in 2018 came from the Hypertherm Hope Foundation, the Byrne Foundation, Wells River Savings Bank, Community Bank Foundation of N.E, and Mobius, VT. Fifty- eight community members generously responded to our Annual Appeal. Our other fund-raising efforts included being invited to be the food vendor at Copeland’s Tent Sale, as well as our Annual Golf Tournament and Raffle. These events were highly successful thanks to the support of local people and businesses - too numerous to mention in the space allotted here. Be assured that the Mentors, Mentees and Board Members of The Mentoring Project cherish and honor this support.

Susan Underwood, Board President

Nancy Jones, Program Coordinator

Newbury Rural Economic Development Infrastructure District

d.b.a. Newbury REDI.net

Newbury REDInet has been working hard all year. Though progress is slow, we remain committed to bringing affordable high speed internet to all addresses in Newbury!

We have had a very busy year! In 2018 we submitted a 121 page grant application to the USDA to fund an engineering study we will need to design and price out a town-wide fiber optic network. While we did not receive the grant, we are still pursuing other sources of funding for the study. We have met with representatives of Consolidated Communications, Topsham Telephone, Green Mountain Power, USDA Rural Development, EC Fiber, Valley Net, First Light, Fulcrum Fiber, Vermont Economic Development Authority, Vermont Small Business Development Center, Governor Phil Scott, and Christine Hallquist to discuss potential funding sources, as well as to discuss cooperative models that would be suitable for a large, sparsely-populated town like Newbury. On December 7th we submitted a grant application to “ThinkVermont”, VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

Many thanks to Susan Underwood and Jim Henderson, who retired from our governing board, and welcome to Ken Rower and Liane Allen who stepped up to fill those seats. We also thank Laurie Williams, Jim Henderson, Rick Hausman, and Richard Pollock for their continued support, and the Tenney Memorial Library for hosting many of our meetings.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at *The Space on Main*, in Bradford, where we can accommodate remote participation in our meetings. Our meetings are open to all, and we encourage participation of anyone with knowledge, experience, or passion about broadband or fiber optic networks.

Newbury REDInet Governing Board:

Liane Allen	Edward Childs	Claude Phipps
Daniel Burwinkel	Chip Conquest	Ken Rower
Lenice Cicchini	Nate Dudenhoeffer	Brad Vietje

For additional information or any questions, please contact Claude Phipps, chair, here4now2@myfairpoint.com, or 866-9008. Our important documents can be found on-line at www.NewburyREDI.net

Executive Committee Report

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

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

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

The NEKWMD is entering 2019 with a proposed budget of \$825,073 – an increase of 8.5% compared to 2018. The vast majority of the increase is due to the addition of a \$41,000 baler payment over the next 5 years. The surcharge rate of \$24.25 will increase by \$0.50 for 2019. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.59.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and four part-time employees in 2018. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

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

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

NEKWMD Executive Committee

County of Orange

This report highlights the activities and expenses of Orange County during the county's 2018 fiscal year which began February 1, 2018 and ended January 31, 2019.

County Support for the Sheriff's Department

The Orange County budget supports basic operations at the Sheriff's Department except the salaries of the Sheriff and deputies. The Sheriff's department budget accounts for about 63% of the total county budget. During 2018 the county addressed deterioration of the external gasoline fuel tank set-up. A new tank and concrete pad were installed with a spill barrier. Inside the building the hot water heater needed replacement. The county also took the first step to look at what might be needed to optimize the use of the building and redesign a public entrance. Vermont Architects Collaborative prepared some preliminary designs and discussions will continue through 2019 about the feasibility of this project. The Sheriff's Department is staffed 24/7 so as to provide safety to court staff and those seeking help after hours, especially regarding domestic violence situations. Improvements to the building would provide much better service to the public. Costs for 24/7 staffing are shared between the county and the Sheriff's law enforcement budget. An attempt is made to level-fund the Sheriff's department budget as appropriate. Staffing costs are the main source of budget increases. You can call the Sheriff's department directly for assistance at all hours--685-4875.

County Courthouse

The primary driver of increases in the courthouse budget are the costs of maintenance and building improvements. During the summer of 2018 an emergency generator was installed behind the courthouse which means that court will no longer be canceled in the case of a power outage. The funds for the generator were taken from the county capital reserve fund. The north side of the courthouse was repainted and the shutters repaired and painted using funds budgeted for that purpose.

Annual contributions to the Capital Reserve Fund mean that a savings account exists for large expenditures. That fund was used to pay for the fuel tank project at the Sheriff's Department as well as for the architect's design. This fund needs replenishment as it seems that there are always unexpected needs when trying to keep old buildings in good repair. In the fall it was determined that the oldest parts of the air conditioning system in the courthouse need to be replaced in spring 2019. This will involve using a crane to remove the old units from the attic and hoist up the replacements. The plan is to use capital reserve funds that for that project as well.

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

You may contact the Assistant Judges with questions or comments at the courthouse 685-4610
Orange County Assistant Judges: Joyce McKeeman, Corinth and Vickie Weiss, Tunbridge.

ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION

Orange County Court Diversion (OCCD) is a community based restorative justice program, offering cost effective alternatives to the criminal and civil court system. Our programs include:

- **Court Diversion** for youth and adults referred by the State's Attorney who are facing criminal charges in court. A Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, works with clients to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Clients must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel. Approximately 90% of the clients successfully complete our Court Diversion program. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.
- **Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP)** for youth receiving civil complaints for underage alcohol or marijuana possession;
- **Driver's License Suspension Program (DLS)**, helping Vermonters reinstate their licenses through income-sensitive fine repayment plans;
- **Pre-Trial Services Program**, providing support and services related to mental health and substance abuse for adults facing charges in criminal court.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018, 214 clients were referred for services, a 17% increase from the previous year. Of those, 92 were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, 70 were referred for YSASP, 5 for DLS and 47 were referred for Pre-Trial Services. With few exceptions, all cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. In FY18, OCCD worked with 15 cases in which the offender either resided in and/or the offense occurred in Newbury.

OCCD's FY18 operating budget was \$119,007. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Newbury appropriated \$175 for FY18 to support OCCD. OCCD requests the same appropriation of \$175 for FY19.

Thank you for your continued support. For additional information contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion at 802-685-3172 or jessie@occdp.org.



Orange County Parent Child Center

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

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

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 7 families from Newbury including 10 adults and 17 children.

Mary Ellen Otis
Executive Director

Orange County Parent Child Center
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802-685-2264 www.orangecountypcc.org

Orange County Sheriff

In 2018 the Orange County Sheriff's Office provided a wide variety of proactive and reactive services in the town of Newbury. In addition to the town contract hours, the Sheriff's office utilized funding from grants and other sources to provide Newbury with law enforcement presence.

The Sheriff's office responded to a wide varied of calls to include burglaries larcenies, vandalisms, family problems, juvenile problems, sex crimes and traffic problems to name a few. Some of the bigger issues this year were motor vehicle complaints, suspicious persons, thefts and citizen assists/disputes. Our main focus was the patrolling of back roads, due to the on-going burglaries.

The prescription drug abuse mainly opiates appears to be the biggest factor behind family disturbances, thefts and burglaries.

Our community service deputy has been working with selectboard members, school officials and the prevention partnership group. Our goal is to work together and look at strategies to help reduce the number of people addicted to heroin. Education of our youth appears to one of the best methods of fighting the opiate problem. **LEAD** program is now in 11 schools throughout Orange County.

LEAD – Law Enforcement Against Drugs

DUI patrols and safety check points were conducted in Newbury at various times throughout the year. Once again, patrols have been focused on the back roads due to the burglaries throughout the area.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office looks forward to continuing to provide law enforcement services to the Town of Newbury.

William Bohnyak
Sheriff

Orange East Senior Center

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

Our primary focus is helping seniors. How did we do in 2018?

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

- * serve a record number of meals this year
- * serve and deliver 3,164 meals in Newbury.
- * offer foot and flu clinics.
- * hold classes in exercise, balance, line dancing, and computer instruction with internet.
- * offer services of income tax preparation, filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- * have available a Wii game system
- * distribute donated medical equipment.
- * provide our space to AA, ALANON and Cribbage Club.

How did we do all this?

By:

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

Our volunteers gave 3,723 hours to activities at the Center and drove 23,439 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

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

Thank you for helping Orange East Senior Center!

Everyone is welcome for meals and events!

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R Chaffee

OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM, INC.

ADULT DAY SERVICES

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

For 31 years, Oxbow Senior Independence Program's Adult Day Services has been serving elderly and adults with disabilities from Newbury, Bradford, Fairlee, Corinth, Thetford, Groton, Ryegate, Topsham, and beyond.

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

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

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

What do we do? (This is the important part.) We provide a safe and happy place for frail elders or adults with disabilities. Our friendly and wonderful staff plan activities that stimulate minds and exercise bodies. We sing songs and socialize. Our RN and LNAs monitor participants' health and medical conditions, and our certified chefs cook healthy and delicious meals on site, so that the smell of home cooking fills the air at lunchtime. This past year, we provided 12,200 hours of direct-care service. 6288 hours were specific to Newbury. More than 1,000 hours of uncompensated services were donated by our volunteers, staff, and board.

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

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

Thank you for your support!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

M. Robin Barone, *President*; Nina Tumosa, *Vice President*; John Morris, *Secretary*; Eileen McKnelly, *Treasurer*, Pat Benjamin, Linda Bryan, Penny Carrier, Priscilla Connolly, Wayne Richardson.

ADULT DAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Julia O'Donnell

SAFELINE, INC.

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

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 2,383 services for 334 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. 52 services were provided for 8 victims who identified themselves as residents of Newbury. This is an increase in number of services from last year. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most of the victims have children within their family.

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

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

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

STAGECOACH

Thank you for your support of community transportation services. **In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 5,506 door-to-door rides for Newbury residents** either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. **Additionally, 7,416 one-way trips were provided for passengers boarding and alighting at Newbury Bus Stops.** Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-a-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of **112,899 rides.** All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. Thank you for your past support of community transportation services.

Dial-A-Ride System –Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Newbury, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to social services, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, and food shopping.**

Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Newbury residents can access bus services** to employment and shopping centers in White River Junction, and the Hanover-Lebanon NH. **Newbury residents can utilize the Circulator, a new deviated fixed-route bus service, Monday-Friday between 8:30 and 3:15 to access to local destinations in Bradford, Newbury, Wells River, and Woodsville.**

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

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

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

Tenney Memorial Library

"There is no frigate like a book." Emily Dickinson

At the Tenney Memorial Library we believe, as poet Emily Dickinson wrote, that books offer safe and easily available ways to explore ideas and the world, whether that world is real or imaginary. We are dedicated to providing and supporting diverse lifelong learning opportunities in an inclusive environment for people of all ages. If you have not visited us lately, do come in!

Below is a sampling of some of our ongoing activities:

Tuesday- 1st & 3rd- 10:30-11:30 Pre-K **Story Time**

Tuesday-7:00-8:30 **Mindful Meditation**

Wednesday - 5:00-6:30 **Beginning Spanish**

Thursday-9:30-11:30-"**Pins & Needles**" Bring any handwork.

1st Thursday-7:00-8:00- **Book Discussion**

Check website for book title. (We can order books through interlibrary loan.)

6:00-8:00- **Scrabble Night** - drop ins welcome

Contact TML for more information: tennylibrary@gmail.com

Thanks to the generosity of the town and village of Newbury we have been able to bring a variety of programs to residents. Below is a list of some of the special events we hosted in 2018. (Some of these programs were in collaboration with the Baldwin Memorial Library and the Newbury Woman's Club, for example, the **Bread and Roses**, **Too** programs for the Vermont Reads grant we received)

February - "From Stage to Film" - Humanities Grant

March- Agatha Christie- Humanities Grant

April - The Woodchuck Gardner

Happy Birthday, William Shakespeare - Reading

"Romeo & Juliet" and learning an Elizabethan dance

May- Newbury Elementary School Poetry Slam

"Dynamite, Whiskey & Wood:" Log Drives on the CT. River 1880-1915

July - "Woof" - What is Your Dog Really Saying?

August - "Bread and Roses" Strike and the Vermont Connection

Part of the Vermont Reads '18 programming

VINS - "How Raptors Communicate"
September - Efficiency Vermont Program
October - 2nd Annual Master Storytellers
November - "Christmas at the White House"
December - Reading "A Christmas Carol"

Check the library website for up to date information about what is happening at TML.

I am happy to announce that we have been successful in securing another Vermont Humanities grant for multiple copies of this year's **Vermont Reads** choice, John Lewis's book, ***March***. This is part of a graphic trilogy about the march on Selma, Alabama for civil rights. Baldwin Library, the Newbury Woman's Club, and Tenney will again be joining forces for both discussions of the book, and to bring you other activities. We are hoping for a small film festival and another historical lecturer to enhance our knowledge of the time period of the book.

Don't forget that Tenney has four public computers, WiFi service, and a heavy duty printer. These services are available to everyone whether you just want to make a copy of your boarding pass for a trip, are applying for a job, or are writing a novel..

In addition, Tenney participates in the "Museum Pass" program. You can check out free passes to Vermont State Parks and Historic sites and the Billings Farm Museum. We also have discounted passes to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) and passes to the Leahy Science Center/ECHO in Burlington. Just ask the librarian to check these out for your use.

Yes ! We do have plenty of new books, traditional and audible, regular print and large print. We are enlarging our selection of DVDs to include PBS and HBO favorites, as well as movies and documentaries. In fact, this year we were able to add hundreds of books to our collection. We rely on your suggestions and also the reviews in the New York Times, Boston Globe, and from our colleagues in the Vermont Librarians' Listserv. The Vermont Department of Libraries is very generous in sharing the many books that publishers send them for their reviews, and we especially look forward to putting the books for children which receive the **Red Clover Award** on our shelves. If we do not have a book you are seeking, we can get it for you through the CLoVER/Interlibrary loan system. (Often books arrive within a week of your request.) This year we have borrowed and lent well over 200 books.

Your librarian has applied for, and was granted, several scholarships which have allowed her to participate in professional conferences at no cost to the library. Most recently she was awarded a scholarship to attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries' annual convention in Springfield, ILL. Working with librarians from every state, including Hawaii, provided the best kind of professional development from peers who deal with many of the same challenges as we do in Vermont.

Trustee, Wayne Richardson, was also successful in gaining a grant from the Vermont Historical Society so that we may carry out some work on the oldest part of the library. In 2019 you may see the result of this grant as we work to preserve the wood at the front entry and repair plaster in the children's room.

The Tenney Memorial Library serves the needs of many groups who use the building for meetings. People come to the library from February through April 15th to take advantage of those who trained to help them with their taxes through AARP's programs. Newbury Connect meets regularly at the library, as well as the Newbury Historical Society, and both the Democratic and Republican caucuses, etc. Ruth Kennedy "brings" the library to the people of the Atkinson Residence by bring books there and reading with the folks. In good weather a few ladies from OSIP come to Tenney to borrow books. Right now we are honored to display the work of many Newbury artists. Their art will be displayed for several months, so be sure to check it out.

Thanks to all of you for supporting the library. We have added 50 new patrons this year for a total of 570 patrons. We also added a few children who registered on their own for a total of 70. (Many emerging readers are included on their parents' card.) We take book donations all year and rely on our two sales to help support our mission. Do not forget our new Tenny tee shirts, either!

We are always looking for volunteers to join Elizabeth Burnham, Caroline Nininger and Ruth Kennedy in helping the library in many ways. Finally, Tenney would not be Tenney without Peg Hastings. We thank her for her countless hours of volunteer work. You go girl!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Burnham, Library Director

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Thursday 2:00-8:00

Saturday 9:00-4:00

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<http://yrnnrymemoriallibrary.org>

Tenney Memorial Library
2018 Operating Results and 2019 Proposed Budget

	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	2019 budget
Income			
Appropriations			
Town of Newbury	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Village of Newbury	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Appropriations - Other (Town Match)	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Total Appropriations	18,000.00	18,000.00	22,000.00
Dividends	14,660.71	12,200.00	12,820.00
Fundraising Income			
Appeal Letter	4,735.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fall Festival	481.00	500.00	500.00
Other Fundraising	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Speakers/Events	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncommon Jam	309.00	500.00	400.00
Total Fundraising Income	5,525.00	7,000.00	6,900.00
Gifts, Grants, and Bequests			
Annual Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bayley Fund	1,518.40	1,350.00	1,350.00
Grants	81.25	50.00	4,050.00
In-Kind Donations	422.75	500.00	500.00
Memorial donations	11,875.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Online donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Donations	6,765.70	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total Gifts, Grants, and Bequests	21,663.10	7,900.00	11,900.00
Interest	23.20	25.00	25.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,778.12	1,375.00	1,850.00
Total Income	61,650.13	46,500.00	55,495.00
Expense			
Bank Fees	55.00	55.00	55.00
Books	5,281.28	7,050.00	7,050.00
Francis Mallory Collection	0.00	1,000.00	420.00
Education	106.24	400.00	400.00
Fundraising Expenses	1,281.07	405.00	855.00
Maintenance			
Bldg Maintenance	1,271.06	6,170.00	10,070.00
Grounds Maintenance	3,714.40	2,300.00	2,300.00
Total Maintenance	4,985.46	8,470.00	12,370.00
Mileage	78.48	150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	518.00	200.00	300.00
Non-profit fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operations			
Advertising	0.00	50.00	50.00
Equipment maintenance & repair	1,005.06	500.00	500.00
Equipment, Software, etc.	0.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Insurance	1,363.00	1,450.00	1,450.00
Memberships, Dues	970.72	700.00	700.00
Postage	759.82	800.00	850.00
Supplies	1,463.54	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Operations	5,562.14	6,000.00	5,550.00
Payroll Expenses	22,379.20	23,273.56	23,551.68
Programs	965.31	1,000.00	1,200.00
Utilities	5,982.65	5,447.98	6,319.30
Total Expense	47,194.83	53,451.54	58,220.98
Net Income	14,455.30	(6,951.54)	(2,725.98)

TRORC

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2018:

Technical Assistance

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies, and assisted towns with Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) applications.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC received a USDA Rural Development Grant to support the Region's creative economy. Staff hosted several Cornerstone Creative Community of Vermont (3CVT) steering committee meetings, as well as informational and networking events. TRORC also worked on several public health projects, including health planning and food access.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC conducted a Hazardous Materials Statewide Commodity Flow Study to inform and update emergency response plans, hazard analysis, and response procedures. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the Region. TRORC has been preparing the final municipal Hazard Mitigation Plans in the TRO Region. Staff participated in developing municipal Local Emergency Management Plans.

Municipal Energy Plans

During this second year of energy plan funding, TRORC assisted five more towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to further the state energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. Towns meeting Energy Planning Standards receive a Determination of Energy Compliance and receive Substantial Deference on their input under the Section 248 review process for electricity generation facilities.

Transportation

TRORC is managing the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)'s Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. We have 29/32 municipalities participating with \$460,000 grant funding in the Region to construct projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, improvement and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. TRORC continues to seek and obtain VTrans grants under many state grant programs.

Specifically in Newbury this past year, we assisted in a Capital Budget Planning project, and prepared a VTrans Better Roads Grant application for a road erosion inventory. We also reported completion of Scotch Hollow Road ditching for the DEC's Municipal Roads Grants in Aid program, and selected Swamp Road ditching for year two of that DEC's Municipal Roads Grants in Aid program.

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

*Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard*

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THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'18 (10/2017-9/2018) VCIL responded to over **3,700** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **315** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **11** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **149** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **83** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **87** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **532** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **41** people and provided **33** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Windham County office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY '18, **5** residents of **Newbury** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(\$**680.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
(project start in FY18 for completion in FY'19)
- Peer Advocate Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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



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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

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

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

- Increase capacity statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana with Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP). This partnership (RPP) worked closely in your area with the local coalition, 302 Cares and held multiple events in your area.
- Prevent and control the spread of infectious disease. In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.
- Promote wellness by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.
- Support healthy families by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.
- Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 11,000 families.
- Provide trainings on Help Me Grow to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.
- Share new data and reports including the *Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report* which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the *Injury and Violence in Vermont* report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.
- Work with businesses in planning and starting worksite wellness strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.
- Work with local partners, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency.
- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov
Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vdhstjohnsbury/



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

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.**

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, go to

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

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2018 Overview

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

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

VLCT provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. We represent cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and their needs are met. VLCT also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities, and directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.

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

During the 2018 calendar year, *VLCT News* converted to a magazine style publication from its newsletter format, with the intent to provide more content and diverse information in each edition.

VLCT also finalized the details of moving its digital data to the "cloud," thereby increasing operational efficiency and enhancing cybersecurity and redundant protection of information. This move also reduced the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment. Improvements to the website are ongoing, and in concert with this effort is the research into a new customer relations management system, designed to help VLCT provide important information to members, but also to simplify ways that members provide information to VLCT that is shared among all municipalities.

VLCT conducted a series of Listening Sessions in 12 communities around the state to hear directly from local officials about services received from VLCT and whether any changes are needed, including whether new services should be initiated or outdated ones eliminated. Further discussions will be held with the Board of Directors. Members will be kept apprised of progress in setting future goals and priorities.

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

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Newbury, VT

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 VNH made 3,098 homecare visits to 114 Newbury residents. This included approximately \$89,262 in unreimbursed care to Newbury residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 1,103 home visits to 75 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 543 home visits to 18 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 1,433 home visits to 14 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 2 home visits to 2 residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)

<p style="text-align: center;">WRAP WELLS RIVER ACTION PROGRAM Post Office Box 538 Wells River, Vermont 05081</p>	<p>President – Don Waterman Vice President – David W Wilson Secretary – Judi Waterman Treasurer – Angela Cottrill</p>
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2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The Wells River Action Program had a busy and productive 2018 thanks to the hard work of our members. As an organization, we are a small but dedicated group of community minded volunteers.

Housing and Commercial spaces- WRAP has an ownership interest in five multifamily properties.

The properties also include 6 commercial spaces. WRAP along with our partner, Housing Vermont and WRAP are in the process of negotiating a new partnership that would renovate the buildings and streamline operations in the management of the properties.

Annual Meeting – The 2017 Annual meeting was held at the Happy Hour Restaurant on February 11th. The guest speaker was the new owner of the Happy Hour Restaurant, Tim Dailey

WRAP Up - Volume 13, Issues #1 and #2 of the WRAP Up were published in May and November of 2018. It is hand delivered to all the apartments and businesses in Wells River and mailed to all property owners thanks to the generosity of Wells River Savings Bank. The WRAP Up couldn't be published without all the volunteer writers, photographers, and the production and distribution crew.

Flower Barrels and Holiday Lights - During the spring, summer and fall bright flowers graced the village with a variety of colors. Christmas trees and lights brighten the village during the Holiday season. All flowers, barrels and trees are purchased locally.

Rowe Community Garden - The 6th season of the garden was successful, with veteran gardeners returning. Gardeners grew vegetables for themselves, zucchinis for the Zucchini Contest, the Wells River Congregational Church UCC Food Shelf, the Harvest Share Basket at Baldwin Memorial Library and for the So Long Summer Hello Fall Festival. The garden received many donations of labor, seeds and seedlings, tools and sawdust.

Welcome Center - The Welcome Center had approximately 3000 visitors signing the guest book this year. Visitors from 48 states stopped by and registered at the Center - Hawaii and Nevada were the 2 states without representation. The Welcome Center was kept opened on Memorial Day weekend, then 7 days a week from mid-June to mid-October by a number of volunteers.

Community Picnic – The 5th annual community picnic was held at the Berry Field on the last Saturday in June. Baldwin Memorial Library sponsored a program from Squam Lake Natural Science Center in Holderness, NH featuring live animals. Also, Sun Common had a bouncy house and the Jazzy Fund activities for children. Newbury Historical Society sponsored a Story Corps Tent where stories of yesteryear were told by Newbury and Wells River residents. The afternoon ended with WRAP dishing up free ice cream donated by Big Cones for all.

So Long Summer – Hello Fall Festival - The 7th SLSHF Festival was held on the Saturday before Labor Day. The fantastic weather helped to ensure a large turnout of curious folks that stopped by to check out the various booths. Live music and a public address system were added features this year. The 2019 Festival will be on August 31st, 2019, the first Saturday before Labor Day.

Baldwin Block and Stevens Commons – The Grove Street properties had some improvements made and were repainted. EP Management of Rutland continues to manage the properties. Vacancies in the apartments remained low during most the year and the commercial spaces were fully rented for the year.

Jiffy Mart – WRAP does not have an interest in the property other than we hope the owners find a buyer that will make good use of the property. WRAP members on occasion correspond with the owners who provide updates on the status of the building.

Opioid Issues and reaching out to individuals in need of care and those in recovery – As a result of a community forum sponsored by the Village Trustees and WRAP in late 2016, several meetings were held afterwards with the purpose of responding to the opioid crisis. Out of those meetings, a committee of 12 concerned citizens with various backgrounds in all walks of life continued to meet on a monthly basis with a mission to help reduce the incidences of risky behavior. Initially the committee was known as the WRAP Prevention Group but as time went on, it was felt that a name change was in order. The new name was “302 Cares” with the 302 defining the corridor of outreach.

Currently, at least one member of 302 Cares meets monthly with a prevention coalition at BMU and one in Haverhill with the purpose of sharing of information and exploring ways to work together. In the past year, 302 Cares has sponsored a presentation by MTV actor Brandon Novak. Brandon described his journey of addiction and the steps he has taken in recovery. The well-known actor spoke to large groups in Haverhill and at BMU School.

For further information on where we meet and what 302 does contact Don Waterman at h2oman@charter.net or wrapwr@gmail.com or Cheryl Chandler, Regional Prevention Partnership Coordinator Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital Telephone 802-748-8400, or email c.chandler@nvrrh.org.

Thank –You - to the Baldwin Library for providing space for WRAP to meet, and to WYKR, the Journal Opinion, the Bridge Weekly/Sho-Case and Trendy Times for their ongoing coverage of our events throughout the year. Thank you to our local businesses that for sponsoring our publicity for So Long Summer - Hello Fall Festival

Wells River Action Program 2018 Income and Expense Report/Budget 2019

Income	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019	Reconciliation	
					Balance on Hand 12/31/2016	15,879.85
Dues, Donations, Souvenirs	921.00	1000.00	865.00	1000.00	Income - 2017	6,122.90
Flowers/Welch Center	40.00	50.00	60.00	60.00		
Town of Newbury	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	Total Available	22,002.75
Village of Wells River	300.00	200.00	0.00	400.00	Disbursements	-6,037.93
Wells River Limited Partnership*	1,320.00	1,320.00	0.00	1,320.00	Balance on Hand 12/31/2017	15,964.82
Baldwin Block*	1,080.00	540.00	0.00	540.00		
Transfer from Welch Ctr CD	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
So Long Summer-Vendors	169.00	230.00	230.00	290.00	Balance on Hand 12/31/2017	15,964.82
So Long Summer-Bake Sale	163.50	200.00	103.75	130.00	Income - 2018	3,098.96
So Long Summer Ad Donations	523.40	525.00	728.40	800.00		
Community. Picnic/Flea Market	186.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Available	19,063.78
Retained Earnings (in checking)		2825.00	947.16	3290.00	Disbursements	-4,046.12
Holiday Decorations	20.00	50.00	20.00	50.00	Balance on Hand 12/31/2018	15,017.66
Chris Gray Fund	--	0.00	691.81	0.00		
Total Income	6,122.90	7340.00	4046.12	8280.00		
Expense	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019		
Publicity/Annual Meeting	347.92	300.00	300.18	325.00		
Wrap-Up	324.50	360.00	189.42	530.00		
Welcome Center	0.00	880.00	500.00	300.00		
Welcome Center Safety Upgrades	1663.90	100.00	0.00	0.00		
Flowers/Trees/Lights/Barrels	1328.38	1700.00	1304.99	1500.00		
Cohase Chamber of Commerce	185.00	100.00	75.00	75.00		
Rowe Community Garden	0.00	500.00	30.00	500.00		
So Long Summer -Hello Fall	686.65	1000.00	999.15	1,100.00		
Community Picnic	799.00	500.00	346.38	350.00		
Community Donations**	466.00	500.00	235.00	300.00		
Unanticipated Expenses***	254.49	300.00	6.00	200.00		
Office/Postage/Miscellaneous	6.59	100.00	60.00	100.00		
Housing Consultant	0.00	1000.00	0.00	3000.00		
	6062.43	7340.00	4046.12	8280.00		

* Investor Service Fees. ** 2017 Sympathy Flowers, It's Criminal, Drug Forum ads. ** 2018 4th of July Committee, Baldwin Memorial Library Textile Trip to Lowell. *** Reimbursement to Newbury Historical Society.

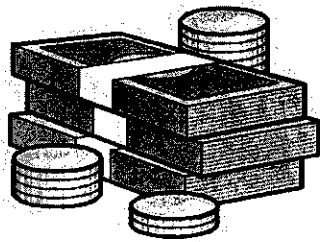
OTHER ACCOUNTS OF THE WELLS RIVER ACTION PROGRAM

Entity Name	Last Activity	01/01/18 Balance	12/31/2018 Balance
Welcome Center CD	not stated	7330.00	7844.00
Welcome Center Savings	not stated	336.00	236.00
Welcome Center Checking	not stated	228.00	208.00
		Total	8,288.00
Chris Gray Fund	06/04/2018	2,304.45	0.00
ReNewbury Account	06/21/2017	65.47	65.47

Welcome Center Cash Assets 1/01/18 - \$7894.00 Cash Assets 12/31/18 – \$8,288.00

Much of the seed money that funds the CD is the ISTEIA transportation reimbursement funds they donated to the center, Jane's paid work at the White River Welcome Center donated to the center, and money left from the building of the Welcome Center.

WRAP acts as the Fiscal Agent for the following two accounts.



Chris Gray Fund was established 10/27/2008 to help pay the funeral expenses for Chris Gray. Over time, the account was maintained at the Wells River Savings Bank under the auspices of the Wells River Action Program. Fundraising activities and Agency of Human Services grants were added to the fund making it possible to offer no-interest loans to persons in need.

In 2018, the final expenses for Chris Gray were paid for the placement of a headstone and the remaining funds were distributed to other nonprofits in accordance with the wishes of the fund's committee. The account has since been closed.

Chris Gray Fund Balance	12/31/2017 --	\$2,304.45
	3/3/2018	-500.00 Jock Oil for someone in need
	6/4/2018	-420.82 Gandin Bros. headstone for Chris Gray
	6/4/2018	-691.82 Friends of Grafton County Drug Court
	6/4/2018	-691.81 Wells River Action Program
Balance	12/31/2018 --	0.00

ReNewbury established an account on 3/17/2015 to manage funds from grants and donations intended for a community-wide planning meeting which was held March 27-28, 2015. Funds were used again for the "ReNew the Feeling" event held April 1, 2016 to discuss the outcomes of the various committees established the previous year. The original groups were NewburyConnect Committee, Events Committee, Community and Cultural/Recreational Center Committee. Full Internet Access and Cell Phone Coverage Committee and the Local Food Network Committee.

Funds have since been used for the 2016 and 2017 printing of the Events Committee's annual Spring-Summer-Fall poster of Newbury events. There was no account activity in 2018, but the funds continue to be available for activities conducted by the ReNewbury committees that remain active. These groups are: NewburyConnect, Events Committee, Arts Committee (formerly the Community and Cultural/Recreational Center Committee), and Newbury REDInet (originally the Full Internet Access and Cell Phone Coverage Committee).

ReNewbury Balance	12/31/2017 --	\$65.47
Balance	12/31/2018 --	\$65.47

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
Town of Newbury, Vermont
March 6, 2018

Alma Roystan, Selectboard Chair, opened the meeting at 10:00 am, read the annual town meeting greeting, and announced the polls are open for Australian ballot voting for elected town officers under Article 2 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Jeff Goodell's fifth/sixth-grade class at Newbury Elementary School led the group in the Salute to the Flag. Members of the class announced the menu of soups, chowders, chilis, and homemade bread that they will be offering for lunch as a fundraiser for their annual trip to Cape Cod. They also will package the offerings "to go."

Alma announced:

- Town Clerk Susan Underwood is not running for reelection, and Alma recognized Susan's years of service to the town, her commitment, and for running the town clerk's office with patience, respect, friendliness, and professionalism. She asked the group to stand and thank her, and they did.
- Nothing new to report on Woodchuck Mountain.
- Slow progress is being made on the clean-up of a Newbury Village property.
- The selectboard and the town's attorney met with three members of the Vermont Land Trust regarding the Tucker Mountain purchase and the Land Trust confirmed that the town had fulfilled its obligations in a timely manner and the Trust approved the Interim Forest Management Plan. Because of new requirements from the Leach family, the family and the Land Trust have not come to an agreement. What is to happen next is up to the family.
- Alma turned the meeting over to Brian.

Selectboard member Brian Emerson read the beginning of the Warning and Article 1:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.

Don Waterman nominated Brad Vietje, and his nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations, and Brad was elected unanimously to be Moderator for the year ensuing. Brian added that the selectboard thanks Don, the town's moderator for many years, for his gracious service to the town in many capacities, acknowledging that Don welcomed the idea of a change in moderators. There was a round of applause for Don's service.

Brian turned the meeting over to Brad by handing him the gavel. Brad thanked the group for the honor of being elected Moderator and introduced himself for the benefit of those who did not know him. He explained that he had made the gavel from a piece of cordwood years ago when he noticed at his first Newbury town meeting the town did not have a gavel. He didn't imagine that he would one day be using it.

He asked the group to observe a moment of silence to celebrate new arrivals to town and to mourn and commemorate those who have passed on.

Brad pointed out the locations of the fire exits and bathrooms and the route to the downstairs cafeteria for lunch. He acknowledged first-town-meeting and first Newbury-town-meeting attendees.

He noted what a great privilege it is for the members of the community to participate directly in town government at town meeting, a rare form of democracy that is somewhat unique to the rural states of New England.

For 364 days of the year, the Selectboard manages the affairs of the town, a difficult and often thankless job and the group applauded in recognition. The 365th day, this day, the community gathers to give the selectboard our advice and consent. It is the community's meeting and the Moderator's job is to run a fair and unbiased meeting, to ensure registered voters have an opportunity to speak if they wish. If not a registered voter, be silent for voice votes. Non-registered voters can only speak to issues if unanimous consent is given by those assembled.

Brad explained the mechanics of addressing the group including using the microphone so all can hear and announced that the meeting is being recorded.

He will moderate using Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 2: To elect all other Town Officers:

The following were elected by Australian ballot:

Selectperson (3 years).....	Alma Roystan
Town Clerk (3 years).....	Nikki Tomlinson
Lister (3 years).....	Amanda Beaulieu
Lister (1 year).....	No one elected
Town Constable (2 years).....	Glen W. Godfrey
Auditor (3 years).....	No one elected
Grand Juror (1 year).....	No one elected
Town Agent (1 year).....	No one elected

He asked if the group would dispense with the reading of the minutes located in the back of the town report. There were no objections.

Article 3: To hear and dispose of reports of Town Officers and hear and dispose of accounts.

Moderator Vietje explained that the reports section of the town report, pages 1 through 1, would be passed over for now but would be considered later under Articles 10, 11, and 12.

Page 13, **Report of the Town Budget Advisory Committee:** Passed over to be considered under Article 6.

Starting with page 14, there was discussion on the following reports:

Page 15, **Newbury Conservation Commission:** Mike Thomas, Chair, reported that the commission remains optimistic that the town will see progress in the spring or summer on the purchase of Tucker Mountain. Keep the town report handy as it provides the dates and times for the conservation commission's events, contact information, and additional information about the town. The commission is grateful for town support of its events. The emerald ash borer, an invasive species, has been discovered this past week in Orange, Vermont. He has information about it and other invasive species to provide to anyone interested.

Page 17, **Emergency Services Coordinators Report:** Doug Merrill thanked Bob Taylor who with the help of Mary Collins has submitted a FEMA grant worth over \$100,000 for new SCBA units for each fire station. He also thanked Susan Underwood for her help over the past 16 years.

Page 18, **Newbury EMS:** Dan Martin thanked the group for their support and informed them that CPR sign-up sheets are located at the voting table, and he encouraged everyone to take CPR classes. People suffering from cardiac arrest need CPR right away. Chances of survival improve if CPR has been initiated while EMS is enroute.

Page 24-25: **Newbury Historical Society:** Carol Cottrell drew the group's attention to the NHS display table. The historical society would like to undertake an initiative to write the third volume of the History of Newbury—the second one ended in 1977. She suggested that it be a community project that the historical society would be happy to facilitate. There is a sign-up sheet.

Page 29-30, **Selectboard Report:** It was asked what the total amount of fees is owed the town for the Newbury Village violation. Chair Roystan responded that the final number is subject to the outcome of mediation, but her memory indicated that the solid waste violation is several thousand dollars and the zoning violation is about \$86,000.

Page 31-33, **Solid Waste Committee:** When it was asked if any progress has been made to move the recycling center out of Newbury Village, Claude Phipps, member of the solid waste committee explained that the current facility is adequate now that we don't share it with the town of Haverhill, volume has thus decreased, and the NEK Solid Waste District is not moving ahead with their plans.

Page 38, **Zoning and Planning:** Larry Scott introduced himself as chair of the planning commission and temporary zoning administrator. The PC has been holding meetings in different areas of town to receive input on the town's unified planning and subdivision bylaws, and he thanked those who participated and helped to create a streamlined document. The planning commission will have an open house on March 15, 2018, at 7:00 pm, at Newbury Town Offices, and he invited those interested to attend. They are looking for new members for the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board.

Page 39, **Frances Atkinson Residence for the Retired:** Brad pointed out that this group is also known as Vermont Congregational Home and that the \$2,500 allocated to them appears on page 8 in the Public Safety and Health section of the town report.

Page 50, **Cohase Rotary Club:** Ian Clark, past president, called attention to the scholarships available from the Rotary Club to local high school students and educators.

Page 54, **Green Up in Newbury:** Connie Philleo explained that about 20 years ago she and her husband divided up Newbury's roads into one-mile sections with the intent to ask townspeople to clean up a mile of road. The program has continued even to the point that now children of the families that started are participating with their children. A new member, of Green Up, Chelsea Lynes, hopefully will take over the program in the future. Connie thanked the group for their help and cooperation over the years.

Robin Barone suggested a round of applause for Connie and Claude Phipps for doing such an amazing job for the last 20 years. The group responded with a standing ovation.

Page 56, **Newbury Connect:** Member Richard Roderick explained that the group is a small committee that emerged from the ReNewbury event a couple of years ago and that they are slowly making progress toward bringing the different elements of our community together. They are close to launching a website and an on-line calendar and directory. It is slow but steady work.

Page 65, **Oxbow Senior Independence Program, Inc.:** Brad pointed out that this program will be addressed under Article 8.

Page 67, **Stagecoach:** This program will be addressed under Article 8.

Page 78, **Wells River Action Program:** Don Waterman pointed out that information regarding quitting smoking and prevention programs is available by the Historical Society table.

There being no objections, Article 3 carried.

Article 4: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay expenses in anticipation of taxes.

The article was moved and seconded. There being no objections, one vote was cast, and Article 4 carried.

Article 5: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer on or before August 10, 2018, with delinquent taxes subject to penalty of 8% and interest charges of one percent per month?

The article was moved and seconded and so voted.

Article 6: To fix the compensation of all Town Officers.

The article was moved and seconded and Brad referred the group to page 13. Discussion included:

- A few requests were voiced to itemize in the town report the compensation paid to town departments/officers—not just the hourly rate—it would help the voters to understand what town government costs. How to make that happen? Selectboard member Brian Emerson responded that the treasurer would be able to break out that information although it would be more work. We can think about that for next year.
- It was noted that the selectboard member stipend remains unchanged for 2018 at \$1,800/year, but that the chair's stipend increases from \$14,000 to \$17,000/year, an amount per year nearly ten times that of a member. An explanation was requested. It was explained that towns of similar size to Newbury have hired town managers at a cost greater than the \$17,000 suggested for the Chair. Alma puts in an incredible number of hours. In the future, the town may need to consider hiring a town manager due to the increasing demands on local town government. Newbury currently has a good deal when you compare us with other towns.
- Another comment was that the selectboard Chair's increase is 21% from last year and 42% from 2016. An eight percent increase is recommended for the other town officers for an average increase of ten percent overall. It was suggested that the voters carefully consider these increases noting that the similar sized town of Strafford's selectboard receive no compensation.
- It was pointed out that the town of Bethel with a similar population size to Newbury uses the town management style of governing, and the opinion was expressed that the increase in the selectboard chair's stipend is reasonable.
- Selectboard member Brian Emerson acknowledged that the budget committee puts a lot of thought and effort into their recommendations and consults with similar sized towns to arrive at their recommendations. The town needs to remain competitive or better with their salaries and wages to attract and maintain quality staff.
- The suggestion that the board keep track of their hours in order to document the time spent in their roles might assuage concerns over the chair's stipend increase and also provide transparency.
- A former selectboard member supported the Chair's increase noting the number of hours she works to meet the role's responsibilities. He had no problem with the increase.
- It was noted that Bradford's selectboard receives \$7600/year but their administrative assistant receives \$35,000/year. Newbury does not have an administrative assistant: Alma does a lot of the work of an administrative assistant. We have a good deal.
- The question was asked why is there such a disparity in workload between the Selectboard Chair and the two other members? Is that a good administrative arrangement?

The article was so voted.

Article 7: Shall the Town of Newbury vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$4,500 for the support of Stagecoach Transportation Services, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town?

The article was moved and seconded.

Jesse Davis, a non-Newbury voter and representative from Stagecoach, requested and received permission to address the group. He provided background into how each town's appropriation amount is derived and explained the fair-share formula.

Discussion included:

- A thank you for their services.
- When asked if there is a fee for their services, Jesse responded that it depends on the service. If riding the commuter bus that starts in Wells River Village and ends at Dartmouth College or Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center or the VA Hospital, there is a fee of \$3.50 each way. There is no fee for the Bradford Circulator that travels from Bradford through Newbury to Haverhill and Woodsville (including Cottage Hospital). The fee for Dial-a-Ride depends on the situation. Their volunteer drivers only receive reimbursement for their mileage.

Article 7 carried.

Article 8: Shall the Town of Newbury vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,000 for the support of Oxbow Senior Independence Program, Inc. Adult Day Services to provide services to residents of the Town?

The article was moved and seconded.

Robin Barone, 20-year president of the 30-year OSIP, explained that a big part of their mission is to provide adult day services to the frail, elderly, and disabled. It is not a senior center, but more a non-profit healthcare facility with an RN and LNA's on staff, physical therapy, and medical monitoring. It's a place where you can send your loved one for the day if they are unable to stay at home alone safely. It extends the time its patrons can stay at home and in their community. It serves a number of towns and OSIP asks for contributions from each town. For the last ten years, OSIP has asked Newbury for \$2,000 and this year they are asking for \$3,000 due to the loss of funding from the state and United Way along with new state requirements in order to remain licensed. In addition, they offer many volunteer services.

Selectboard member Brian Emerson asked the group to acknowledge Robin's 20-year service to OSIP, and there was a round of applause.

Walt Cottrell moved to amend the amount to be raised from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and his motion was seconded. Discussion on the amendment followed:

- It was determined that it is allowed to amend an amount as long as the intention of the article is not changed.
- When asked if there is justification for increasing the amount, Robin responded in the affirmative—they just did not want to look too greedy. They are very grateful for the \$4,000; it isn't just that they needed \$3,000.
- Although OSIP is a non-profit, it pays real estate taxes; another good thing they do for the town.

Moderator Vietje called the question and the motion to amend carried.

Article 8 carried as amended.

Article 9: Shall the Town of Newbury appropriate \$25,000 towards the extension, repair and upkeep of sidewalks in Newbury and Wells River Villages?

Article 9 was moved and seconded.

Elizabeth Burnham spoke in favor of the article. She explained that the sidewalks are used by people in the town, not just the villages. Residents of the villages pay an additional village tax that goes toward the extension, repair, and upkeep of the sidewalks. It's a lot to keep up with—the cracks, different heights. Another thing to think about is that Bradford just settled a sidewalk suit for \$100,000. The amount was not researched but was considered a start and a good idea.

Discussion followed:

- The intent of the article was supported as pedestrian pathways are important, but it was suggested that more research be done. One question is how it would deal with the fact that Wells River Village is adding a water main and that will result in their sidewalks being torn up.
- Another opinion expressed was that although the article is vague and the \$25,000 will not do much regarding actual sidewalk expenses, it could fund a study to assess what is needed to bring the villages' sidewalks up to today's standards. A study would meet the intent of the article and it was asked that the voters vote yes.

Moderator Vietje overruled that suggestion based on the premise that the intent of the article did not include a study, although a study might be a good idea.

- Studies are expensive and counterproductive. A committee can accomplish the same goal.
- How will the \$25,000 be allocated? It was suggested that if the article passes that the \$25,000 be split 50/50/ between the two villages.
- The opinion that it would be helpful to consult with Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission was expressed and noted that they were very involved in Bradford's sidewalk project.

Don Waterman moved and his motion was seconded that if the article carries that it be amended to divide the \$25,000 equally between the two villages. Discussion followed.

- The opinion that there is not enough information on which to base an allocation was expressed.
- Although \$12,500 is a good amount of money, it won't go far on sidewalks.
- Village Trustee, Lisa Hervey, outlined the procedures followed for the recent sidewalk repairs.
- Elizabeth Burnham was commended for stepping forward.

It was moved to call the question and the motion was seconded. Moderator Vietje informed the group that debate ceases and that the motion to call the question is non debatable.

To call the question requires a 2/3 majority and it was voted to call the question.

The vote on the amendment failed. There was a request to divide the house to derive a count on the amendment vote, and those in favor of the amendment were asked to stand. Once they were seated again, those opposed were asked to stand. The amendment was voted down.

- It was noted that TRORC has done a sidewalk survey as reported on page 72 of the town report and support for the article was expressed.

Moderator Vietje asked for and received confirmation that the group was ready to vote.

The article failed.

Article 10: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$623,000 to defray the general expenses of the Town?

The article was moved and seconded. Treasurer Mary Collins moved to amend the amount to \$631,500 to include the amount of \$8500 voted in Articles 7 and 8, and the motion to amend passed.

Solid waste/recycling/hazardous waste savings to the town created by joining the NEK Solid Waste District were pointed out as shown on page 8 of the budget.

Article 10 carried as amended.

Article 11: Shall the town authorize the use of \$181,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase a new plow truck?

The article was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

- Selectboard Member Brian Emerson explained that including this article is only a formality, included by tradition, and not required since the voters have already voted to put these funds in the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund. Our Highway Foreman, Bob Beaulieu, reported to the selectboard that waiting for a town meeting vote the first Tuesday in March puts the town at a timing disadvantage. The truck is ordered at the same time as many other towns are ordering their trucks and our delivery date ends up being in October. Details and kinks have to be worked out before putting the truck into service when the snow arrives, often November. The selectboard would like to authorize the purchases of this kind of equipment in January to not only put it into service that much quicker but to save the town money since better deals are available in January.
- Brian asked Moderator Vietje for a straw poll to approve this revised procedure. Moderator Vietje clarified that the straw poll would not affect this article and that it is a nonbinding vote. Hands raised indicated ~~the group was in favor of the selectboard's request.~~ overwhelming support.
- There was a discussion regarding International truck engines. Highway Foreman Bob Beaulieu explained that the plow truck will be a Freightliner. It is a scheduled replacement but extended by a year or two.
- Bob was applauded for his good work and he gave credit to his five-person crew pointing out that they all work hard.
- Bob commended and thanked retired highway crew member, Ron Welch, for his 34 years of quality and dedicated service to the town; and Ron received a standing ovation.

Moderator Vietje called the question and the article carried.

Article 12: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$695,000 for highway purposes?

The article was moved, seconded, and carried.

Article 13: To transact any other business necessary to come before said meeting.

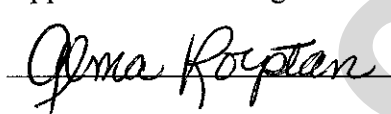
- Moderator Vietje reminded the group that no binding articles can be considered under this article.
- Helena Davison announced that the Newbury Woman's Table has lots of goodies for sale and available to go.
- Moderator Vietje reminded the group that there is a wonderful lunch being served downstairs.
- Tom Kidder asked for help to protect the top of Tucker Mountain that is currently suffering badly from erosion and destruction of meadows. Vehicles need to stay on the roads, not off road.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 11:55 am.

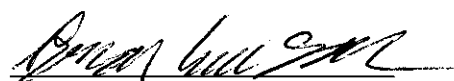
Respectfully submitted,


Susan B. Underwood, Town Clerk

Approved with change in second bulleted paragraph under Article 11:







**FOR YOUR INFORMATION
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Newbury Town Clerk Hours

M, W, Th, Fr 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tu 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

www.newburyvt.org Phone 866-5521

Monthly Board Meetings

Selectboard - Town Office - Second, Third, and Last Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Recycling

Newbury Village

Hours - Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm

Emergency Number - 911

Dog License Information

All dogs and wolf hybrids six months of age or older must be licensed annually anytime after January 1 but **before** April 1. The license must be signed by the owner or keeper. You can obtain a license in person or by mail by sending the appropriate fee with a stamped return envelope. Before obtaining a license, a copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate must be provided unless the clerk's office has one on file.

(1) All dog and wolf-hybrid vaccinations recognized by state and local authorities shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(2) All dogs and wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination.

(3) All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months.

(4) All vaccinations, including the initial vaccination, shall be with a US Department of Agriculture-approved three-year rabies vaccine product.

License Fees - Neutered or Spayed - \$9:00; Male or Female - \$13.00 on or before 4/1

Proof of spaying or neutering must be exhibited at first time of licensing.

❖ **Dates, times, and places of rabies clinics are posted in the town office window and watch local newspapers for dates and times.**