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Cover:

Look magazine, December 1945: *Country Kids*.
 Toni Taylor, a writer from New York who also lived in Granville, was captivated by rural kids and how they lived, worked, played and built their dreams on family farms and in their villages.

Dean Martin steers a toboggan with his Rochester friends, Helen Harvey, Leola Kidder, Carl Martin, and Bobbie Boiselle. These kids grew up with the thrill and fun of tobogganing.

A toboggan differs from most sleds or sleighs in that it has no runners or skis (or only low ones, like a travis sled) on the underside. Some families had a toboggan, while others had an ancient travis sled. The travis worked well on Bethel Mountain Road, where with expert drivers and breakers, and at unbelievable speeds, we flew down the mountain and around the corners with squealing and laughing to the Federated Church. In those days, no cars on that mountain except to get us back to the top!

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The Select Board
Town of Rochester, Vermont

We are in the process of auditing, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rochester, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019 (not presented herein), which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. We expect to issue our audit report by March 31, 2020. Once completed our independent auditor's report and the Town's audited financial statements will be available at the Town Office.

We have not been engaged to audit the financial data as presented in the Town report. Accordingly, we express no opinion on such financial data.

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WARNING

TOWN OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD

MONDAY ~ MARCH 2, 2020 ~ 7:00 PM

The legal voters of the Town of Rochester, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the **Rochester School Auditorium** in said town on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

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

Article 2. To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

1. Selectboard Member ~ 3-year term (Tom Schnabel) (*paper ballot*)
2. Town Clerk ~ 1-year term (Julie Smith)
3. Town Treasurer ~ 1-year term (Julie Smith)
4. Lister ~ 3-year term (Louis Donnet) (*paper ballot*)
5. Collector of Delinquent Taxes ~ 1-year term (Rebecca Klein)
6. Library Trustee ~ 5-year term (Anthony Goupee)
7. Trustee of Public Funds ~ 3-year term (Michael Harvey)
8. Cemetery Commissioner ~ 5-year term (Marvin Harvey)
9. Cemetery Commissioner ~ 4 year term (vacant)
10. Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits ~ 1-year term (Bill Matthews)
11. Agent to Convey Real Estate ~ 1-year term (Pat Harvey)

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Auditors.

Article 4. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 5. Shall the voters agree to pay all taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (FY21) to the Town Treasurer as provided by law?

Article 6. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) installments, with due dates being Friday, August 14, 2020, Monday, November 16, 2020, Tuesday, February 16, 2021 and Monday, May 17, 2021, by delivery to the tax collector before 4:00 PM on those dates. Postmarks are not considered timely payment.

Article 7. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$ 1,088,700.00 of which \$ 780,550.00 shall be raised by taxes.

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 45,625.00 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library.

Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 68,340.00 to provide ambulance service from White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA).

Article 10. Shall the voters vote to appropriate \$ 20,400.00 (\$1,700 per month) to continue funding the “Fast Trash” and Recycling program (receipt of recyclables and trash with residents paying for trash per bag) from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Article 11. Shall the voters vote to eliminate the Cruiser Reserve Fund and transfer the remaining balance (\$2,794.31, plus any additional interest) to the General Fund for the purpose of offsetting the Windsor County Sheriff’s contract?

Article 12. Shall the voters vote to exempt Pierce Hall Community Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, from property taxes for a five-year period, (2020 – 2025, FY21 – FY25).

Article 13. To see if the voters will vote to appropriate the following sums as requested by the below listed community agencies:

Central VT Council on Aging	3,000.00
Clara Martin Center	2,066.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00
Quintown Senior Center	9,849.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	250.00
SafeLine, Inc.	250.00
Stagecoach	1,300.00
Vermont Rural Fire Hydrant	100.00
VNH – Visiting Nurse Association	4,800.00
White River Partnership	875.00
WomenSafe	250.00
Total	\$ 22,840.00

Article 14. Shall the Town of Rochester adopt the below Climate Emergency Declaration to inform and guide town decision-making?

WHEREAS, global climate is changing at an unprecedented rate due to human activities, driving mass extinction of species and threatening human communities worldwide;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Panel on Climate Change reported in 2018 that we need a drastic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 to avoid catastrophic global warning;

WHEREAS, residents of the Town of Rochester have suffered significant losses due to increasingly frequent extreme weather events and that action is required to promote greater resilience;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Town of Rochester declares that a climate emergency threatens our town, state, region, and entire natural world, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Rochester will make climate change an integral focus for town planning, policy, and decision-making and will work towards a more renewable economy for a more resilient community.

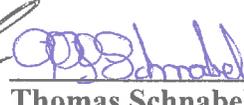
Article 15. To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.

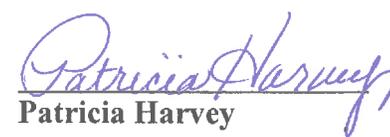
Adjournment:

Dated at Rochester, Vermont this 30 day of January, 2020

ROCHESTER SELECTBOARD


Doon Hinderyckx


Thomas Schnabel


Patricia Harvey

Received at ROCHESTER this 30TH day of January, 2020 for Recording

Attest:  Julie Smith, Rochester Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2019
7:00 pm, Rochester Auditorium

The legal voters of the Town of Rochester, County of Windsor, State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Rochester High School Auditorium on said town Monday, March 4, 2019, at 7:00 pm to transact the following business:

Current Moderator Dan McKinley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reviewed Roberts Rules of Order for the meeting. Representative Sandy Haas spoke to report there is no more Doyle Pole. Senator Doyle, as you may know is no longer in the senate. That very long tradition seems to be at an end. She did share that her written report can be found in the lobby. She noted that there were changes in the House of Representatives this year. Of the 14 standing committees, 7 of them have new Chairmen, and 40 new members out of 150. Incredible amount of new energy and new ideas. 700 new bills have been introduced to the House and the Senate.

Article 1. To elect a Town moderator for the ensuing year.

Frank Russell nominated Dan McKinley, seconded by Martha Slater. Dan asked to close nominations, seconded. Clerk cast one ballot for Dan McKinley

Article 2. To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

1. Selectboard Member ~ 3-year term
2. Town Clerk ~ 1-year term
3. Town Treasurer ~ 1-year term
4. Lister ~ 3-year term
5. Collector of Delinquent ~ 1-year term
6. Library Trustee ~ 5-year term
7. Trustee of Public Fund ~ 3-year term
8. Cemetery Commissioner ~ 5-year term
9. Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits ~ 1-year term
10. Agent to Convey Real Estate ~ 1-year term

Article 2 Moved to amend by Chris Mattrick and seconded by Burma Cassidy.

Selectboard Member-3-year term: Martha Slater nominated Doon Hinderyckx, David Marmor seconded. No further nominations. Nominations closed, clerk cast one ballot for Doon Hinderyckx.

Town Clerk-1-year term: Joanne McDonnell nominated Julie Smith, seconded by Rebecca Klein. No further nominations. Nominations closed, clerk cast one ballot for Julie Smith. Dan thanked Joanne for all her years of service. Joanne commented that its been a real honor and a privilege.

Town Treasurer- 1-year term: Joanne McDonnell nominated Julie Smith. Seconded by Rebecca Klein. No further nominations. Nominations closed, clerk cast one ballot for Julie Smith.

Lister-3-year term: Louis Donnet nominated Caroline Meagher. Seconded by Burma Cassidy. No further nominations. Nominations closed, clerk cast one ballot for Caroline Meagher.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes- 1-year term: Frank Russell nominated Rebecca Klein. Seconded by Burma Cassidy. No further nominations. Nominations closed, clerk cast one ballot for Rebecca Klein.

Library Trustee- 5-year term: Brenda Goupee nominated Kelly Kelly. Seconded by Dick White. No further nominations. Nominations closed, clerk cast one ballot for Kelly Kelly.

Trustees of Public Funds- 3-year term: Nancy Woolley nominated Sandy Pierce. Seconded by Frank Russell. No further nominations. Nominations closed, clerk cast one ballot for Sandy Pierce.

Cemetery Commissioner-5-year Term: Bruce Flewelling nominated Ross Laffan. Seconded by Sandy Pierce. Tom Paquette spoke on behalf of Ross Laffan that he would decline the nomination. No further nominations. Selectboard would need to appoint.

Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits -1-year term: Frank Russell nominated Bill Matthews. Seconded by Joanne McDonnell. No further nominations. Nominations closed, clerk cast one ballot for Bill Matthews.

Agent to Convey Real Estate-1-year term: Joanne nominated Pat Harvey. Seconded by Frank Russell. No further nominations. Nominations closed, clerk cast one ballot for Pat Harvey.

Article 3. To Hear and act on the report of the Auditors. Dave moved and seconded by Leslie Straus. No discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 3 passes.

Article 4. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers. Robert Meagher moved and seconded by Burma Cassidy. No discussion. Voted in affirmative, Article 4 passes.

Article 5. Shall the voters agree to pay all the taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (FY20) to the Town Treasurer as provided by law? Barb moved and Burma seconded. No discussion. Voted in affirmative, Article 5 passes.

Article 6. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) installments, with due dates being August 15, 2019, November 15, 2019, February 14, 2020 and May 15, 2020, by delivery to the tax collector before 4:00 PM on that date. Postmarks are not considered timely payment? Joanne questioned if the February 14th date was a mistake and Nancy Woolley spoke about the due date being a Monday or Friday and it is what is stated

on the warning. Moved by Burma and seconded by Robert. No further discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 6 passes.

Article 7. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,015,315.00 of which \$ 749,315.00 shall be raised by taxes?

Moved by Burma and seconded by Leslie. Louis commented on a response for money taken out and set aside in anticipation of buying equipment for the road crew. Doon responded that money was removed from the highway and the Fire Department reserve fund. We resorted to that in attempt to keep the increase in taxes down. The budget started out with a 13% increase which was not acceptable and brought it down to a 2.3 % increase. No further discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 7 passes.

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 45,625.00 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library?

Moved by Burma and seconded by Gary. Joanne wanted to know what the extra \$5,000 is going to be spent on? Several Library line items were over budgeted. She felt that the Library trustees needed to be more financially responsible. She also noted that a Librarian as a part time employee shouldn't be paying \$8,000.00 for a health insurance plan when she is eligible for Medicare in July. Her concerns are that the sidewalks are a mess, town office needs maintenance and town garage in terrible shape. She felt money should go towards the towns needs. Barb spoke as the Library trustee answered the \$5000 issue as a passed article last year. She said that the budget was not funded 100% by the town. She stated that they are financially responsible, and they do go line by line over their budget. Kathryn asked if the Librarian is a town employee. Discussion ensued. Jolanta spoke about the insurance and how it was voted back in 2005. Kathryn spoke kindly about Jeanette. Harland stated how a whole lot more stuff is happening at the Library. Kevin stated that the Library has been an asset to the town and that it would be worth our while to keep it as is. Tim shared his appreciation for the Library. Larry Creech questioned what would happen to the other \$4,000.00 from the insurance. Jolanta stated it would be reflected in the next years budget. Becky noted that when speaking about Salaries person to person. Its inappropriate to talk about a single employee. Discussion ensued. Chris Mattrick called the question. Two thirds vote ended the debate. Voted in the affirmative, Article 8 passes. Doon interjected that the response from the upset to pull the Library out of the budget gave the Library recognition. Pat added that because the Library has its own budget, we can't control it one way or another. It was the best way to bring it to the floor and that they also support the Library as well.

Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 71,757.00 to provide ambulance service from White River Ambulance (WRVA)?

Moved by Jenny, seconded by Barb. Vic spoke as the President of the Board to add the titles to the headings that were darkened out on page 47. David discussed that the Rescue Squad is another important town function that the Selectboard doesn't create the budget for. It's a good thing we vote on it separately when the Selectboard warns this meeting. He also wanted to alert us all next

year, the rescue squad budget will be voted separately, its possible that the Selectboard will fold the Library back into the budget and it will seem like spending a lot more money when in fact we are not. Frank asked Vic wondering why the budget is more is that because of the transfers. Vic responded that there were more transfers from hospital to hospital. Frank responded that the management has been much improved. Vic spoke highly of Matt Parish. Discussion ensued. Walt asked about response time and Vic added there hasn't been an issue. No further discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 9 passes.

Article 10. To see if the voters will vote to appropriate the following sums as requested by the below listed community agencies:

Central VT Council on Aging	2,500.00
Clara Martin Center	2,066.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00
Quintown Senior Center (by petition)	9,849.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	250.00
SafeLine, Inc.	250.00
Stagecoach	1,300.00
Vermont Rural Fire Hydrant	100.00
VNH – Visiting Nurse Association	4,800.00
White River Partnership	875.00
WomenSafe	250.00
Total	\$ 22,340.00

Moved by David, Seconded by Burma. Kathryn spoke that she has been 22 years with the Central VT Council on Aging. She is the local case manager and senior advocate working with folks 60 and over, and young and disabled adults. She asked to amend the article to make Central VT Council on Aging to \$3000.00 and it would raise the total to \$22, 840.00. Seconded by Robert. Discussion on increasing the amendment. Norm Smith spoke about the concern for the aging and how important the appropriation is for our community. Discussion ensued. Martha continued to show the importance and how Kathryn helped her with filing paperwork. Voted in the affirmative, amendment passes. Article continued discussion. Jola asked why the after-school program wasn't on the list. Nancy answered that Carrie McDonnell attended a budget and finance meeting and asked that it be removed from appropriations and be added into the budget under the Recreation Department. No discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 10 passes.

Article 11. Shall the voters approve an amount of \$ 15,000.00 to continue funding the Town Buildings and Property Reserve Fund?

Moved by Joanne, seconded by Burma. Frank asked how this amount is arrived. Doon noted its from the maintenance issues that are pressing. No further discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 11 passes.

Article 12. Shall the voters approve an amount of \$ 1,000.00 to fund the Tennis Reserve Fund for on-going and future court maintenance?

Moved by Burma and seconded by Carry. No discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 12 passes

Article 13. To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.

Dick White suggested an amount to the budget for a better sound system. Robert Franks from Bethel spoke on behalf of the Rutland/Windsor Voting District. 2020 is coming quickly and voting stations and polling stations are going to take action that they are properly facilitated. He stated that he was simply there to question the board of civil authority of Rochester to presented on Election Day clarity of the rules that were unwritten but enforced by the Board of Civil Authority. He wanted to know what these unwritten rules are. He said that these rules need to be clearly stated so that they are publicized, and a candidate can obtain these sets of rules. Becky wanted to Thank the new Road Crew and what a great job they are doing. Joanne thanked Norm Smith for all his years of doing tax mapping for the Town. Diane spoke that on March 30 and April 13 will be the first and final round of Valley Idol. She said it is a lot of fun, lot of great singers and performers. The money raised will be split between Stockbridge and Rochester Fire Departments. So please come out to support our Fire Departments. Barb thanked everyone for supporting the Library budget. Sue noted that Charlie Biederman years ago had a conference saying Where are we going to be in 2020? She wanted to know if there was going to be another reunion and talk about where we are going to be and what is going to happen as far as who are we as a community. Secondly, she wanted to honor Joanne for being the Town Clerk for so many years. A big thank you for the Selectboard for all the countless hours and the appreciation for that.

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm, seconded. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith

Who's Who in Local Government
A Publication of the Office of the Secretary of State ~ 2018

Serving in local office is a great way to give something back to our community. So why don't you take a turn? Here are the offices you can choose from:

Officials Elected at Town Meeting

Moderator ~ Runs the Annual and Special Town/School Meetings. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

Selectboard Member ~ General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents and manages budget; oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health, liquor control commission and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.

Town Clerk ~ Records, preserves and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union licenses and motor vehicle, snowmobile and motorboat renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the Board of Civil Authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

Town Treasurer ~ Keeps the town and school accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

Lister ~ Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not oversensitive to criticism.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes ~ Collects delinquent taxes for the town and conducts tax sales. Should be good with numbers and also able to work with people who are in difficult circumstances.

Trustee of Public Funds ~ Manages, invests and reports on real and personal property held in trust by the town. This includes cemetery trust funds. Should like investing money.

Cemetery Commissioner ~ Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. Terms are for five years.

Town Agent ~ Used to prosecute and defend suits. The selectboard now have that authority. Thus, the Town Agent's duty consists merely of assisting when litigation is in progress at the request of the Selectboard. (Generally not a very active position.)

Agent to Convey Real Estate ~ Executes deeds on behalf of the town

Justices of the Peace ~ Elected every two years. Duties of the Justices of the Peace fall into five categories of responsibilities: elections, tax abatement & appeals, marriages, oaths & Notary and Magistrate.

Local Officials Appointed by the Legislative Body

Health Officer ~ Appointed by the Commissioner of Health to a 3-year term upon recommendation of the Selectboard. Enforces rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

Constable (First & Second) ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Operating under Vermont Statutes, in some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure and arrest within the town. In other towns the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the First Constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

Planning Commissioners ~ Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan, making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation, and to participate in a regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a Development Review Board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

Zoning Administrator ~ Appointed by the Planning Commission with the approval of the Selectboard. Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance.

Fire Warden ~ Appointed by the State Fire Commissioner with approval of the Selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires. Issues permits for open burning within the Town. Term is for five years.

Road Commissioner ~ Appointed by the Selectboard, the Road Commissioner has no independent authority, but assists the Selectboard in overseeing town highways. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

Regional Planning Commission Representative ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans, but has no independent authority.

Town Service Officer ~ Appointed on or before April 15 of each year. Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.

Animal Control Officer (Poundkeeper) ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Enforces ordinances and cares for the animals that are impounded within the town.

Humane Officer ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Enforces State and Federal regulations surrounding the humane and proper treatment of all animals. Works closely with Animal Control Officer & Constables.

Emergency Management Coordinator ~ Responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the Town's committee that is formed for emergency management. The coordinator is under the direct control of the Selectboard but may coordinate his or her emergency management efforts with neighboring towns and cities and with the state emergency management division, and with the federal government.

Tree Warden ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Recommends the removal of diseased, dying or dead trees which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

Town of Rochester Elected Officials

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Dan McKinley	2020
Selectboard:	Tom Schnabel	2020
	Patricia Harvey	2021
	Doon Hinderyckx, Chair	2022
Town Clerk	Julie Smith	2020
Town Treasurer	Julie Smith	2020
Listers:	Louis Donnet	2020
	Jessica Arsenaault	2021
	Caroline Meagher	2022
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Rebecca Klein	2020
Library Trustees:	Anthony Goupee	2020
	Lyn Moltz	2021
	Barbara Shenton	2022
	Jolanta Labejsza	2023
	Kelly Kelly	2024
Trustees of Public Funds:	Michael Harvey	2020
	Barbara Dehart	2021
	Ann Pierce	2022
Cemetery Commissioners:	Marvin C. Harvey	2020
	Joe Schenkman	2021
	Joan K. Hubbard	2022
	Thomas Paquette	2023
	Nancy Woolley – appt 3-8-19 – 1 yr.	2020
Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits	Bill Matthews	2020
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Pat Harvey	2020
Justices of the Peace	Kevin Dougherty	Feb. 1, 2021
	Michael Harvey	Feb. 1, 2021
	Joan “Java” Hubbard	Feb. 1, 2021
	Rebecca Klein	Feb. 1, 2021
	Annette “Sugie” West	Feb. 1, 2021
Board of Civil Authority	Town Clerk, Selectboard, Justices of the Peace	Term Expiration
Windsor-Rutland Rep. Windsor County Senators	Sandy Haas Alison Clarkson Richard McCormack Alice Nitka	

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	
Stagecoach Representative	Timothy Crowley	2020	
White River Valley Amb. (WRVA) Rep	Vic Ribaldo	2020	
WRVA Alternate	James Bowen	2020	
Tree Warden	Norman R. Smith	2020	
E-911 Maintenance	Angus McCusker	2020	
Green-Up Day Coordinator	Nick Piccicuto	2020	
Budget & Finance Comm.	Lois Bond	Jim Bowen	2020
	Barb Dehart	Rob Gardner	2020
	Robert Meagher	Vic Ribaldo	2020
	Greg White	Nancy Woolley	2020
	Selectboard Members		2020
	Website Administrator	Norm Christiansen	2020
	Scenic By-Way Representative	Larry Plesent	2020
ECFiber Representative	John White	2020	
Librarian	Jeannette Bair		
Assistant Librarian			
Children's Librarian			
Auditors	Pace & Hawley, LLC		
Official Newspaper	<i>The Herald of Randolph</i>	2020	
Videography - Meetings	Orca Media		

Dates to Remember

Selectboard Meeting	Second & Fourth Monday of month at Town Office. Other meetings at Town Office as warned.	6:15 PM
Planning Commission	First Tuesday of month at Town Office.	6:00 PM
Trustees of Public Funds	Meetings when needed – Will be posted	
Recreation Committee	Fourth Wednesday every other month at Town Office January, March, May, July, September, November	7:00 PM
Dog Licenses (State Mandated)	<p>On or before April 1: Rabies shots good for 3 years. Male & Female: \$11.00; altered: \$7.00</p> <p>After April 1, the fee is increased 50%: Male & Female \$15.00; altered \$9.00</p> <p><u>*After April 1 there is a \$5.00 fine for all unlicensed dogs.</u> <u>**No Exceptions**</u></p> <p>A leash and fouling law is in effect for the entire Town, not just the village area. See Ordinance at Town Office.</p>	
Recycling	First and Third Saturday of each month at Town Office parking lot.	
Property Taxes	<p>1/4 due on/before Friday, August 14, 2020; 1/4 due on/before Monday, November 16, 2020; 1/4 due on/before Tuesday, February 16, 2021; 1/4 due on/before Monday, May 17, 2021.</p> <p>Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months, and 1 ½% per month thereafter added. 8% collection fee added May 17, 2021. <u>Postmarks not accepted!</u></p>	

Water & Sewer User Fees: ¼ due January 31; ¼ due April 30; ¼ due July 31; ¼ due October 30. Due no later than the above effective dates. Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter added for delinquent water/sewer fees.

Winter Parking Ordinance: No person shall park a motor vehicle on any street or in any public parking area within the Town of Rochester between the hours of 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM from November 1 to April 1 inclusive.

INVENTORY - EQUIPMENT & PROPERTY - 2019

Town

Office Building	New Firehouse	Old Firehouse
Library & Contents	TS Irene FEMA Buy-outs	Office Equipment
Town Garage Building	Ballfield Lot & SkateSpace	Emergency Shelter Generator
Creamery Building	Wood Lots: Townline Rd & Cemetery	10 K Generator
Bandstand & Parks, Lion's Club Picnic Area		

Road Department

2019 Ford F-550 One-ton truck with 2-way plow and sander		
2018 International Tandem Dump Truck, with 1-way plow, wing & sander		
2016 Ford F-350 4-Wheel Drive Pickup with Plow, with Stainless Sander		
2016 Cat 930 Loader with bucket & forks		
2014 Western Star Tandem Dump Truck, 11 ft. 1-way plow, 10 ft. wing & sander		
2011 Cat 140M Grader with wing		
1989 Eager Beaver Wood Chipper	2007 Downeaster Trailer	8 Two-Way Radios
1 11-ft. Angle Plow	1 10-ft. Angle Plow	1 11-ft. One Way Plow
Reversing One-Way Plow	3,000 gallon Chloride Tank	Debris Blower
TruckTire Chains	32 Truck Tires (Summer)	16 spare truck tires
2014 Shandania Trimmer (Grass & Weed)	20 Drawer Tool Box (1)	2012 Power Pruner (1)
Pressure Washer	1/3 Sump Pump	Chain Saws (2)
Snow Plow Blades ~ 2 sets	Grader Blades ~ 8 sets	1 Front Mount York Rake
Loader (2) & Grader Chains (4)	Shop Air Compressor	1 Tow Behind York Rake
Salt House	Salt	Chloride
Sand	Sand Screen	Gravel
Drill Press (1)	Shop Metal Cut-Off Saw (1)	Culvert Cut-Off (1 WP
550 Nelson Plate Compactor	Small Tools	Signs (50) ~ Cones
6-Ton Bottle Jack (1)	20-Ton Bottle Jack (2)	3-Ton Floor Jack (1)
3-Ton Floor Jack (1)	1 Set Dump Body Safety Stands	4 Jack Stands
Cutting Torches (1 set)	Lincoln Arc Stick Welder (1)	1 Eastwood Mig Welder
Hydraulic Hose Crimp Machine, Hose & Fitting	Generac 10KW Generator Set	Shop Metal Chop Saw
1 Buffalo Turbine – BT-CKB7	2014 Wells Enclosed Cargo Trailer	16 Class III Barriers

Water Department

Well House, Reservoir & Miscellaneous Parts; 1/3 Pump

Sewer Department

3 Sites & Miscellaneous Equipment, including a Generator; 1/3 Pump

Fire Department

2017 International Truck	10 Scott 2.2 Air Packs	2 Kohler Generators
2000 Ford F550 4x4 Truck	2 Portable Pumps	2 Air Compressors
1991 Tanker/Pumper/3 heat guns	1 Pressure Washer	2 Portable Tanks
3,500 ft. 2 ½" Hose	1,800 ft. 1 ¾" Hose	2 Chain Saws
2,500 ft. 4" Hose, incl. other misc. Hoses, Tools & Equipment		1 Base Radio
14 Port Radios, 3 Truck Radios, 28 Pagers		

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
RESERVE ACCOUNTS
JUNE 30, 2019

Cemetery Lot Sales

Beginning Balance	\$5,211.08
Deposits and Int	\$ 481.49
Withdrawals	<u>00000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$5,692.57

Highway Equipment Fund

Beginning Balance	\$147,590.38
Deposits and Int	\$60,780.33
Withdrawals	\$66,000.94
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$142,369.77

Sewer Reserve Account

Beginning Balance	\$21,959.35
Deposits and Int	\$ 101.88
Withdrawals	<u>\$9,411.56</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$12,649.67

Cemetery Reserve

Beginning Balance	\$21,144.43
Deposits and Int	\$ 98.60
Withdrawals	<u>00000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$21,243.03

P & Z Reserve

Beginning Balance	\$3,046.37
Deposits and Int	\$ 12.68
Withdrawals	<u>00000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$3,059.05

Tennis Reserve

Beginning Balance	\$1,000.12
Deposits and Int	\$1,002.06
Withdrawals	<u>00000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$2,002.18

Cruiser Fund

Beginning Balance	\$2,783.77
Deposits and Int	\$ 11.57
Withdrawals	<u>00000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$2,795.34

Rapid Response Reserve

Beginning Balance	\$4,036.39
Deposits and Int	\$1,159.28
Withdrawals	<u>\$2,300.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$2,895.67

Town Buildings

Beginning Balance	\$2,450.04
Deposits and In	\$15,043.33
Withdrawals	\$ 841.46
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$16,651.91

Emergency Management Fund

Beginning Balance	\$4,722.57
Deposits and Int	\$ 16.72
Withdrawals	<u>\$1,205.08</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$3,534.21

Reappraisal Fund

Beginning Balance	\$53,170.80
Deposits and Int	\$ 300.82
Withdrawals	<u>00000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$53,471.62

Water Reserve Account

Beginning Balance	\$17,664.91
Deposits and Int	\$ 82.36
Withdrawals	<u>00000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$17,747.27

Fire Department Building

Beginning Balance	\$2,771.62
Deposits and Int	\$ 11.50
Withdrawals	<u>\$ 404.26</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$2,378.86

Record Preservation

Beginning Balance	\$16,760.89
Deposits and Int	\$2,141.62
Withdrawals	<u>\$ 577.75</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$18,324.76

Youth Sports/Rec Reserve

Beginning Balance	\$2,906.52
Deposits and Int	\$ 7.22
Withdrawals	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$2,853.74

Fire Department Equipment

Beginning Balance	\$49,127.65
Deposits and Int	\$18,597.81
Withdrawals	\$62,071.52
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$5,653.54

Revolving Loan Fund

Beginning Balance	\$8,066.81
Deposits and Int	\$ 33.56
Withdrawals	<u>00000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19\$	\$8,100.37

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER
GRANT REPORTS
July 1, 2018 - June 30 2019**

BBR Grant - Mt Cushman Culvert		Muni Road Grant and Aid 2018	
Total Expenses this FY	5,555.00	Total Expenses this FY	3,498.35
Total Income this FY	<u>8,000.00</u>	Total Income this FY	<u>-</u>
Town Share	(2,445.00)	Town Share	3,498.35
Improved Project Wing Farm		VLCT PACIF GRANT	
Total Expenses this FY	278,876.92	Total Expenses this FY	7,309.99
Total Income this FY	<u>278,876.92</u>	Total Income this FY	<u>-</u>
Town Share	-	Town Share	7,309.99
Class 2 Road Grant		FHWA Bethel Mountain Rd. Grant	
Total Expense this FY	1,069.99	Total Expenses this FY	188,698.63
Total Income this FY	<u>-</u>	Total Income this FY	<u>-</u>
Town Share	1,069.99	Town Share	188,698.63
Class 2 Road Grant North Hollow		April 15 Storm FEMA Grant	
Total Expenses this FY	3,532.50	Total Expenses this FY	167,225.25
Total Income this FY	<u>128,427.68</u>	Total Income this FY	<u>-</u>
Town Share	(124,895.18)	Town Share	167,225.25
VCDP Park House Grant		Velomont CBDG Grant	
Total Expenses this FY	1,688.50	Total Expenses this FY	187.50
Grant Income this FY	<u>1,688.50</u>	Total Income this FY	<u>-</u>
Town Share	-	Town Share	187.50
Homeland Security Grant		GHSP/DUI Grant	
Total Expenses this FY	-	Total Expenses this FY	298.00
Total Income this FY	<u>45.00</u>	Total Income this FY	<u>298.00</u>
Town Share	(45.00)	Town Share	(298.00)
GHSP/AOT Grant		MPG Town Plan	
Total Expenses this FY	8,000.00	Total Expenses this FY	7,603.69
Total Income this FY	<u>8,669.20</u>	Total Income this FY	<u>2,670.00</u>
Town Share	(669.20)	Town Share	4,933.69

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JANUARY 30, 2020**

NAME	TAX YEAR		TOTAL DUE
Andrews, Doris & Andrews, Michael	2018-2019	\$	426.87 *
Barron, Jenny	2015-2016		825.50
Barron, Jenny	2016-2017		741.80
Barron, Jenny	2017-2018		757.89
Barron, Jenny	2018-2019		590.43
Brosnihan, Mary Ellen	2018-2019		4,810.74
Calnan, James & Sandra	2018-2019		527.03 *
Mill, William & Cheryl	2018-2019		566.31
Mulcahy, Marjorie	2018-2019		1,196.10
Cran-Richards Cynthia	2018-2019		2,344.09
Drougas, James	2018-2019		4,255.28 *
Finkle, Robert	2018-2019		254.42
Gendron, Oscar	2018-2019		2,769.51
Grady, Janine	2018-2019		738.45
Grady, Tim	2016-2017		982.12 *
Kennett, Thomas	2017-2018		140.28 *
Kennett, Thomas	2018-2019		3,167.42 *
Kennett, David	2018-2019		810.64
Kondi, Steve	2018-2019		768.91 *
Scarfi, Joseph	2018-2019		19.05
Winnie, Gregory	2015-2016		8.04
Winnie, Gregory	2016-2017		49.78
Winnie, Gregory	2017-2018		1,592.58
Winnie, Gregory	2018-2019		1,420.54
TOTAL TAXES DUE		\$	29,763.78

* = Payment Plan

DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS AS OF JANUARY 30, 2020

Arizona Properties	57.10
Dugger, J. S., Irrevocable Trust	75.00
Jensen, Judy	934.54
Mattrick, Christopher	107.70
McKinley, Dan and Margaret	246.00
Mills, Earl and Nancy	88.30
Moramarco, Robert	603.09
Paige, Anthony	1,156.19
TOTAL	\$ 3,267.92

Trustees of Public Funds

For those of you who are new to Rochester and those of you who appreciate being informed about the actions taken by the Trustees, we are pleased to offer this report.

First, Trustees (3) are elected officials responsible for the management of funds entrusted to them via estates, gifts or other sources. The duties of the Trustees, simply defined, are to 1) invest the funds and 2) distribute monies, when available, from those funds in accordance with the terms of the particular fund.

The actions of the Trustees and their investment policy are guided by and in keeping with the Vermont Statutes. In addition, the Trustees engage the Wealth Management Group of the People's Bank to invest our funds in a prudent manner and in accordance with our conservative goal of keeping the funds "alive and well" for the benefit of the present and future recipients. To accomplish these goals we try to maintain principal as well as its purchasing power by making distributions only after taking the CPI into consideration, and by not "invading principal."

Guided by this policy (and a cooperative stock market for the most part) we have been able to distribute approximately \$500,000 to the Town, School and other causes over the last 5 years. (The amounts distributed last year are shown in our net asset report). However, as mentioned in last year's report, we foresaw a tapering off in the amount of funds to be distributed based on our 5-year moving average (which means that although the market has been doing well more recently, prior year's levels, which are part of the equation did not show the same growth). As a consequence, we made no distributions to the Town for the current FY20 fiscal year, as alerted in last year's FY20 Town Report.

However, the good news is that we will be distributing money in FY21 - \$20,000 to the Town (as opposed to the \$65,000 distributed in FY19 ending June 30, 2019), though, unfortunately, there will be no distribution to the school.

It is worth noting that we are hoping to distribute funds every year in a manner that is more consistent to aid in the Town budget process (i.e. no large amount one year or low or no amount the following year). And we will do this in accordance with our goal and duty (as mentioned above) to continue to make financial contributions to our Town today, but also preserve our funds for future generations.

Trustees of Public Funds

Barb Dehart
Mike Harvey
Sandy Pierce

Trustees of Public Funds Year Ending June 30, 2019

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1								
2	Fund Name	Cemetery	Guernsey	Forest	Kirkpatrick	Leland	Townshend -	Total funds w/out Cemetery
3								
4	Additions							
5	Lot Sales							
6	Perpetual Care	500						
7	Other							
8	Total Contributions	500						
9								
10	Investment Earnings							
11	Net Increase(decrease) in fair market value of Investments	9584	169	1535	11555	6026	75431	94716
12								
13	Interest and Dividends and other	8174	62	552	4240	2224	27682	34760
14								
15	Total Earnings & contributions	18258	231	2087	15795	8250	103113	129476
16								
17								
18	Deductions							
19	Distribution to School						0	
20	Distribution to Town			23000	2000		65000	90000
21	Distribution to Food Shelf					1000	5000	1000
22	Distribution to Rebuild Rochester							5000
23	Distribution to One Planet	10000						
24	Distribution to Cemetery	2083						
25	Management Fees		23	220	1681	882	10974	13780
26	Distribution to Foreign Taxes							
27								
28	Total Deductions	12083	23	23220	3681	1882	80974	109780
29								
30	Change in net assets	6175	208	-21133	12114	6368	22139	19696
31								
32								
33								
34	Net assets Beginning 7/1/18	260307	3076	28949	209726	110705	1377392	1729848
35								
36								
37								
38	Net Assets Ending 6/30/19	266482	3284	7816	221840	117073	1399531	1749544
39								
40								
41								
42								

Selectboard Letter

We would like to ask the townspeople to join us in honoring the five full time and eight part time employees who execute the day to day workings of a small town. We also offer thanks to the many individuals who spend countless hours volunteering to tackle the endless tasks that year to year are required to run the town of Rochester. The ink is still wet on the work of the budget committee which is presented here for the approval of the Town.

We have managed to keep the tax increase to a minimum in light of several fiscal challenges. This will be even more challenging in the future as expenses rise and the Town's tax base remains relatively static. There is conversation around necessary vs discretionary funding in the budget and as always the townspeople are encouraged to educate themselves on the issues and become active contributors to the discussions and decisions regarding the future of our Town.

On the bright side there are many non-profit groups already working regionally, such as Two Rivers Regional Planning Commission (TRORC), the Cornerstone Creative Economy (3CVT), Building a Local Economy (BALE), Vermont Huts Association, Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC), and locally such as RASTA (Rochester/Randolph Sports Trail Alliance), the Rochester Chamber Music Society (RCMS), the White River Valley Players, BigTown Projects, Rebuild Rochester Foundation and Envision Rochester, all who are working hard to identify and secure resources to bolster the vibrancy and sustainability of life in Rural Vermont. Plenty of opportunities to pick a project and get involved!

We were fortunate to have the reconstruction of lower Bethel Mountain Road paid for by the Federal Highway Commission and executed by G.W. Tatro Construction with assistance from VTrans and the Town. This expense had been looming over our Town for years and the federal money was triggered by the significant damage from the April 15th storm. Some clouds do have a silver lining! We thank the Town for their patience with that Summer long project and a big thanks to G.W. Tatro for getting the job done by the October 11th deadline, at which time it would have started to dip into the Town's funds.

Our appointed constable resigned this past year and the Town has contracted with the Windsor County Sheriff's Department for 12 hours a week of police coverage. This has resulted in a decrease in our budget for that expense. We are asking the voters to approve the liquidation of the Cruiser Reserve fund and to apply the proceeds to the Sheriff's expense. The proceeds from the sale of the cruiser are being utilized to fund safety equipment needs of the Fire Department and upgrades to the Town's computers.

You will see separated out as an article to be voted on the cost of the bi-monthly recycling and trash pick-up at the Town Office. This expense has seen a significant increase, partially due to increased regulations regarding food waste and the weak market for recyclables.

We urge all residents to participate in the U.S. Census this year because the results will determine how more than \$675 billion is distributed each year to states and localities for key programs during the next decade. The Census is short, easy to complete, and important for this town.


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Thomas Schnabel


Patricia Harvey

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 FY 19		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 FY 20		July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 FY 21	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
FUND BALANCE FORWARD						
100-6-10-00-300 General Town Income						\$1,436.00
100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes	313,210.00	150,775.62	319,765.00	152,570.77		315,975.00
100-6-10-00-300.010 Delinquent Taxes	0.00	163,487.79	0.00	64,181.30		0.00
100-6-10-00-300.015 Interest on Taxes	15,000.00	19,662.78	15,000.00	6,452.43		20,229.00
100-6-10-00-300.025 Pilot Pmt-Forest/Pa	5,000.00	5,437.02	5,000.00	6,371.80		5,000.00
100-6-10-00-300.031 Lister Education - State	392.00	0.00	392.00	1,401.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-300.032 VT Equalization Study	0.00	960.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-300.035 State Current Use	50,000.00	55,306.00	55,000.00	59,865.50		56,220.00
100-6-10-00-300.045 Pilot Pmt-State Bld	2,300.00	2,469.00	2,300.00	2,647.00		2,647.00
100-6-10-00-300.050 State Lease Land	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-300.216 Insurance Settlements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-304.009 TOPF Forest Invest Inc	0.00	2,087.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-303.000 Sale of Assets				15,000.00		0.00
Transfer in from overfunded HRA account				0.00		650.00
Reclassifying of Sewer Site 3 Fund balance	0.00	-9,683.74	0.00	0.00		0.00
Subtotal	385,912.00	390,511.47	392,670.00	308,489.80		402,157.00
Additional Income-FY'19						
Utilization of FD Building Reserve funds	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Utilization of Rapid Response Reserve Income	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Utilization of Revolving Loan Rsrv	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Subtotal	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-303 TOPF						
100-6-10-00-303.010 Kirkpatrick Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00			2,000.00
100-6-10-00-303.015 Townsend Hutch	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00			20,000.00
100-6-10-00-303.020 Forest Fund	17,000.00	23,000.00	27,000.00			7,500.00
Subtotal	84,000.00	90,000.00	29,000.00			29,500.00
100-6-10-00-304 Fees						
100-6-10-00-304.005 Animal Fines	50.00	0.00	50.00	1.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-304.010 Bank Stmt Interest	100.00	166.68	100.00	1,317.82		0.00
100-6-10-00-304.011 WRCU 001 Bank Interest	0.00	44.59	0.00	0.04		0.00
100-6-10-00-304.015 Fingerprinting Fees	50.00	25.00	50.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-304.020 Building Permits	350.00	615.00	350.00	325.00		350.00
100-6-10-00-304.025 Dog Licenses - Town Porti	1,300.00	1,025.00	1,200.00	39.00		1,100.00
100-6-10-00-304.030 Driveway Const. Permit	50.00	300.00	50.00	200.00		237.00
100-6-10-00-304.034 Fish & Game Postings	20.00	32.00	25.00	20.00		30.00
100-6-10-00-304.035 Fleet Permit	275.00	305.00	300.00	20.00		300.00
100-6-10-00-304.036 Green Mountain Passport	20.00	14.00	10.00	4.00		25.00
100-6-10-00-304.040 Judicial Fines	6,000.00	5,709.44	5,000.00	3,117.58		22,000.00
100-6-10-00-304.045 Liquor Licenses-Town	500.00	485.00	500.00	0.00		500.00
100-6-10-00-304.050 Marriage License-Town	100.00	100.00	150.00	140.00		127.00
100-6-10-00-304.055 Copies/Record Search	2,500.00	2,417.20	2,200.00	987.50		2,252.00
100-6-10-00-304.060 Record Search	200.00	40.25	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-304.065 Recording Fees	10,000.00	8,908.00	10,000.00	6,038.00		8,555.00
100-6-10-00-304.070 Youth Sports Income	1,200.00	2,001.80	1,200.00	664.00		1,200.00
100-6-10-00-304.301 Rec Program Donations				1,000.00		500.00
100-6-10-00-304.075 Refunds to Town	0.00	209.00	0.00	1,906.78		0.00

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020		July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
100-6-10-00-304.080 Rent	200.00	52.00	185.00	0.00		100.00
100-6-10-00-304.085 Subdivision P/Z Fees	50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00		50.00
100-6-10-00-304.090 Vehicle Registration	175.00	112.00	175.00	102.00		142.00
100-6-10-00-304.105 Utility Billing Reimburs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
100-6-10-00-304.110 Civil Process Inc	0.00	400.00	100.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-304.302 General Donations	1,000.00	500.00	1,000.00	879.39		500.00
100-6-10-00-304.999 Misc Income	200.00	2,073.10	200.00	207.00		1,000.00
Subtotal	25,340.00	26,585.06	23,895.00	16,969.11		39,968.00
100-6-10-00-306 Cemetary Income						
100-6-10-00-306.005 Sale of Cemetary Lots	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-00-306.011 Cemetary Income-Other	1,000.00	60.00	0.00	0.00		4,000.00
100-6-10-00-306.015 Trustee Inc-Cemetary Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00		5,000.00
100-6-10-00-310.010 Cemetary Donations	0.00	0.00 #	0.00	0.00		0.00
Subtotal	11,000.00	10,060.00	0.00	0.00		9,000.00
100-6-10-99- Grant Income						
100-6-10-99-106.003 VCDP Impl-Park House	0.00	1,688.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-99-108.001 Homeland Security Grant.	0.00	45.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-99-109.004 DUI Grant	0.00	298.01	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-99-109.005 GHSP/AOT Constables 2018	0.00	8,669.20	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-6-10-99-110.002 MPG Town Plan 2017-2018	0.00	2,670.00	0.00	2,670.00		0.00
100-6-10-99-120.001 2018 PACIF Grant Inc	0.00	3,642.50	0.00	0.00		0.00
Subtotal	0.00	17,012.71	0.00	2,670.00		0.00
Total Income	514,752.00	534,169.24	445,565.00	328,128.91		480,625.00
EXPENSES						
100-7-10-10 Finance Expenses						
100-7-10-10-330.002 Courthouse Bond Exp	3,659.00	3,709.00	3,788.00	3,788.00		3,878.00
100-7-10-10-330.007 Firehouse Mortgage Princ	10,097.37	10,132.00	10,511.83	4,963.36		10,935.00
100-7-10-10-330.008 Firehouse Mortgage Int	7,998.19	7,971.56	7,591.73	4,088.42		7,168.00
100-7-10-10-330.015 USDA Sewer Bond Princ	2,105.84	2,105.84	2,164.16	1,074.69		2,224.00
100-7-10-10-330.016 USDA Sewer Bond Interest	1,976.16	1,976.16	1,917.84	966.31		1,858.00
100-7-10-10-330.020 LOC Int Payments	0.00	4,305.62	0.00	1,534.24		0.00
100-7-10-10-330.025 VMBB Refi Bond-Principal	30,078.52	30,078.52	31,176.39	31,176.39		32,314.00
100-7-10-10-330.026 VMBB Refi Bond-Interest	19,350.37	19,350.37	18,232.47	9,400.72		17,074.00
100-7-10-10-330.027 RPL Phase 3 Bond Principa	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00		8,750.00
100-7-10-10-330.028 RPL Phase 3 Bond Interest	4,730.50	4,730.50	4,570.12	2,329.53		4,377.00
100-7-10-10-330.029 Site 3 Bond Exp-Principal	14,831.00	0.00	10,548.43	10,803.64		10,548.00
100-7-10-10-330.030 Site 3 Bond Exp-Admin	0.00	0.00	5,125.98	5,250.00		5,126.00
100-7-10-10-533.000 Bank Charges	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Subtotal	103,576.95	93,359.57	104,376.95	84,125.30		104,252.00
100-7-10-20 Capital Purchase Expense						
100-7-10-20-830.001 Fire Truck Lease - Principal	14,692.74	14,692.74	15,176.08	19,035.20		15,675.00
100-7-10-20-830.002 Fire Truck Lease - Interest	4,342.46	4,342.46	3,859.12	0.00		3,360.00
100-7-10-20-830.003 930M Loader Lease-Principal	21,198.94	21,198.94	3,154.00	23,693.60		0.00
100-7-10-20-830.004 930M Loader Lease-Interest	2,494.66	2,494.66	0.00	0.00		0.00
Subtotal	42,728.80	42,728.80	22,189.20	42,728.80		19,035.00

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	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	FY 21	Budget
100-7-10-21 Salaries						
100-7-10-21-110.000 Salaries Asst Clerk/Treas	16,628.00	16,628.04	17,488.00	9,395.12		17,797.00
100-7-10-21-110.005 Salaries Animal Control	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00		500.00
100-7-10-21-110.015 Salaries Health Officer	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00		500.00
100-7-10-21-110.020 Salaries Housekeeping	893.00	930.24	893.00	384.95		900.00
100-7-10-21-110.030 Salaries Selectboard	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00		3,500.00
100-7-10-21-110.035 Salaries Town Clerk/Treasurer	21,564.00	28,638.30	19,448.00	19,040.00		36,067.00
100-7-10-21-110.040 Salaries Town Treasurer	16,735.00	9,943.05	15,912.00	0.00		0.00
100-7-10-21-110.041 Selbd Secretary	1,500.00	1,562.50	1,500.00	812.50		1,500.00
100-7-10-21-110.050 Selbd Admin Ass't	22,075.00	17,167.18	22,287.00	17,345.65		23,078.00
Subtotal	83,895.00	78,869.31	82,028.00	46,978.22		83,842.00
100-7-10-22 Library Expenses						
100-7-10-22-890.000 Library Exp Transfer Out	40,625.00	40,625.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Subtotal	40,625.00	40,625.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-7-10-25 General Office Expenses						
100-7-10-25-533.000 Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		25.00
100-7-10-25-330.000 Office Outside Audit	8,500.00	14,357.50	8,625.00	1,531.25		15,850.00
100-7-10-25-330.005 Website Management	350.00	544.00	350.00	0.00		500.00
100-7-10-25-333.000 Legal Services	7,500.00	29,627.50	10,000.00	7,242.50		15,000.00
100-7-10-25-340.000 Tax Mapping	800.00	2,850.00	4,500.00	0.00		4,500.00
100-7-10-25-410.000 Office Electricity	2,200.00	2,233.21	2,200.00	1,154.11		2,200.00
100-7-10-25-411.000 Office Water/Sewer	320.00	300.00	300.00	75.00		300.00
100-7-10-25-440.000 Office Equip/Rep/Rental	2,250.00	2,820.19	2,580.00	1,486.53		1,200.00
100-7-10-25-530.000 Office Telephone	2,000.00	1,356.23	1,500.00	590.47		1,500.00
100-7-10-25-531.000 Office Postage	2,500.00	2,138.83	2,500.00	1,202.84		2,500.00
100-7-10-25-540.000 Office Printing/Adv	3,000.00	3,047.94	2,800.00	0.00		3,000.00
100-7-10-25-565.000 Meetings/Education	150.00	300.00	500.00	115.00		500.00
100-7-10-25-580.000 Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
100-7-10-25-610.000 Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,792.01	2,100.00	1,298.12		2,100.00
100-7-10-25-624.000 Office Fuel	2,000.00	2,868.47	2,500.00	0.00		2,500.00
100-7-10-25-641.000 Office Computer/Software	1,000.00	3,501.63	1,000.00	2,650.90		7,000.00
100-7-10-25-641.005 Computer Disaster Recover	1,180.00	827.64	1,175.00	0.00		1,000.00
100-7-10-25-740.000 Office Equipment	200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00		1,200.00
100-7-10-25-740.001 Office Elevator Maint	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00		500.00
100-7-10-25-990.000 Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00		100.00
Subtotal	36,050.00	68,565.15	44,280.00	17,346.72		61,475.00
100-7-10-26 Buildings & Grounds						
100-7-10-26-422.000 Sidewalk Plowing	5,000.00	4,285.74	7,500.00	4,500.00		13,500.00
100-7-10-26-430.000 Bldg/Grounds-General M/R	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00		0.00
100-7-10-26-430.005 Bldg./Ground Athletic Fie	2,260.00	2,188.96	2,260.00	1,416.00		2,124.00
100-7-10-26-430.025 Bldg./Grnd Office Repairs	500.00	1,320.14	500.00	375.00		500.00
100-7-10-26-430.026 Bldg./Grounds Office Mowing	905.00	866.36	905.00	548.00		822.00
100-7-10-26-430.035 Bldg./Grounds Window Clean	150.00	155.00	150.00	0.00		150.00
100-7-10-26-430.040 Bldg./Grnds-Town Trash Exp	1,000.00	1,200.00	960.00	320.00		1,200.00
100-7-10-26-440.000 Bldg./Ground Port. Toilet	2,650.00	3,114.00	2,650.00	1,916.00		3,100.00
100-7-10-26-532.000 Bldg./Ground Alarm Monito	0.00	272.50	272.50	0.00		0.00
100-7-10-26-622.000 Bldg./Ground Street Light	8,000.00	6,831.21	7,700.00	3,593.98		7,977.00
Subtotal	20,465.00	20,233.91	22,897.50	12,748.98		29,373.00

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	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
100-7-10-27 Solid Waste						
100-7-10-27-421.000 Solid Waste Charges	12,620.00	12,551.78	12,551.78	12,551.78	12,552.00	12,552.00
100-7-10-27-660.000 Solid Waste Recycling	14,400.00	15,600.00	14,400.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	27,020.00	28,151.78	26,951.78	18,551.78	12,552.00	12,552.00
100-7-10-28 General Employee Expenses						
100-7-10-28-210.000 Health Insurance	7,787.88	7,964.56	8,505.00	4,438.11	12,803.00	12,803.00
100-7-10-28-210.001 HRS Excise Tax Exp	20.00	-572.56	20.00	12.25	20.00	20.00
100-7-10-28-210.002 Hickock/Boardman Mgmt.	280.00	450.00	280.00	45.00	180.00	180.00
100-7-10-28-210.005 Life/Disability Ins	633.72	433.32	634.00	208.82	423.00	423.00
100-7-10-28-210.010 HRA Transfer out	577.00	1,222.57	0.00	0.00	650.00	650.00
100-7-10-28-220.000 Social Security	5,959.00	11,452.08	5,813.00	4,019.35	6,108.00	6,108.00
100-7-10-28-230.000 VMERS Retirement	2,106.00	2,270.50	1,989.00	1,141.50	2,164.00	2,164.00
100-7-10-28-250.000 Unemployment Compensation	174.11	274.00	159.00	436.00	246.00	246.00
100-7-10-28-260.000 Worker's Comp	242.00	1,492.00	334.00	2,930.55	343.00	343.00
Insurance Discounts & Credits	-2,623.00	-4,002.00	-4,002.00		-5,101.00	-5,101.00
Subtotal	15,156.71	20,984.47	13,732.00	13,231.58	17,836.00	17,836.00
100-7-10-29 Dues & Fees						
100-7-10-29-490.000 County Tax	6,970.00	6,970.00	7,306.00	7,306.00	7,400.00	7,400.00
100-7-10-29-560.000 Green Mtn Economic Dev	556.50	0.00	560.00	556.50	547.00	547.00
100-7-10-29-560.005 Two Rivers-Otauquechee	1,652.00	1,652.00	1,697.00	1,697.00	1,743.00	1,743.00
100-7-10-29-560.010 VLCT Dues	2,280.00	2,327.00	2,350.00	2,387.00	2,484.00	2,484.00
Subtotal	11,458.50	10,949.00	11,913.00	11,946.50	12,174.00	12,174.00
100-7-10-30 General Town Expenses						
100-7-10-30-310.000 Animal Control Exp	500.00	192.17	200.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
100-7-10-30-340.000 Emergency Generator Maint.	2,200.00	306.35	2,200.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-7-10-30-424.000 Cemetery Upkeep	10,680.00	24,887.95	10,000.00	19,014.34	22,300.00	22,300.00
100-7-10-30-460.000 Forest Service Rd Agr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-30-495.001 Repeater Expenses	1,200.00	900.00	1,200.00	300.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
100-7-10-30-520.000 Property Insurance	8,169.00	8,696.00	8,500.00	8,066.50	9,424.00	9,424.00
100-7-10-30-520.001 Prop Insurance-Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-30-820.000 Site 4 Loan Repmt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-30-950.000 Kirkpatrick Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-7-10-30-960.000 Granville First Response	4,500.00	4,514.00	4,500.00	4,514.00	6,472.00	6,472.00
Subtotal	28,249.00	40,496.47	27,600.00	31,894.84	42,696.00	42,696.00
100-7-10-43-430 Park Expenses						
100-7-10-43-430.000 Repairs-Park	100.00	26.65	100.00	25.52	100.00	100.00
100-7-10-43-430.001 Park Mowing Exp	1,921.00	1,906.36	1,921.00	1,252.00	1,878.00	1,878.00
100-7-10-43-430.002 Park-Tree Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,495.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-7-10-43-430.004 Tri-Town Youth Raking	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
100-7-10-43-430.006 Park-Electricity	250.00	379.34	250.00	125.04	400.00	400.00
100-7-10-43-430.007 Misc Exp-Park	200.00	599.13	200.00	159.00	500.00	500.00
100-7-10-43-430.008 Skatespace/Winterfest	2,800.00	1,800.00	2,800.00	406.58	2,800.00	2,800.00
Subtotal	7,271.00	6,211.48	7,271.00	3,463.14	8,178.00	8,178.00

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	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
	FY 19		FY 20		FY 21	
100-7-10-44-346 Recreation Dept						
100-7-10-44-346.001 Summer Concerts	2,600.00	1,800.00	2,400.00	2,700.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
100-7-10-44-346.002 July 4th Parade Expenses	100.00	360.85	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
100-7-10-44-346.003 Youth Sports Expenses	2,000.00	2,467.56	2,000.00	745.79	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-7-10-44-346.004 Misc Exp-Recreation	400.00	0.00	0.00	21.68	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-44-346.005 Rec Dept Salaries	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
100-7-10-44-220.000 Social Security	92.00	91.80	92.00	0.00	92.00	92.00
100-7-10-44-250.000 Unemployment	6.00	7.00	7.00	0.00	7.00	7.00
100-7-10-44-260.000 Work Comp	68.00	63.00	76.00	0.00	76.00	76.00
100-7-10-44-346.007 One Planet Program	1,920.00	1,920.00	3,125.00	3,125.00	3,125.00	3,125.00
Subtotal	8,386.00	7,903.21	9,050.00	6,592.47	9,250.00	9,250.00
100-7-10-60 Constable Expenses						
100-7-10-60-110.000 Constable Salary	22,425.00	15,869.61	13,860.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-115.000 Windsor County Sheriff				11,878.50	36,000.00	36,000.00
100-7-10-60-220.000 Social Security	1,716.00	1,193.67	1,060.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-250.000 Unemployment	112.00	0.00	69.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-260.000 Work Comp	2,007.00	-208.00	1,247.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-431.000 Constable Equipment exp	400.00	647.90	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-432.000 Constable Cruiser Expense	1,250.00	302.85	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-520.000 Constable Prop/Auto Ins	8,100.00	6,099.00	3,967.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-530.000 Constable Cell/Office	2,000.00	1,850.40	1,300.00	180.22	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-565.000 Constable Training	80.00	161.10	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-610.000 Constable Supplies/gear	500.00	388.66	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-626.000 Constable Cruiser Gas	1,700.00	1,654.99	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-60-655.000 Constable Special Service	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	40,290.00	27,960.18	25,503.00	12,058.72	36,000.00	36,000.00
100-7-10-70 Fire Dept. Expenses						
100-7-10-70-110.000 Fire Dept. Salaries	5,000.00	4,480.00	5,000.00	487.50	5,500.00	5,500.00
100-7-10-70-430.000 FD Building Rep/Maint	500.00	0.00	500.00	495.74	500.00	500.00
100-7-10-70-431.000 Fire Dept Air Compressor	700.00	595.00	700.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
100-7-10-70-431.001 Air Pack Replacement	4,300.00	3,736.27	1,500.00	2,384.73	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-70-432.000 Fire Dept. Truck Maint	1,500.00	1,276.99	1,000.00	580.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
100-7-10-70-520.000 FD Prop/Auto Insurance	6,300.00	5,947.00	5,947.00	0.00	6,865.00	6,865.00
100-7-10-70-530.000 Fire Dept. Phone/Pub Safety	400.00	1,576.18	1,500.00	409.20	1,500.00	1,500.00
100-7-10-70-532.000 Fire Dept W/S, Alarm	500.00	741.15	0.00	1,693.62	700.00	700.00
100-7-10-70-540.000 Fire Dept. Printing/Adv	100.00	280.72	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
100-7-10-70-560.000 Fire Dept Dues	500.00	807.32	900.00	0.00	800.00	800.00
100-7-10-70-565.000 Fire Dept. Meetings/Edu	500.00	342.87	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
100-7-10-70-610.000 Fire Dept. Hoses	2,000.00	3,020.45	2,000.00	334.62	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-7-10-70-610.005 Fire Dept. Clothing/Gear	4,000.00	5,228.31	6,000.00	1,289.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-7-10-70-610.015 Fire Dept. Small Tools	2,500.00	178.74	2,500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
100-7-10-70-610.020 Fire Dept Supplies/Repair	3,000.00	6,287.63	3,000.00	706.22	5,000.00	5,000.00
100-7-10-70-622.000 Fire Dept Electricity	1,800.00	1,441.13	1,800.00	675.04	1,600.00	1,600.00
100-7-10-70-626.000 Fire Dept Gas/Oil/Grease	1,000.00	1,241.50	1,000.00	228.46	1,300.00	1,300.00
100-7-10-70-626.001 Fire House Heat	1,700.00	1,879.56	2,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-7-10-70-740.000 Fire Dept. Radios/Pagers	2,000.00	2,059.50	3,000.00	1,029.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-7-10-70-990.000 Fire Dept. Miscellaneous	300.00	12.00	300.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
100-7-10-70-430.001 Workers Comp	1,301.00	1,315.00	1,201.00	305.45	1,219.00	1,219.00
Subtotal	39,901.00	42,447.32	40,548.00	10,618.58	38,484.00	38,484.00

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	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
100-7-10-80 Listers Expenses						
100-7-10-80-110.000 Listers Salaries	5,000.00	2,268.50	5,000.00	520.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
100-7-10-80-220.000 Social Security	382.00	173.55	383.00	39.78	268.00	268.00
100-7-10-80-260.000 Work Comp	21.50	22.00	22.00	0.00	15.00	15.00
100-7-10-80-530.008 Listers Telephone	0.00	35.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-80-565.000 Listers Meetings/Education	450.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00
100-7-10-80-580.000 Listers Mileage	300.00	96.28	245.00	0.00	245.00	245.00
100-7-10-80-610.000 Listers Supplies	250.00	215.00	800.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Subtotal	6,403.50	2,811.11	6,900.00	559.78	4,978.00	4,978.00
100-7-10-82 Planning/Zoning Expenses						
100-7-10-82-540.000 P/Z Printing/Adv	300.00	101.60	0.00	49.50	500.00	500.00
100-7-10-99-110.002 Town Plan Expenses	650.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-82-990.000 P/Z Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	950.00	101.60	300.00	49.50	500.00	500.00
Grant Expenses:						
100-7-10-99-106.003 VCDP-Park Hse Implem	0.00	1,688.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-99-110.002 MPG Town Plan 17-18	0.00	7,603.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-99-120.001 2018 PACIF Grant Exp	0.00	7,309.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-99-109.005 GHSP/AOT Const. 2018	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grant Expense Subtotal	0.00	24,602.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	512,426.46	557,000.54	445,540.43	312,894.91	480,625.00	480,625.00

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SELECTBOARD BUDGET REPORT

	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020		July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
HIGHWAY INCOME						
100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes	390,689.08	390,689.08	429,550.00	283,147.68	464,575.00	
100-6-10-00-300.040 State Aid to Roads	108,000.00	109,012.16	108,000.00	55,481.22	108,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.055 Forest Service Rd. Agree.	2,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.205 Pittsfield W/M	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	
100-6-10-00-300.210 Fed PILT FS Land-Hwy	25,000.00	32,874.00	30,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	
Transfer in from overfunded HRA account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	
Subtotal	528,189.08	534,775.24	569,750.00	338,628.90	608,075.00	
Grant Income						
100-6-10-99-102.001 VTRANS Park & Ride Gr	0.00		0.00	6,852.48	0.00	
100-6-10-99-100.001 BBR Mt. Cushman Culvert	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-104.001.3 Class 2 Grant No. Hollow	0.00	128,427.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-103.004 Improv Proj Wing Farm	0.00	278,876.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-119.001 Muni Rd Grant in Aid 2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,244.44	0.00	
Subtotal	0.00	415,304.60	0.00	17,096.92	0.00	
Utilization of Highway Fund Balance	19,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Subtotal Highway Income	547,189.08	950,079.84	569,750.00	355,725.82	608,075.00	
HIGHWAY EXPENSES						
100-7-10-50-110.000 Highway Regular Time	116,625.40	108,684.36	133,182.00	72,646.87	137,946.00	
100-7-10-50-130.000 Highway Overtime	15,000.00	30,146.39	20,000.00	10,894.24	30,000.00	
100-7-10-50-210.000 Highway Health Insurance	27,500.00	12,788.72	17,100.00	8,850.02	24,713.00	
100-7-10-50-210.001 Hickcock/Boardman Mgmt.	840.00	180.00	900.00	90.00	360.00	
100-7-10-50-210.002 Health Ins Opt Out	0.00	4,437.08	5,044.00	2,347.91	6,200.00	
100-7-10-50-210.005 Life/Disability Ins	981.00	1,180.01	1,388.00	694.42	1,408.00	
100-7-10-50-210.010 Health Equity HR	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	
100-7-10-50-220.000 Social Security	10,069.00	6,791.98	11,718.00	6,221.30	12,848.00	
100-7-10-50-230.000 Municipal Retirement	7,239.40	8,008.44	8,619.00	4,811.43	10,077.00	
100-7-10-50-250.000 Unemployment	264.00	0.00	232.00	0.00	242.00	
100-7-10-50-260.000 Work Comp	12,412.28	10,125.31	14,460.00	0.00	14,729.00	
100-7-10-50-411.000 Garage-Water/Sewer	200.00	182.80	200.00	43.30	200.00	
100-7-10-50-411.005 Town of Braintree W/M	6,000.00	4,991.14	10,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	
100-7-10-50-421.000 Trash Removal	0.00	117.45	0.00	0.00	250.00	
100-7-10-50-424.000 Mowing/Brush Removal	16,000.00	13,999.98	16,000.00	14,950.00	16,000.00	
100-7-10-50-430.000 Garage-Bldg Maint/Repair	3,000.00	1,104.80	1,500.00	609.53	3,000.00	
100-7-10-50-431.000 EQ Parts/Repairs/Supplies	35,000.00	39,385.87	37,000.00	21,393.23	37,000.00	
100-7-10-50-431.005 Town Garage Radio Expense	700.00	468.54	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-50-441.010 Town of Stockbridge W/M	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	
100-7-10-50-442.000 Equipment Rental	0.00	522.50	2,000.00	20,896.27	12,000.00	
100-7-10-50-450.000 Contracted Services	13,400.00	5,406.00	5,000.00	6,372.50	5,000.00	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SELECTBOARD BUDGET REPORT

	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020		July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	
	FY 19		FY 20		FY 21	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
100-7-10-50-460.000 Bridge & Bandrails	0.00	24.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-50-460.005 Culverts & Bands	7,000.00	6,040.49	7,000.00	1,014.91	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-50-460.015 Resurfacing	50,000.00	160.00	40,000.00	158.40	40,000.00	40,000.00
100-7-10-50-520.000 Hwy Prop/Auto/Liab Ins	7,558.00	8,407.00	8,307.00	0.00	9,552.00	9,552.00
100-7-10-50-530.000 Garage-Telephone	450.00	835.90	600.00	365.08	600.00	600.00
100-7-10-50-540.000 Advertising	200.00	233.82	200.00	253.31	250.00	250.00
100-7-10-50-565.000 Highway - Education	300.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
100-7-10-50-610.000 Gas. Oil. Grease	30,000.00	39,086.11	31,000.00	16,078.69	31,000.00	31,000.00
100-7-10-50-610.005 Small Tools	1,500.00	3,938.87	2,500.00	628.04	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-7-10-50-610.010 Supplies	200.00	917.45	1,000.00	295.09	1,500.00	1,500.00
100-7-10-50-610.015 Clothing Allowance	1,800.00	1,347.93	1,800.00	1,174.93	1,800.00	1,800.00
100-7-10-50-611.000 Chloride	8,000.00	8.28	9,000.00	2,760.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
100-7-10-50-611.005 Salt	40,000.00	49,271.98	42,000.00	15,599.08	44,000.00	44,000.00
100-7-10-50-622.000 Garage-Electricity	2,000.00	2,083.29	2,000.00	792.52	2,200.00	2,200.00
100-7-10-50-624.000 Garage-Heat	4,000.00	4,510.44	3,650.00	325.83	4,000.00	4,000.00
100-7-10-50-650.000 Gravel	92,000.00	62,563.08	92,000.00	31,528.11	92,000.00	92,000.00
100-7-10-50-650.005 Sand	33,500.00	42,265.66	38,000.00	37,574.90	41,000.00	41,000.00
100-7-10-50-651.000 Paint Crosswalks	550.00	0.00	500.00	90.09	500.00	500.00
100-7-10-50-651.005 Road Signs & Posts	750.00	222.65	1,000.00	1,287.68	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-7-10-50-651.015 Municipal Road Permit/Fee	0.00	1,990.00	250.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
100-7-10-50-651.020 Gravel Pit Lease Exp	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
100-7-10-50-990.000 Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	19.70	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Subtotal	547,189.08	477,058.28	569,750.00	283,147.68	608,075.00	608,075.00
Grant Expenses						
100-7-10-99-100.001 BBR Mt Cushman Culv	0.00	5,555.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-99-103.004 Improv. Prj Wing Farm	0.00	278,876.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-99-104.000 Class 2 Road Grant	0.00	1,069.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-99-104.001 Class 2 North Hollow Rd	0.00	3,532.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-99-119.001 Muni Rd Grant in Aid 2018	0.00	3,498.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Grant Expenses	0.00	292,532.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	547,189.08	769,591.04	569,750.00	283,147.68	608,075.00	608,075.00

TOWN OF ROCHESTER APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020		July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	
	FY 19		FY 20		FY 21	
	Budget	Actuals	Proposed Budget	6 months	Proposed Budget	
100-7-10-91 Appropriations						
100-7-10-91-950.001 American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.003 Capstone Community Action	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.015 Central VT Council on Agi	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-7-10-91-950.020 Clara Martin Center	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00
100-7-10-91-950.022 One Planet (RES)	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.025 Green Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
100-7-10-91-950.029 Orange Cty Parent Child C	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
100-7-10-91-950.030 Quintown Senior Center	9,380.00	9,380.00	9,849.00	9,849.00	9,849.00	9,849.00
100-7-10-91-950.035 Stagecoach	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
100-7-10-91-950.045 Visiting Nurses VT/NH	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
100-7-10-91-950.050 White River Partnership	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00
100-7-10-91-950.051 WRVA Rescue Svcs	71,757.00	73,465.50	0.00	35,878.50	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.060 Women Safe Inc	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
100-7-10-91-950.064 VACD Dry Hydrant Prog	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
100-7-10-91-950.070 Safeline	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Subtotal	96,428.00	98,136.50	22,840.00	58,718.50	22,840.00	22,840.00
100-7-10-92 Rsrv Transfrs/Voted Articles						
100-7-10-92-000.004 FD Equip Rsv Trsf Ou	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.005 Hwy Equip Rsv Trsf O	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.007 Record Pres Rsv Trsf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.010 Tennis Rsv Trsf Out	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-7-10-92-000.014 Town Building Res Trsf Ou	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	7,500.00	15,000.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.017 WRVA Rescue Svcs	0.00	0.00	71,757.00	0.00	68,340.00	68,340.00
100-7-10-92-000.018 Library Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	45,625.00	22,812.50	45,625.00	45,625.00
100-7-10-92-000.019 Fast Trash and Recycling					20,400.00	20,400.00
Subtotal	91,000.00	91,000.00	133,382.00	31,312.50	134,365.00	134,365.00
Total Voted Articles and Appropriations	187,428.00	189,136.50	156,222.00	90,031.00	157,205.00	157,205.00

ROCHESTER TOWN GENERAL ACCOUNT									
Summary of Budget, Revenue and Expense									
	43846	FY 19			FY 20		FY 21		difference vs FY18
		Voted Budget	Actual 12 months	Voted Budget	Actual 6 months	Proposed Budget			
REVENUE:									
Property Taxes:		313210	150775.2	319765	152570.77	315975	-0.01199462		
Non-Tax Revenue:		201542	383393.62	125800	175558.14	164650	0.235955056		
X. TOTAL REVENUE: [Prop + Non-tax revenue]		514752	534168.82	445565	328128.91	480625	0.072946684		
EXPENSE:									
Total Finance Expenses:		103,577	93,360	104,377	84,125	104,252	0%		
Total Capital Purchase Expense:		42,729	42,729	22,189	42,729	19,035	-17%		
Total General Town Salaries:		83,895	78,869	82,028	46,978	83,842	2%		
Library Expense:		40,625	40,625	0	0	0			
General Office Expense:		36,050	68,565	44,280	17,347	61,475	28%		
Buildings and Grounds:		20,465	20,234	22,898	12,749	29,373	22%		
Solid Waste:		27,020	28,152	26,952	18,552	12,552	-115%		
General Employee Expenses:		15,157	20,984	13,732	13,232	17,836	23%		
Dues and Fees:		11,459	10,949	11,913	11,947	12,174	2%		
General Town Expenses		28,249	40,496	27,600	31,895	42,696	35%		
Park Expenses		7,271	6,211	7,271	3,463	8,178	11%		
Recreation Dept. Expenses:		8,386	7,903	9,050	6,592	9,250	2%		
Constable Expenses:		40,290	27,960	25,503	12,059	36,000	29%		
Fire Department Expenses:		39,901	42,447	40,548	10,619	38,484	-5%		
Listers Expenses:		6,404	2,811	6,900	560	4,978	-39%		
Planning/Zoning Expenses:		950	102	300	50	500	40%		
Grant Expenses:			24,602	0	0	0			
A. Grand Total GEN. FUND EXPENSE:		512,426	557,001	445,540	312,895	480,625	7%		
HIGHWAY:									
REVENUE:									
Property Taxes:		390,689	390,689	429,550	283,148	464,575	8%		
Non-Tax Revenue:		156,500	559,391	140,200	72,578	143,500	2%		
Y. Total REVENUE:		547,189	950,080	569,750	355,726	608,075	6%		
EXPENSE:									
Highway Expenses		547,189	477,058	569,750	283,148	608,075			
Highway Grant Expense		0	292,533	0	0	0			
B. Total HIGHWAY EXPENSE:		547,189	769,591	569,750	283,148	608,075	6%		
APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:									
Total Community Requests:		96,428	98,137	22,840	58,719	22,840	0%		
Total Voted Articles:		91,000	91,000	133,382	31,313	134,365	1%		
C. TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:		187,428	189,137	156,222	90,031	157,205	1%		
Total Income: X + Y + C		1,249,369	1,673,385	1,171,537	773,886	1,245,905	6%		
Total Expense : A + B + C		1,247,044	1,515,728	1,171,512	686,074	1,245,905	6%		
Audit Reconciliation FY 19									
Total Income		\$	1,673,385	\$	1,515,728	Total Expense			
Cemetery TOPF			(10,000)		(143,181)	reserve funds, etc.			
Transfer In			9,684		(9,684)				
TOPF Dist to Town			(23,000)						
Audited Income		\$	1,650,069	\$	1,362,863	Audited Exp			

BUDGET AND TAX SUMMARY						
	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	Proposed More or (Less) than last Year's Budget		
	2018-2019 Budget	2019-2020 Budget	2020-2021 Budget			
General Town Budget						
General Town Revenue (non-tax)	514,752	445,565	480,625	35,060		7.9%
	(201,542)	(125,800)	(164,650)	(38,850)		30.9%
Town Funds Required	\$ 313,210	\$ 319,765	\$ 315,975	(3,790)		-1.2%
Highway Budget						
Highway Revenue (non-tax)	547,189	569,750	608,075	38,325		6.7%
Utilization of Highway Fund Balance	(137,500)	(140,200)	(143,500)	(3,300)		2.4%
	(19,000)	-	-			#DIV/0!
Highway Funds Required	\$ 390,689	\$ 429,550	\$ 464,575	35,025		8.2%
Community Agencies Requests	96,428	22,840	22,840	0		0.0%
Voted Articles	91,000	133,382	134,365	983		0.7%
Appropriation Funds Required	\$ 187,428	\$ 156,222	\$ 157,205	983		0.6%
Grand Total Budget and Appropriations: X + Y + C	\$ 1,249,369	\$ 1,171,537	\$ 1,245,905	74,368		6.3%
Grand Total Property Tax Required: A + B + C	\$ 891,327	\$ 905,537	\$ 937,755	32,218		3.6%
FY 21 Budget Article and Property Tax Summary						
Town and Highway Budget Article:						
X. General Town Budget:	480,625	A. Town Funds Required:				315,975
Y. Highway Budget:	608,075	B. Highway funds required:				464,575
	\$ 1,088,700	Total amount to raise from taxes for Town and Highway:				\$ 780,550
C. Proposed Appropriations and Voted Articles:						
	\$ 157,205	C. Proposed Appropriations and Voted Articles:				\$ 157,205
Grand Total Appropriations, Town, and Highway Budgets:	\$ 1,245,905	Grand Total of Property Tax to be raised:				\$ 937,755

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 FY 19		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 FY 20		July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 FY 21	
Water Income	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
300-6-00-10-000.005 Bank Interest	3.00	16.71	3.00	146.08		
300-6-00-10-000.007 Water Res. Bank Interest	40.00	82.36	40.00	44.70		
300-6-00-20-020.005 Water Current Fees	44,000.00	41,574.59	44,000.00	26718.93		
300-6-00-20-020.010 Water Delinquent Fees	0.00					
300-6-00-20-020.015 Water Connection Fees	0.00					
300-6-00-20-020.020 Water Interest	400.00	276.84	400.00	86.50		
300-6-00-20-020.025 Water Misc Income	0.00	151.20				
Total Water Income	44,440.00	42,101.70	44,443.00	26,996.21	0.00	0.00
Water Expenses						
300-7-10-20-110.000 Water Operator	17,000.00	14,561.75	17,000.00	9049.75		15,000.00
300-7-10-20-110.005 Water Operator Asst	1,000.00	61.35	1,000.00			1,000.00
300-7-10-20-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense	1,377.00	1,118.68	1,300.00	692.33		1,147.00
300-7-10-20-220.001 W/C, Unempl Exp	1,394.00	1,212.00	1,360.00			1,218.00
300-7-10-20-340.005 Water Testing/Samples	2,000.00	647.00	1,000.00	942.50		1,000.00
300-7-10-20-424.000 Water Grounds Maint	600.00	601.16	600.00	602.00		700.00
300-7-10-20-424.001 Water Truck Use Reimburse	1,500.00	1,375.00	1,500.00	660.00		1,400.00
300-7-10-20-430.000 Water Building Maint	500.00		500.00			500.00
300-7-10-20-431.000 Water Equip Maint	6,000.00	3,497.06	2,500.00	4824.29		3,500.00
300-7-10-20-431.015 Generator Expense	100.00		100.00			100.00
300-7-10-20-520.000 Water Prop/Liab Ins	236.00	257.00	257.00			282.00
300-7-10-20-531.000 Water Postage	200.00	200.00	200.00			200.00
300-7-10-20-531.005 Water Heat-Pump H	1,200.00	999.59	1,300.00	525.84		1,200.00
300-7-10-20-560.000 Water Dues/Memberships	300.00	270.00	350.00			300.00
300-7-10-20-565.000 Water Education	500.00	24.00	500.00	32.00		500.00
300-7-10-20-570.000 Water Permit/Licenses	1,000.00	129.66	500.00	424.90		1,000.00
300-7-10-20-610.000 Water Billing	500.00	500.00	500.00			500.00
300-7-10-20-610.005 Water Supplies	2,000.00	2,561.41	3,000.00	1506.93		3,000.00
300-7-10-20-622.000 Water Electricity	6,000.00	4,933.24	5,500.00	2527.67		5,500.00
300-7-10-20-740.000 Water Equipment	500.00	2,519.52	500.00	36.27		1,000.00
300-7-10-20-810.000 Water Reserve Fund			0.00			
300-7-10-20-990.000 Water Misc Expense	500.00		500.00			100.00
Total Water Expense	44,407.00	35,468.42	39,967.00	21,824.48	39,147.00	39,147.00

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
SEWER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020		July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	
	FY 19		FY20		FY21	
Sewer Income	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Comments
300-6-00-10-000.006 Sewer Res. Bank Int.	37.00	101.88	37.00	31.85		
300-6-00-10-010.005 Sewer Current Fees	55,381.00	52,430.97	49,781.00	33,441.57		
300-6-00-10-010.010 Sewer Delinquent Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00			
300-6-00-10-010.015 Sewer Connection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00			
300-6-00-10-010.020 Sewer Interest	500.00	379.74	500.00	135.12		
300-6-00-10-010.030 Sewer Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00			
300-6-00-10-010.035 Special Project Income	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Total Sewer Income	55,881.00	52,912.59	50,318.00	33,608.54	0.00	
Sewer Expenses						
300-7-10-10-110.000 Sewer Operator	16,000.00	16,880.50	17,000.00	7,406.75	17,000.00	
300-7-10-10-110.005 Sewer Operator Asst	1,000.00	851.65	1,000.00	218.50	1,000.00	
300-7-10-10-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense	1,300.50	1,355.83	1,300.00	582.94	1,300.00	
300-7-10-10-220.001 W/C, Unempl Exp	1,319.00	1,212.00	1,360.00		1,374.00	
300-7-10-10-330.000 Sewer Engineering	2,500.00	2,800.00	2,000.00	2,900.00	3,000.00	
300-7-10-10-340.000 Sewer Testing/Samples	1,500.00	1,292.62	2,500.00	1,629.43	1,600.00	
300-7-10-10-340.001 Sewer Telemetering	500.00	607.95	500.00		1,000.00	
300-7-10-10-424.000 Sewer Grounds Maint	2,300.00	2,020.48	2,000.00	1,252.00	2,200.00	
300-7-10-10-424.001 Sewer Truck Use Reimburse	1,500.00	1,375.00	1,500.00	660.00	1,500.00	
300-7-10-10-431.000 Sewer Repairs	6,000.00	936.22	2,500.00	2,060.23	3,000.00	
300-7-10-10-431.005 Sewer Tanks Maint	10,000.00	9,351.39	11,000.00	11,836.10	12,000.00	
300-7-10-10-431.015 Sewer Generator	100.00	129.95	100.00		100.00	
300-7-10-10-520.000 Sewer Prop/Liab Ins	796.00	858.00	858.00		1,058.00	
300-7-10-10-531.000 Sewer Postage	200.00	200.00	200.00		200.00	
300-7-10-10-565.000 Sewer Education	100.00	24.00	100.00		100.00	
300-7-10-10-570.000 Sewer Permits/Licenses	2,500.00	3,199.21	1,000.00	220.00	2,500.00	
300-7-10-10-610.000 Sewer Billing	500.00	500.00	500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-10-610.005 Sewer Supplies	500.00	219.02	1,000.00	17.84	1,000.00	
300-7-10-10-622.000 Sewer Electricity	2,500.00	2,673.37	2,700.00	1,174.38	2,800.00	
300-7-10-10-655.000 Sewer Special Projects	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00		500.00	
300-7-10-10-810.000 Sewer Reserve Fund	0.00	12,437.96	0.00			
300-7-10-10-990.000 Sewer Misc Expense	200.00	0.00	200.00		100.00	
Total Sewer Expense	52,315.50	58,925.15	50,318.00	29,958.17	53,832.00	

Road Foreman's Report

In addition to our normal maintenance duties of plowing, sanding, grading, brush cutting and maintaining the vehicles, we had unexpected things thrown in this year. On April 15, with warm temperatures, snow melt and heavy rains, we had many roads take major damage. The crew worked diligently and many long days in an effort to get a lot of the roads passable.

We rented an excavator that enabled us to dig, clean and shape nearly 30,000 feet of ditch and replace 22 culverts, most of which were upgraded from 15"-18" to 18"-24". There were 9 additional culverts installed by hired contractors. Some of this work was funded by grants.

We also widened a corner on Cyaara Drive to help with winter maintenance. On Bingo Road we set over approximately 175 feet of the roadway away from a failing bank. There was also a major project on Bethel Mountain Road performed by a hired contractor.

We will continue to work aggressively to maintain and upgrade the roadway drainage system which we hope that will minimize future damage from flooding.

John Champion
Road Foreman

Rochester Lister's Report

Grand List 2019

This past year was the seventh year after the whole town was reappraised by Automated Property Assessment Service.

The most recent Equalization Study, produced by the Vermont State Tax Department, Property Valuation and Review Division, indicates our Rochester Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 109.89. This indicates that the values of the valid sales in Rochester are 9.89% less than their listed value.

The Equalization Study also produced a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) value for the valid sales in Rochester of 14.9. This indicates that there is, compared to last year's value of 16.44, a modestly decreasing disparity between the valid sale prices of comparable properties.

Neither the CLA nor COD computed values are of a magnitude that would cause the State to force us to plan a whole town reappraisal.

Respectfully submitted,
Jess Arsenault, Caroline Meagher, Louis Donnet
Rochester Listers

Cemetery Commissioners Report

The Rochester Cemetery Commission is a five-member board elected at Town Meeting. The Commission oversees the seven cemeteries located in Rochester: Woodlawn, Village, North Hollow, Bingo, West Hill, Tupper and Little Hollow. Lot sales are by authority of the Cemetery Commission. Cemetery lots remain available in all cemeteries except the Village and Tupper Cemeteries. All proceeds from the sale of lots are paid into the town treasury, kept in a separate account, to be used solely for the care, maintenance, and improvement of the burial grounds. Contact Cemetery Commission Chair Tom Paquette with inquiries about lot availability and rates.

Lot rates:

	Single (typically 4 ½' x 9')	Double (9'x9')	Quadruple (9'x18')	Octuple (18'X18')
Lot Sale	\$200	\$400	\$800	\$1,600
Perpetual Care	\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000

There are established regulations for all the cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Rochester Cemetery Commission, which were adopted on September 2, 2008. Current regulations include:

- Lot cornerstones must be purchased from the Commission at the time of the sale.
- No burials shall be performed after Nov. 15 or before May 1, except under certain conditions.
- No more than eight cremated remains may be buried in a single lot.
- All grave decorations will be removed when they become unsightly and, in any case, by November 15.
- Repair/Replacement/Cleaning of stones on lots is the responsibility of the lot owner.
- The right to plant permanent herbage, flowers, shrubs or trees shall only be with permission of the Commission. Any planting done without permission will give the Commission the right to remove it.

For a copy of the complete regulations, contact any Commissioner.

Routine maintenance continues at all seven of Rochester's cemeteries. This past year saw increased cemetery boundary maintenance at Bingo and North Hollow Cemeteries, including removal of encroaching vegetation, and fence repair. Headstone cleaning and repair has continued with donated funds, focusing at North Hollow Cemetery. Thanks to Steve Twitchell and his crew for their care and effort. Additional stone cleaning was accomplished in Bingo and West Hill Cemeteries by volunteers led by retired Forest Service Archaeologist Dave Lacy.

Rochester Cemetery Commissioners:

Tom Paquette, Chair	Marv Harvey
Java Hubbard	Joe Schenkman
Nancy Woolley	

One Planet Afterschool Program
Bethel, Chelsea, Newton, Sharon, Stockbridge
Rochester, Royalton, Tunbridge

We want to thank the Rochester community for your generous support of \$3,125 for our 2019 Summer Camp. Please see below for a report on the 2019 Summer Camp.

This past summer Stockbridge and Rochester One Planet again partnered to offer “Rockbridge One Planet Summer Camp”. We had 44 children in grades K-6 participate; 23 of these participants were Rochester residents. Projects included hands-on group games during “Team Building” week, outdoor adventures and nature art during “Eco Kids”, creating unique mosaics during “Amazing Mosaics”, expanding cultural awareness during “Hawaiian Hullabaloo”, and exploring local bike trails during “Mountain Bike” week. Students also wrote about their adventures daily during Reading and Journaling, had theme related weekly field trips and a weekly swim trip. Lastly, 23 students participated in two weeks of swimming lessons at the Bethel Pool. All of our swimmers made great progress and over 60% passed to the next level. Summer 2019 was a summer of fun and growth!

One Planet strives to support local families by offering comprehensive programs that are affordable. Currently, 60% of our participants qualify for free or reduced lunches. The actual cost of our summer program is roughly \$250 per week. In order to make our programming affordable, we rely on a wide variety of funding sources, including 21 CCLC grant funds, parent fees, childcare subsidy, school funds and local town funding, so that all families can make use of this resource regardless of their ability to pay.

Thank you, Town of Rochester, for supporting our program and the youth who live in our town.

Carrie McDonnell, One Planet Program Director
cmcdonnell@wrvsu.org
(802) 763-7775, ext 4

Rochester Volunteer Fire Department

The Rochester Volunteer Fire Department thanks the Rochester community and Selectboard for their support and confidence.

The Department currently has 21 members, including one junior members (16-18 years of age). We are always looking for new members, especially anyone working in town who can be readily available for calls during daytime hours. As with most fire departments statewide, ours is an aging department with 30% of our volunteer firefighters in their 60s. We have two meetings each month; one is a regular meeting and the other a work/training session. ***We need your participation and assistance.*** Anyone interested in learning about and/or joining the Fire Department is encouraged to contact me, or any member of the department.

During 2019, RVFD responded to 34 calls:

4 Chimney Fires	2 House Fires
2 Auto Fires	2 Motor Vehicle Accidents
6 False Alarms	2 Mutual Aid calls/Emergency Services
4 Downed Power Lines	3 Fire Alarm
3 Carbon Monoxide Detector call	1 Gas leak
1 Search & Rescue	4 Wildland Fires

For several years we have held our annual Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast, an event everyone looks forward to, at the Town's 'new' Fire House. And this year will be no different. Mark your calendar and join us – your volunteer firefighters and their families, for our 2020 pancake breakfast on **Easter Sunday, April 12**, to be held at the Fire House. This is our primary fundraiser, and we are indebted to Rochester's businesses, townspeople and visitors who contribute to and attend this breakfast, and we are indebted to and rely on our firefighters and their families who assist with cooking, serving and cleaning up. Come and join with your family and friends to make it our best pancake (real Maple syrup), scrambled egg and sausage breakfast ever! All of us look forward to sharing this time with you.

As you may know, the Fire Department solicited donations to purchase a generator which would support our communications systems – fire, town, school, and rescue. We take this opportunity to say thank you to the many people who responded and so generously donated to this important cause.

So as to ensure the safety of our firefighters, our firefighting gear is continually upgraded. With assistance from the Town, we anticipate adding new air pacs and safety clothing.

It is critical to both Fire and Rescue that all homeowners ensure that their homes have reflective 9-1-1 house or street numbers. Reflective numbers must be at least 4-inches in height. If you live on a long driveway or road, ensure that your name and street number are prominently visible at the beginning of your driveway. As many of our volunteers may not be totally familiar with all road and family names, Fire and Rescue will certainly appreciate your efforts, and you, too, will be the beneficiary.

The Fire Department also recommends that each home have smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. Batteries should be changed when the clocks turn from standard time to daylight savings time, and vice versa – twice annually.

As your Fire Chief, I am grateful to the members of our Volunteer Department for their many hours, not just in responding to calls, but for time spent in training, flooding SkateSpace, equipment maintenance and fundraising.

If you have any questions regarding the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department, please contact me, or Rochester's Assistant Fire Chiefs, Ray Harvey and Kevin Dougherty.

Terry Severy, Chief
Rochester Volunteer Fire Department

Rochester Public Library Report

March 2020

While circulating traditional library items is still our main business, we are always looking how to best provide services our community needs and wants. Last year we loaned books and movies to area residents valued at over \$129,000. We sponsored 82 programs and hosted 35 more.

Programming at this library isn't just your traditional book club. Over the past few years, the library has been building our connection to the community through our extensive range of programming from dancing toddlers to end of life planning. There's always something new going on at the library. Last year, 1,366 people attended programs at the library!

New programs planned for families in 2020 include a weekly "Out-to-Lunch" a time for moms to catch up with friends while the kids are at school, After School Movies, and evening music or movies for adults with child care available on site.

Libraries definitely aren't just about books anymore. As a lending library, we are moving away from being only about education and entertainment to creating a place where community members can pool their resources to meet other needs as well.

We are expanding our mission to become a place to lend a curated collection of "things" in addition to books and films. This Lending Library of Things will begin in January with folding chairs and tables for family gatherings. Over the year we will be rolling out more categories of things.

We intend to be adding a collection of fine art (paintings, sculpture, pottery, glass, etc.) convalescent supplies (walkers, crutches, shower chair, etc.) small appliances, electronics, toys, sports equipment, party supplies, gardening and crafting supplies, cooking and baking pans, and all manner of things!

This Lending Library of Things is dependent upon donations for the success of the program. Contact the library if you would like to make a donation of art or goods in "like new" condition to this program.

Tony Goupee, Kelly Kelly, Jolanta Labejsza, Lynn Moltz, and Barbara Shenton, Trustees

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**ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY - Budget for Town Report
2018-2019**

	Budget	Actual	2019-2020 Budget	2020-2021 Budget
Unrestricted Income				
Town Appropriated Funds	40,625.00	40,625.00	45,625.00	45,625.00
Book sale, fines, copies, interest etc.	1,237.00	1,079.46	925.00	910.00
Fundraising & donations	250.00	1,618.00	2,636.00	2,779.00
Donations from Granville	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Space Rental	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Volunteer / corporate match		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Current Unrestricted Revenues	42,862.00	46,072.46	51,936.00	52,064.00
Unrestricted income from savings / investments				
Kirkpatrick endowment fund income	8,700.00	8,700.00	3,326.00	3,326.00
Excess Transfers from endowment	5,059.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total withdrawn from unrestricted savings / invest.	13,759.15	8,700.00	3,326.00	3,326.00
Total Unrestricted Income	56,621.15	54,772.46	55,262.00	55,390.00
Unrestricted Expenses				
Utilities	4,530.00	3,959.97	4,670.00	4,670.00
Computers, support & supplies	3,290.00	1,439.95	2,250.00	2,200.00
Memberships & Volunteers	375.00	301.10	650.00	650.00
Mileage/ Continuing Ed	465.00	316.13	469.00	470.00
Postage, supplies, misc.	1,462.00	1,248.05	1,600.00	1,480.00
Fund Raising	500.00	251.50	450.00	400.00
Programs	900.00	900.00	1,720.00	1,720.00
Personnel expenses (salary,taxes,benefits x 4)	38,817.15	37,295.87	35,340.00	35,882.00
Library Building Insurance	2,317.00	2,514.00	2,514.00	2,514.00
Building & Grounds Repairs/Maintenance/supplies	3,900.00	4,289.32	5,175.00	5,125.00
Total General Unrestricted Expenses	56,556.15	52,515.89	54,838.00	55,111.00
Restricted Funds Income				
Memorial Fund Donations and Interest	250.00	669.59	5.00	5.00
Adopt an Author	1,500.00	1,162.24	1,200.00	1,200.00
Bennett Fund Dividend	125.00	128.76	125.00	125.00
State DOL grants	590.00	942.50	590.00	590.00
Annual Campaign Fund Donations and Interest	5,000.00	11,987.01	5,000.00	5,000.00
Window Grant (one time grant reimbursement)			4,856.00	0.00
Misc & Interest	275.00	510.98	286.00	281.00
Total Restricted Funds Current Income	7,740.00	15,401.08	12,062.00	7,201.00
Restricted funds Transfer in from savings				
Wing Endowment Fund	7,500.00	7,500.00	3,459.00	3,459.00
Memorial & Bennett Fund	575.00	408.48	400.00	400.00
Capital Campaign		737.56	0.00	0.00
Window Grant Expense (from Restoration Fund)	4,856.00	4,856.00	0.00	0.00
Window Restoration Fund	4,969.00	4,969.46	0.00	0.00
Program expenses paid from annual appeal		1,857.73	2,700.00	2,700.00
Total Restricted Funds Transferred In	17,900.00	20,329.23	6,559.00	6,559.00
Total Restricted Income	25,640.00	35,730.31	18,621.00	13,760.00
Restricted Expenses				
State DOL Grant expenses	780.00	1,010.00	1,430.00	980.00
Adopt an Author	1,500.00	1,023.98	1,200.00	1,500.00
Wing Fund Expenditures (Books & materials)	7,800.00	7,312.95	3,459.00	3,459.00
Memorial fund book purchases	400.00	408.48	400.00	400.00
Program expenses from 2018 donations	0.00	1,857.73	2,700.00	2,700.00
Annual campaign project	9,856.00	9,825.46	5,000.00	5,000.00

Total restricted expenses	20,336.00	21,438.60	14,189.00	14,039.00
Total current income	50,602.00	61,473.54	63,998.00	59,265.00
Total funds transferred from savings	31,659.15	29,029.23	9,885.00	9,885.00
Total Revenue All Sources	82,261.15	90,502.77	73,883.00	69,150.00
Total unrestricted expenses	56,556.15	52,515.89	54,838.00	55,111.00
Total restricted expenses	20,336.00	21,438.60	14,189.00	14,039.00
Total RPL Expenses	76,892.15	73,954.49	69,027.00	69,150.00



WHITE RIVER VALLEY

AMBULANCE, INC

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

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

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

WHAT WE DO MAY INTEREST YOU

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

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

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

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

White River Valley Ambulance 2020 Funding Request Summary

DRAFT 3.1 - Final (re-allocated 12/11/19)

	2019 BUDGET	2019 EST. ACTUAL	2020 BUDGET	% CHANGE FROM 2019 BUDGET TO 2020 BUDGET	COMMENTS
Total Runs	1,363	1,472	1,500	10.1%	
Billable Runs	1,056	1,088	1,080	2.3%	Projected volume based on increased call volume during 2019 resulting from increase in number of inter-facility transfers.
NET REVENUE (net of town contributions and donations)	\$625,442	\$691,658	\$690,219	10.4%	WRVA management expects that the level of inter-facility runs will be maintained in 2020.
Wages & Salaries	\$831,774	\$826,889	\$863,546	3.8%	The lack of available EMTs and medics in the market forces the utilization of greater overtime hours. WRVA plans to offer another EMT training program in 2020, paid for by participants or their sponsors.
Employee Benefits	\$163,847	\$107,384	\$123,229	-24.8%	#####
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$37,904	\$36,567	\$39,683	4.7%	This is a function of payroll and our experience rating.
FICA Taxes	\$59,461	\$60,027	\$62,796	5.6%	This is a function of payroll.
State and Federal Unemployment Taxes	\$17,700	\$19,063	\$22,000	24.3%	This is a function of payroll and unemployment claims.
Administrative Expense	\$160,841	\$164,003	\$164,560	2.3%	Examples: accounting, billing, insurance, Medicaid Provider Tax
Depreciation	\$107,961	\$107,265	\$96,102	-11.0%	End of depreciation for 2015 ambulance lowers depreciation for 2020.
Other Expense	\$123,462	\$161,893	\$127,284	3.1%	Increases in the cost of diesel and heating fuel, expenses associated with the aging of two of the ambulances. However, most of the repairs to the building have been completed
Non-income statement and non-cash items	-\$74,694	-\$49,296	-\$46,379	-37.9%	Examples: payments of loan principal, capital fund, allowance for bad debt
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,428,256	\$1,433,795	\$1,452,820	1.7%	
CASH DEFICIT	-\$802,814	-\$742,137	-\$762,601	-5.0%	Difference between revenue received from insurers, Medicare, etc. and the cost to operate WRVA. A slight reduction from 2019 to 2020.
Total Service Population	12,728	12,728	12,728	0.0%	
PER CAPITA REQUEST TO FUND DEFICIT	\$63.00	\$63.00	\$60.00	-4.8%	A \$3.00 reduction in the per capita request from 2019 to 2020

Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Program

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

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

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

In May 2016 the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation approved the program's new "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for purposes of managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with objectives of current local/state/national priorities, and formally adopted by the selectboards of all eight member towns. The new SWIP which begins July 1, 2020 is currently being developed and when approved will run through June 2025.

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

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

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

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

The facility is open to the public on **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM** and **Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Information may be obtained during those hours by calling **763-2232**.

[Web Address: whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org](http://whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org)

Universal Recycling

Food Scrap Ban Guidance

Background

On July 1, 2020, Vermont state law bans disposal of food scraps in the trash or landfills.

Food scraps include pre- and post-consumer food waste that is derived from processing or discarding of food and that is able to be used through one of the following options: food donation for people in need, animal feed, composting, or anaerobic digestion.

On July 1, 2020, trash haulers must offer food scrap collection services to non-residential customers and apartments with 4 units or more, unless another hauler is willing to provide that service.

Why? Keeping food scraps out of the trash saves landfill space and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing food waste saves resources. Food donation has nearly tripled since the law was passed.

What will enforcement look like for the food waste ban?

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) prioritizes outreach and compliance efforts on the largest producers of food waste and on complaints we receive. ANR has enforcement authority under 10 V.S.A. Section 8003(a) for solid waste laws and all of Vermont's 11 landfill disposal bans, which includes the food waste ban. ANR has consistently prioritized education and outreach on the food waste ban and has worked to ensure options exist for food scrap collection and drop-off. ANR has supported grant funding for low-cost/subsidized residential composting bins as a way to encourage cost savings through home composting. ANR does not sort through residential trash bags looking for recyclables or food scraps.

Residents

Residents are separating their food scraps into buckets or bins and either using local food waste drop-offs (like transfer stations) or curbside food scrap haulers, or composting at home.

Vermont state law allows residents who compost at home to dispose of meat and bones in the trash even after July 1, 2020.

Residents are NOT required to compost at home and can choose to bring food scraps to drop-off facilities or use curbside food scrap haulers. Residents can ask their trash hauler if they provide food scrap collection. Residents can find drop-off facilities and food scrap haulers at VTrecycles.com or by contacting their local solid waste management entity at 802recycles.com.

To learn how to prevent food waste and manage your food scraps, visit VTrecycles.com.

Granville First Response
A division of the
Granville Volunteer Fire Department

“Proudly serving Granville, Vermont and the surrounding communities since 1951”

The 2018-19 fiscal year has been, once again, a challenging year for our department and I thank our communities for the support they have shown our members. I would also like to update you on a few highlights of the past and current year.

The 2018-19 fiscal year showed a continued increase in emergency calls for our combined service area of Granville, Hancock, and Rochester. We expect this upward trend to continue in the upcoming fiscal year. Most of the call volume continues to be emergency medical service calls.

This year we have proposed a stipend program which would compensate our responders at a rate of \$10 per call they respond to. To be compensated, members would have to meet training and certification standards. This program was developed as a means of retaining current personnel and reduce turnover.

In FY20 Granville First Response responded to a total of 125 emergency calls in its service area. 81 calls were to Rochester. A per capita charge of \$5.68, based on the 2010 census figure of 1139, will increase Rochester’s contract with Granville First Response to \$6,472, which includes the new \$10.00 stipend program.

In the current year, we are continuing our membership drive. Our emphasis is to increase the number of fire and rescue personnel, but we are also looking for emergency medical personnel. These individuals must be at least 16 years old and have a clean criminal record. No prior experience is necessary, and training is provided. Currently two Rochester residents participate in Granville’s program. It is hoped to attract more Rochester people who would go through training and be outfitted with a jump kit. Serious applicants should possess a desire to serve your community and help your neighbors in times of need.

If you would like to know more about what we do, or are interested in joining, please speak with me or any of our current members.

Stay safe.

Dan Sargeant, Fire Chief
Cell phone: (802) 349-5774

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation

Annual Report FY19 ~ 7/1/18 – 6/30/19

- 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 8 years, GMEDC has purchased 2 commercial facilities for tenants needing assistance, and this spring we completed construction of a beautiful 28,000sf facility in Randolph for LEDdynamics, a rapidly growing lighting manufacturer. This was made possible by a \$1M Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and mortgage financing from VEDA. Combined, these three companies have direct employment of over 275 people and are most important to their respective towns.
- Working with DED, we provide customized and confidential assistance to out-of-state companies interested in relocating to Vermont, as well as small and large 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 businesses, organizations and community groups 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 and other business interruptions..
- 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 at no charge.
- GMEDC works collaboratively with Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission to encourage appropriate land use, settlement and transportation patterns that stimulate healthy and vibrant communities, as desired by our 30-member towns. Assignments have included providing guidance and support 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 improves local tax bases.
- We specific regard to activities in Rochester, we have worked on business analyses and projections with several folks and our SBDC Business Advisor (all confidential). We are also the proud owner of the Advanced illumination property on State Garage Road. Recently we have been assisting your townfolk brainstorm how they would like Rochester to maintain its status as “a beautiful place to live that is friendly and welcoming” as was expressed endlessly at the Envision Rochester gathering this past summer.

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TRORC 2018 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont, governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, 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 2019:

Technical Assistance on Planning

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.

Water Quality

TRORC staff was involved in the development of the White River Tactical Basin Plan as well as assisting with public hearings to gain input from community members. TRORC also completed several water quality grant projects with our town and non-profit partners that focused on stormwater master planning, scoping green stormwater infrastructure projects, and promoting watershed resiliency.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding 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 continued to serve as the Zone Agent for the Vermont Art Council's Creative Network, and is on the Council's statewide steering committee. TRORC also worked on public health projects, including incorporating health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management & Preparedness

TRORC conducted a statewide Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study to inform and update local emergency response plans, hazard analysis and response procedures. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials continued meeting the needs of our first responders. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Energy

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the state energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has begun working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont.

Transportation

TRORC is managing the 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. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, up sizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically in Rochester this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan, the hazard mitigation plan and the Rochester Town Plan. TRORC participated in securing the Village Center Designation for Rochester and assisted the town with its development of an Enhanced Energy Plan. As part of the Grants-in-Aid program, ditching and culvert improvements on Marsh Brook Road were completed.

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

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

Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member inquiries. In 2019, VLCT continued to provide members with timely legal and technical assistance, including answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing legal compliance guidance, templates and research reports, many of which are available to our members on our website.
- **Training programs on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out the duties required by statute or are directed by town meeting mandates. The League provided training on various topics related to municipal law and governance to more than 1,000 members this past year.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, reducing carbon emissions, and ensuring water quality. Members are also represented at the federal level primarily through our partner, the National League of Cities, as well as directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust (VERB) provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs provide coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

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 progress we continue to make 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, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

**Windsor County Assistant Judges
Assistant Judges Jack Anderson and Ellen Terie**

The county held the preliminary budget meeting on December 11, and the final budget meeting on January 16. The 2020-2021 budget calls for the amount to be collected from countywide property taxes to be \$455,361, a slight increase of .016% over the current year's amount of \$448,185. The tax rate will be .0048368 per hundred dollars. Last fiscal year, the rate was .0048571 per \$100 of valuation; the year before that, it was .00483684 per \$100 of valuation. So, the rate is holding steady. What changes each year is the value of the grand list in the county, and in each town in the county.

For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, expenses are slightly down from FY19-20, \$570,137 to \$568,333. Income is projected to be slightly up from FY19-20, \$566,841 to \$568,333.

Pursuant to Title 24 §134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two equal installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2020.

Construction Bond Repayment

The Windsor County Court House rehabilitation was completed in 2014. We are now in the sixth year of repayment of the bond. A rate of .00257238 is assessed to collect the total 2020 bond repayment of \$240,747. As with the county tax, towns may elect to submit this bond repayment in two payments, on or before July 5 and November 5, 2020.

Projects completed in the Past Year

The County completed the following projects on its properties as 12 The Green and 62 Pleasant Street:

- the parking lot at the county building was repaved and re-striped;
- the courtroom lights were switched from metal halide bulbs to led bulbs;
- We purchased and installed interior storm windows on the first and second floors of the Sheriff's office;
- The second story windows on the Court House were prepped and repainted;
- The entryway to CVTV8 (our tenant upstairs at the County Building) was expanded and hard-packed.

In the works for summer 2020 – a new roof membrane over the cell block in the rear of 62 Pleasant Street.

Windsor County Sheriff's Department

Starting on July 1, 2019, the Sheriff's Department signed a contract with the Town of Rochester to operate two, four hour patrols each week. Beginning in January 2020, the Town authorized an additional shift and we have increased our coverage to three, four hour patrols each week.

During the six-month period in 2019, we made 111 motor vehicle stops. While patrolling in the town, we also handle any calls that come in. We notify the Vermont State Police when we are in town, and if any calls come in to them, the Vermont State Police will give us the call. During that 6-month period we had 10 of those calls. We also try to do some back-road coverage.

Two Deputies patrol in Rochester ~ Sergeant Mike Ruse, and myself, Claude Weyant. Sgt. Ruse has worked in the Town of Springfield, as an Investigator at the Department of Motor Vehicles, and as an investigator at the Secretary of State's office. He brings a wealth of experience to the Sheriff's Department and is the Sheriff's Department investigator. My law enforcement career began in 1982 in Beaumont, Texas. I transferred to the Windham County Sheriff's Department in 1985 where I stayed for 12 years, transferring to the Windsor County Sheriff's Department in 1997.

Sergeant Ruse and I have thoroughly enjoyed working in Rochester. The people in town have been very kind and helpful to us. It has been a privilege for us to serve the citizens of Rochester.

If you have a non-emergency situation, where you would like us to stop by the next time we are in town, or would like a call from us, you can contact us at 802-457-5221. In an emergency situation, Dial 911.

Claude E. Weyant, Captain
Windsor County Sheriff's Department

Central Vermont Council on Aging

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For more than 40 years, the Central Vermont Council on Aging has been the primary agency serving older Vermonters aged 60 and over, as well as their families and caregivers throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. We are a private non-profit that assists these elders 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 other resources.

The funding provided by the 54 Central Vermont towns we serve is essential to CVCOA and directly serves its mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting seniors to a wide array of benefit programs and services that they need in order to thrive. The financial support received from Rochester helps to ensure that resources are available to support the well-being of older Rochester residents.

Some of the options we make available include:

- Senior HelpLine – (800) 642-5119 – has answers to hundreds of 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 92 Rochester residents. Case Manager Kathryn Schenkman is designated to work directly with the seniors in Rochester. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 1,838 hours of service to Rochester seniors.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Rochester 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

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services for over 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 www.claramartin.org.

Town funds support services to the under and uninsured and allows the Clara Martin Center to assist the community in its service needs as a whole. It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these successes.

FY18 Total Served by CMC		Total Served from Rochester	
Children & Family Services	545	Children & Family Services	7
School Services	110	School Services	2
Adult Services	658	Adult Services	13
CSP Services	166	CSP Services	4
Supportive & Transitional Housing	26	Supportive & Transitional Housing	0
Substance Abuse Services	497	Substance Abuse Services	8
Corrections Services	71	Corrections Services	1
Emerg. Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	430	Emerg. Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	9
JOBS Access	106 1236	JOBS Access	0 16
Total Served - (unduplicated)	2270	Total seen:	34
CVSAS	596	CVSAS	1

Green Up Vermont Saturday, May 2, 2020

Green Up Day will mark its 59th Anniversary in 2020, with over 22,700 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont is a private, nonprofit organization, not a State Agency, whose mission is to promote and organize a statewide clean-up day, always the first Saturday in May, and to raise public awareness for a litter free environment.

Quick litter statistics from 2019: 43 tons of litter and over 2,100 tires were collected. This data is from only about half of our participating towns that filed post-Green Up reports. We will be striving to obtain better statistics for 2020.

People can choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long term.

Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces. Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 14% of our operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education and two part-time employees. **Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away.**

We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program, but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here. Rochester's Coordinator for 2020 is Nick Piccicuto.

**Save the Date and Mark your calendar: May 2, 2020 – Green Up Day
A Vermont tradition since 1970!**

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day.
Always the first Saturday in May.**

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Vermont Green Up Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Orange County Parent Child Center

The Orange County Parent Child Center, Inc. (OCPCC) is a non-profit organization serving Orange and northern Windsor counties. Our mission is to help families with young children build a sense of place within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy and wellness opportunities. Since 1989, families and providers have come to know and access us as their primary community resource for any topic or need related to children and families.

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 for children 6 weeks to 6 years, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 8 families from Rochester, including 7 adults and 15 children.

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Quintown Center for Senior Citizens

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is based in Hancock and since 1972, has given the senior citizens of our Valley a place to go for onsite meals and socializing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. We also provide nutritionally balanced meals delivered to homebound members through our Meals on Wheels program. But the much appreciated reimbursement we receive from the Central Vermont Council on Aging just isn't enough to meet our needs.

The Quin-Town Center Citizens is requesting a donation from each of the surrounding towns that comprise the Center. Our request from Rochester is \$9,849.00 for the coming year. We have supplied nearly 5,300 meals this past year at the Center and through our Meals-On-Wheels program. Our doors are open to meet our seniors' needs. We create a warm and inviting atmosphere for our seniors to socialize; we serve local foods as much as possible, and we provide nutritional information and education. Our Meals-On-Wheels program not only provides healthy meals to seniors, but also provides an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors. If Meal-On-Wheels clients are not home or don't answer the door when we attempt to deliver their meals, we follow up with them later in the day and/or call their emergency contact so they can check in as well.

Our donation request will cover a portion of the operating budget not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Therefore, each contributing town and its citizens become participants in the successful operation of our program which provides quality meals and social enrichment for our neighbors and relatives within our five communities.

We continue to supplement our funds with a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events. The Quin-Town Board of Directors and staff thank you for your generous support and considering our current request.

Board of Directors: Natalie Clook, President ~ Kent Butterfield, Vice President & Treasurer
Members: Annette West, Bev Allen, Marjorie Foley, Michael Perkowski, Linda Reed
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Safeline, Inc.

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, 2019, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 2,732 services for 355 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse. 8 services were provided for 2 victims who identified themselves as residents of Rochester. It is likely that this statistic is understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most 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 (1-800-639-7933). Survivors can 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 these direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and committed to changing our 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 seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

Along with town appropriations, Safeline utilizes state, local and private grants to provide services to Rochester. We also conduct fundraisers, and solicit annual appeals and donations. Rochester's financial support has a tremendous impact on Safeline's ability to offer critical programming we might not otherwise be able to provide.

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

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Stagecoach

Thanks you for your support of community transportation services. In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 1,478 door-to-door rides for Rochester residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. An additional 1,577 rides originated from Rochester stops on our fixed-route bus system. That's a 116% increase from the previous year! Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-A-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of 112,571 rides. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare 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 Rochester, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult daycare services, pharmacies, food shopping and social services.
- **Bus System** – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Rochester residents can access bus services** from town to The Sharon Academy and employment and shopping centers in Montpelier, Randolph, White River Junction and the Hanover-Lebanon, NH area.
- **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.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program (RFP), formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 22+ years of the program, nearly 1,100 grants totaling \$2.6 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

Over the past several years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made a number of adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing RFP systems, and drafting site development are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And now we consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY19 was \$154,325, of which \$63,450 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting Rochester to join nearly 100 towns and include a **\$100 appropriation** in your FY21 town budget in support of the Rural Fire Protection Program.

215 Vermont communities have benefitted from the RFP program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

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VNH – Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont & New Hampshire

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, 2018 and June 30, 2019, VNH made 998 homecare visits to 36 Rochester residents. This included approximately \$23,184 in unreimbursed care to Rochester residents.

- Home Health Care: 369 home visits to 28 residents with short-term medical or physical needs
- Long-Term Care: 34 home visits to 2 resident with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- Hospice Services: 593 home visits to 5 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- Skilled Pediatric Care: 2 home visits to 1 resident 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.

Rochester'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.

Hilary Davis, Director
Community Relations and Development

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White River Partnership – 2019

The White River Partnership (WRP) is a grassroots, membership-based, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 by a group of local people who shared an interest in keeping the White River healthy. The WRP envisions a White River valley in which individuals and communities work together to make informed decisions that result in clean water, fewer flood damages, improved access to the river, and more. Some 2019 highlights of our work are:

- The WRP coordinated 4 “Second Sunday Events” this summer – including a tree planting, river access trail clearing day, dam removal project tour, and river cleanup - **providing individuals and groups with hands-on opportunities to improve the White River.**
- The WRP worked with partners and 700 volunteers to **plant 4,500 native trees and shrubs** along the White River its tributaries – including 2 sites in Rochester – improving water quality, habitat, and flood resilience.
- The WRP worked with partners and 75 volunteers to **improve recreational access to the White River at 5 sites** by clearing river access trails and delineating parking.
- The WRP worked with partners and 90 volunteers to **remove over 2,500 pounds of man-made trash** at 20 sites along the White River, improving water quality and safe recreational access
- WRP staff and 25 trained volunteers **completed the 19th year of our water quality monitoring program**, testing three parameters at 22 sites – including Lion’s Club Park – Rochester – every two weeks from May through September. We shared results via e-mail, our website, and our Facebook page.
- The WRP worked with the town of Rochester, partners, and a consultant to **design a stormwater mitigation project at the Rochester Town Garage.**
- The WRP worked with partners to engage 300 students and teachers from 10 watershed schools – including Rochester Elementary School – in our freshwater Snorkeling program on the Green Mountain National Forest to **raise awareness about freshwater biodiversity.**

For more information:

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WomenSafe, Inc.

This past year **WomenSafe** staff and volunteers provided the following services:

- 4,800 in-person meetings and phone calls to 515 people.
- Worked with caregivers of a total of 325 children exposed to violence.
- 213 supervised visits and monitored exchanges for 23 children.
- Prevention Programming reached:
 - 2,572 adults and youth through 355 presentations and workshops.
 - 948 adults and youth through 32 outreach events.
- 75 volunteers donated 8,691 hours of service.

Services provided to Rochester:

WomenSafe provided advocacy services to at least 2* Rochester residents, including the parents of at least 4 children exposed to violence.

*For safety, some people do not share their town of residence.

Contact Information:

Advocacy services are free and confidential.

24-Hour Hotline: (802) 388-4205 or (800) 388-4205

The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe: (802) 388-6783

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Web: www.womensafe.net

Kerri Duquette-Hoffman
Executive Director

ECFiber

ECFiber is a non-profit co-operative group of 23 small central Vermont towns that took on the task of supplying internet service when it became obvious that cable suppliers and the telephone companies weren't interested in serving small rural communities.

By mid-year 2019, after years of hard work building out the system, ECFiber has fulfilled its pledge to supply reliable state of the art internet service to every address in Rochester.

If you would be interested in having EC Fiber service at your home or business, please contact them at ECFiber.net, or at 802-763-2262.

Any questions can be addressed to John White, the local representative for ECFiber, at zensmithvt@gmail.com, or at 802-458-5080.



To our Rochester Community:

It's once again time for Park House to thank all of you for your generosity toward our home. We realize that allowing Park House to be tax-exempt puts an extra burden on every taxpayer, and we truly appreciate it. Without this exemption, Park House would not be able to continue as a home to so many people.

We have had a busy year at Park House. Brown Bag Lunches came back last March and have been very popular with both residents and community members. These are mostly musical interludes with local musicians (and some discussions) and are open to the public from 12-1 on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring your lunch and join us – we provide dessert and cold drinks.

We have applied for several grants to help offset the costs of replacing the older windows in the living room, and are hopeful that we may be considered, even though there are many other applicants looking for the same funding. Keep your fingers crossed!

One sad fact that we must share is that there will no longer be a phone directory. We have been blessed to have all the volunteer hours put into this project by Nancy Woolley and Priscilla Baker over the past years. The directory will be missed, but in this era of cell phones, it's extremely difficult to pull together all the information needed. Thank you, Nancy and Priscilla!

Park House has been home to over 150 people since opening in 1991. Because of the wonderful people in Rochester, we hope to continue for many more years. Thank you all for your continued support and generosity!

Sincerely,

Joanne McDonnell
Executive Director

(802) 767-3416
director@parkhousevt.org

Green Mountain National Forest

Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) employees depend heavily on support from municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The Forest thanks you all for the support and interest you have shown in helping us manage the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF. The GMNF, truly one of Vermont's treasures and the State's largest contiguous public land area, is proud to be a part of Vermont and, in particular, Rochester. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people – local residents and visitors. Happenings this past year included:

Heritage Program

Partner projects included artifact analysis with UVM Archaeology and VT Archaeological Society. Highlights included:

- Worked with and visited landowners and heritage sites within the Early Successional Habitat Creation (ESHC) project area to explain how archaeological sites are recorded and protected from activities proposed as part of the ESHC Project.
- Retired Forest Service personnel worked to preserve a number of cemeteries within the Forest Proclamation Boundary.

Road, Dam, & Facility Construction & Maintenance

In cooperation with federal, state and local governments, private contractors, and non-profit organizations, the GMNF Engineering staff repaired and maintained many roads, bridges, trails, and other facilities throughout the Forest. Some highlights are as follows:

Forest Facility Improvements & Maintenance: Completed the addition and renovations to the Rochester Ranger District Workshop and on-going maintenance and repairs to administrative buildings and infrastructure across the Forest.

Forest Road Cooperative Aid to Towns: Completed road improvement and maintenance projects in Granville and Rochester.

Forest Road Improvement Projects: Improved National Forest System roads in Granville, Hancock and Rochester. Replaced culverts, stabilized embankments, repaired storm damage, and resurfaced roads.

Forest Road Maintenance: Maintained Forest roads including, grading, culvert cleaning, mowing in Rochester and Hancock.

Recreation Programs

Highlights of the 2019 Recreation and Trail Program successes, acknowledging the collaborative effort between Forest Service employees, partner organizations, volunteers, state and local government representatives, and local businesses, include including VAST, VASA, RASTA, VYCC, VMBA, GMC, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Addison County & Killington Mountain Bike Clubs, CTA, Vermont Huts Assoc., and many more, including our dedicated campground hosts! With the help of the many hard-working volunteers and organizations we are able to provide a quality recreation experience.

Local Efforts:

- Forest Service Staff partnered with several organizations and local contractors to repair trails and replace/upgrade 17 trail bridges in Pittsfield, Rochester and Stockbridge.
- Construction in Killington & Rochester added Marsh Brook Connector, Old Gent's, Creamery Run and Pesky Cairn to mountain bike trail networks as part of the future Velomont, funded through State of Vermont Recreational Trail Program grants.
- In Rochester, collaborated with RASTA and local contractors to construct additional Rochester Valley Trails adjacent to the Ranger District office with connectivity provided by the generosity of local land owners. Site improvements at Bingo Brook Campground continue with a new entrance, kiosk and parking lot underway. Students from the Lexington School for the Deaf learned about our community while working on the National Forest and staying at Liberty Hill Farm.
- Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear visited Stockbridge students at various events to teach about wildlife biology and Leave No Trace principles.

Wilderness: The GMNF continued to implement the National Wilderness Stewardship Performance measures, including developing and implementing a Wilderness Interpretive Plan. A 2019 stewardship grant enabled the Forest Service to partner with the Society of Wilderness Stewardship to monitor and manage ecosystem processes with an emphasis on non-native invasive species and hydrology. Additionally, the Forest Service hired a Wilderness Technician to educate visitors about Leave No Trace principles while conducting monitoring efforts and data collection in wilderness areas.

Special Uses: The GMNF administered 111 Land Special Use Permits to standard along with 12 proposals and applications processed to a decision. 36 Recreation Special Use Permits were administered to standard, with 16 proposals and applications processed to a decision.

Botany Program

Botanical inventory for rare plants and non-native invasive plants was completed as part of a projects in areas around Rochester.

As a result of these inventories, and some monitoring trips, 16 new populations of rare plants were found of the following species: hairy woodmint, hay sedge, marsh willow-herb, meadow horsetail, butternut, Huron orchid, and roundleaf and large roundleaf orchids. Staff and volunteers also monitored 85 populations of already known rare plants Forest-wide, including some populations just off National Forest lands.

In support of the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association, of which the GMNF is a founding member, staff, with the help of Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, accomplished the following non-native invasive plants activities:

- Granville: Collected data on a new infestation of wild chervil at Rob Ford Meadows, and hand-pulled 26.3 acres of wild chervil on Forest Roads 50, 55, and 101.
- Hancock: Hand-pulled 5.8 acres of wild chervil at Texas Falls and Boyden Brook.
- Rochester: Recorded new infestations of Japanese barberry north of Bailey Road, and Japanese barberry and wall lettuce on Maple Hill; wall lettuce is a new species we are tracking. With the additional help of Sierra Club volunteers, staff also hand-pulled a small infestation of wall lettuce, plus infestations of wild chervil at the Rochester Ranger Station and near the entrance to Chittenden Brook Road, and flame-weeded Japanese barberry on Maple Hill.
- Pittsfield: Hand-pulled about an acre of wild chervil on the Spikehorn Trail, and some small infestations of wild chervil in Mayo Meadow, a short distance outside of the CWMA boundary.
- In June, provided wild chervil management direction to landowners, towns, and road crews via Front Porch Forum.

115 populations of rare plants Forest-wide were monitored. As part of the Robinson Integrated Resource Project, staff inventoried approximately 75 acres in Rochester, Hancock, Chittenden, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield. Grant funds received by the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Assn allowed for activities pertaining to non-native invasive plants to occur in Granville, Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield:

- A coordinator was hired to give an educational talk on non-native invasive plants, offering assistance to local landowners who wanted help developing treatment plans for their properties. Monitored 21 small infestations of non-native invasive plants, primarily wild chervil and garlic mustard, hand-pulling 17 along town and state roads as part of an “Early Detection Rapid Response”.
- Small infestations were controlled, but represent only a fraction of known infestations and were chosen because of their strategic location or because they are more feasible to control than others. Over 34 acres species were controlled in:
- Granville: Wild chervil on FR 50, 55, and 101; Japanese knotweed at Rob Ford Meadows (20.2 acres total)
- Hancock: Wild chervil and wall lettuce at Swan’s Mill (1.1 acres total)
- Rochester: Wild chervil surrounding the Rochester District Ranger Station (1.5 acres total) & Japanese barberry (0.2 acres).

In addition to infestations controlled within the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association boundary, many other small infestations were controlled by staff, contractors, volunteers, and partner organizations, including Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Green Mountain Club, and Appalachian Trail Conservancy. While these infestations represent only a fraction of known infestations and many more are unmapped, they were chosen because they are in strategic locations or because they are relatively more feasible to control than others.

Forest Vegetation Management

Some accomplishments for calendar year 2019:

- Three timber sales were sold in Chittenden, Goshen, Stamford and Rochester totaling approximately 10.1 million board feet of sawtimber and pulpwood.
- Timber sales were prepared in several towns, including Hancock and Rochester. These sales are associated with the Early Successional Habitat Project, the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project and the Robinson Integrated Resource Project.
- The Forest awarded contracts to remove damaged or diseased trees to prepare sites for reforestation on 255 acres in Granville, Hancock & Peru.
- The Forest awarded contracts for timber stand improvement and crop tree release work on 97 acres of young forest in Chittenden, Granville, Ripton and Winhall.
- The Forest planted over 31,000 oak, spruce and pine seedlings in Granville & Pownal.
- Staff cooperated with the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation and Middlebury College in the maintenance of Butternut Seed Orchards in Brandon and Middlebury. Seedlings were cultured from disease resistant trees found on State, private, and National Forest locations and were cross pollinated to further research and efforts to develop disease resistance.
- Staff sold two timber sales as part of the Robinson Integrated Resource Project. This project will include restoration activities and timber harvest on nearly 10,000 acres in Rochester, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield and Chittenden.
- Permits were sold for approximately 333 cords of firewood, 400 (estimated) Christmas trees, 840 pounds of wild apples, 2 tons of boughs, 400 pounds of spruce tips, and 200 pounds of wild mushrooms.
- Staff continued work in restoring native trees (including butternut, American chestnut and beech. GMNF employees located “challenged” beech trees that appeared to be resistant to beech scale insect in order to test their resistance.

Environmental Planning

Of special note on the northern part of the Forest, existing culverts along roads were approved for replacement with structures allowing free aquatic passage across Forest Road 24B (Moosalamoo Spur) in Goshen, and across the Lincoln Gap Road in Lincoln. There were also multiple special use permits issued for private land access (Rochester, Lincoln, and Winhall), powerline right of way in Ripton, communication tower site expansion (Warren), and various recreation events across the Forest.

Fisheries Improvement

- Forest staff monitored fish populations through the GMNF in 2019. This monitoring is part of a long term data collection effort to understand fish populations on the forest. Additional sites were sampled to support the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Streams in many towns were sampled during 2019 field season, including Rochester, Pittsfield, Hancock, and Granville.
- In Rochester the GMNF hosted the third annual freshwater Snorkeling Program. Over a two-week period in September, 350 students spent a full day learning about the importance of fresh water resources and aquatic ecosystems. Schools from Rochester, Rutland, Stockbridge, Bethel, Tunbridge, South Royalton, Chelsea, Randolph, Braintree, Killington and Pomfret participated. The White River Partnership has joined this effort and we look forward to providing this education opportunity for the foreseeable future. We are also looking for other watershed partners to expand this program.
- The GMNF, in cooperation with VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, continued the aerial stocking of native brook trout. A fishing derby was also held at King’s Pond in Rochester, in partnership with the Route 100 Lion’s Club.
- Riparian planting occurred at multiple sites within the White River watershed to help restore aquatic habitat. The GMNF assisted the White River Partnership, VT Youth Conservation Corps, and The Nature Conservancy at sites in Granville, Bethel, and Rochester. A portion of these plantings included Dutch elm disease resistant American elm.
- Stream restoration activities occurred through the forest enhancing aquatic habitat along 5.5 miles forested streams by reintroducing large wood material. Adding large wood material improves habitat conditions for aquatic organisms and restores stream processed. In this area, activities took place at Chittenden Brook in Rochester. Trout Unlimited has been a terrific partner in making this work happen on the Forest. In Rochester, the final phase of the West Branch restoration project was completed by restoring 1000 feet of stream channel. The West Branch project has been a multi-year effort to rehabilitate a site damaged during Tropical Storm Irene.

Wildlife Habitat Improvement

Wildlife habitat was improved and maintained through the creation and maintenance of early successional habitat important to many species. Approximately 200 acres of permanent upland openings were maintained by prescribed fire, mowing or mastication in several towns, including Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester and Stockbridge. Acreage of new permanent upland openings was created as part of timber harvests in Granville. Apple trees, which provide high-value wildlife food, were “released” by cutting competing vegetation in old orchards in several towns, including Rochester and Pittsfield.

- Wildlife biologists and technicians continued work with the VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife to monitor populations and habitat requirements of bats since the advent of white-nose syndrome. Forest Service staff are also working with Vermont biologists on an experiment to understand resistance to white-nose syndrome in little brown bats in Stockbridge.
- Peregrine falcon nest sites on the GMNF in Rochester and Stockbridge continue to be monitored, and closures to protect sensitive nesting habitat continue seasonally from March 15 to August 1 each year. The peregrine falcon was removed from the federal list of endangered and threatened species in 1999 and the VT State list of endangered species in spring 2005; however, the species remains on the Regional Forester Sensitive Species list.
- Forest Service State & Private Forestry, pollinator habitat was assessed in permanent upland openings located in several towns, including Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, and Rochester. Our objective was to understand the distribution of milkweed in forest openings and milkweed’s response to management activities and treatments within and near the Forest.
- In partnership with the VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, GMNF staff continued a program to monitor for the possible presence of the federally-threatened Canada lynx through the use of camera traps, to see if a breeding population occurs on the GMNF. Camera traps are monitored in several towns including Hancock and Granville, but monitoring has not provided evidence of breeding.

Soil/Water Monitoring

Best Management Practice monitoring took place throughout the Forest. This Program integrates water resources protection into management activities, and is intended to demonstrate compliance with the Clean Water Act. Forest Soil Disturbance Monitoring was conducted on 10 timber sale units throughout the Forest to estimate forest management effects on soil and water resources.

Long-term Ecosystem Monitoring

During 2015, a state-wide network of forest health monitoring plots was developed, building on past and existing forest health monitoring initiatives, including plots on the GMNF associated with the GMNF LEMP project, the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, and the State’s Hardwood Health Survey. This partnership led to the inclusion of 12 plots on the GMNF, including in Hancock and Rochester. Monitoring will provide insight into long-term changes occurring in relatively undisturbed forest ecosystems in response to atmospheric deposition, climate change, and invasive pests. Plots were monitored in 2017, 2018 & 2019.

Wildfire and Prescribed Fire Activities

- Fire management personnel accomplished 22 prescribed fires while suppressing 4 GMNF wildfires. Prescribed fire treatment objectives focused on hazardous fuel reduction in the forest, improving wildlife habitat and reinvigorating native blueberry patches. Prescribed burns occurred in Granville.
- 25 individuals provided support for the wildfire season locally and nationally assisting in the mobilization of resources or by directly responding to wildfires and hazard incidents.
- Fire management staff thank the dedicated firemen and women from volunteer and municipal fire departments who responded to and assisted in the suppression of wildfires occurring this past year on the GMNF.

Public Outreach / Conservation Education

Employees were available for questions from the public at the Addison County Fair & Field Days and the Rutland Fair, and traveled with Smokey Bear to Loudon, NH to participate in the Dale Jr. Foundation Safe Kids 301, and the celebration of Smokey’s 75th birthday (August 9, 1944). Hundreds of local children learned about bicycle safety and enjoyed the skins and skulls interpretive display on wildlife. A trip to Children’s Hospital in Boston was next where the skins and skulls program was made available to patients and televised internally. Smokey visited with 1,000+ kids, parents and staff, and thoroughly enjoyed his birthday and posing for pictures. Smokey Bear then headed for Fenway Park and participated in a Red Sox pregame celebration where he was recognized as a symbol of conservation and protection of America’s forests.

Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. You can also visit us at our website on-line:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl>. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenMountainFingerLakesNF/>

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2019 TOWN REPORT

This was a GREAT year for our organization with the establishment of the **Pierce Hall Community Fitness Center**. We gave tours of the fitness center immediately following the July 4th parade and started serving the community July 13th, with reduced rates and evening-only access hours while we got our systems up and running. We started Adult ballet classes led by Willow Broaddus in September and in October we began our official membership rates, with discounted fees for youth (14–21 yrs old), seniors (62+ yrs), families, and those who join for 3-month or year-long memberships. November 1st we added a key fob system so members could have independent access from 5 am until 9 pm 7 days a week. That has been a total game changer in terms of expanding use and memberships. We now have 60 members. We also have volunteer staffing 5–7 pm Mon, Tues, and Thurs, and fitness classes Monday and Thursday 5:30–6:30 pm led by Muffie Harvey. Yoga and dance/aerobic classes are planned for 2020.

We are grateful for the generosity of this valley for meeting matching funding challenges that allowed us to finance this project. Special thanks go to the Wyncote Foundation and our construction team partners: Vermont Integrated Architecture of Middlebury, Russell Construction of Rutland, and VHV of Winooski, who designed and built this beautiful two-room facility.

This fall we also refinished the floors in the auditorium and balcony. Come see how beautiful they look!!

Our other community activities in 2019 included the ever-popular Theme Dinner (this time a Hawaiian Luau complete with hula hoop contest), Pre-Ballet classes and recital, ice cream social, 4th of July Dash and assisting with the 4th of July barbecue, the Harvest Fair chariot photo booth, a Halloween party (co-sponsored with the Route 100 Lions Club), and the elementary school's Starry Night music performance.

We likewise are grateful for rentals of the hall this past year, including the Red Cross Blood Drives in the spring and fall, the Green Mountain Suzuki weeklong music camp in July, the Rochester Farmer's Market and Exchange's Spring and Winter Markets, the WRVP 40th anniversary Gala in October, and the annual RASTA Back Country Forum in November. Our tables and chairs continued to be rented for other off-site celebrations. Also, Pierce Hall continues to be a monthly meeting space for Rural Lodge #29 F&AM and the Route 100 Lions Club.

For inquiries about the Fitness Center or to use or rent the hall and its equipment, contact us using the information posted at the top of this report. Also let us know if you would like to join our e-mail list so we can keep you apprised of upcoming events and plans.

As an all-volunteer board, we send our thanks and appreciation for your continued support of the Pierce Hall Community Center. We hope you will approve another 5 years of abatement of town property taxes as we continue our work to fully restore Pierce Hall to its former glory. Thank you!

The 2019 Board of Directors

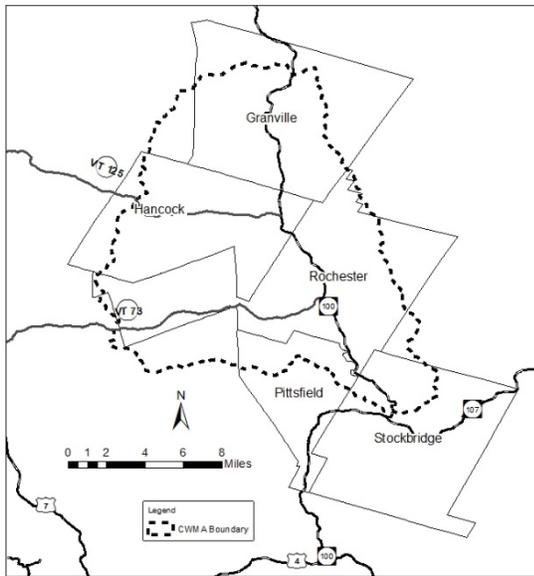
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with supporting team members

Janet Brown, Denise Chapin, Bryce Homick, Metta Rea, and Lesley Straus

Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association

2019 was the seventh year that the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association conducted non-native invasive plant surveys, outreach and control projects along town roads and trails located in the Upper White River watershed. See map of the project area.



CWMA partners include the **Green Mountain National Forest, US Fish & Wildlife Service, VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Town of Rochester, and White River Partnership**. The members are working together to raise awareness about and manage non-native invasive plants.

Non-native invasive plants are plants that are not originally from this area that have exhibited invasive tendencies, spreading rapidly and taking away habitat that native plants need to thrive. They have the potential to negatively impact land and water resources, recreational opportunities, biodiversity, wildlife, and property values. However, the community at large can play a hand in controlling invasives on their own properties and

community roads through early detection and rapid response activities.

2019 Summary:

CWMA Coordination: For the first time since 2011, no coordinator was hired because we were unable to secure grant funding; in previous years, this position has always been paid for by grants.

Monitoring and Control: Green Mountain National Forest staff recorded new infestations of Japanese barberry north of Bailey Road, and Japanese barberry and wall lettuce on Maple Hill; wall lettuce is a new species we are tracking. Staff, with the help of Sierra Club volunteers, supported the CWMA by hand-pulling this small infestation of wall lettuce, plus infestations of wild chervil at the Rochester Ranger Station and near the entrance to Chittenden Brook Road. Staff also flame-weeded Japanese barberry on Maple Hill.

While these infestations represent only a fraction of known infestations, and many more were unmapped, they were chosen because they are either in strategic locations, or are relatively more feasible to control than others, or are part of an ongoing effort in those locations.

Education & outreach: In June, staff provided wild chervil management direction to landowners, towns, and road crews via Front Porch Forum.

Interested landowners are encouraged to take action to control non-native invasive plants on their own properties, or to get involved with the Cooperative Weed Management Association. To get involved locally, contact MaryBeth Deller at the Green Mountain National Forest at mdeller@fs.fed.us or 802-767-4261 x 5524. To learn more about invasives in Vermont, visit the Vermont Invasives website: <http://vtinvasives.org>

Vermont Department of Health Rochester

Twelve local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number listed below. We provide a wide range of resources and services to 22 Vermont towns of the Upper Valley to promote health and wellness for all Vermonters. For example, in 2019 we:

Supported health for everyone in the community: We worked on a variety of projects and programs in partnership with schools, worksites, town offices, and local providers. We also served individuals and families right in our office. Our focus is on health equity because all people should have a fair and just opportunity to be healthy.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families; We served more than 900 residents of our district with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program, which provides individual nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables.

Ensured emergency preparedness: We worked 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.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: We investigated more than 90 infectious disease cases in our district. We also responded to New Hampshire's Hepatitis A outbreak by immunizing more than 125 vulnerable individuals in our region of Vermont against the disease.

Student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 61% of students in Windsor County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, we see efforts like mentoring and afterschool enrichment programs helping to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Substance misuse and abuse: Regional substance abuse prevention consultants worked with community groups, schools, human service agencies, hospitals, and law enforcement. One example is the availability of no-cost mail back envelopes to help residents dispose of unwanted medication.

Learn more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction>
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BIRTHS

Thatcher Gearwar

Sullivan McLoughlin

Reece Russell

Zachary Taylor

DEATHS

Viola Fuller

Frank Howlett

Patricia Lary

Wilma Sherlock

Norman Twitchell

David Warfel, Jr.

CIVIL UNIONS

Cole Chadwick
Christopher Offensend
Allen Brown
James McDevitt
Christopher Zint
Thomas Jordan
George Zeitler III
Brendon Lavernia
Ryan Finlay
Kevin Brown
Trista O'Brien
Phillip Cregg
Clay Walker
Thomas Hibler
Alexander Cekala
Bryce Homick

Gianna Murray
Jillian Duncan
Linda Gallagher
Morgan Creighton
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Jamie Leehy
Caitlyn Levin
Nicole Creech
Fayth Kestenbaum
Kaylin D'Ercole
Rebecca Brown
Mary Golden
Eliza Burns

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Members: Vic Ribaldo (Chairman), Rob Gardner (Coordinator), Doon Hinderyckx, Tom Schnabel, Pat Harvey, Jan McCann, Terry Severy, and John Champion.

Mission: (1) to know Rochester's vulnerabilities in the event of natural or manmade community-wide emergencies, (2) to plan and assure timely appropriate response to such emergencies, and (3) oversee recovery work to return the community to normal.

Command Center during an emergency: the Rochester Town Office. The Rochester Volunteer Fire Department building is the back-up Command Center if needed.

2019 activities: Responded to April 15 rain storm and road damage. Annual review and revisions of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and submitted to Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission as required by law, posted plan on Rochester Town website. Reviewed and revised the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan with staff assistance from Two Rivers.

Shelter Team

Members: Jan McCann (Co-Coordinator), Sue Ribaldo (Co-Coordinator), Becky Donnet, Pat Harvey, Martha Slater, Joan Pontious, Caroline Meagher, Leslie Straus, Sarah McLoughlin, Dawn Lionetti.

Mission: As a subcommittee of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Shelter Team is responsible for preparing and maintaining the shelter in time of need. At the shelter we can provide a safe, warm place to rest and meals for area residents in the event of a community disaster.

Emergency Shelter Facility: is the Rochester Elementary School, which has a generator. In the gym the Shelter Team has 20 cots plus gym mats for more sleeping space. Food is prepared in the kitchen. The shelter is activated in response to a community emergency at the direction of the Rochester Selectboard. Volunteer Shelter Team members will open and staff the shelter.

Everyone should know: You are encouraged to prepare your home and family for emergencies. Have enough supplies to last for a few days. If there is an extended power outage and you are cold, or at risk for health or safety reasons you will need to contact the Selectboard and/or Town Clerk by phone or in person. You can obtain information about how to prepare for an emergency at www.ready.gov. If you cannot safely shelter in place and need to evacuate to the School, you should contact the Town Office, a Selectboard member or a Shelter Team Member by phone, email or in person. If you come to the School for shelter, you must bring your own bedding, personal hygiene items, clothing, medications, special diet foods, formula or baby food and/or any special equipment including electronic devices and chargers you may need to be comfortable. People with special needs may contact Jan McCann (janmccann@myfairpoint.net or 767-3667) or Sue Ribaldo (sue.ribaldo@gmail.com or 967-8048) for further assistance.

Please note: a new program **Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies (CARE)**. This is for anyone who has a family member or neighbor who may be unable to evacuate in an emergency or if the person has special needs, such as: uses oxygen, has special medications or chronic health needs or no transportation. Contact Jan or Sue to find out more information about the registry.

2019 Activities: Distributed emergency preparedness information at Town Meeting and staffed an information table at Harvest Fair; Team members were trained in CPR and AED use; met with School Principal and Red Cross designee to further plan for use of the facility; moved Shelter Team equipment to new storage site within the Elementary School.

Volunteers needed: more volunteers are always welcome and are needed. If you would like to help, contact Jan or Sue .The team meets 2-3 times per year.

ROCHESTER LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Emergency Steps

- 1) Establish an Incident Command Structure and make appropriate local decisions
- 2) Delegate Authorities to Incident Commander and request Declaration if appropriate
- 3) Contact State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) if additional help or resources may be needed beyond mutual aid and local contractors (800-347-0488)
- 4) Alert the general population and evacuate as needed
- 5) Activate your Emergency Operations Center to support the Incident Commander as needed
- 6) Contact the Shelter Coordinator and American Red Cross (800-660-9130) to arrange a shelter opening if needed
- 7) Expand the ICS Structure as needed
- 8) Determine if additional operational shift staffing is needed
- 9) Conduct damage assessment. Report to SEOC
- 10) Conduct and document 'Emergency Repairs'

Future steps

- 11) Refer to your local codes and standards, Vermont Stream Alternations Rule, and local hazard mitigation plan before undertaking permanent repairs
- 12) If damages result in a Federal Declaration, request 406 mitigation when completing a Project Worksheet
- 13) Conduct an after-action review and develop an improvement plan

Jurisdictions' Points of Contact: Identify by priority the top three people to be Points of Contact for your Town during an emergency (ex: EMD, Town Manager, Selectboard Chair, Fire Chief)

Job Title	First Name	Last Name	Work #	Radio call sign
Selectboard Chair	Doon	Hinderyckx	767-4464	
Email Address	Cell #	Pager #	Home #	Time
doon@greenmountainbikes.com	802-349-2042		767-4464	
Job Title	First Name	Last Name	Work #	Radio call sign
Fire Chief	Terry	Severy		
Email Address	Cell #	Pager #	Home #	Time
gsevery@myfairpoint.net	802-353-3727	283-4569	767-3394	
Job Title	First Name	Last Name	Work #	Radio call sign
Emergency Director/ Coordinator	Victor	Ribaudo		
Email Address	Cell #	Pager #	Home #	Time
Vic.ribaudo@gmail.com	802 431-8353		802 967-8048	

County: **Windsor**

Name of town EMD/C: **Victor Ribaudo**

Date LEOP adopted: 03-14-2016

Date NIMS adopted: **9/24/2007**

I, the select board chair or town manager, certify that this Local Emergency Operations Plan has been adopted (certifying individual must have taken, at minimum, ICS 402 or ICS 100 training):

Physical Municipal Address: **67 School Street, Rochester, VT**

Telephone: **802-767-3631**

Fax: 802 767-6028 _____

E-mail: **rochestertown@comcast.net**

Alternate communication method: _____

This Local Emergency Operations Plan must be adopted annually, after town meeting day, and submitted by May 1st.

Response and Recovery Guidelines

Please use this as an aid for baseline actions that should occur in an incident.

1) Establish an Incident Command Structure and make appropriate local decisions			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
a. Identify the Incident Commander			<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Identify the Incident Command Post			<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Start a log of actions taken (see Appendix A3- Activity Log (ICS Form 214))			<input type="checkbox"/>	
d. Assess the situation (deploy assessment teams)			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Determine casualties		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Determine structure/infrastructure losses		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Determine resource needs		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Identify emergency access sites or isolated citizens		<input type="checkbox"/>	
e. Request additional resources (Mutual Aid) if needed.			<input type="checkbox"/>	
f. Secure a perimeter around affected area if needed			<input type="checkbox"/>	
g. Consider potential staffing needs (extended or multiple operational periods)			<input type="checkbox"/>	

2) Delegate Authorities to Incident Commander and request Declaration if appropriate			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
Have highest ranking town official delegate authority to and meet with Incident Commander as appropriate (see Appendix D4 – Delegation of Authority)			<input type="checkbox"/>	
If needed, the highest ranking town official should sign the Local Jurisdiction Request for Emergency Declaration, and send to DEMHS. (see Appendix A1 – Local Jurisdiction Request for Emergency Declaration)			<input type="checkbox"/>	

3) Contact State Emergency Operations Center if additional help or resources may be needed beyond mutual aid and local contractors			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
Call State Emergency Operations Center and notify that additional resources may be needed.	1-800-347-0488		<input type="checkbox"/>	
If HAZMAT involved, contact HAZMAT Hotline	1-800-641-5005		<input type="checkbox"/>	

4) Alert the general population and evacuate as needed			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
Alert the Public (including special needs or vulnerable populations) of the hazards of the event at the outset and during the event (including protective actions and evacuation information). Suggested methods (siren, PA, door-to-door, town website, facebook, twitter, front porch forum)			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Complete Planning Task #1 (see page 4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	

5) Activate the Emergency Operations Center to support the Incident Commander as needed (See Planning Task #3 on page 5)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
Facility Name	Address	Phone Number	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maintain communications with the SEOC (DisasterLAN, Phone, Fax, Email)			<input type="checkbox"/>	

6) Contact the Shelter Coordinator and American Red Cross (800-660-9130) to arrange a shelter opening if needed (See Planning Task #6 on page 6)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
Notify the American Red Cross that shelters are needed				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Contact Shelter Manager				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shelter Name	Physical Address/Location of the Shelter	Shelter Phone # and Manager Name	# of occupants		
Rochester Elementary School	222 South Main St	Janice McCann 802 767-3667		<input type="checkbox"/>	Opened: Closed:
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Opened: Closed:
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Opened: Closed:

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

2019

Grantor	Grantee	#	Price
Rochester Town School District	RSUD	19-01	\$0.00
Hubble, Kirsten	Murray, Jannah & Swedick, David	19-02	\$75,000.00
Twomey, Stephen	Ward, Daniel K	19-03	\$465,000.00
Norhshore USPO LLC	Arizona Properties, LLC	19-04	\$305,000.00
Swedick, David & Murray, Jannah	Maple Hill House, LLC	19-05	\$0.00
Sherman, Jeffrey & Susan	Spring, Marc J	19-06	\$0.00
Paquette, Thomas & Terry	William, Sara & Johnson, Allyson	19-07	\$0.00
Breslow, Jeffry & Frantz, Virginia	Sutaria, Raj & Rhonda	19-08	\$1,054,000.00
Schmitt, John & Tara	Louzan, Robert & Susan	19-09	\$149,000.00
Champion, Nathan & Stover, Jennie	Stover, Justin & Martire, Sara	19-10	\$40,000.00
Stover, Justin	Stover, Justin & Martire, Sara	19-11	\$0.00
Foley, Ruth & Roger	Mongeur, II Reginald	19-12	\$50,000.00
Lowe, Chelsea	Bebo, Todd & Robin Bebo-Long	19-13	\$122,000.00
Louzan, Robert & Susan	Louzan, Molly	19-14	\$0.00
Kassop, Mark & Donna	Fuchik, Ira & Lauritson-Lada, Alex	19-15	\$278,000.00
Gendron, Ray	Gendron, Ray & Joyce	19-16	\$0.00
Gendron, Ray & Joyce	Gendron, Ray & Joyce, TTE	19-17	\$0.00
Matos, Raul & Valdivieso, Ada	Nussbaum Wagler, Derek & Tina	19-18	\$159,000.00
Harvey, Richard TTE	Martin, Julia & Charles	19-19	\$0.00
Lincoln Alfred, III	Reis, Deborah	19-20	\$35,000.00
Abramson, Liam & Cristina	Maxwell, Harley; Vadnais, Kerin	19-21	\$285,000.00
Babcock, Adam & Julie	Hanscom, Diane	19-22	\$0.00
Jeremy Seeger Revoc. Trust Agrmt	Clark, Daniel	19-23	\$60,000.00
Wood, Bessie	Layne, Whalen & Caitlin	19-24	\$108,500.00
Cheshire, Bobby	Holaday, Marion & Conkling, Will	19-25	\$183,000.00
Bowen, Leslie	Bowen, William	19-26	\$60,000.00
Sour, John & Dinah TTE	Roberts, Deborah	19-27	\$50,000.00
Buker, Robert	Buker, Robin	19-28	\$0.00
Harvey, Robert	Robert H. Harvey Rev. Trust	19-29	\$0.00
Schwartz, Marianne	Schwartz, Jack	19-30	\$0.00
Toro, Estate of Fernando	Cole, Meredith	19-31	\$205,100.00
Toro, Maria	Cole, Meredith	19-32	\$24,900.00
Lynn, Tracy	Freedom Mortgage Corp.	19-33	\$0.00
Freedom Mortgage Corp.	Federal Natl Mort. Assoc.	19-34	\$0.00
Steventon, Thomas, Charles, Cindy, Joan & Robert	Steventon, Bruce & Elizabeth	19-35	\$9,600.00
Maurer, William, Eric & Jillian	Keller, Kenneth & Van Kirk, Stephanie	19-36	\$156,000.00
Seymour, Robert & Elizabeth	Seymour, Robert & Elizabeth	19-37	\$0.00
Seymour, Robert & Elizabeth	Seymour Family 2019 Trust	19-38	\$0.00
Steinhardt, David	Marshall, Bruce & Weir, Jeanine	19-39	\$0.00
Moulton, Brian & Sue Ellen	Hassett, Steven & Kalish, Janet	19-40	\$420,000.00
Leavitt, Susan	Holden, Nathan & Joesphine	19-41	\$32,000.00
Jones, Bruce & Mary D	Jones Revocable Family Trust	19-42	\$0.00
Vandiver, Kathleen	Vandiver, J Kim	19-43	\$0.00

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2019

Stockwell, William	Leon, March	19-44	\$52,500.00
Bakers Lodge Inc	Cocci, Steven & Russo, Joseph	19-45	\$1.00
Allen, Wendy	Wengel, Walter & Patricia	19-46	\$181,200.00
Harvey, Raymond	Green Valley Complex LLC	19-47	\$0.00
Estate of Robert Davis	Lord, Aimee	19-48	\$70,000.00
Great Hawk Owner's Assn.	Roelker, John	19-49	\$0.01
William Maurer Rev. Living Trust	Keller, Kenneth & Van Kirk, Steph	19-50	\$0.00
Harvey, Marvin & Barbara	North Hollow Family Trust	19-51	\$0.00
Harvey, Marvin & Barbara	North Hollow Family Trust	19-52	\$0.00
Harvey, Marvin & Barbara	North Hollow Family Trust	19-53	\$0.00
Harvey, Marvin & Barbara	North Hollow Family Trust	19-54	\$0.00
Irwin, William & Kathleen	Vaisliou, Iakovos & Wordman, Nancy	19-55	\$229,000.00
Campbell, Nancy	Campbell, Nancy & Christopher	19-56	\$0.00
Rosen, Richard	Rosen, Michael & Laurie	19-57	\$100,930.00
Bean's Mobil Homes, Inc	Babcock, Adam & Julie	19-58	\$129,692.00
Durant, Christopher & Sarah	Blair, Ronald & Leslie	19-60	\$20,000.00
McCoy, Roger	McCoy, Roger, TTE	19-61	\$0.00
McCoy, Roger	McCoy, Roger, TTE	19-62	\$0.00
McCulloch, Bruce	Burnham, Jack & Bunin, Alisa	19-63	\$230,000.00
Zint, Christopher ; Lesperance, Sara	Zint, Christopher & Lesperance, Sara	19-64	\$0.00

ROCHESTER RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Thank you to basketball coaches Mike McDonnell and Michael Crickard



The Rochester Recreation Committee worked hard again this year to provide activities and opportunities for residents of Rochester and our neighbors. We rely on volunteers and donors to enable our great programs and events. Many individuals and businesses give anonymously and work tireless hours. Our limited budget from the town alleviates any large burden to the taxpayers.



WINTERFEST

WinterFest is usually held on the final Sunday of January. WinterFest is a great chance for kids, parents, and grandparents from the valley to celebrate community spirit!

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Our annual July 4th parade is always a great success. Martha Slater spends countless hours working on this, and every year it shows in our parade! Games and prizes for the kids are provided. As always, we hope to have more floats participating. Why not challenge your neighbors to enter a float and see who has a winning entry? How about some musical entries too? Free participation! Thanks, Martha!

TENNIS

Walter Pruiksmas is our Tennis Chair and has been instrumental in keeping a solid bunch together at the courts. They meet up to three times a week for a friendly game. Double check with the town office for times and to get on the email list. We are seeking donations to raise funds for tennis court repairs. Our Annual 4th of July Tennis Tournament takes place just before the parade, and we have a Women's Bracket and a Men's Bracket.



Dean Mendell makes a speech at the ribbon cutting of the new Skatespace warming hut.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Our summer concert series is always a hit. Concerts are in Rochester Park from 6:30 to 8:30 on Sundays during the summer. Bring a chair and a picnic! Joe Schenkman spends many hours setting up the Sunday evening entertainment. Our Park is a perfect place to have a picnic and watch our children/grandchildren play while enjoying good music! How lucky we are to be able to enjoy these concerts every week. Thank you, Joe!

YOUTH SPORTS

The Recreation Dept. offers baseball, basketball and soccer to kids from the ages of 4 to 15, keeping the kids in our area healthy and active. They compete against other towns in the White River Valley. The best time to learn athletic skills is when the player is young. They take what they learn into competitive high school sports and beyond. They also gain the valuable socially interactive skillset of team participation and leadership, traits they can utilize in all future endeavors in their lives. Caitlin Cutting is our youth sports director. Thank you to all the coaches and volunteers and we hope you will support their efforts.

SKATESPACE

Get out and take advantage of free skating in the winter and family fun in the summer! Tony Paige has done a great job in keeping the ice plowed. Thanks to Terry Severy and the Fire Department for flooding SkateSpace every year. This year we built a new warming house and refurbished our storage facility so people can put on their skates in relative warmth. Thank you to Dean Mendell, Mike McDonnell, Harvey's P&E, Bethel Mills, and Bryant Harvey.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who helped this year. Our Recreation Committee is always looking for fresh ideas, and boots on the ground to make these events happen successfully. If you would like to get involved, please contact Norm at normyo@myfairpoint.net.