

Town of Newbury Vermont

**Annual Report for the year ending
December 31, 2017**

**Town Meeting: March 6, 2018
10:00 am**

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2017 Town Officers

Moderator (elected).....	Don Waterman
Town Clerk (elected).....	expires 2018.... Susan Underwood
Treasurer (elected).....	expires 2019.... Mary Collins
Selectboard (elected).....	expires 2020.... Stephen C. Cole expires 2018.... Alma Roystan expires 2019.... Brian Emerson
Listers (elected).....	expires 2020.... Janis Moore expires 2018.... Amanda Beaulieu expires 2019.... Vacancy
Town Constable (elected).....	expires 2018.... Glen Godfrey
Delinquent Tax Collector (appointed).....	Mary Collins
Town Agent (elected).....	Nikki Tomlinson*
Grand Juror (elected).....	Jeff Taylor
Auditors (elected).....	expires 2020.... Jean Welch expires 2018.... Gail Bromley*** expires 2019... Jody Engle
Budget Committee (appointed).....	Sam Calley Denis Hopta Dave McKnelly
Animal Control Officer (appointed).....	Glen W. Godfrey
Cemetery Committee (appointed).....	Greg Allen Glen Godfrey Steve Wheeler
Conservation Commission (appointed).....	Michael Thomas, Chair & Treas. John Fogarty Chelsea Lynes Ami Norton Diane Norton Carol Stoll One vacancy
Development Review Board (appointed).....	Amanda Beaulieu, Vice-Chair Robert Beaulieu

Development Review Board (cont'd)	Emily Hausman Roberta Jewett Charles Schulze Larry Scott, alternate member Two vacancies
Fire Chief: Wells River (appointed).....	Jeff Morin
West Newbury (appointed).....	Steven Willett
Newbury Village (appointed).....	John Renfrew
Fire Warden (appointed).....	Jeff Morin
Justices of the Peace (county officers elected by the town..... at November General Elections for a two-year term)	Amanda Beaulieu Sarah Calley Patsy Spear Cole Jennifer Fischer Ginny Fuller Rick Hausman Catherine Kidder Scott Labun Sarah Putnam Wayne Richardson
Planning Commission (appointed).....	Larry Scott, Chair Frank Tegethoff Brandi Young
Recreation Board (appointed).....	Shannon Young, Chair Chris Bean Felicia Kingsbury Jamie Mills Matthew Nusbaum Molly Dugan Sullivan Amanda Welch
Road Foreman (appointed).....	Robert Beaulieu
Solid Waste Commission (appointed).....	Gavin A. Reid, Chair Jim Collins Mary Collins Connie Philleo Claude Phipps
Zoning Administrator (appointed).....	Preston Bristow
Assistant Zoning Administrator (appointed).....	Larry Scott

***One year position appointed in 2017

*appointed in 2017

Warning

Annual Town Meeting

March 6, 2018

To the Voters of Newbury, Greeting:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury, legal voters of the Town are hereby warned and notified to meet in Newbury Village Hall, in said Newbury Village, Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following articles, viz:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.
- Article 2: To elect all other Town Officers:
- Selectperson, 3 years; Town Clerk, 3 years; Lister, 3 years; Lister, 1 year; Auditor, 3 years; Constable, 2 years; Grand Juror, 1 year; Town Agent, 1 year. Voting to be by Australian Ballot. Polls Open: **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Article 3: To hear and dispose of reports of Town Officers and hear and dispose of accounts.
- Article 4: To see if the Town of Newbury will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay expenses in anticipation of taxes.
- Article 5: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer on or before August 10, 2018, with delinquent taxes subject to penalty of 8% and interest charges of one percent per month?
- Article 6: To fix the compensation of all Town Officers.
- Article 7: Shall the Town of Newbury vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$4,500 for the support of Stagecoach Transportation Services, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 8: Shall the Town of Newbury vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,000 for the support of Oxbow Senior Independence Program Inc. Adult Day Services to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 9: Shall the Town of Newbury appropriate \$25,000 towards the extension, repair and upkeep of sidewalks in Newbury and Wells River Villages?

- Article 10: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$623,000 to defray the general expenses of the Town?
- Article 11: Shall the Town authorize the use of \$181,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase a new plow truck?
- Article 12: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$695,000 for highway purposes?
- Article 13: To transact any other business necessary to come before said meeting.

Olma Roystan
Brian Lupton
Stephen Cole
Selectboard

Newbury, Vermont, January 25, 2018

I hereby certify that the foregoing
was recorded before posting.

Attest, Susan B. Underwood
Town Clerk

WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$760,519?

Joel Cury	Paula R. R. R.
Steve Dero	Gene A. R.
Jack Samberg	Paula Smith
David S. S.	
David S. S.	
Kevin F. F.	
Tim Keene	
Paul R.	
Bob B.	
W. W. W.	
Kenneth W. W.	
David S.	
Mr. D.	
John D.	
Heather B.	

2018 NEKWMD PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL as of 12/31/17	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET	
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES				
Advertising	\$600.00	\$246.25	\$400.00	67%
Audit -- Financial	\$6,200.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,595.00	123%
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$6,000.00	\$1,147.50	\$2,500.00	42%
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100%
Cleaning	\$2,100.00	\$1,765.04	\$1,600.00	76%
Copier	\$1,900.00	\$2,021.36	\$2,000.00	105%
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$3,000.00	\$6,081.58	\$5,000.00	167%
Heating Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,438.51	\$1,500.00	150%
Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$303.52	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$16,000.00	\$16,143.36	\$16,000.00	100%
Planning	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	50%
Legal Fees	\$2,500.00	\$1,050.00	\$2,000.00	80%
Postage	\$3,000.00	\$2,868.61	\$3,000.00	100%
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$4,934.77	\$3,600.00	100%
Telephone - Office	\$3,200.00	\$3,213.47	\$3,200.00	100%
Water/Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$865.10	\$1,100.00	110%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$52,200.00	\$48,589.07	\$50,595.00	97%
Gross Wages	\$376,570.00	\$371,320.86	\$379,193.00	101%
Overtime Wages-- Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$3,078.81	\$5,000.00	100%
Fica (Employer Match)	\$23,347.00	\$23,055.60	\$23,820.00	102%
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,460.00	\$5,392.10	\$5,571.00	102%
State Unemployment Insurance	\$13,500.00	\$12,017.27	\$13,500.00	100%
VMERS (Retirement)	\$19,200.00	\$18,045.39	\$19,990.00	104%
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$32,000.00	\$39,846.64	\$34,000.00	106%
Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$6,687.17	\$7,000.00	100%
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$5,000.00	\$5,074.43	\$5,000.00	100%
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$500.00	100%
Personnel Equipment	\$1,300.00	\$283.99	\$1,000.00	77%
Training	\$1,500.00	\$795.00	\$1,500.00	100%
Travel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$490,477.00	\$486,347.26	\$496,174.00	101%
BUILDING EXPENSES				
Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$505.92	\$1,000.00	100%
Electricity	\$8,900.00	\$8,520.90	\$9,800.00	110%

Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$902.78	\$1,000.00	67%
Misc. Supplies	\$500.00	\$2,706.51	\$1,000.00	200%
Trash Removal	\$3,600.00	\$3,032.16	\$3,000.00	83%
TOTAL BUILDING	\$15,500.00	\$15,668.27	\$15,800.00	102%
BUDGET ITEM	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2017	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET	
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES				
Purchases	\$500.00	\$18.18	\$500.00	100%
Baler Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$8,176.59	\$6,000.00	120%
Baler Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$5,530.94	\$6,000.00	75%
Forklift Fuel	\$2,900.00	\$2,412.68	\$2,200.00	76%
Forklift Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$13,511.62	\$4,000.00	80%
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$2,533.89	\$2,000.00	200%
Skidsteer Fuel	\$600.00	\$624.78	\$500.00	83%
Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$5,742.78	\$3,000.00	100%
Warehouse Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$4,171.99	\$1,500.00	100%
Trucks--Diesel	\$18,000.00	\$17,863.63	\$18,000.00	100%
Trucks--Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$17,076.94	\$10,000.00	100%
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$55,500.00	\$77,664.02	\$53,700.00	97%
PROGRAMS EXPENSES				
Advertising	\$2,000.00	\$720.25	\$1,000.00	50%
Permits & Fees	\$450.00	\$235.00	\$450.00	100%
Composting	\$18,500.00	\$16,125.68	\$22,000.00	119%
Composter/Bin	\$4,000.00	\$2,447.14	\$3,000.00	75%
Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Education Outreach	\$14,000.00	\$18,022.46	\$15,000.00	107%
Hazmat Disposal	\$27,000.00	\$28,095.62	\$24,000.00	89%
Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,547.60	\$4,000.00	100%
Sale of Recyclables- Processing	\$26,000.00	\$41,203.15	\$30,000.00	115%
Special Collections	\$300.00	\$22.60	\$300.00	100%
Supplies	\$600.00	\$913.90	\$500.00	83%
Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$15,612.00	\$9,000.00	100%
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$105,850.00	\$127,945.40	\$109,250.00	103%
SUB-TOTAL	\$719,527.00	\$756,214.02	\$725,519.00	101%
DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS				
Interest				
Principal				
TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION				
CAPITAL FUND				
Capital Improvement Fund	\$36,000.00	\$34,470.00	\$35,000.00	96%
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$36,000.00	\$34,470.00	\$35,000.00	96%

TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$755,527.00	\$790,684.02	\$760,519.00	105%
Grants--St of VT	\$59,000.00	\$62,499.00	\$59,000.00	106%
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$40,000.00	\$35,565.00	\$35,000.00	89%
Haz Mat/Paint Care (CEG Fees)	\$2,000.00	\$6,410.60	\$3,200.00	321%
Interest Income	\$25.00	\$7.48	\$25.00	30%
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$122.00	\$500.00	24%
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,000.00	\$504.00	\$500.00	50%
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	83%
Sale of Recyclables	\$150,000.00	\$204,913.65	\$179,394.00	137%
Compost Income	\$6,000.00	\$15,087.41	\$13,000.00	251%
Electronics Income	\$21,352.00	\$27,446.52	\$22,000.00	129%
Scrap Metal Income	\$4,000.00	\$16,202.25	\$10,000.00	405%
Battery Income	\$3,500.00	\$6,143.75	\$3,750.00	176%
Tire Income	\$8,000.00	\$14,302.60	\$9,000.00	179%
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$460,000.00	\$457,110.58	\$425,000.00	99%
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$755,527.00	\$846,439.84	\$760,519.00	112%

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.

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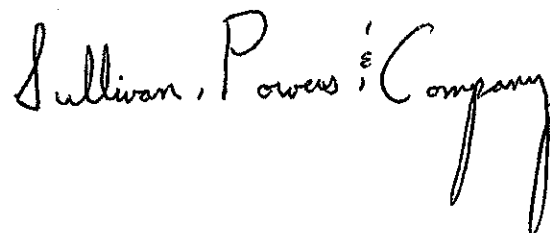
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January 26, 2018

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

We have reviewed the financial statements of the Town of Newbury, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized 'S' at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

TOWN OF NEWBURY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Building Maintenance Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash	\$ 446,530	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 71,993	\$ 4,422	\$ 522,945
Investments	44,286	0	536,412	133,059	122,462	836,219
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	158,905	64,361	0	1,178	0	224,444
Due from Other Funds	0	182,813	0	33,152	46,734	262,699
Prepaid Expenses	<u>25,777</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,170</u>	<u>33,947</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 675,498</u>	<u>\$ 247,174</u>	<u>\$ 536,412</u>	<u>\$ 239,382</u>	<u>\$ 181,788</u>	<u>\$ 1,880,254</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 11,228	\$ 23,370	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 34,598
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	5,404	6,819	0	0	0	12,223
Due to Other Funds	245,378	0	14,021	0	3,300	262,699
Due to School Tax Account	38,220	0	0	0	0	38,220
Due to Others	<u>2,871</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,871</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>303,101</u>	<u>30,189</u>	<u>14,021</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>350,611</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>						
Prepaid Property Taxes	524	0	0	0	0	524
Unavailable Property Taxes, Penalties and Interest	108,000	0	0	0	0	108,000
Unavailable Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>56,350</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>56,350</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>108,524</u>	<u>56,350</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>164,874</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>						
Nonspendable	25,777	0	0	0	14,406	40,183
Restricted	1,751	160,635	0	0	44,202	206,588
Committed	0	0	522,391	0	0	522,391
Assigned	149,022	0	0	239,382	119,880	508,284
Unassigned	<u>87,323</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>87,323</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>263,873</u>	<u>160,635</u>	<u>522,391</u>	<u>239,382</u>	<u>178,488</u>	<u>1,364,769</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 675,498</u>	<u>\$ 247,174</u>	<u>\$ 536,412</u>	<u>\$ 239,382</u>	<u>\$ 181,788</u>	<u>\$ 1,880,254</u>

TOWN OF NEWBURY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Building Maintenance Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ 653,209	\$ 685,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,338,209
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	51,020	0	0	0	0	51,020
Intergovernmental	72,114	272,927	0	0	21,534	366,575
Charges for Services	38,567	0	0	22,416	36,286	97,269
Permits, Licenses and Fees	10,176	485	0	0	0	10,661
Investment Income	3,848	0	1,099	453	633	6,033
Donations	102	0	0	0	2,241	2,343
Other	758	0	0	0	0	758
Total Revenues	<u>829,794</u>	<u>958,412</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>22,869</u>	<u>60,694</u>	<u>1,872,868</u>
Expenditures:						
General Government	438,729	0	0	0	25,126	463,855
Public Safety	151,616	0	0	0	0	151,616
Highways and Streets	1,665	780,098	0	0	0	781,763
Culture and Recreation	49,645	0	0	0	34,619	84,264
Cemetery	8,421	0	0	0	0	8,421
Solid Waste/Recycling	17,458	0	0	0	0	17,458
Capital Outlay:						
Highways and Streets	0	154,538	0	0	0	154,538
Debt Service:						
Principal	27,600	15,702	0	0	0	43,302
Interest	8,109	1,070	0	0	0	9,179
Total Expenditures	<u>703,243</u>	<u>951,408</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>59,745</u>	<u>1,714,396</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>126,551</u>	<u>7,004</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>22,869</u>	<u>949</u>	<u>158,472</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):						
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	14,075	0	9,000	0	0	23,075
Transfers In	0	24,000	155,000	0	1,331	180,331
Transfers Out	(61,331)	(95,000)	(24,000)	0	0	(180,331)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(47,256)</u>	<u>(71,000)</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,331</u>	<u>23,075</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	79,295	(63,996)	141,099	22,869	2,280	181,547
Fund Balances - January 1, 2017	<u>184,578</u>	<u>224,631</u>	<u>381,292</u>	<u>216,513</u>	<u>176,208</u>	<u>1,183,222</u>
Fund Balances - December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 263,873</u>	<u>\$ 160,635</u>	<u>\$ 522,391</u>	<u>\$ 239,382</u>	<u>\$ 178,488</u>	<u>\$ 1,364,769</u>

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

as of December 31, 2017

TOWN & HIGHWAY

Delinquent taxes presented by warrant on 08/15/17- \$132,736.81

Collected in 2017 - \$154,185 taxes, \$19,373 interest

Year(s) Billed	No. of Accounts		Amount	
	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>
2010-2013	10	3	\$ 2,860	\$ 1,013
2014	41	3	22,746	1,271
2015	68	13	36,616	6,422
2016	123	55	60,734	26,462
2017		118		60,195
Delinquent Town and Highway Taxes			\$122,956	\$95,363

SCHOOL

Delinquent taxes presented by warrant on 5/17/17 - \$175,722.01

Collected in 2017- \$261,185 taxes, \$47,101 interest

Year(s) Billed	No. of Accounts		Amount	
	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>12/31/17</u>
2008-2013	27	3	\$ 24,464	\$ 1,909
2014	56	10	77,874	16,834
2015	92	38	114,059	41,168
2016		82		74,884

Total Delinquent School Taxes	\$216,397	\$134,795
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Collections remained strong in both the town and school accounts. Most accounts with balances prior to 2016 now have an established payment plan. Although we held only one tax sale in 2017, accounts with balances for both the 2014 and 2015 tax years were included. I anticipate future collection totals will be lower as the outstanding balances have significantly decreased.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Collins, Delinquent Tax Collector

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Grand List – 06/19/17

Town	\$2,316,114
Highway	2,116,879

Billed: Town tax	2,316,114@ .26	\$ 602,190
Highway tax	2,116,879@ .325	687,986
Billing Adjustments		<u>(3,424)</u>
Total Taxes Receivable		\$ 1,286,752

Current Taxes Collected	1,154,015
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Warrant to Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 132,737
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined a cross section of the Town of Newbury's account for 2017 and to the best of our knowledge, the statements and accounts are correct.

Gail Bromley
Jody Engle
Jean Welch

Auditors, Town of Newbury

Statement of Indebtedness

Beginning Balance - 01/01/17	\$276,000.00
Additions	0.00
Deletions	27,600.00
Ending Balance - 12/31/17	\$248,400.00

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

BUDGET REPORTS

TOWN ACCOUNT	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2018 BUDGET
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	598,000.00	677,031.04	79,031.04	623,000.00
State of Vt - Hold Harmless Payment	60,000.00	57,699.00	(2,301.00)	58,000.00
Licenses	3,600.00	5,829.00	2,229.00	4,000.00
Investment Income	300.00	3,750.83	3,450.83	300.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	16,000.00	19,421.09	3,421.09	15,000.00
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	25,000.00	31,599.05	6,599.05	20,000.00
Zoning Fees & Fines	2,500.00	2,030.00	(470.00)	2,000.00
Current Use Payback	-	787.93	787.93	-
Recycle fees	1,500.00	1,349.05	(150.95)	200.00
Recording, Copies, Misc	17,500.00	18,806.87	1,306.87	17,500.00
School Tax Account - Collection Costs	17,500.00	17,500.00	-	17,500.00
School Treasurer Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
State of Vermont - Fines	1,200.00	1,516.67	316.67	1,200.00
State of Vermont - Legal Fees	-	8,556.63	8,556.63	-
Town Fines	-	800.00	800.00	-
Insurance Claim/ Refund	-	366.00	366.00	-
Sale of Assets - Tax Sale Property	-	14,075.00	14,075.00	-
TOTAL REVENUES	748,600.00	862,118.16	113,518.16	759,700.00

General Government

Personnel

Salaries	146,000.00	142,018.59	3,981.41	158,000.00
Penalties - Del Collector	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Social Security	12,000.00	11,517.01	482.99	12,300.00
Insurance Benefits/Unemployment	25,000.00	23,655.95	1,344.05	32,480.64
Retirement	4,800.00	4,681.08	118.92	5,100.00
Reimbursed Expenses	500.00	85.00	415.00	500.00
Education	800.00	895.00	(95.00)	900.00
Total Personnel Expense	192,100.00	185,852.63	6,247.37	212,280.64

Office

Building Maintenance	4,000.00	5,954.34	(1,954.34)	5,000.00
Cleaning	3,000.00	2,842.00	158.00	3,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00	900.00	1,100.00	2,500.00
Equipment Repairs/Contract	500.00	325.00	175.00	400.00
Listers Office	10,000.00	10,845.68	(845.68)	7,500.00
Postage	4,700.00	4,347.96	352.04	4,800.00
Printing & Advertising	4,500.00	4,413.09	86.91	4,500.00
Software Contract/Consultant	6,000.00	8,760.37	(2,760.37)	7,000.00
Supplies	4,000.00	4,027.76	(27.76)	4,000.00
Telephone/Internet Service	2,600.00	2,169.17	430.83	2,300.00
Utilities	6,000.00	5,301.11	698.89	6,000.00
Total Office Expense	47,300.00	49,886.48	(2,586.48)	47,000.00

Professional Services

Audit	8,300.00	8,300.00	-	8,600.00
Insurance	77,000.00	74,877.00	2,123.00	73,000.00
Legal	18,000.00	16,432.40	1,567.60	20,000.00
Taxes, Licenses, Dues	63,000.00	60,213.24	2,786.76	61,000.00
Total Professional Services	166,300.00	159,822.64	6,477.36	162,600.00

General Govt continued	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2018 BUDGET
Other				
Building Repairs and Renovations	5,000.00	3,202.82	1,797.18	10,000.00
Interest	300.00	105.02	194.98	300.00
Justices/Election	2,000.00	996.30	1,003.70	3,000.00
Pound	3,000.00	2,100.45	899.55	3,000.00
Dog Listing	400.00	190.57	209.43	400.00
Zoning/Planning Commission	1,000.00	1,754.10	(754.10)	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	600.00	599.70	0.30	600.00
Solid Waste - Recycling	22,000.00	17,458.06	4,541.94	20,000.00
Ordinance Enforcement	3,000.00	3,026.00	(26.00)	4,000.00
Tax Sale Purchase & Maint	-	19,019.20	(19,019.20)	-
Tucker Mt. Acquisition & Fees	-	-	-	35,000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	-	500.00	1,000.00
Total Other Expense	37,800.00	48,452.22	(10,652.22)	78,300.00

Total General Government	443,500.00	444,013.97	(513.97)	500,180.64
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Emergency Services				
Fire Department				
Payroll	25,000.00	24,585.50	414.50	28,500.00
FICA	2,680.00	2,684.08	(4.08)	2,920.00
Consumables	600.00	10.00	590.00	1,600.00
Education & Training	2,300.00	1,600.00	700.00	2,300.00
Dues	1,250.00	1,038.00	212.00	1,250.00
Insurance	1,100.00	1,033.00	67.00	1,100.00
Lights	2,600.00	2,509.25	90.75	2,500.00
Heat	5,000.00	2,169.98	2,830.02	4,800.00
Telephone	3,100.00	3,092.63	7.37	3,100.00
Answering Service	5,000.00	4,444.50	555.50	4,700.00
Rent	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
Water	540.00	540.00	-	540.00
Repairs	12,000.00	19,642.55	(7,642.55)	12,500.00
Gas & Oil	2,550.00	2,213.32	336.68	2,550.00
Propane	200.00	169.24	30.76	200.00
Supplies	1,300.00	560.37	739.63	1,300.00
Equipment	15,500.00	11,832.05	3,667.95	21,700.00
Forestry Equipment	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Building Maintenance	4,000.00	1,632.70	2,367.30	4,000.00
Dry Hydrant	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	40,000.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	35,604.00	35,604.00	-	35,604.00
Total Fire Department	162,024.00	155,561.17	6,462.83	172,864.00

Other				
Emergency Management	950.00	280.00	670.00	950.00
EMS	12,500.00	12,499.22	0.78	12,500.00
Emergency Services Administrator	9,000.00	7,500.00	1,500.00	7,500.00
Emergency Medical Co-ordinator	-	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	3,000.00
Police Protection	15,500.00	8,551.25	6,948.75	15,500.00
Total Other	37,950.00	31,830.47	6,119.53	39,450.00

Total Emergency Services	199,974.00	187,391.64	12,582.36	212,314.00
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Town Account continued	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2018 BUDGET
Bridges & Rails				
Bridges & Rails	7,000.00	1,665.00	5,335.00	7,000.00
Engineering/Snake Rd Culvert			-	
Total Bridges & Rails	7,000.00	1,665.00	5,335.00	7,000.00
Public Safety & Health				
Capstone	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Central VT Council on Aging	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Clara Martin Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Green Mt Economic Development	1,101.00	500.00	601.00	500.00
Green Up Vermont	500.00	429.55	70.45	500.00
Orange County Diversion	175.00	175.00	-	175.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
Safeline	700.00	700.00	-	700.00
Stagecoach	2,543.00	2,543.00	-	-
Vermont Congragational Home	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance & Hospice	8,500.00	8,500.00	-	8,500.00
VT Assoc of Conservation Districts	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
VT Center for Independent Living	460.00	460.00	-	460.00
Wells River Action Program	400.00	400.00	-	400.00
Health Officer	1,500.00	2,500.00	(1,000.00)	3,000.00
Ambulance Service Contract	36,333.00	36,333.00	-	42,399.00
Total Public Safety & Health	62,812.00	63,140.55	(328.55)	65,234.00
Culture & Recreation				
Recreation Department	13,500.00	8,355.92	5,144.08	13,500.00
Beach Program	12,000.00	3,678.68	8,321.32	4,000.00
4th of July Parade	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Baldwin Memorial Library	14,000.00	14,000.00	-	16,000.00
Halls Lake Association - Milfoil Control	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Lower Cohase	550.00	550.00	-	550.00
Mentoring Project of Upper Valley	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Newbury Historical Society	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Orange East Senior Center	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	3,500.00
Tenney Memorial Library	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Total Culture & Recreation	70,550.00	57,084.60	13,465.40	64,550.00
Miscellaneous				
Cemetery Maintenance	8,500.00	8,420.68	79.32	8,500.00
Memorial Day	900.00	900.00	-	900.00
Veteran's Park	1,000.00	710.00	290.00	1,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	10,400.00	10,030.68	369.32	10,400.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	794,236.00	763,326.44	30,909.56	859,678.64

Town Account continued	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2018 BUDGET
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	794,236.00	763,326.44	30,909.56	859,678.64
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	(45,636.00)	98,791.72	82,608.60	(99,978.64)
Transfer to Bridge Reserve Fund	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)	-	(20,000.00)
Transfer from Bridge Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	-	0.00
Transfer from Building Maint Fund	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Transfers Out	(60,636.00)	78,791.72	87,608.60	(109,978.64)
Fund Equity - January 1	144,286.26	144,286.26		223,077.98
Fund Equity - December 31	83,650.26	223,077.98		113,099.34

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

	2017 Budget	2017 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2018 Budget
Property Taxes	685,000.00	685,000.00	-	695,000.00
State of Vermont - Hold Harmless Pymnt	65,500.00	76,861.00	11,361.00	76,000.00
State of Vermont	188,000.00	188,055.17	55.17	188,000.00
FEMA Grant	-	-	-	55,000.00
Better Backroads Grant	-	8,011.00	8,011.00	-
Misc	-	-	-	-
Weight Permit & Access Fees	400.00	485.00	85.00	400.00
TOTAL REVENUES	938,900.00	958,412.17	19,512.17	1,014,400.00

Personnel

Salaries	250,000.00	240,505.89	9,494.11	260,000.00
Social Security	20,225.00	19,393.87	831.13	20,000.00
Insurance Benefits	72,000.00	78,034.44	(6,034.44)	90,000.00
Retirement	14,000.00	13,700.34	299.66	14,500.00
Clothing Allowance & Misc Benefits	3,300.00	3,106.99	193.01	3,500.00
Unemployment	500.00		500.00	500.00
Total Personnel	360,025.00	354,741.53	5,283.47	388,500.00

Highway Account continued	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2018 BUDGET
Gas & Oil	90,000.00	66,528.86	23,471.14	90,000.00
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	48,000.00	72,271.48	(24,271.48)	50,000.00
Stormwater, Environmental Compliance	500.00		500.00	2,700.00
Hired Equipment	35,000.00	30,298.50	4,701.50	35,000.00
Contracted Snowplowing	4,000.00	3,627.00	373.00	-
Sand	36,000.00	35,790.89	209.11	36,000.00
Gravel	100,000.00	79,700.50	20,299.50	100,000.00
Salt	46,000.00	39,733.64	6,266.36	46,000.00
Chloride	19,500.00	6,675.00	12,825.00	19,500.00
Cold Patch	1,000.00	503.55	496.45	1,000.00
Resurfacing/Reconstruction	140,000.00	129,905.72	10,094.28	140,000.00
Grants-in-Aid	-	1,377.50	(1,377.50)	-
Better Back Roads Grant	-	7,110.00	(7,110.00)	-
Culverts & Other Infraststructure	8,000.00	9,878.80	(1,878.80)	7,000.00
July 1 flooding		47,474.24	(47,474.24)	-
Signs	4,000.00	1,900.50	2,099.50	4,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00	1,357.13	642.87	2,000.00
Tools	1,500.00	86.94	1,413.06	1,500.00
Telephone/Communications	1,500.00	1,369.85	130.15	1,500.00
Contracted/ Professional Services	1,000.00	834.00	166.00	1,000.00
Utilities	10,000.00	8,133.04	1,866.96	10,000.00
Garage Building Repairs & Maint	2,500.00	594.65	1,905.35	12,500.00
Loader Loan Payment	16,775.00	16,772.16	2.84	16,775.00
Equipment	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	6,000.00
Pavement Maintenance	8,500.00	8,000.00	500.00	8,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	2,110.68	(1,110.68)	1,000.00
Total Other Operating Expenses	578,775.00	572,034.63	6,740.37	591,975.00
Non - Recurring Equipment Expense	170,000.00	24,632.46	145,367.54	181,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,108,800.00	951,408.62	157,391.38	1,161,475.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Rev over Expenses	(169,900.00)	7,003.55	176,903.55	(147,075.00)
Transfers To Capital Fund	(95,000.00)	(95,000.00)	-	(95,000.00)
Transfers From Capital Fund	170,000.00	24,000.00	-	181,000.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Transfers	(94,900.00)	(63,996.45)	176,903.55	(61,075.00)
Fund Equity January 1	224,631.29	224,631.29		160,634.84
Fund Equity December 31	129,731.29	160,634.84		99,559.84

BUDGET NOTES

Revenues

Taxes

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

Investment Income

This amount includes interest earned as a result of the redemption of two properties purchased by the town at tax sale in 2016.

State of Vermont Legal Fees

The State of Vermont reimbursed the town for legal fees incurred for the continuing defense of the TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. tax appeal court case.

Sale of Assets

The property located at 3117 Swamp Road, purchased by the town at a 2015 tax sale, was sold. The 1991 fire engine, formerly housed at the Wells River Station, was also sold but the proceeds of \$9,000 were transferred to the equipment reserve fund and are not reflected in this line.

Expenditures

General Fund

Salaries

This figure includes additional hours for the zoning administrator position, an increase for most officers and funding for training the newly elected town clerk.

Tax sale Lot Maintenance/Purchase

The deeds for 2 properties purchased at tax sale were transferred in March and the properties will be offered for sale again this year.

Tucker Mountain Acquisition & Fees

This amount includes the town's share of the purchase price of Tucker Mountain and anticipated legal and other fees.

Public Safety & Health

The budget amounts for the Oxbow Senior Independence Program and Stagecoach have been removed as the agencies have petitioned for an increase in their appropriation that is reflected in Articles 7 and 8 on the warning.

Highway Fund

July 1 Flooding & FEMA Revenue

These are direct expenses incurred as a result of the July 1 flooding event. Budgeted revenue anticipates a 75% reimbursement from FEMA of these expenses as well as direct labor and trucking costs.

Garage Building Repair

Improvements to the building's insulation are planned.

Equipment Purchases

Funds will be used to replace the 2006 tandem truck, plow and sander.

Equipment Reserve Funds

The balances of the reserve account funds as of December 31 were: highway equipment - \$313,341; fire equipment - \$49,455; and bridge fund - \$159,600.

Other Designated Funds Balances

Preservation of Records	31,078
Bandstand Fund	1,536
Building Fund	239,382
Reappraisal Fund	121,003
History Publishing	39,043
Cemetery	6,976
Bayley Fund	1,122
Cemetery Endowments	5,628
Forest Management	2,417
Woodchuck Mt. Conservation	1,006
Conservation Committee Fundraising	1,980
Listers' Education	3,240
Recreation Fundraising	1,751
After School Program	2,503

Report of the Town Budget Advisory Committee

Throughout the month of January the volunteer Town Budget Committee met several times with the Selectboard to hear and review proposals from the town departments, committees and the two libraries. The 2018 budget presented in the Town Report is the result of discussion, debate and collaboration with the Selectboard and Town Treasurer. We are proud to report that almost all departments/areas under-spent their budgets in 2017.

	<u>Basis</u>	<u>2017 Rate</u>	<u>2018 Rate</u>
Selectboard Member Stipend	Annual	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Selectboard Chair Stipend	Annual	\$14,000.00	\$17,000.00
Selectboard Meetings	Per Meeting	\$50.00	\$50.00
Town Clerk	Hourly	\$21.66	\$21.66
Town Treasurer	Hourly	\$21.66	\$23.00
Tax Collector	Monthly Stipend	\$250.00	\$250.00
Listers	Hourly	\$17.90	\$18.35
Constable	Hourly	\$19.02	\$19.50

To address the need to attract and maintain quality staff members for town office personnel and the highway department, salary/hourly increases have been included in the 2018 budget. The salaries line for the Highway Department represents a 4.0% increase over last year's figures/rates. The salaries line for General Government represents an 8.2% increase over last year's figures/rates. Mileage accrued for town business in personal vehicles will be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.50/mile. The 2018 budget also includes funding for the replacement of the 2006 ten wheeler town truck, which has become difficult to maintain as years of service have taken their toll. Please refer to the Town Budget Report for more specific details.

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

Fire Department Reserve Account	\$40,000.00
Bridge Reserve Account	\$20,000.00
Highway Equipment Reserve Account	\$95,000.00

Respectively submitted by the Newbury Town Budget Advisory Committee,

Dennis Hopta, Dave McKnelly, Sam Calley

Town of Newbury After School Program

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

We are now offering a new daily schedule for children attending the program. Students with homework are offered the opportunity for the first 20-30 minutes to complete their assignments, while all other children have a recess period. When the students with homework are finished, they join the others for recess. This is followed by a nutritious snack and a planned activity. Each month, the program puts out a calendar of the activities planned for each day of the program. Some activities include: crafts, chess, Magic (the card game) club, baking cookies, taking hikes, musical performances, holiday events, and much more! We have had several volunteers from the community join the program this year for either a one-day activity, or a multi-week club. We also had the opportunity to take two amazing trips to the Ropes Course in Pike, NH. We hope to return there for another trip in the Spring.

We would like to thank the following volunteers for their involvement in the program so far this year: Karen Cowles, Dustin Huntington, Sean Conley, Laurie Williams, Paul Pellegrino, Maarten Smit, Wally Fischer, Art Morris, Rick Damon, Stan Willenbring, George Hoyt, Geraint Jones, and Mary Burnham. We would like to thank, in advance, the volunteers who have planned to be a part of the program in the next several months: Eliza Goodell, Kim Merrill, Luisa Lindsley, Dan Burna, and Stuart Wright. The children attending this program are very fortunate to have had the experiences provided by all of you. Our program would not be the same without your time and effort! If anyone reading this report has an interest in volunteering for the program please contact Lindsey LeBeau at 802-866-5621. Please note, finger printing is not required to be a volunteer for the program.

Daily cost ranges from \$10.00 to \$16.00 depending on the number of days students are enrolled for. Our average daily attendance has jumped from 15 to 19 in the past year and we fully expect that to continue to grow. Our commitment to running the program effectively with no tax dollars has been very successful. Tuition assistance is available through the state of Vermont.

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

Program Staff:

Paul Jewett – Administrator

Lindsey LeBeau – Site Director

Billie Lamarre – Program Staff

Phil Munkelwitz – Program Staff

Dan Bolger – Program Staff

Jen Allen – Substitute

Michael Lamarre – Substitute

NEWBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

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

PROJECT REPORTS FROM 2017 and EVENTS FOR 2018:

New Member: We are pleased to welcome Chelsea Lynes to the Commission. In addition to enthusiasm and fresh ideas, she brings many years of experience working with National Parks Service and Conservancy in trails, education, ecosystems, and ecological restoration.

NCC Public Outreach & Education: During the past year, NCC has had the opportunity to work more closely with some Newbury residents, Select Board, and the Vermont Land Trust in an effort to provide accurate information to all residents regarding the Tucker Mountain parcel of land. Much time was spent on this effort to educate ourselves and other residents on both the pros and cons surrounding the acquisition of Tucker Mountain as a Town Forest, through meetings, fact sheets, local papers, and more.

We also had the opportunity to educate by sharing materials and articles on our social media sites, provide information to volunteers, meet with hikers, and help provide both fun and education through the events listed below:

Paddle the Border: This event starts with a canoe and kayak paddle on the Connecticut River held semi-annually in both May and October. Event sponsors include NCC, Bradford Conservation Commission, Haverhill Recreation Commission, & Lower Cohase Chamber of Commerce. The Paddle is followed by a cookout provided by the Wells River/Woodsville Rotary Club, live music by Strawberry Farm Band, and displays set up by Community groups to promote historical, cultural, educational, and environmental information about the Connecticut River Valley. The 2017 fall paddle was comprised of 98 kayaks and canoes. **Join us in 2018 to celebrate the event's 15th year!**

- The May paddle begins from the Woodsville Community Field and goes to Bedell Bridge State Park (2018 date Sunday May 20).
- The October Paddle goes from the Newbury/Haverhill Crossing boat launch to Bugbee Landing in Bradford (2018 date Sunday October 7).

Trails Day Work Day: National Trails Day is held every year on the first Saturday in June. **2018 will be the 21st year of this important day.** Volunteers can participate locally by joining NCC and CVTA in a workday involving the upkeep of local hiking trails. This year we will be working on the Wells River Nature Trails. Part of the Boltonville Nature Trail needs to be re-routed, and the Boltonville and Blue Mt. Nature Trails need new signage. We meet at Blue Mt. School on **Saturday June 2.**

Trail Maintenance is a year round effort. The most effective way to maintain the trail system is by utilizing volunteers. What a great way to enjoy the outdoors and assist others at the same time. If

you are not familiar with the hiking trails in Newbury and/or would like to volunteer your time, please contact any NCC member and we will gladly show you the trails.

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

CVT Fall Foliage Bicycle Ride: This year's annual ride on the Cross Vermont Trail is also in its 21st year. The ride starts from Kettle Pond in Groton State Park and goes to Blue Mt. School. We had a great turnout in 2017 and saw a lot of new riders, both local and from out of the area. The CVT Fall Foliage ride is held every year on the last Saturday of September. (2018 date Saturday September 29).

Cross Vermont Trail Association News

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

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

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

NCC GOALS FOR 2018

1. NCC will be exploring grant opportunities and obtaining funding to promote and maintain town forest areas as well as other conservation efforts. NCC hopes to develop a Town Conservation Fund to support these projects.
2. NCC will research and seek venues to increase community interest and involvement in local conservation efforts and environmental concerns, such as invasive plant species and pests.
3. NCC is actively looking for ways to promote events, provide information, and share stories, pictures, and adventures in and around Newbury. All residents are encouraged to submit items of interest to NCC for posting on our social media sites.
4. NCC is committed to providing family-friendly outdoor events, and will continue to work with our local schools and the public to host outdoor recreational activities, build and maintain our local trails network, and hosting educational seminars and events.
5. NCC will be accepting applications for additional members to expand the Commission.

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

www.NewburyConservation.org or contact Michael Thomas 802-757-3960 or mikethom1@charter.net

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

Emergency Services Coordinators Report

2017 was a busy year for Emergency Services with the following having been accomplished:

- 1) attended several conferences including the State Emergency Management Conference offering six different workshops the School Safety Conference sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health and the Vermont Energy Management members of Blue Mountain Union School(BMU) and Newbury Elementary School(NES). As a result, policy updates have been done with NES.
- 2) attended Mutual Aid Meetings have been held at different stations from Twin Mountain, NH to Piermont, NH, Monroe, NH to Bradford, VT that are all a part of the Mutual Aid System.
- 3) attended LEPC #12 bi-monthly meeting which is our local emergency management associates in a large district.
- 4) by-laws and policies have been updated. The three fire stations of Newbury were inspected by a VLCT specialist, to be sure the buildings and station equipment met safety standards. A few areas required updating and these were completed as a result.
- 5) along with the Selectboard, policies have been updated for Emergency Services Communication Policy and Respiratory Policy for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Usage.
- 6) all three stations attended Blue Mountains Fire School sponsored by our Mutual Aid Association.
- 7) all three stations participated in a town-wide VT State Training Counsels, Drivers Training Course about issues of liability and a Safe Driving Course with Apparatus. These were very informative courses and all persons driving emergency apparatus should take them.
- 8) all three stations participated is VLTC Flagger Training Course for four hours.

The next steps for 2018 for Emergency Management include the following:

- 1) Apply for matching grant funding for signage and markers
- 2) Updating SCBA equipment as all our air cylinders will require replacement in 2019 (15-year life cycle) This needs to be budgeted for NOW! Grant monies will be investigated for replacement of air cylinders and new SCBA units.
- 3) We are interested to learn from the community whether there is a desire to have broadcasts about emergency situations that may impact the area such as road closures, flooded areas and storm damage. We could consider making announcements in a similar manner to how the school system makes notifications if there is interest.

Your Emergency services have responded to 368 calls during the 2017 year.

Please make sure your house 911 numbers are posted in each direction at the end of your driveway. The numbers should be 4 inches tall and be retro-reflective. Failure to have residences CLEARLY marked hinders emergency service responses. **PLEASE HELP US SO WE CAN HELP YOU!**

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas R. Merrill, Newbury Emergency Services Coordinator

NEWBURY EMS



Newbury Emergency Medical Service (Newbury EMS) responded to 291 emergency calls during 2017. Despite the high volume, calls were covered 24 hrs./day for all 365 days of the year. Our squad members hold national EMS certification through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, as well as being required to hold a Vermont EMS license (several members also have a NH EMS license as well).

As of the end of 2017, the squad is comprised of 9 active, medically trained and licensed members; these include 1 Paramedic, 1 Advanced EMT, 6 EMT's and 1 Medical First Responder. Several members also work or have worked with Woodsville Ambulance or Upper Valley Ambulance. Rest assured that we respond with a group of very experienced and dedicated providers to answer your medical emergencies.

A few other items of note:

- **PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:** "I will get CPR certified this year." A person in cardiac arrest needs YOUR help, before EMS gets there. No matter what your age or where you live in town, you need this skill. Successful resuscitation from a cardiac arrest, almost always requires that CPR be started right away. Newbury EMS will provide CPR instruction for anyone interested. We will have a sign-up list at the Town Clerk's Office & Newbury Village Store for those interested.
- Please remember to post your 911-address near the road, so it can be seen in BOTH DIRECTIONS.

We thank the residents of our town for your support throughout the year. Below you will find some statistics for our runs over the past three years:

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

Newbury Fire Warden

The Warden and assistants issued over 400 permits for **GRASS, BRUSH AND LEAVES** during the year 2017. Remember if you burn without a permit or burn illegal items the town can issue a bill for reimbursement of containment of and extinguishment of the fire. There could also be a fine and or community service. Please don't burn any thing other than what is legal and remember

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

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

We continue to have people wanting to burn anything and everything. We try to keep the illegal items from being burned but we need your input to help make it happen. If you see a pile of junk that looks like it is going to be burnt, please call one of us and give us the location so we can check it. With your help we can keep the air we breathe much cleaner. **BURN BARRELS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE STATE OF VERMONT UNLESS YOU ARE BURNING GRASS, BRUSH OR LEAVES.**

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

Fire Warden
Jeffrey Morin

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

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

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

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

Jeffrey Morin 757-2706

John Paye 757-2124

Steve Sharf 429-2292

Steve Willett 429-2008

Ryan Moore 431-5212

Dylan Kidder 505-5481

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

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

Newbury Village Station

Newbury Village Station's 14-member squad responded to 50 alarms in 2017 and engaged in meetings, drills, equipment maintenance, and community education an additional 34 times. Our 2017 call breakdown includes 12 structure fires, 12 motor vehicle accidents, 5 trees on wires, 5 smoke in building investigations, 4 false alarms, 3 carbon monoxide investigations, 2 chimney fires, and 2 DHART LZ setups. 19 of our 48 alarms were mutual aid to other towns or Newbury's other stations.

Our members averaged a 90% attendance rate for station drills and attended BMU Fire School and other outside education programs. One of our members completed a 9-month Level II firefighting course held in Lyndonville. Our roster now includes five Level I and two Level II certified firefighters.

A special thank you goes out to everyone who made donations to the station or made food for our meetings and drills. Your support is very much appreciated.

Highlights of 2017 include staffing the State's Fire Safety House Trailer at the Newbury Elementary School along with firefighters from West Newbury station. About 140 children got hands-on practice in the trailer's fire safety skill stations. They also got a chance to investigate a fire engine and ask the town's firefighters questions. Additionally we conducted open houses for Newbury Elementary School students at the village fire station.

In 2018 we look forward to more training with the Wells River and West Newbury stations, having as many members as possible attend the Twin State Fire School in May, and continuing to improve our firefighting skills and effectiveness through drills, pre-planning, and outside training programs.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our firefighters. Many of you have been serving Newbury for decades. Your teamwork, expertise, and commitment to the protection of our community speaks volumes about the kind of people you are.

Respectively submitted,
Chief John Renfrew

Wells River Fire Station

The members from the Wells River Station responded to 59 calls totaling 782 hours of time in the year 2017. We responded to structure fires, auto fires, mutual aid calls, alarm activations, EMS assists, and auto accidents.

Wells River members took an Emergency Vehicle Drivers class this year and all were impressed with the quality and amount of information gained. We also took a Clandestine Drug Lab recognition training at Ryegate Fire Station in November. Much needed information was gained in this dangerous activity happening all around us.

The new fire engine arrived in June and was tested the very next day. We had an arson / structure fire (unoccupied dwelling) on Route 302 with live wires down. The truck works very well and is indeed a great addition to our department.

Doug Merrill Head of Services has been working on getting us a grant to replace our aging SCBA (breathing apparatus). Hopefully he will acquire a grant early in the 2018 year. The 15-year life span on the air cylinders will be coming to an end in 2018 and we must have them recertified at a cost of \$300 plus shipping per air cylinder.

John Paye has been serving as Asst. Chief for the last year and had done an outstanding job. All members have been working hard for your protection.

Each August on the first Saturday we host a Fire Department picnic at Halls Lake at the Veterans Picnic Area, FF and families from all three stations, Select Board, Wells River Village Trustees as well as past members from Wells River Department are welcome to attend. We had a great time again in 2017 and hope to see all of you again in 2018 on August 4th.

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

Members were on hand to welcome the new owners Tim and Mandy Dailey and to say Thank You to outgoing owners Steve Kaiser and Mark Riggie. THANK YOU, Steve and Mark, for all your years of support to the Fire Department.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Chief Jeffrey Morin

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

WEST NEWBURY STATION

The fourteen members of the West Newbury Fire Station had 56 events this year, of which 6 were structure fires, 4 wires down, 2 mutual aid covers, one carbon monoxide investigation, one brush fire, 3 fire alarm investigations, one DHART LZ, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 3 chimney fires and one motor vehicle fire. Along with the calls, the members also attended one meeting per month and one drill per month. Many members also attended the Twin State Fire School at BMU. Members that were unable to attend fire school made it to other classes throughout the year.

We had some unforeseen mechanical issues with our engine this year. Due to the age of the truck, we had to replace the air dryer, oil pan, alternator, serpentine belt, batteries, radiator and hoses, fuel lines and transmission lines. All of the issues have been addressed and are fixed at this time.

The station had two more longstanding members hang up their gear this year, Dan Martin and Andy Linnell. A retirement party was held in West Newbury where Dan Martin, Andy Linnell, Brewster Thurston, Chip Spear and Doug Merrill were all honored for their years of commitment and dedication to the town of Newbury.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Willett, WNFD Chief

Highway Department

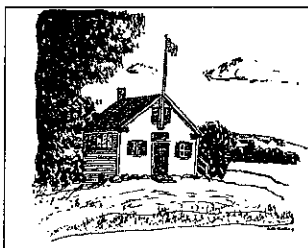
The flooding event of early July was the worst the Town has experienced in the past 20 years. Six roads were severely damaged, two were closed off for the night, and most others were affected to some extent. Original estimates were at \$50,000 to \$70,000 in damage. We are still working with FEMA at this time and hope to have an actual cost soon.

The Highway Department is planning to replace a truck this coming year. We will be replacing the “2006” tandem truck which was put in service in July of 2006. This truck has gone 2 years past the scheduled replacement time.

The Boltonville Bridge has finally made it into the State/Federal Program. We have not heard much more information in the last six months.

Respectfully submitted;

Bob Beaulieu,
Foreman



NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

The Newbury Historical Society followed its usual pattern of reaching out to the community with a three program history series, two newsletters to members, regular open houses and participation in festivals around the town. Behind the public scenes, much time was spent processing many new donations of artifacts and working on physical improvements to our home, the old schoolhouse on Tyler Farm Road in West Newbury.

Our summer series began May 7th with a visit to the Moore Hill Castle, owned by Judy and Ron Vaughan. The Vaughans kindly opened their beautiful, and historic, home to a group of about 25 members and friends. The tour, followed by refreshments, served as a bonus to tour goers.

Open Houses at the schoolhouse on Tyler Farm Road were a monthly event, beginning on May 21, again on June 18, a special celebration of Jacob Bayley's 291st birthday on July 16, a lengthy one on August 12 during the West Newbury Festival (82 signatures in the guestbook) and the final Open House of the season on September 17. With the exception of the Open House held during the West Newbury Festival, we have chosen the 3rd Sunday of each month, at 2:00pm, as the best time to greet visitors to the Newbury Historical Society and the collection of Newbury artifacts.

At the Wells River Community Picnic, on Saturday June 24, the Society set up their canopy, and recorded for future generations, interesting tales from Frank Tilghman, Selenda Girardin, Marty Smith, Amanda Beaulieu and Larry Scott - tales from personal experience which were important to keep for all to enjoy. Thanks to Rick and Emmy Hausman for staffing the NHS booth, and to the storytellers for stopping by.

On July 20th, the second program of the Newbury Historical Society's summer series took place at the Wells River Congregational Church - co-sponsored by the Ryegate Historical Society, we were entertained by a picture of Vermont in the Civil War delivered by Howard Coffin, who spoke of the activities of men from Newbury and Ryegate who served, and where they served. Approximately 80 people were in attendance to hear one of the country's authorities on the Civil War.

The third summer series program was also at the Wells River Congregational Church, the afternoon of September 10. The subject matter was the Montpelier & Wells River Railroad. Irv Thomae, of Norwich, and Dartmouth College, presented a fascinating power point show about the 38 mile line which served Wells River (and nearby Groton and South Ryegate) for more than 80 years. There were many railroad buffs in the audience of more than 80 folks, triggering a lot of questions and answers following the presentation.

Through the Newbury Historical Society's posted Email address, we receive many requests relative to people's ancestors with Newbury roots, and love to give them whatever help possible. This summer we received a message from a descendent of Newbury's Thomas Johnson - the man had done his genealogical research, knew for a fact that he was descended from Thomas Johnson but was making a trip to Newbury to see what he could of those family roots. Hod Symes met with him, and with permission of the current owner, took him to the Johnson house on Route 5, where pictures were taken of the house and the monument. While there, Pam Coleman, a Society member who lives across the road, arrived home and invited us to visit her home, built by David Johnson, as a store - we accepted her hospitality, and the man was able to see another part of his Johnson heritage in Newbury. Following lunch at the Newbury Village Store, we went to the Oxbow Cemetery where he was able to follow the lives of many of his Johnson ancestors on the cemetery memorials.

The "So Long Summer, Hello Fall" Festival in Wells River on Saturday September 2 gave the Newbury Historical Society another opportunity to talk to the people, and this time the emphasis was on Wells River history. A quiz was offered in our booth, a picture quiz of old Wells River buildings, on which folks were asked to identify such things as location, use or name - a really sharp student of Wells River history was able to earn a gift certificate to the Happy Hour - Dean Rowden, who has always lived in Ryegate, but graduated from Wells River High School, was president of

the National Bank of Newbury, took the honors. We talked with many people at our booth during the 5 hours of the festival.

The last event was on Wednesday, October 11, the Farm Raiser, sponsored by the Newbury Elementary School, on the green in Newbury. The Newbury Historical Society and Wells River shared a booth to support the great event. Two banners were hoisted, and board members of both organizations, Richard M. Roderick and Hod Symes, staffed the booth, promoting our two organizations.

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

The Newbury Historical Society published two newsletters, one in May and one in November. Content not only included reports on our ongoing programs, but other news from the community, and some articles dealing with the long history of the Town of Newbury. The newsletters are mailed to NHS members and a few others. If you would like to receive our newsletters, please contact Richard Roderick at 802-757-2708 - he will be happy to add your name to the mailing list. And when you are talking to Richard, consider a membership in the Newbury Historical Society - it's a real value !

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

Board of Listers

The Lister's office has its own phone number, Please Make Note of It: 802-866-5026. We have voice mail and check the messages every day. We also have an email address:

listers@newburyvt.org and it is checked every day we are in the office. The Newbury website home page is at: www.newburyvt.org and has a page dedicated to the Lister's office. The Grand List is parked there and is available for public viewing.

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

We will be finishing up the statistical reappraisal for the 2018 Grand List. The values are set as of April 1, 2018.

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

Our main goal is to keep all Newbury property up to date, and equitable, at all times.

Please remember that when you take DOWN a structure to let us know so we can remove it from your file as well as when you ADD a structure to your property, please inform us so we can include it in your file.

Please be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15th to avoid any penalties.

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

We enjoy visitors to the office that bring chocolate,

Amanda Beaulieu

Janis Moore

Newbury Recreation Department

Each year seems to follow a theme. This year the two most appropriate words are Growth and Change. The themes could be seen throughout the department and throughout the individual sports and events. Though growth and change can be seen as positive aspects of any organization, they are not implemented without enduring some level of strife.

One change the board faced was the retirement of two staple long-time members. After years of service to the board, both Jeff Page and Mike Perkins decided to step down from their respective seats on the board. The knowledge and guidance provided by both has been invaluable in setting the current members on a path to succeed in their absence. One measure of the value of a person is the hole they leave when they move on. Mike and Jeff both leave a void with their absence. If you see either of them, or any prior board member for that matter, please thank them for their service.

In that same vein, the board has grown again to fill the vacancies left by the departure of Jeff, Mike, and other previous members. We are glad to have all 7 seats full. This growth will allow us to impart some changes to better organize and conduct the sport and event activities with better efficacy. The lack of members has taken a toll on the resources the board had at its disposal, including the overall time the members could commit to the various events and sports.

Another point of growth was the continued increase in the enrollment of kids into the sporting programs. This year we had another bump in the participation numbers for all the major sports. Soccer had nearly 90 kids enrolled from K-6 grades. Basketball had 65 kids enrolled. We also had over 100 kids sign up for t-ball, baseball, and softball within the town.

This enrollment brought with it several involved, supportive parents and town members who have stepped up and become coaches and assistants for the kids across the various sports. This has been helpful as the coaches have found themselves with a deeper pool of volunteers from which to draw on. This may look like a change but it is really part of the same great tradition we encourage with our community. It is the support of the engaged members of the town that help to make an all-volunteer recreation department work.

Soccer saw change as well with the introduction of a new Coach for the 3/4 team. The 5/6 team had a Board member step up as well. This was important as this year's enrollment was nearly 90 children across the k-6 range. The K-2 Instructional program stayed mostly the same but with the addition of a new assistant coach as well. Regrettably the scheduling of games for the two older teams did not work as expected and there were several games that needed to be rescheduled or canceled. The Board is seeking to change the method of how this occurs to a round-table method. This has been successful in the past for the Basketball program. We are looking to implement this in late summer 2018.

Something that is important to note is that the Board has tried to branch out its involvement with other functional groups within the town. This year's joint effort Halloween Howl and Dance was once again a rousing success with a large community turn out and support. This event is co-presented by the members of FONES, our local parent group. The costume contest saw over a dozen trophies awarded to kids for their creative costumes. The Recreation Board is actively seeking to work with this group on future events. The school continuously offers the use of its facilities for not just sporting events but other community events as well. They allow us the use of the gymnasium for all the dances

and music events as well as the cafeteria for part of the Easter events as well. The Easter Egg hunt hosted 60-80 children of all ages to hunt for over 900 eggs scatter over the common. The kids were then invited to trade in tickets found in special eggs for prizes provided by the Rec. Board. The board worked in support of the elementary schools first bonfire holiday sing-along in December. Despite frigid temperatures there was a large turn out to hear the children of the school. On top of the Newbury Village Store bringing hot chocolate and parents working to organize the donated cookies and snacks, the kids were amplified so that their family members could hear them, and the accompanying instruments, as they performed.

The recreation board continues to try and notify the community of the events in two keep ways. We try and maintain our Facebook page as a source of both event information and necessary sign-up forms. Whenever relevant, sign up information is stored in a Google drive and made available via hyperlink. Two administrators monitor the page for activity and respond to questions or concerns as soon as they are able. This has been a method for other school systems to initiate communications as well. The other form of communication is through the school. There will often be posts in the Friday Flash or handouts sent home in student folders. E-mail remains a form of communication as well. We maintain an email address for public use as well: newbury.rec.dept@gmail.com. Members of the board will also extend their personal contact to be sure that community members can contact them if they have any concerns.

As always, the Board is compelled to express our thanks to all members and groups of the community. Without the support of invested parents and community members we cannot be successful. This includes not just those who step up to coach, but those who can help make the events and games happen as well. A big part of this is the annual Common Clean-up we host. This helps prepare the fields for the impending baseball and softball seasons as well as the fall soccer season. We especially need to thank all those community members in the past who have worked hard to make this happen for the events.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

It would be an understatement to say this past year has been busy. Below are a few of the highlights:

Ordinances: The Dog Ordinance and the Solid Waste/Illegal Burning Ordinances were updated and a new ordinance allowing for seasonal closure of the Class 4 section of Tucker Mt., was adopted. The Dog Ordinance and Solid Waste Ordinance gave the Town more enforcement authority. Updating Ordinances, hiring an Enforcement Officer with law enforcement authority and training and with the support of the Town Atty., have increased compliance with Ordinances. Enforcing Ordinances is not as simple as one would think--- or hope. Municipalities only have so much authority. At some point law enforcement and attorneys need to be involved. It is the hope that the seasonal closure of the Class 4 section of Tucker Mt., will help control unnecessary and irresponsible vehicle traffic, which has resulted in increased erosion and damage to the road.

Policies and Procedures: Early in February, there was meeting with a representative from the VLCT, who provides insurance coverage for the Town. The importance of having job descriptions, evaluations, as well as a Personnel Policy for all Town Employees—meaning anyone who is paid, was greatly impressed upon us. It took several months to get all those done. It included many more people than one would first think. During this same time the Highway Foreman worked with us to update Hwy. Dept. policies and trainings. There are many policies that are reviewed and updated on an annual basis; too many to name here.

REDI District: After several years of hard work the REDI Committee brought a final resolution to the Selectboard, which was adopted and Newbury's REDI District was formed. The committee is now diligently working on developing their By-Laws and moving the project forward.

Tucker Mountain: In September a Special Town Meeting was held with a positive vote to purchase the property. A second Special Town Meeting was held in November to reconsider the original vote, but again, the vote was positive to proceed toward purchase. An Interim Management Committee worked very hard and efficiently to write an Interim Management Plan, as required by the family as a condition of purchase. The deadline for the Plan was November 30 and it was adopted and sent to the VT. Land Trust (VLT). The Selectboard and Attorney Jim Barlow, as well as the Chair of the IMP Comm., met with the VLT to review and discuss the proposed Conservation Easement. The next steps involve the Leech family to approve the plan and the VLT to meet with us to discuss the revised Conservation Easement. There also is a legal issue with one of the "Options to Purchase", which needs to be resolved before any Option can be signed. We have only just recently received an amended

Conservation Easement proposal, but no word regarding the IMP or the legal issue in the Option to Purchase.

Other Boards and Committees: As always, the Selectboard works closely with other Boards, Committees and appointed officials, including the After School Program, Zoning Administrator, Health Officer.

Looking Ahead: At the end of 2017, the Selectboard appointed a Fire Department Building Committee. This committee will look at the fire department/equipment concerns and consider questions such as: Should 2 of the stations be consolidated? Should a new building be built? Where? What/who should the building house? Other offices? Room for voting? How should equipment be consolidated and or used to its best potential?

Thank you: Two long-time Town employees have, or will be retiring
Susan Underwood has decided not to run for reelection. Her friendly and helpful manner will be missed. The public and the Selectboard could always count on Susan to provide prompt and professional assistance.

Ronnie Welch also decided to retire after 34 years of dedication to the Highway Department. That kind of longevity and commitment is almost unheard of today.

We say a very sincere “thank you” to both of them and wish them the very best in their well-deserved retirement.

There are way too many people who deserve a huge thank you, to name them all here. Please know how grateful the Selectboard is to all of you (elected, volunteer, appointed, hired) for doing all you do to make Newbury such a special place to live

Respectfully, your Selectboard members:

Alma Roystan

Brian Emerson

Stephen C. Cole

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Vital Statistics

Registered in Newbury

Births.....7
Marriages.....12
Deaths.....15

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

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

The Solid Waste Committee assists the town selectboard in handling solid waste issues consistent with the town's responsibility for the management and regulation of the storage and collection of solid waste within the town. Members of the committee during 2017 were Gavin Reid, Carly Wade, James Collins, Mary Collins, Claude Phipps, and Connie Philleo.

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

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

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

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

Former Boltonville Landfill

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

Household Hazardous Waste

In addition to other household hazardous wastes, products containing mercury have been banned from all landfills in Vermont. *This means that full size tube and compact bulb fluorescent lamps, non-digital thermostats, thermometers, switches, relay devices, batteries, or like products containing mercury cannot be placed in your trash.* Vermont law provides that every person who discards solid waste within the state shall separate *labeled* mercury-added consumer products from the waste. The mercury-added products should be set aside and taken for proper disposal to a household hazardous collection day. Assistance in disposing mercury-containing products can also be obtained from NEKWMD. The 2018 schedule for household hazard waste (HHW) collections is attached along with a list of acceptable HHW materials. Please note that latex paint is now accepted along with hazardous waste.

Electronic Waste

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

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

Trash Disposal

Household and commercial trash disposal continue to be handled by individual contracts with various waste haulers in the private sector or through so-called fast trash operators who set up at various sites and accept waste on a fee-per-bag basis. Pete's Rubbish Removal is no longer providing fast trash pickup services. Whenever the recycling depot in Newbury Village is open, the trash is now collected by TDL Waste Services. The committee encourages proper disposal of the waste you produce as well as the continuation or initiation of recycling and composting efforts in your homes and businesses. *The use of burn barrels as a means of disposing of waste is illegal.* In addition to being unlawful, such activities are often offensive to one's neighbors, and are harmful to air and water quality and the health of all of us, especially infants and the elderly.

Recycling

The recycling depot is located behind the fire station in Newbury Village and is now only open on Saturdays from 8 AM to 12 PM. In 2017, the coordinator was Glen Godfrey assisted by Charles Mabey.

Cardboard, mixed paper, books, and plastic bags go to NEKWMD. Mixed containers (glass, plastic, and metal) are handled through Northeast Resource Recovery Association of Epsom, New Hampshire, with transport of materials by A.B.L.E. Waste Management, Inc. of Plymouth, Vermont.

2017 Volumes			
Mixed containers	36.9 tons	Plastic bags	0.9 tons
Mixed paper	24.0 tons	Alkaline batteries	0.1 tons
Cardboard/Boxboard	21.6 tons	Hardcover Books	1.7 tons

Consistent with the town's obligation to provide recycling services, the town covers the cost of recycling by a line item in the town budget. In 2017, Haverhill residents were excluded from using the recycling facility in Newbury. Residents were charged a nominal fee of \$5.00 for the annual recycling sticker. In 2018, the need for a sticker will no longer exist, and use of the Newbury facility will continue to be restricted to Newbury residents and owners of Newbury property.

Scrap Metal, White Goods, and Tires

Newbury residents can recycle scrap metal and white goods (used appliances) at the Ryegate recycling center or the NEKWMD facility in Lyndonville throughout the year. Neither facility charges extra for appliances containing Freon. The yard operated by Stockley Trucking, Inc. in Lisbon, New Hampshire (603-838-2860) will pay by weight for metals.

Due to low volumes of material collected, Newbury has not had a scrap metal collection day since 2014. If one is scheduled in 2018, it may be held in conjunction with the Household Hazardous Waste event to be held at the town garage on Scotch Hollow Road.

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

What You Can Do

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

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

The Future of Recycling

Recycling makes sense. In 2017, we recycled approximately 85.2 tons of material at the Newbury Village facility. By reducing the volume of waste, we reduced the individual cost of waste disposal and extended the life of landfills. Because of the shortage of landfills in Vermont, the legislature approved Act 148 in 2012. This Universal Recycling Law is requiring adherence to a specific timeline for recycling:

Collection services required by the law

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

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

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

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

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

Timeline of the law for residents

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

Thanks

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

Contact Information

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802-866-9008

Jim & Mary Collins
802-866-5441

Gavin Reid, Chairman
802-866-5951

TOWN OF NEWBURY RECYCLING GUIDELINES

EFFECTIVE 2018

COMMINGLED PAPER

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

CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, KRAFT PAPER

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

TOWN OF NEWBURY RECYCLING GUIDELINES

EFFECTIVE 2018

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

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

ALL BATTERIES (EXCEPT WET-CELL) WEIGHING UP TO 11 POUNDS EACH MAY BE TAKEN TO THE NEWBURY RECYCLING CENTER. CELL PHONES (WITH OR WITHOUT BATTERIES) ARE ALSO ACCEPTED. OUTLETS THAT SELL AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES WILL ACCEPT WET-CELL BATTERIES.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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

Earth Waste Systems, Inc.	Bradford Transfer Station, 143 Fairground Rd	Bradford	802-775-7722
Groton/Ryegate Transfer Station and Recycling Center	269 School St	E Ryegate	802-584-3880

2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 5	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Danville Stump Dump
SATURDAY, MAY 19	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Marshfield Town Clerks
SATURDAY, JUNE 2	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 9	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Newport Center Town Garage
SATURDAY, JUNE 23	8 a.m. – 12p.m.	Morgan Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 7	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Brownington Town Offices
SATURDAY, JULY 28	8 a.m. – 12p.m.	Greensboro Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18	8 a.m. – 12p.m.	Ryegate Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Lunenburg Town Garage
SATURDAY, SEPT. 22	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 1, 2017 to October 7, 2017. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

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

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

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

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

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

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

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

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

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

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

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

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

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Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

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

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

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

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

Development Review Board

The Development Review Board (DRB) hears applications for subdivisions, conditional uses, variances, waivers, and appeals of a Zoning Administrator's decision. The DRB is a citizen panel appointed by the Selectboard. The DRB meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 pm as needed.

In 2016, the DRB conducted 6 hearings, 3 for subdivisions and 3 for activities in the shoreland zone. Due to state requirements for legal warnings prior to a hearing and an appeal period following a hearing, the hearing process can often take 2 months from initial application to green light to proceed, and longer if there are objections.

The zoning administrator is clerk to the DRB and the person to contact to begin the process.

DRB members are: Jim Burke (chair), Amanda Beaulieu, Bob Beaulieu, Emmy Hausman, Bobbie Jewett, Chuck Schulze and Larry Scott.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission completed a comprehensive re-write and update to the Newbury Town Plan which was adopted by the Selectboard on August 19, 2015 and confirmed as an Approved Town Plan by the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission on September 23, 2015. That plan is good for eight years.

The Planning Commission has also completed a comprehensive bylaw update that combines zoning, subdivision and flood hazard regulations into one document with the assistance of the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission and the financial support of a state Municipal Planning Grant. The final Newbury Unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulation was adopted by the Selectboard on October 11, 2017 and is now the law of the land.

The Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm and the zoning administrator provides staff support to the Commission.

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

Zoning Administrator

Preston Bristow has been Newbury's zoning administrator since December of 2014. Preston has experienced increasing responsibilities as Barnard's town administrator and will no longer be working for Newbury when you read this report. A search for a successor is underway. The phone number to reach the zoning administrator's voicemail is 866-5026 and the email is zoning@newburyvt.org. Office hours for the new administrator are yet to be determined.

There were 39 zoning permits in 2015, 43 in 2016 and just 28 in 2017. Newbury experienced over 100 permits per year prior to the recession of 2008, but an average closer to 40 permits a year appears to be the new normal.

Frances Atkinson Residence for the Retired

4717 Main Street
Newbury, VT 0505
802-866-5582 phone
802-866-5585 fax
director.atkinson@gmail.com

I would like to thank you for the appropriation of \$2500.00 dollars the Atkinson Residence received from the request at the 2017 town meeting. The funding we received helped up reach our goal of bringing our kitchen up to state code. The current resident census is at twelve. Four of the twelve residents are from the town of Newbury. We employ twelve people, of those twelve, four reside in the town of Newbury. Thank you for helping us improve our residence, we greatly appreciate the support shown to us by this community.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Degoosh
Executive Director



Baldwin Memorial Library

33 N. Main Street

P.O. Box 337

Wells River, VT 05081

802-757-2693

librarian@baldwinlibraryvt.org

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

In this year's report, I'd like to simply revisit some of the moments in 2017 that made me think, "Yes! This is what a library should be."

On top of the list might be our first ever participation in the VT Humanities Council event "Reading Frederick Douglass". On July 6, a crowd of us gathered, symbolically, at the Wells River Welcome Center to read aloud Mr. Douglass's iconic 4th of July address. Such readings happen each year all over Vermont to remind us, as we celebrate Independence Day, that there are still human rights and freedoms to be secured. Please plan to join us again in July 2018.

The galaxy (and local astronomer Brad Vietje) supplied the opportunity for another summer highlight. On the afternoon of the solar eclipse, Brad's specially-prepared telescope gave the village a safe and awe-inspiring view of the event.

Then there are all those unremarkable little things that happen randomly throughout the year. Occasionally, someone needs a typewriter (remember those?) to complete a form, and we have one! "Distance learners" sometimes need a site in which to take a proctored exam. That's us! Doing your wash at the laundromat? Getting an oil change at Wells River Chevy? Lots of folks have figured out that the library is a comfortable and entertaining place to pass that time.

We love to find community partners for hosting programs and services. One long-standing example is our annual Polar Express Party, co-sponsored by the Pulaski Masonic Lodge #58. Our neighbor libraries in Groton and Newbury Village are always game for joint programming, as are the Wells River Action Program (WRAP) and Blue Mountain School.

But sometimes there is a less visible thread of community connection. I'm thinking of the library patron who was observant and caring enough to engage another visitor in conversation and learned of an acute need for emergency assistance. The library was then able to alert and mobilize four local churches for help.

Finally, 2017 was, for us, the "year of the dog". Ruby, a certified therapy dog, launched our "Read to Ruby" summer campaign to help keep kids reading. But it's not just the kids who enjoy her presence. In fact, here's one fellow's first question every time he comes through the door: "Where's Ruby?" And Ruby has help. Although, sadly, Mavis has passed on, Harry, Callie, and Buford often stop in for pats.



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



You can't keep a little library going without big help from volunteers. Hats off in gratitude to Barb Zimmer, Jim Marsden, Rachel Thibault, Megan Batchelder, Greg Collins, Steve Martel, Michael Adam, Matthew Gherardi, Cassandra Meyerhoff, Selenda Girardin, Bill O'Malley, Larry Clark, Beth Nelson, Briggs Heffernan, Emma & Zoe Buhner, and Royce Thompson. What do these volunteers do? They run the desk, water the plants, catalog books, organize magazines, collect the mail, do projects with kids, shovel snow, set up window displays, distribute posters, suggest new books, dust the shelves, and help with programs. Thanks also to all the village businesses for generous support of the library.

Circulation	7,100 items borrowed (137/week)
Library Visitors	5,799 adults, 848 children (128/week)
Reference Service	595 (11/week)
New Members	72 adults, 14 children
Interlibrary Loans	74 items loaned; 331 items borrowed
In-library Computer Use	1,209 adults, 112 children (25/week)
"ListenUpVermont" Usage	141 audiobook and 122 e-book free downloads
Donations added to collection	62 children's books, 66 adult books, 115 movies, 40 audiobooks, 3 music CD's, & many puzzles

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

Chip Conquest and Chris Buhner (terms end 2018)
 Ann Marie Fredella and Kate Maver (terms end 2019)
 Joyce Powers and Karen Kreis (Chair) (terms end 2020)

TREASURER

Nancy Ranno

LIBRARIAN

Peggy Hewes

**Baldwin Memorial Library
2018 Budget**

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Librarian	20,778.90	21,778.90	21,778.90
Custodian	1,144.00	1,040.00	1,144.00
Substitute	324.00	0	324.00
Social Security	1,790.00	1,721.36	1,790.00
Books for Adults	3,500.00	2,441.92	3,500.00
Books for Children	1,700.00	1,105.55	1,700.00
Subscriptions (print)	400.00	182.67	200.00
Subscriptions (electronic)	500.00	578.44	600.00
Computer Maintenance	400.00	639.03	700.00
Supplies	500.00	1,051.59	800.00
Equipment	200.00	0	0
Programs	700.00	1,178.00	700.00
Advertising	300.00	294.30	300.00
Insurance	1,825.00	1,847.00	1,850.00
Heating Fuel	2,900.00	2,496.73	2,900.00
Electricity	1,000.00	975.91	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,550.00	1,521.48	1,550.00
Water/Sewer	400.00	400.00	400.00
Postage	700.00	802.70	800.00
Building/Grounds	200.00	926.53	200.00
Travel/Professional	300.00	300.00	300.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	335.00	300.00
Grant Spending	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL	42,611.90	41,817.11	43,036.90

<u>Income</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Ryegate Town	0	200.00	200.00
Wells River Village	20,600.00	20,600.00	20,600.00
Newbury Town	14,500.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Donations	4,700.00	5,065.40	5,236.90
Fundraising Events	2,200.00	2,321.85	2,400.00
Interest/Dividends	400.00	297.36	400.00
Grants	200.00	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	11.90	0	0
TOTAL	42,611.90	42,684.61	43,036.90

Baldwin Memorial Library

Treasurer's Report – 2017

Checking Account Balance 1/1/17	1,930.72
Savings Account Balance 1/1/17	<u>12,750.72</u>
	14,681.44

Income

Wells River Village	20,600.00	
Newbury Town	14,000.00	
Ryegate Town	200.00	
Donations	5,065.40	
Fundraising Events	2,321.85	
Interest & Dividends	297.36	
Miscellaneous	0	
Grants	<u>200.00</u>	
	42,684.61	57,366.05

Expenses

Salaries	22,818.90	
Social Security	1,721.36	
Books	3,747.47	
Subscriptions	761.11	
Computer Maintenance	639.03	
Supplies	1,051.59	
Programs	1,178.00	
Insurance	1,847.00	
Heating Fuel	2,496.73	
Utilities	2,897.39	
Postage	802.70	
Travel & Professional	300.00	
Advertising	294.30	
Building & Grounds	926.53	
Miscellaneous	<u>335.00</u>	
	41,817.11	<u>15,548.94</u>

Checking Account Balance 12/31/17	792.91
Savings Account Balance 12/31/17	<u>14,756.03</u>
	15,548.94

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Ranno, Treasurer

Capstone Community Action

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 14,460 people in 8,162 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, healthcare navigation, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 68 Newbury & Wells River households representing 136 individuals this past year included:

- 2 individuals accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 26 households with 80 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 1 household worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 5 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 4 additional family members.
- 3 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 5 residents, including 1 senior and 1 resident with disabilities.
- 15 multi housing units were weatherized supporting 20 occupants.
- 1 person found and maintained reliable transportation with support from the Capstone Transportation Project.
- 1 person attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 8 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 6 people received information and assistance for signing up for Vermont Health Connect.
- 1 resident received a referral for the Jobs for Independence program.

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



CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN NEWBURY

Local Partnerships in Learning

- Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) is a community-based nonprofit organization serving the adult education and literacy needs of Newbury residents for more than fifty years.
- CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16- 90+) in:
 - Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer literacy
 - English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
 - High school diploma and GED credential programs
 - Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college
- CVABE has six welcoming learning centers located throughout the organization's tri-county service region, including our Bradford Learning Center at 24 Barton Street in Bradford. We collaborate closely with schools, libraries, employers, and a great number of other community resources to make our unique service locally accessible. Our welcome extends to everyone.
- CVABE provides education services to an average of 7 Newbury residents annually, and last year 7 Newbury residents enrolled. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving one's job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. As parents gain literacy, their children are twice as likely to grow up literate themselves.
- CVABE provides free instruction to 450-500 people annually in its overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. Nearly all students are low income. It currently costs CVABE \$3,145 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Over 125 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.
- We are deeply appreciative of Newbury's voter-approved past support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the many neighbors who need education for a better life.
- **For more information** regarding CVABE's basic education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

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

or contact CVABE's administrative offices at our Barre Learning Center at (802)476-4588.

Central Vermont Council on Aging

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

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

Some of the options we make available include:

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

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 94 Newbury residents. Case Manager, Marianne Barnett is designated to work directly with the seniors in Newbury. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 645 hours of service to Newbury seniors.

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

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FY16 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED Newbury	
Children & Family Services	556	Children & Family Services	19
School Services	87	School Services	5
JOBS	130	JOBS	1
Adult Services	594	Adult Services	19
CSP Services	180	CSP Services	9
Supportive & Transitional Housing	45	Supportive & Transitional Housing	2
Substance Abuse Services	572	Substance Abuse Services	19
Corrections Services	55	Corrections Services	
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	476	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	23
Access	1106	Access	41
Total Served - unduplicated	2234	Total seen:	81
CVSAS	1286	CVSAS	2

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

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

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Cohase Chamber of Commerce

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

Dear Friends:

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

Some of our major accomplishments for 2017 include but are certainly not limited to the following:

- ✓ Our **Annual Meeting** at Lake Morey Resort in January which included the presentation of our Citizen of the Year award and Business of the Year Award.
- ✓ A very successful **Business Breakfast** at the Colatina Exit in May with a record turnout of over 40 attendees to discuss challenges and successes within our communities.
- ✓ Co-sponsorship of the **Paddle the Border** events in May and October which brings people from all over to our region twice a year to celebrate our beautiful Connecticut River.
- ✓ An extremely successful **Garden Tour and Tea** in July featuring regional gardens and an afternoon tea at Alumni Hall in Haverhill, NH. Over 120 people attended from all over New Hampshire, Vermont and beyond.
- ✓ Our **Farm Tour** in August which celebrated our area's agricultural heritage and featured open houses and tours at local farms. This year's event was a record turnout with some farms reporting over 200 attendees.
- ✓ Our **48 Hour Film Slam** in September. Six teams participated this year and over 100 attendees attending the public screening.
- ✓ Three **Business After Hours** events which brought together 40-50 businesspeople from throughout our region for networking and conversation.
- ✓ Educational workshops targeted towards our regional business community including a **Cybersecurity/Digital Marketing** workshop, a **Business Succession Planning** workshop, and a **Digital Marketing/Overcoming Business Overwhelm** workshop.
- ✓ Hosting of the annual **Cohase Regional Economic Summit** in December bringing together elected officials and community leaders to discuss regional economic challenges and solutions.
- ✓ Promotion of a "**Buy Local**" mentality in our region through press releases, articles, social media and presentations.
- ✓ Active participation in and facilitation of community meetings centered on Economic Development and Workforce Development

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

With gratitude,

Erik Volk
Executive Director

COHASE ROTARY CLUB

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

This year has been a wild ride. I was invited by 2009-2017 President, Ian Clark to join the Woodsville-Wells River Rotary Club in January 2017. Little did I know that I would immediately accept the position of President-Elect for the 2017-2018 year. I will be the first to admit that I wasn't quite sure what was in store for me. They sent me to the Northeast Presidents-Elect Training Seminar in Framingham, Massachusetts for three days in March. I walked away from the weekend with 700+ new friends and an overwhelming sense of pride in Rotary and the compassion of its members. All weekend I learned about projects locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally that folks were working on. I didn't even get home before I was excitedly writing to all of the club and district members about my hopes for the coming year. We accomplished a lot this year and I owe a huge debt of gratitude to eight-year President Ian Clark and members Rolk Zuk, David Perry, and Dean Rowden for welcoming me and showing me the ropes. I have included the highlights below and would love to discuss Rotary with anyone who is interested in learning more – whether at a club meeting or one-on-one for coffee. Get in touch!

Monique Priestley, Cohase Rotary Club President 2017-2019

This year, we awarded four scholarships to local high school graduates, trained youth leaders, supported literacy by donating books, and participated at both Spring and Fall Paddle the Border. We raised money for international projects, were awarded a district grant to fund classroom equipment at BMU, and accepted applications for a district-wide educator scholarship. We also organized an opioid awareness event at Oxbow High School, invited area high schools to participate in the district speech contest, opened the speaker portion of our meetings up to the public to participate, and had displays at both the Giving Fair and So Long Summer - Hello Fall. Additionally, we assisted several other local organizations with projects.

Our biggest project each year is to raise money to award at least four \$1,000 scholarships, one to a student from each of Blue Mountain Union School, Oxbow High School, River Bend Career & Technical Center and Woodsville High School. Since 1999, our Club has awarded \$128,500 in scholarships. The recipients of our 2017 Educational Scholarship Awards were: Samuel Pushee of Woodsville High School who went on to study nursing at Colby-Sawyer; Cayleigh O'Connell of Oxbow High School who went on to study political science at University of Connecticut; Joseph Mitchell of River Bend Career & Technical Center who went on to study sustainable business at Green Mountain College; and Joshua Walls of Blue Mountain Union School who went on to study fire science at Southern Main Community College. Most of the funds for our scholarships come from our annual Jr. High School Basketball Tournament. 2018 was our 51st year for the tournament. We've received comments from many grandparents who recall playing in it themselves.

Additional Highlights:

- We renamed Woodsville-Wells River to Cohase to be inclusive of all of the towns we serve.
- Every year we participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program. We send three high school freshman/sophomore students to a long weekend of leadership development at Lyndon State College. The RYLA program is run by previous recipients of the award.
- Rotary International views literacy as a basic human right. Our club works with the Dictionary Project to donate dictionaries to all 3rd grade students at Newbury Elementary School each year. We plan to expand this to additional area schools in 2018.
- We sold food and assisted boaters at both Spring and Fall Paddle the Border.
- The Club raised just under \$600 to contribute to a project that Club #6410 of Sherbrooke, Canada initiated with Club #6868 of Obregon Sur, Mexico. The money went to an international effort to plant community orchards in Mexico.
- We were awarded a \$1,100 district grant to fund kinesthetic classroom equipment at BMU. The Club is working with Beth Fraser's class at BMU to raise an additional \$1,145.
- We accepted applications for the Alonzo Malouin Teacher Scholarship which provides \$5,000 to an educator for continuing education.
- We organized an opioid awareness event at Oxbow High School with a large panel of local, regional, and state industry experts. We continue to work on follow-up events.
- We invited area high schools to participate in the District #7850's 4-Way Test speech contest.
- We opened the speaker portion of our meetings up to the public to participate.
- We took part in community events including The Giving Fair and So Long Summer - Hello Fall.
- We donated to help the West Newbury Congregational Church send supplies to Zimbabwe.
- We provided a BMU class with newspaper subscriptions for Newspapers in Education.
- We donated to student Ambassadors in the People to People program.
- We won Rotary District #7850's Club Sustainability Award: Comeback Club of the Year.
- Rotary International offers many opportunities that clubs can extend to students. We would love to work on Youth Exchanges and to set up EarlyAct, Interact, and Rotaract Clubs in schools.
- We launched our Pay It Forward Volunteer Network, an initiative to match up volunteers and nonprofit causes in the Cohase region. Visit www.cohase.org/volunteer for more information.

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



Connecticut River Joint Commissions – 2017 Town Report

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

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

CRJC continues its mission to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley. With five local subcommittees and over 100 volunteers, it is guiding the watershed's growth by reviewing and commenting on proposed actions, from large scale development projects including the Northern Pass and Hydro-Electric Dam Relicensing, to proposed regulatory changes, such as the NH shoreland protection rules.

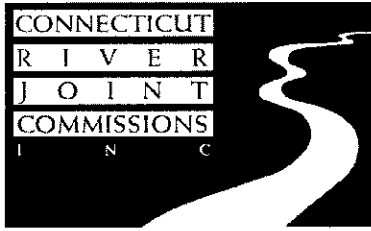
During FY 17 CRJC convened a meeting on the Conte Wildlife Refuge with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to learn about their Water-on-Wheels Express and to develop a partnership to bring this educational exhibit to Connecticut River communities. CRJC was a sponsor of the 20th Annual Source-to-Sea Cleanup with the Connecticut River Conservancy and partnered with them on an analysis of erosion studies as part of the FERC relicensing process of hydro-electric dams. As a result, FERC requested the dams' owner to provide additional information on erosion along the river.



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

CRJC emphasized the Vermont Clean Water Initiative with a focus on best agricultural practices to reduce impacts on surface waters. CRJC continues to bring public policy decision makers to our meetings to keep them abreast of the issues facing the Connecticut River. Finally, CRJC worked with the students of the Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth to conduct a valuation of the Connecticut River to the New Hampshire Economy. Read or download the study here: <http://www.crjc.org/news-and-events/>.

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



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CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee Annual Report - 2017

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

The Riverbend Subcommittee provides a local voice to help steward the resources of an important portion of the Connecticut River representing voices from two states, five counties, and thirteen towns along 70 miles of river. 2017 saw the subcommittee members continue to bring a valuable contribution of expertise and local knowledge to the table for the assistance of landowners, municipalities, and state agencies near the river.

The Subcommittee hosted presentations on a variety of topics in 2017. These topics included the tools and techniques to assess and protect community infrastructure, Headwaters Hydrology: Riverbank Restoration and Stabilization, a presentation from the Connecticut River Conservancy and their role in studying, permitting, grant writing, buffer planting, organizing river clean ups, and establishing the clean water/Healthy Trout program. The subcommittee also stayed updated on a number of issues including the ongoing dam relicensing through FERC, ACT publication of "Living with a Trout Stream," the ACT Regional Conservation Partnership Project on biodiversity and water quality, the Ammonoosuc River being set as the site of the Eastern Brook Trout inventory, Dam ownership changes, and staffing changes at CRJC.

The subcommittee submitted comments on a series of permits ranging from across the region on issues such as shore land permitting for house foundations and leach fields, septic system and road access and shore land upgrades, and issues with a materials handling area due to easement and shore land application lapses.

There are currently openings on the subcommittee in several communities. If you or someone in your community is interested in working with volunteers from area communities on river conservation issues and serving as a liaison to the Headwaters subcommittee, please contact our staff support Nick Altonaga at naltonaga@nccouncil.org to learn more.



GREEN UP IN NEWBURY



May 6, 2017

In 2017, more than 250 volunteers helped with Green Up. The weight of the trash collected was 1.43 tons, and the volume was approximately 18 cubic yards. In addition to 26 tires, a pickup load of scrap metal and electronics was recycled. (No TVs this year.) There were 6 mattresses; 5 containing springs were stripped so that their metal could be recycled. Recyclable cans and bottles filled 36 garbage cans. Refunds from 2,855 redeemable drink containers brought \$142.75 to help reduce the costs of Green Up which included \$422.30 for disposal of the trash and the \$150 fee to Green Up Vermont for bags and posters. We thank Pete's Rubbish Removal for waiving the \$75 fee for delivery of the dumpster. Blue Mountain Union School covered its own cost of copying student artwork before it was submitted to the annual poster contest.

WHO AND WHERE

Bailey Pond Rd: Rick & Emmy Hausman • Jaime & Lori Constantine **Bailey's Eddy:** Lesley & Ken Rower **Baldwin Rd:** Amanda Longmoore, Morgan & Sandy Cyr, Jeffrey Mullenbrock **Bible Hill Rd:** Chip Conquest, Fay Homan • Joe, Cheryle & Jeremy Provost • Richard Roderick, Janis Moore **Bolkum Rd:** Joseph Mahr, Walter Morse **Boltonville Rd:** (Unreported) **Bowen Rd:** Elaide Gahn • Michelle & Sue Redmond with "Bella" • Don Mayer **Brock Hill Rd:** Russ & Peg Haviland **Brookside Ln:** Dante, Emma, Molly, Artie & Ben Sargent **Cesari Rd:** Gene & Judy Cesari **Center St:** WRSB* **Chalmers Hill Rd:** Daniel Lemay **Chapel St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Cheney 4-Corner Rd:** Jack Edwards **Cole Rd:** Jeff, Jace & Evan Page **Cookman Rd:** (Unknown) **Corey Hill Rd:** Dylan, Alison, Cyrus & Elsie Kidder • Cooper, Hannah & Harper Leland **Creamery St:** WRSB* **Cross St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Crusher Hill Rd:** James Stoops, Caleb Smith **Darling Rd:** Michelle & Sue Redmond with "Bella" **Deerfield Ln:** Russ & Peg Haviland **Depot Rd:** Elizabeth Upton **Dickey Rd:** Randy & Jennifer Oakley **Doe Hill Rd/Doe Ln:** Tom Burnham **Elm St:** Ronald & Jean & Welch **Fish Pond Rd:** Marc & Barbara Krulewitz, Gerry Estill, Chris Jones **Fisk Rd:** Michael Heffernan, Barbara Briggs **Flanders Brook Rd:** Troy, Erin, Natalie, Emma, Abigail & Marley Perry **French Rd:** Tom & Catherine Kidder **Fuller Rd:** Robert Chapla with "Anu" • Alison Lauter with "Quill" • Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo **Fulton Rd:** Dennis & Olga Amaral, Randy & Jennifer Oakley • Troy, Erin, Natalie, Emma, Abigail & Marley Perry **Gahn Rd:** Elaide Gahn, Don Mayer **Golf Links Rd:** Joe, Cheryle & Jeremy Provost **Grapes Rd:** Michael Heffernan & Barbara Briggs **Grove St:** WRSB* **Halls Lake Rd:** Dante, Emma, Molly, Artie & Ben Sargent • Doug Speck, Claire Bolon • Scott Wheeler, Jim Densmore **Industrial Park Rd:** Chris, Wendy, Emma, Zoe & Noah Buhner **Jefferson Hill Rd:** Lucas, Kristina, Lizzie & Amy Vaughan • John Layton, Marlene Bristol **Johnson Dr:** Hope Hutchinson **Ledger Rd:** Amanda Longmoore, Morgan & Sandy Cyr, Jeffrey Mullenbrock **Leighton Hill Rd:** David, Hayden & Johnny Grant • Lisa Gurney, Tracy Dunn • David Tansey, Jane Booth • Jeff, Jamie & Jenna Mills • Erin, Paul & Brody Pellegrino **Lower Meadow Rd:** James Wheeter **Mace Rd:** Rhonda & Tony Wheeler **Main St North:** WRSB* • Ronald & Jean Welch **Main St South:** Elizabeth Upton • Judith Lerner • Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley • Kevin & Melanie Lawrence, Ben & Katie Cole **Maple Hill Rd:** (Unassigned) **Maple St:** WRSB* **McClure Farm Rd:** (Unreported) **Montebello Rd:** Judith Lerner **Moore Hill Rd:** Craig & Lisa Hervey, George & Julia Guay • Jeff, Eliza & Susan Goodell; Ann, Livvy, Maddie & Fern Fredella **Newbury Center Rd:** James Stoops, Caleb Smith **Newbury Crossing Rd:** Kevin & Melanie Lawrence, Ben & Katie Cole **North Rd:** Skip & Carol Metayer • Susan Underwood, Rus & Peg Haviland • Caroline Nininger **O'Gorman Rd:** Zach & Beate Kane **Old County Rd:** John & Harrison Renfrew, Stacy Terrio **Old Schoolhouse Rd:** Kathy Damon **Old Stagecoach Rd:** (Anonymous) **Old West Newbury Rd:** Tommy & John Girard **Oxbow Rd:** Elizabeth

Upton **Page Hill Rd:** Troy, Erin, Natalie, Emma, Abigail & Marley Perry **Peach Brook Rd:** Lyman Beecher, Tom Chaffee ♦ Daniel Lemay **Perini Rd:** Karl & Nathan Neubauer ♦ Mark & Sharon Nye ♦ Daniel Berna, Susan Gaelic **Pine St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Pulaski St:** Sam, Shelly, Parker & Raina Calley **Putnam Rd:** Russ & Peg Haviland **Railroad St:** Ronald & Jean Welch **Ricker Rd:** Walter & Jennifer Fischer **Rogers Hill Rd:** James Wheeter ♦ Paul & Amy Perry **Romance Ln:** (Unknown) **Round Barn Rd:** Amanda Longmoore, Morgan & Sandy Cyr, Jeffrey Mullenbrock **Route 5 North:** State Highway Crew in Bradford **Route 5 South:** State Highway Crew in Bradford **Route 302:** State Highway Crew in Wells River **Route 302/Mill St:** WRSB* **Schaeffer Hill Rd:** Hope Hutchinson **Scotch Hollow Rd:** John & Harrison Renfrew, Stacy Terrio ♦ Tim, Emily, Alexandra & Elsie Ross ♦ Alexander, Aza, Uma & Michael Chirkov, Elena Ivanova ♦ Russell Burrridge ♦ Allison, John & Moses Andrews ♦ Scott Magrath ♦ Doris & Heather McClintock ♦ Jeanne Tilghman ♦ Brad Vietje, Linda Ide ♦ Crystal Sweeney, Nathan Smith ♦ Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo **Scott Rd:** Tom Burnham **Snake Rd:** Steve & Jan Cole ♦ Tom Williams ♦ Dan, Danielle, Samuel & Matthew Corti **Stevens Place:** (Unassigned) **Swamp Rd:** Michael Heffernan, Barbara Briggs ♦ Greg & Debbie Eaton ♦ Laramie Bobar ♦ Steven & Adele Edelman ♦ Wendy Block, Nancy Martin, Sarah Calley, Maureen Flynn, Martha Ward, Eva Holland ♦ Mary Ellen Davis ♦ Diane & Cecil Sweat, Eric Lawn, Bayley Sherman ♦ Joseph Safranek **Swift Rd:** George & Mary Emerson, Sid & Barb Young **Tenney Pond Rd:** Jeff, Jamie & Jenna Mills **Terry Hill Rd:** Michael Heffernan, Barbara Briggs **Toll House Rd:** Tom Burnham **Topsham Rd:** George & Mary Emerson, Sid & Barb Young **Tucker Mt Rd:** Bill & Carolyn Keck ♦ JD Sloan, Carly Wade ♦ Jessica Loeffler, Parrish Eiskamp & “Huxley” ♦ John & Hannah Narowski **Tullar Rd:** Ronald & Jean Welch **Tyler Farm Rd:** Tom & Catherine Kidder ♦ Zach & Beate Kane **Upper Rogers Rd:** Paul & Amy Perry ♦ Steve & Patti Clark **Urquhart Rd:** Bill & Carolyn Keck ♦ Bruce Mays, Cynthia Maltbie **Vaughan Rd:** Lucas, Kristina, Lizzie & Amy Vaughan **Wallace Hill Rd:** Susan Kennedy, Ellen Serra ♦ Kathryn Smith ♦ Daniel & Francis Burwinkel, Angela Cottrill ♦ Cameron, Rachel, Kyle & Daniel Sweet ♦ Walter & Jennifer Fischer **Water St:** Scott Darling, Katie Thayer **Welch Rd:** Melissa, Gai, Teegan & Adley Gilmore **Wheeler Rd:** (Unassigned) **Whitcher Rd:** Mary Ellen Davis **Whitelaw Rd:** (Unreported) **Wrights Mt Rd:** Steve & Patti Clark

*Wells River Savings Bank – Tanya Bean, Irene Emerson, Elizabeth Marshall, Mary-ellen Gray, Hilda Huntoon, Frank Tilghman, Graham Gove, Patti Clark, David Gonyaw

AT THE COMMON

The following persons sorted cans and bottles or helped out in other ways: Dianne & Ami Norton, Carol Stoll, Alison Lauter, Kathy Smith, John & Caroline Nininger; Brad, Elizabeth & Graham Johnson (from Dorset, Ontario, Canada); Lenice Cicchini, Robert Chapla, Martha Griswold, Scott Magrath, Carly Wade, Hope Hutchinson, Scott Wheeler, Jon Bobar, Derry Gleason, John & Hannah Narowski, Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo

MANY THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS!

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

At the end of May 2018, Claude Phipps and Connie Philleo plan to retire from their careers as Newbury Green Up coordinators. It is their hope that others will offer to bring new leadership, renewed energy, and fresh ideas to continue this worthwhile tradition in their own way.

GREEN UP DAY IS ALWAYS THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY.

To volunteer your help in 2018, please send an email to here4now@sover.net or call (802) 866-9008.
To become a Green Up Coordinator, please contact the Town of Newbury.

Halls Lake Association

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

We would like to thank the Town of Newbury for the generous assistance to our efforts to control the Eurasian Milfoil infestation at Halls Lake. This summer AE Divers were contracted to harvest Milfoil from the lake and deposit it on the properties of two of our lake residents where it dried and decayed harmlessly. AE Divers committed three men, boats and harvesting equipment for five days in September at a total cost of \$6,500. Newbury's grant of \$6,000 was supplemented by contributions from the lake residents. Many residents also contributed time, effort and boats to assist in collecting and removing harvest debris from the lake.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Timony
President, Halls Lake Association



A small town is made vibrant by the activity and involvement of the people who live there. The mission of NewburyConnect is to foster and promote volunteer efforts in Newbury and facilitate communication among volunteer and service groups. To that end, we are very close to launching both a website www.newburyconnect.info and a print directory that will be a clearinghouse of information about the clubs and organizations active in Newbury. Both media will include contact information, annual events, and regular meeting times, as well as an on-line calendar that will provide the community with up-to-date meeting and event information.

NewburyConnect collaborates with the Events Committee in the publication of Newbury's annual Events Poster. We participate in community events, such as the Wells River "So Long Summer - Hello Fall" festival and the Newbury Elementary School Farm Raiser, to get the word out about our mission. If you would like to join our work or would like your club or organization included in the website and directory, please contact us at NewburyConnect@gmail.com leave a message for us at either the Baldwin or Tenney Libraries.

Respectfully submitted by the members of NewburyConnect: Robin Barone, Lenice Cicchini, Angela Cottrill, Emily Hausman, Mary Lou Judas, Sydney Lea, Luisa Lindsley, Connie Philleo, & Richard M. Roderick.

The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley (TMP)

Our **Mission** is to encourage self-confidence and academic growth among children & adolescents by creating mutually beneficial relationships with responsible adult volunteers based on mutual trust & respect.

2017 was a Year for TMP Milestones.

- 1) The number of Mentor/Mentee matches was increased by 27% !
- 2) TMP earned the distinction of a Quality Mentoring Service by fulfilling all the criteria for that status !
- 3) All volunteer Mentors completed two rigorous trainings:
 - a. Best Practices in Mentoring;
 - b. Recognizing and Preventing Child Abuse
- 4) Annual Evaluation Survey Results: 100% of Parents surveyed were very pleased with their child's experiences with his/her Mentor; 85% of Mentees surveyed felt that having a Mentor had made a difference in their lives; 100% of Mentors surveyed said they would recommend being a Mentor to their friends.

Community Service Activities:

- 1) On Martin Luther King National Day of Service, Mentors & Mentees cooked lunch for residents in the Adult Shelter and made snacks for the After-School Program at the Upper Valley Haven.
- 2) In May, Mentors & Mentees groomed a trail on Wrights MT.

Group Activities:

January – Lunch at the Lebanon Village Pizza, followed by swimming at Upper Valley Aquatics and crafts at Tip Top Pottery; *"The Eagle Huntress"* movie at the Hopkins Center
February - Sliding Party and cook-out on the sliding hill of a Mentor
March - Visit to Limlaw's Pulp Chipping and Maple Sugar House
Summer - Pontoon Boat cruise on the Connecticut River provided by a Mentor
Fall – NESFEST at North East Slopes; Apple Picking at Wild Hill Orchards & Pressing Cider; Corinth Coffee House Benefit
December – Annual Pizza Party for Parents & Families at Colatina Exit with Marko the Magician

Individual Activities: *(Mentors provide new experiences for their Mentees to boost their confidence and broaden their horizons. See below for an incomplete list.)*

Bowling at Room 111; Movies at the Nugget Theater; Rock Climbing at the Green MT Rock Climbing Center; Concerts at Court Street Arts; VINS; Montshire Museum; Strawberry Picking; Gardening at the Bradford Community Garden; Drama Productions at Old Church Theater; Art Classes at Catamount Arts; Ice Skating on Lake Morey; Snow Shoeing along the Connecticut River; Solar Eclipse Party at the Fairbanks Museum; Farm Tour at McLam's Farm; Volunteer Ushering at the Hopkins Center; Kayaking in Paddle the Border; Kayaking, swimming and ice fishing at Hall's Lake; visiting the Fish Hatchery in Warren; Bradford Historical Society presentation on WW1; Playing Basketball at Always Fit; Easter Egg Hunt in Newbury; Gardin Brothers Circus in Barre; Polar Caves ;Hiking on Black Mountain; Renaissance Fair in Thetford; St. Johnsbury Athenaeum; snacks at Whippi Dip, the Local Buzz, Newbury Village Store, Bliss Store and other eateries

TMP's Over-Arching Goal is to sustain the Mentor/Mentee relationships through the Mentee's High School Graduation. To that end, monitoring and support of each match is provided to enhance the success of the relationship.

TMP Board Members, Staff, Mentors, Mentees and Parents are grateful for the support we've received in 2017 from individuals, venues, organizations, businesses and Towns.

Kathy Garone, TMP Board President

Nancy Jones, TMP Program Coordinator

ReNewbury Broadband is now **Newbury REDI District** **www.NewburyREDI.net**

Our committee has made real progress in 2017, and we have lots of news to report.

The Challenge: Bringing twenty-first century broadband to every household, business, and institution in a town of 2,216 people, within 896 households, spread over 64 square miles, and crisscrossed by over 100 miles of paved and gravel roads. Our goal remains bringing affordable high speed internet options to all Newbury residents. As a rural community with a low population density, we are falling behind the rest of the region in terms of access to the digital domain, creating a drag on our economic development. Greater access to broadband internet will help to expand opportunities in education, business development, home-based businesses, telecommuting, and medical care. Universal access to broadband can also help avoid losses in property values and an ongoing "brain drain" to more urban areas. Very few Newbury households have access to what much of the rest of the country now takes for granted: true broadband internet connectivity, and we aim to change that.

Formation of REDI District: In the Spring of 2017 the VT legislature created a new form of municipality in Vermont – a Rural Economic Development Infrastructure District, or "REDI District". We petitioned the Newbury Selectboard to create such a municipality as soon as the legislation was signed into law, and we are now the first REDI District in the state. The members of the Newbury REDI District are all registered voters of the Town of Newbury. This REDI District structure gives us the authority to borrow money at lower rates like other municipalities, but comes with very tight restrictions. We are not permitted to do anything that will affect your property taxes. We are currently finalizing our By-Laws, which will be completed by town meeting. The majority of the Governing Board is appointed annually by the Newbury Selectboard, keeping the Town of Newbury in the driver's seat.

The Plan: we've been exploring a new business model that involves partnering with existing telecommunications providers to create a high speed fiber optic network at the lowest possible cost, even though we have a low population density. **The network we build will be owned by the us – the Newbury REDI District.** This gives us far more control over pricing and policy than merely being customers of a for-profit company.

The Future: In order for this dream to become reality, **we need your help.** First, we need as many Newbury residents as possible to fill out our no-obligation survey form, which helps us work out how many easy and difficult installations sites are involved. Then, as we develop our business plan and apply for funding, we will need most families and businesses in Newbury to join us to make the numbers work. Even if you already have acceptable internet at your home or business, we would like you to look carefully at signing up for internet through the Newbury REDI District. If we don't get enough people to take the service, the network won't be financed, and can't be built – it's that simple.

Meetings: The Newbury REDI District Governing Board meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Tenney Library, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM; all are welcome. The 2017 Governing Board members were: Dan Burwinkel, Lenice Cicchini, Chip Conquest, Jim Henderson, Claude Phipps, Susan Underwood, and Brad Vietje. To contact our Board, please call Claude Phipps at 866-9008, or check our web site: www.NewburyREDI.net

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

The NEKWMD finished 2017 by processing slightly more recycling compared to 2016 – 2981 tons in 2017 compared to 2962 tons in 2016. While tonnage for paper and cardboard were down, almost every other category saw increases compared to 2016. Tonnages for scrap metal, e-waste, and glass were all up significantly compared to 2016. Recycling markets remained steady throughout most of 2017 and were generally on the high side. Some policy changes in China sent ripples throughout some markets, but so far we have been isolated from those actions. The District ended 2017 with a surplus of \$55,755.82. This is good news considering 2016 ended with a deficit of \$53,459. Revenues in 2017 were 12% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 4.7% above projections. Sale of recyclables, including scrap metal, was responsible for most of the increase in revenues.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2017. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) guided most of our activities in 2017 and will continue to do so for the next several years. 2018 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with Act 148. The NEKWMD assisted 10 Towns with establishing food scrap collection at their transfer stations by the July 1, 2017 deadline.

The NEKWMD is entering 2018 with a proposed budget of \$760, 519 – an increase of less than 1% compared to 2017. The surcharge rate of \$24.25 will remain the same for 2018. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.19.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and four part-time employees in 2017. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

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

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

NEKWMD Executive Committee

County of Orange

This report highlights the activities and expenses of Orange County during the county's 2017 fiscal year which began February 1, 2017 and ended January 31, 2018.

County Support for the Sheriff's Department

The Orange County budget supports basic civilian operations at the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's department budget accounts for about 63% of the total county budget. We support the Sheriff's department at a higher level than many surrounding counties due to the fact that there are no other 24/7 staffed law enforcement agencies in Orange County. This 24/7 capability is most vital as it applies to domestic violence cases. We attempt to level fund the department's portion of the county budget where appropriate. The 2018 fiscal year budget includes increases in wages for civilian dispatchers in order to remain competitive and retain good workers. The training budget is also increased mostly due to constant changes in mandatory law enforcement training.

You can call the Sheriff's department directly for assistance at all hours--685-4875.

County Courthouse

Good News! The 1997 bond has finally been paid off and in fiscal year 2018 Orange County will receive the first of ten annual interest rebate payments as the result of a debt restructuring by the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank.

During the past year the south side of the courthouse was scraped and repainted. All the shutters on that side were removed, repaired and also repainted. This work involved lead paint remediation and was hampered by many weather delays, but was finally completed in August.

The other significant project of 2017 involved replacing the sewer line from the courthouse to the connection to the town sewer line on Court Street. This line had backed up a few times during the year and it was best to replace the entire line.

Projects planned for fiscal year 2018 include installing a generator. In the past year we had several power outages that completely disrupted court operations including a day on which over 60 potential jurors had to be sent home. The funds for the generator will come from our Capital Reserve Fund. We will also be painting the north side of the courthouse, attending to those shutters and also beginning some interior painting. The interior of the courthouse has not been painted in over 10 years and we'll be working to complete that work in due course.

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

Please contact us with questions or comments at the courthouse 685-4610.

Orange County Assistant Judges: Joyce McKeeman, Corinth and Vickie Weiss, Tunbridge.

ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION

Orange County Court Diversion (OCCD) is a community based restorative justice program, offering cost effective alternatives to the criminal and civil court system. Our primary focus is the Court Diversion program for eligible adult and juvenile offenders referred by the State's Attorney. Other programs include the:

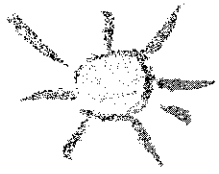
- **Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP)** for youth receiving civil complaints for underage alcohol or marijuana possession;
- **Driving License Suspension Program**, helping Vermonters reinstate their licenses through income-sensitive fine repayment plans;
- **Pre-Trial Services Program**, providing support and services related to mental health and substance abuse for adults facing charges in criminal court.

The heart of our organization is Court Diversion. A Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers from Orange County, works with clients to address the harm they caused to victims and the community while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Clients must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel. Approximately 90% of the clients successfully complete our Court Diversion program. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017, 183 clients were referred for services. Of those, 85 were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 98 were referred for YSASP. With few exceptions, all cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. During FY17, OCCDP processed 21 cases in which the offender either resided in Newbury, and/or the offense occurred in Newbury. OCCDP's FY17 operating budget was \$110,930.00

For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Newbury appropriated \$ 175.00 for FY17 to support OCCDP. Our program is requesting the same appropriation request for FY18.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)



Orange County Parent Child Center

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

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

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 3 families from Newbury including 5 adults and 3 children.

Orange County Parent Child Center
693 Vermont Rte. 110 Tunbridge, VT 05077
802-685-2264 www.orangecountypcc.org

Orange County Sheriff

In 2017 the Orange County Sheriff's Office provided a wide variety of proactive and reactive services in the town of Newbury. In addition to the town contract hours, the Sheriff's office utilized funding from grants and other sources to provide Newbury with law enforcement presence.

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

Once again prescription drug abuse mainly opiate's that appears to be the biggest factor behind thefts and burglaries.

Our community service deputy has been working with selectboard members, school officials and the prevention partnership group. Our goal is to work together and look at strategies to help reduce the number of people addicted to heroin.

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

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

William Bohnyak
Sheriff

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

Our primary focus is helping seniors. How did we do in 2017?

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

- * serve a record number of meals this year
- * serve and deliver 5420 meals in Newbury.
- * offer foot and flu clinics.
- * hold classes in exercise, balance, line dancing, and computer instruction with internet.
- * offer services of income tax preparation, filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- * have available a Wii game system
- * distribute donated medical equipment.
- * provide our space to AA, ALANON and Cribbage Club.

How did we do all this?

By:

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

Our volunteers gave 2,950 hours to activities at the Center and drove 21,400 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

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

Thank you for helping Orange East Senior Center!

Everyone is welcome for meals and events!

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R Chaffee

OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM, INC.

ADULT DAY SERVICES

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

Celebrating our 30th Anniversary!

For 30 years, Oxbow Senior Independence Program's Adult Day Services has been serving elderly and adults with disabilities from Newbury and the surrounding area.

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

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

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

What do we do? (This is the important part.) We provide a safe and happy place for frail elders or adults with disabilities. Our friendly and wonderful staff plans activities that stimulate minds and exercise bodies. We sing songs and socialize. Our RN and LNAs monitor participants' health and medical conditions, and our certified chefs cook healthy and delicious meals on site, so that the smell of home cooking fills the air at lunchtime. This past year, we provided over 11,000 hours of direct-care service. Over 6200 hours were specific to Newbury. More than 1,800 hours of uncompensated services were donated by our volunteers, staff, and board.

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

Why do we count on Town support? Although we are State-certified and regulated; budget cuts have taken away nearly all of our State funding. We must raise our operating costs through individual donations and Town funds. We haven't asked for an increase in ten years, but now we must, as all our costs have risen.

Thank you for your support!

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M. Robin Barone, *President*; Lenice Cicchini, *Vice President*; John Morris, *Secretary/Treasurer*, Linda Bryan, Priscilla Connolly, Eileen McKnelly, Wayne Richardson, Yvette Tomlinson, Nina Tumosa.

ADULT DAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Julia O'Donnell

SAFELINE, INC.

P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038
safelineinfo@safelinevt.org
(802) 685-7900 office
(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

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, 2017, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 2,251 services for 362 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. **28 services were provided for 8 victims who identified themselves as residents of Newbury.** It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most of the victims have children within their family.

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

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. This year, Safeline's staff facilitated two series of support groups for survivors at High Horses in Sharon, plus presented "How Domestic Violence Effects Children and What You Can Do to Help" for Sharon Elementary School staff.

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

STAGECOACH

Thank you for your support of community transportation services. **In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 1,718 door-to-door rides for Newbury residents** either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. **Additionally, 4,472 one-way trips were provided for passengers boarding and alighting at Newbury Bus Stops.** Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-a-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of **89,000 rides.** All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. Thank you for your past support of community transportation services.

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

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

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

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

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

Tenney Memorial Library

4886 Main Street South, Box 85, Newbury, VT 05051

802-866-5466 <http://tenneymemorallibrary.org>

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Wayne Richardson

Books yes, but so much more!

At the Tenney Memorial Library we try to provide and support diverse, lifelong learning opportunities in an inclusive and welcoming environment for people of all ages. If you haven't been in lately, do visit us.

Thanks to the support of the town and village of Newbury, and our hard working Trustees and patrons, we are able to keep up with all of the best selling and best loved books for adults, young adults, and emerging readers. We have storytimes for our pre-K children, and the Newbury Elementary School After School Program visits for SSR (Sustained Silent Reading). In addition, the Newbury Woman's Club meets monthly for their book discussion group and we had a Vermont Reads group.

This year we collaborated with The Baldwin Memorial Library and the Newbury Woman's Club to secure a grant from the Vermont Council on the Humanities that gave us multiple copies of the **Vermont Reads** book, *Black Girl Dreaming*, which we distributed to anyone who wished a copy. Book discussions were held at both Tenney and Baldwin.

We expect to collaborate on the 2018 Humanities Council pick, *Bread and Roses, Too* by Katherine Patterson. This book is about the time Vermonters took the children of the striking mill workers from Lawrence, MA into their homes to protect them from the violence that was breaking out as workers tried to gain better working conditions and wages. This is a true story that makes us proud to be Vermonters.

You may not know that the Tenney has four public computers that are very well used for some serious business. (We also have WiFi.) Patrons work on their GEDs, search for, and apply for, jobs, file official documents, do their taxes, and, of course, conduct research on a variety of topics from genealogy to school papers. For many Newbury citizens without Internet access, the library is their lifeline to family and friends. We are happy to provide this service. (We have a printer available for patrons, also.)

Patrons have enjoyed our Sunday afternoon programs. We hope to make these a monthly happening in 2018. Look for announcements on our website.

This August we co-sponsored a program of live animals for youngsters. As an adult in the audience, I learned a lot, too.

In October we all enjoyed a group of five Master Storytellers from our town regale us with amazing and often funny stories. (Selinda Girardin organized this and was a storyteller herself along with Kate Maver, Frank Bryan, John Mahnker and Janis Moore.) We would like to make this an annual event, so if you have a story to tell, or know of a good storyteller, please let us know.

This was followed by a more serious, but no less educational experience in November as we viewed the documentary film, "It's Criminal"- a Tale of Prison and Privilege. This was also a true story of the opioid crisis, and just as important, the disparity between what happens to rich and poor in similar situations in our justice system. There was a panel after the viewing composed of women from the film, the director, and the Dartmouth professors who organized a program which paired their students with the incarcerated women. This program was the result of another teaming with the Baldwin Memorial Library sparked by Catherine Kidder's connections and superb organizational skills.

Looking ahead, we have been able to secure grants from the Vermont Humanities Council to bring two unique programs to our community. The first will be on February 25th featuring Rick Winston, who will share with us his deep knowledge and love of American films in a program called "All the Film's a Stage." Then on Sunday, March 18th, Helene Lange, who some of you met a few years ago, as Beatrix Potter, will be returning as Agatha Christie. Not to be missed.

For a change of pace, in April, we will be bringing, Ron Krup, the "Woodchuck Gardner" to Newbury, just as we all get "itchy" to start gardening again. Watch for a date and time.

We also hope to team up with Court Street Arts to the mutual benefit of both organizations. If you have any suggestions for programs please contact us.

Your librarian was fortunate to receive two grants to attend professional conferences: The New England Library Association Annual Conference, and the Vermont Humanities Fall Conference - both held in Burlington. Learning what is new and about the latest research, as well as meeting fellow librarians from around New England was a great experience. I was also able to attend the Red Clover Conference at Lake Morey Inn which supports the best in books for the year for our younger library patrons. Authors spoke to us about their processes and we attended workshops on using their books. The day was topped off with each librarian receiving a box of the 10 award winning books at no cost!

The Tenney Memorial Library is a center of activities for the community. We have regularly scheduled groups who meet at TML: Monday from 4:30-6:30 REDI, 7:00 to 8:30 finds Mindful Light Meditation gathering, Wednesdays - AARP Tax Prep Training from 9:00 - 3:00, (There will be regularly scheduled tax help starting in February. Watch for days and times.) Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 Pins

and Needles, 5:00-6:00, Beginning Spanish Class, Newbury Woman's Club Book Discussion (1st Thursday) 7:00- 8:00. On Saturdays in milder weather there is a group that meets at the library to embark on various outdoor adventures.

We also provided meeting space for both the Democratic and Republican caucuses, the local Chamber of Commerce, Tucker Mt. informational meetings, REDI, meetings for mediation, the outgrowth of the ReNewbury group, private business meetings, and the annual Tenney Family gathering. The library provides a beautiful space with good parking for many meetings.

Thanks to the generous donations of many of you we had two very successful Book Sales this year and will strive to repeat them in 2018. (We accept donations all year, but, in the words of our stellar sale organizer, Peg Hastings, "Please, no textbooks or "smelly" books.) The TML also sold ice cream sundaes at the "Uncommon Jam" topped with delicious, homemade sauces.

Speaking of Peg Hastings, she is the Queen of our volunteers, but Carol Cottrell, Caroline Nininger, Elizabeth Burnham, and others, together with the Trustees put in uncounted hours to maintain high standards at the Tenney Memorial Library. They are true activists.

Tenney Memorial Library also worked on improving some infrastructure as we replaced an ancient oil tank and improved our heating system overall. We hope this will add to the comfort of our patrons and visitors.

We say farewell and thanks to Trustee, Carly Wade. We mourn the passing of Frances Mallory. Friends of Frances have started a memorial fund in her honor.

Below are listed some statistics about the activities at the Tenney Memorial Library. Many people have moved to Newbury in 2017.

We registered 50 new patrons!

<u>Statistics</u>			
Registered Adult Borrowers	520	Registered Children	65
Books Loaned in 2017	2270	Books Renewed	354
Books Returned in 2017	2511		
<u>Inter-Library Loan Services</u>			
Books Lent	176	Books Borrowed	181

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Burnham, Library Director

Tenney Memorial Library

2017 Operating Results and 2017 Proposed Budget

	2017 Actual	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
Income			
Appropriations			
Town of Newbury	16,000.00	17,000.00	16,000
Village of Newbury	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000
Total Appropriations	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>19,000.00</u>	<u>18,000</u>
Dividends	12,934.90	12,200.00	12,200
Fundraising Income			
Appeal Letter	5,610.00	5,000.00	5,000
Fall Festival	696.00	500.00	500
Other Fundraising	33.00	2,500.00	1,000
Uncommon Jam	303.00	500.00	500
Total Fundraising Income	<u>6,642.00</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Gifts, Grants, and Bequests			
Annual Donations	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,000
Bayley Fund	1,348.28	1,500.00	1,350
Grants	230.00	50.00	50
In-Kind Donations	478.62	425.00	500
Memorial donations	25.00		
Other Donations	12,915.19	4,000.00	5,000
Total Gifts, Grants, and Bequests	<u>16,747.09</u>	<u>7,725.00</u>	<u>7,900</u>
Interest			
Savings	31.08	25.00	25
Total Interest	<u>31.08</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25</u>
Miscellaneous Income	<u>1,399.02</u>	<u>650.00</u>	<u>1,375</u>
Total Income	<u>55,754.09</u>	<u>48,100.00</u>	<u>46,500</u>
Expense			
Bank Fees	55.00	55.00	55
Books	4,205.66	7,050.00	7,050
Francis Mallory Memorial Collection			1,000
Education/Seminars	279.00	200.00	400
Fundraising Expenses	362.85	850.00	405
Maintenance			
Bldg Maintenance	1,970.00	1,900.00	6,170
Grounds Maintenance	2,482.35	2,375.00	2,300
Total Maintenance	<u>4,452.35</u>	<u>4,275.00</u>	<u>8,470</u>
Mileage	0.00	150.00	150
Miscellaneous	295.86	300.00	200
Operations			
Advertising	117.60	50.00	50
Equipment maintenance & repair	2,139.14	500.00	500
Equipment, Software, etc.	2,899.60	4,000.00	1,500
Insurance	1,363.00	1,450.00	1,450
Memberships, Dues	645.58	600.00	700
Postage	701.15	700.00	800
Supplies	1,113.36	1,175.00	1,000
Total Operations	<u>8,979.43</u>	<u>8,475.00</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Payroll Expenses	19,101.98	23,011.86	23,274
Programs	236.78	300.00	500
Utilities	<u>6,129.57</u>	<u>5,380.00</u>	<u>5,448</u>
Total Expense	<u>44,098.48</u>	<u>50,046.86</u>	<u>52,952</u>
Net Income	<u><u>11,655.61</u></u>	<u><u>(1,946.86)</u></u>	<u><u>(6,452)</u></u>

Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. The following are highlights from 2017:

Technical Assistance

In 2017, TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls and assisted towns with Municipal Planning Grant applications.

Emergency Management & Preparedness

TRORC helped coordinate the Hazardous Materials Statewide Commodity Flow Study to inform and update emergency response plans, hazard analysis and response procedures. Our LEPC #12 efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the region. TRORC assisted all member towns with their Local Emergency Operations Plans and have been working with the final towns to complete the updates to municipal Hazard Mitigation Plans. Following the flooding event of July 1, TRORC worked with the majority of towns in our region on flood assistance and FEMA coordination. TRORC continues to work on closing out buyout properties and re-use park projects from the 2011 Irene flooding. To date, we have coordinated the purchasing of 142 homes damaged in Irene, helping to avoid future flood damage to structures on those sites.

Regional Energy Plan

The Vermont Department of Public Service has approved TRORC's Regional Energy Implementation Plan and Regional Plan and awarded a "Determination of Energy Compliance." The Plans outline a pathway to implement the goals and policies of the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan at the regional level by setting regional targets for specific energy conservation, generation and fuel switching strategies, helping the state meet 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC is currently working with a number of towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to meet the new state standards and recommendations so that Town Plans can be given greater weight in Section 248 proceedings.

Transportation

TRORC is administering the Grants-In-Aid program in our region to provide funding for towns to implement best management practices on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Some of the projects include grass and stone-lined ditches, improvement and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. TRORC staff have also been busy with Road Erosion and Culvert Inventory projects with many municipalities, and we have continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

Specifically in Newbury this past year, we helped revise the zoning and subdivision regulations into a single, more effective bylaw, conducted a culvert inventory and sidewalk inventory, provided emergency coordination assistance for the July 1 storm event, prepared Better Road grant applications, provided maps for the Conservation Commission and coordinated a municipal roads Grants-In-Aid project for Scotch Hollow Road.

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

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

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Two Rivers-Ottauquechee
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THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

Final numbers for our FY'17 (10/2016-9/2017) show VCIL responded to over **3,000** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **357** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **13** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **165** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **84** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **97** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **534** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **49** people and provided **22** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

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

During FY '17, **8** residents of **Newbury** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(\$**780.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
(\$**2,200.00** spent on assistive technology)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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

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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health (VDH)

Your Office of Local Health (OLH) is in St. Johnsbury and can be reached at the above address or telephone numbers. Please feel free to visit or give us a call if you have any questions or concerns regarding health in your town. VDH staff work every day to ensure all Vermonters have access to a healthy environment. There are 12 district offices around the state and our central office and state laboratory are in Chittenden County; all delivering a wide range of public health services and support to your community. In 2017, the Health Department worked on several state-wide initiatives many of which specifically served your community.

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

OLH served 1,298 pregnant women and children to age five out of the St. Johnsbury District Office through the WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) program. WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling, education and breastfeeding support; and, we partner closely with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

In 2017, our staff responded to 43 cases of infectious disease. Each reported case is investigated to minimize the exposure and/or effect of disease. Our local office also offers quarterly trainings to each Town Health Officer to help increase their knowledge, skills and comfort level when dealing with potential health issues.

Prevention is one of the health department's primary concerns. Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide are actively working on programs in our district to help increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, reduce prescription drug and marijuana use and/or misuse. Drug Take Back days, Red Ribbon week, programs and educational opportunities embedded in many schools and newly formed prevention coalitions are all examples of the work our staff and local community members have brought to our area.

The Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) is actively recruiting and working with volunteers to train and prepare for, not only major emergency events, but to be available to support those first responders that serve your town on a regular basis.

The local health department staff are trained to respond to a variety of events and available to assist in arranging and supporting programs and training in your town. Please do not hesitate to contact our office to discuss issues or concerns.

Help us help your community to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all Vermonters.



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Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 138 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

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

VLCT is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. The organization provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. VLCT represents cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and loudly, and also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities.

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

During the 2017 calendar year, in addition to providing responses to more than 3,700 telephone inquiries, holding 16 training sessions, and following approximately 300 separate pieces of legislation, 13 summer study committees, and developing VLCT's legislative platform with five municipal policy committees, VLCT celebrated its 50th anniversary. Throughout the year, VLCT recognized local officials and employees who have served a number of communities for 50 years, and highlighted some of the many successes of the organization and local government during the last 50 years. It was also an important year to look ahead, to consider new ideas, and to think about new programs and ways of delivering services to members that will address their changing needs in the coming years. VLCT launched a new website in June 2017 that, despite a few initial glitches, has functioned well and serves as a better connection point for members, thanks to consistent updates, new information, and easier navigation tools. VLCT has also moved the majority of its mission-critical IT systems to the "cloud" in an effort to provide more security for member information, greater protection against hacking attempts, and greater redundancy of access that will help the organization remain operational following a disaster scenario. The move to the cloud also reduces the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment.

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

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

VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

WHAT IS RABIES?

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



1. VACCINATE DOGS

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

2. VACCINATE CATS

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



3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE

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

4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE



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



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VERMONT VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services

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.

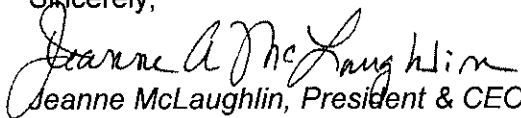
Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 2,351 homecare visits to 107 Newbury residents. This included approximately \$90,736 in unreimbursed care to Newbury residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 1,333 home visits to 79 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 607 home visits to 21 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 411 home visits to 7 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

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

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

Sincerely,


Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

<p style="text-align: center;">WRAP WELLS RIVER ACTION PROGRAM Post Office Box 538 Wells River, Vermont 05081</p>	<p>President – Jean Welch Vice President – David W Wilson Secretary – Judi Waterman Treasurer – Don Waterman</p>
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The Wells River Action Program had a busy and productive 2017 thanks to the hard work of our members. We welcomed two new board members during the course of the year. In discussing the future of the buildings with Housing Vermont it was decided to wait another year, before seeking funds for renovations and major improvements. However some of the exterior work that needs to be done on the Grove Street properties will be addressed. Improvements have been made to all of the heating systems.

Annual Meeting - Jenny Nelson - Ag Policy Advisor and Rural Development Specialist to US Senator Bernie Sanders was the guest speaker at the annual meeting, sharing some highlights of her 18 year career with the Senator.

WRAP Up - Volume 12 Issues #1 and #2 of the WRAP Up were published in May and November of 2017. It is hand delivered to all of the apartments and businesses in Wells River and mailed to all property owners thanks to the generosity of Wells River Savings Bank. The WRAP Up couldn't be published without all the volunteer writers, photographers, production and distribution crew.

Flower Barrels and Holiday Lights - During the spring and summer bright flowers graced the village with a variety of colors. This year thanks to Bible Hill Green House we had fall mums in the barrels. Christmas trees and lights brighten the village during the Holiday season.

Rowe Community Garden - The 5th season of the garden was successful, with veteran gardeners returning. Gardeners grew vegetables for themselves, zucchinis for the Zucchini Contest, the W R Congregational UCC Food Shelf, the Harvest Share Basket at Baldwin Memorial Library and for the So Long Summer Hello Fall Festival. The garden received many donations of labor, rototilling, seeds and seedlings, tools and sawdust.

Welcome Center - The Welcome Center had nearly 5500 visitors signing the guest book this year. A big increase from 2016, with many visitors from 6 Canadian Provinces and 15 other countries. The Welcome Center was kept opened on Memorial Day weekend, then 7 days a week from mid-June to mid-October by 19 volunteers. Security cameras, a cell phone and a panic button were purchased and installed for the safety of the volunteers. In July WRAP partnered with Cohase Chamber of Commerce in hosting a Business After Hours at the Welcome Center.

Community Picnic – The 4th annual community picnic with the addition of a flea market this year organized by WRAP was held at the Berry Field on the last Saturday in June. Baldwin Memorial Library sponsored a delightful program by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Newbury Historical Society sponsored a Story Corps Tent where stories of yesteryear were told by Newbury and Wells River residents. The afternoon ended with WRAP dishing up free ice cream for all.

So Long Summer – Hello Fall Festival - The 6th SLSHF Festival was held on the Saturday before Labor Day. Some folks said there were more attendees than last year and others said more this year, most of the vendors said they had a good day. SLSHF had more vendors and zucchini contest entrants this year. The 2018 Festival will be Sept. 1 2018.

Newbury Elementary School Farm Raiser and Farmer Market – WRAP attended the October event held on Newbury Common and shared an information table with Newbury Historical Society.

Baldwin Block and Stevens Commons - EP Management of Rutland continues to manage the properties. Vacancies in the apartments remained low during most of the year and the commercial spaces were fully rented for the year.

Jiffy Mart – Unfortunately the Jiffy Mart remains empty after more than 4 years. Champlain Oil Company's non-compete clause requiring any lessee or buyer to purchase their gasoline is proving to be an impediment to selling the property.

Opioid Problem - Like many neighboring communities, as well as other towns in Vermont, New Hampshire and the nation the opioid epidemic has hit Wells River. WRAP and the Village Trustees organized a follow-up community forum on November 16, 2017 to discuss the progress being made.

Thank –You - to the Baldwin Library for providing space for WRAP to meet, and to WYKR, the Journal Opinion, the Bridge Weekly/Sho-Case and Trendy Times for their ongoing coverage of our events though –out the year.

Wells River Action Program 2016 Income and Expense Report/Budget 2017

Income	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Reconciliation	
					Balance on Hand 12/31/2016	15,879.85
Dues, Donations, Souvenirs	812.50	800.00	871.00	800.00	Income - 2017	6122.90
Flowers/Welcom Center	70.00	90.00	40.00	90.00		
Town of Newbury	200.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	Total Available	22,002.75
Village of Wells River		200.00	300.00	200.00	Disbursements	-5484.49
Wells River Limited Partnership*	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00	Balance on Hand 12/31/2017	16,518.26
Baldwin Block*		540.00	1080.00	540.00		
Transfer from Welcome Ctr CD	---	1000.00	1000.00			
So Long Summer-Vendors	80.00	100.00	474.00	100.00		
So Long Summer-Bake Sale	185.35	200.00	163.50	200.00		
So Long summer Ad Donations	512.20	500.00	268.40	500.00		
Ad Reimbursements	175.60	175.000		175.00		
Holiday Decorations	30.00	50.00	20.00	50.00		
	3385.65	5375.00	6122.90	4375.00		
Expense	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018		
Publicity/Annual Meeting	177.75	250.00	347.92	300.00		
Wrap-Up	169.90	300.00		300.00		
Welcome Center	500.00	500.00	1781.90	500.00		
Welcome Center Safety Upgrades	---	2000.00	---			
Flowers/Trees/Lights/Barrels	1099.07	1200.00	1148.38	1800.00		
Cohase Chamber of	65.00	75.00	185.00	130.00		

Commerce						
Rowe Community Garden	0.00	400.00	0.00	100.00		
So Long Summer -Hello Fall	1063.66	1000.00	649.21	1,000.00		
Community Picnic	168.80	200.00	799.00	400.00		
Community Donations	657.00	500.00	257.00	200.00		
Office/Postage/Miscellaneous	0.00	50.00	6.59	50.00		
Unanticipated Expenses ***	214.60	200.00	309.49	100.00		
	4115.78	6675.00	5484.49	5080.00		

OTHER ACCOUNTS OF THE WELLS RIVER ACTION PROGRAM

Entity Name		12/18/2017 Balance	
Welcome Center CD	12/18/2017	\$7328.80	
Welcome Center Savings	12/18/2017	\$335.88	
Welcome Center Checking	12/18/2017	\$327.78	
Chris Gray Fund	01/27/2017	2,304.45	2,304.45*

Welcome Center Cash Assets 1/01/16 - \$7992.46

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

WRAP acts as the Fiscal Agent for the following account.

***Chris Gray Fund** was established 10/27/08 with a savings account at Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank to help pay the funeral expenses for Chris Gray. On 2/13/09, all remaining money was transferred as a deposit of \$1,786.47 to a checking account in Wells River Savings Bank where the funds have since been maintained under the auspices of the Wells River Action Program. Fundraising activities and Agency of Human Services grants were added to the account making it possible to offer no-interest loans to persons in need. There has been no activity in the account since October 30, 2013. When the headstone has been purchased for Chris Gray, any remaining funds will be given to a nonprofit entity, and the account will then be closed.

The mission of WRAP is to enhance the quality of life in Wells River Village and its immediately surrounding villages and towns by providing affordable and accessible housing, supporting and developing business and economic development, preserving the rural and historic character and ambiance of Wells River Village and establishing avenues of cooperation with other organizations and governmental agencies. Membership in WRAP is open to all who are interested in improving and preserving the Wells River Area whether or not they reside in Wells River.

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
Town of Newbury, Vermont
March 7, 2017

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

Jeff Goodell's class at Newbury Elementary School led the group in the Salute to the Flag. Two members of the class, Abby and Noelle, invited those gathered to a lunch prepared by the parents of their class and Chef Paul. The price is \$7.00 and is also a fundraiser for the fifth and sixth grades' spring trip.

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

Brian Emerson moved the article and his motion was seconded. Mary Collins nominated Don Waterman, Steve Cole seconded the nomination, and Don was reelected Moderator for the year ensuing.

He requested guidance as to Parliamentary Procedure during the meeting from Selectboard member Brian Emerson.

Don explained only residents can participate in discussion unless permission is otherwise given by the group and only registered voters can vote, he will moderate using the revised version of Robert's Rules of Order, anyone requesting to speak must state their name, if you have spoken once, then others who have not will come before you, each article can have only two amendments attached to it, say "call the question" if you think enough discussion on an article has been heard, no binding votes can be made under Article 14, Richard Roderick will bring the microphone to those wishing to speak. He noted that town meeting builds a sense of community

He asked for a motion to dispense of the reading of the Warning. Claude Phipps so moved, his motion was seconded, and it was voted to waive reading of the Warning.

Article 2: To elect all other Town Officers:

The following were elected by Australian ballot:

Selectperson (3 years).....	Stephen C. Cole
Lister (3 years).....	Janis Moore
Lister (2 years).....	No one elected
Auditor (3 years).....	Jean B. Welch
Auditor (1 year).....	No one elected
Grand Juror (1 year).....	No one elected
Town Agent (1 year).....	No one elected

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

Brian Emerson moved the article, and Emmy Hausman seconded his motion

Moderator Waterman directed the group to the reports section of the town report starting at page 1 and pointed out that the Budget Reports, pages 6-12, would be discussed under Article 9.

There was discussion on the following reports:

Page 4, **Delinquent Tax Report**: Claude Phipps noted the new system of collection and liked the numbers. Brad Vietje acknowledged and thanked Scott Labun for his many years of service as the former collector of delinquent taxes, a difficult, sometimes awful job.

Page 15-16, **Newbury Conservation Commission**: Michael Thomas, Chair, mentioned the commission's display, acknowledged conservation member, Jim Hill, who passed away last year from cancer—their report is dedicated to him, a good citizen.

He urged the group to keep the town report handy as it provides the dates and times for the conservation commission's events and contact information.

He announced two 20-year anniversaries: June, Trails Day Work Day, and the Annual Fall Foliage Bike Ride on the Cross Vermont Trail. Volunteers are always needed on the committee and for the events. Please contact him if interested.

Mike added that after 14 years, the highest point in Newbury, Woodchuck Mountain, may be acquired by the town. The timing could not be better because an abutting landowner would like to transfer to the town another large tract that includes Tucker Mountain. A committee called Friends of Tucker MT will be formed, and he introduced Syd Lea who provided more detail.

Syd's comments focused on the information provided in the handout, "The Opportunity to Create a Newbury Town Forest." He added that the Tucker MT site is an iconic part of Newbury enjoyed by many due to the owners', the Leach family, allowing public access for over 40 years. The Leach's have offered the tract to the town for one-half of its market value. An early problem with the offer was the involved Vermont Land Trust's initial insistence that the road to the summit be town maintained. That is no longer an iron-clad condition.

This acquisition is a golden opportunity to conserve a 1200-acre tract that includes Woodchuck Mountain, to provide wildlife corridors, to protect wetlands, to conserve brook trout fishery, and ensures access in perpetuity. Otherwise, an existing conservation easement would allow two or three building sites including one at the summit with no guaranty of public access.

He added that the school takes advantage of access to the property both recreationally and educationally. If you are interested in joining the Friends of Tucker MT, there is contact information on the bottom of their handout. They hope it will be a community endeavor so let them know if you are for its acquisition or against it. The group hopes to be included in a special town meeting to assess the townspeople's thoughts about this purchase much of which will be paid for by grant money.

Page 18, **Newbury EMS**: Dan Martin, Emergency Medical Director, asked property owners to clearly display their 911 numbers. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. He also recommended the group take CPR classes: If someone is unconscious or not breathing they have about 10 to 12 minutes to survive if no one starts CPR. If high-quality CPR is performed, the time is doubled or tripled. EMS will provide the classes.

Moderator Waterman asked, if there was no objection, a representative from Cottage Hospital has asked to speak. Steve Gale would like to fill the group in on information from Cottage Hospital. This seemed like an appropriate time.

Steve explained that he works at Cottage Hospital. This is the 23rd year that the hospital has not asked for financial support, but he added that they are grateful for our community support.

In 2016, free or low cost services to Newbury residents amounted to \$55,000. The hospital employs ten Newbury residents and provided for 3,852 patient visits from Newbury. A new service that they provide is Ray of Hope, the only facility of its kind that serves Vermont residents with depression, dementia, and other behavioral and clinical disorders.

Another unit that has opened is the Cottage Hospital Center for Orthopedic Excellence. It offers a variety of state-of-the-art services.

Thirdly, the new Rural Health Center offers special, primary care, and more.

Page 23-24: **Newbury Historical Society:** Richard Roderick, member, noted their display in the back of the room that includes three take-aways. One includes their ten events scheduled for this summer, another is a copy of their most recent newsletter, and the third is an application to join the society. They also have some books for sale.

Page 28-29, **Selectboard Report:** Claude Phipps inquired as to progress of the on-going resolution of a zoning/solid waste violation across from the library on Main Street. What progress has been made since last year? Alma Roystan responded that an eviction notice has been served. It is up to the finance company to see that it is carried out. Timelines are undetermined. A solid-waste violation levied against the occupants was heard in court and the judge issued a fine. If it is not paid, then an occupant will lose their driver's license.

Walt Cottrell asked for clarification as to who is now living on the premises. Chair Roystan responded that the former owners haven't lived in the home for some time, they may be living in the recreational vehicle parked onsite, and that various people seem to come and go.

Mike Thomas asked the selectboard to comment on Woodchuck Mountain. Did the state agree to transfer the property to the town this year? Chair Roystan responded that in the past there have been numerous timelines, but none recently.

Judith Lerner asked for clarification on the eviction notice served on the property with the zoning/solid waste violation across from the library. Chair Roystan responded that the eviction notice was served by a deputy sheriff about 2-1/2 weeks ago. Earlier attempts were thwarted by the inability to serve the notice. The town has hired an attorney to handle the matter; as frustrating as it is, a lot of this situation is out of the hands of the selectboard. It's up to the finance company. The selectboard has done everything that it can. It's a slow process but if things don't progress, she thinks future legal action can take place.

Robin Barone asked if any financial action has been levied against the property owners—perhaps a fine would motivate them? Chair Roystan responded that from what she knows from the attorney representing the town on this matter, these issues are resolved at the end of the matter. Ms. Barone commented that the town needs to issue the tickets.

Page 30-36, **Solid Waste Committee:** Solid Waste Committee member, Claude Phipps, noted that a lot of good information is included on these pages. There will be another hazardous waste day in Newbury this year on June 10, 2017 at the highway garage. Newbury residents can participate in the other dates offered in other towns listed on Page 35, too.

Our recycling program is a mixed system: cans and bottles go to Rutland and that component is not part of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD).

Haverhill is no longer part of the program so “revenue” is less.

Page 37, **Zoning and Planning:** Planning Commission member, Larry Scott, commented that we now have an approved town plan and the commission has been working on streamlining the zoning regulations and creating a unified document with the subdivision regulations. The commission expects to have a finalized draft soon and will schedule public forums throughout the town. They plan to list the dates and locations of the forums on the town’s website, list serve, and elsewhere.

Robin Barone commended Larry and the Planning Commission for their hard work.

Larry added that they could use some additional members.

Page 52, **The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley:** Tom Kidder pointed out that the Project is requesting an additional \$500 over the \$1,000 requested and given the last three years. They are asking the same of Bradford.

The Project has grown by over 60%. It has grown from 15 matches to 25. The money will go toward insurance, which is very high, and the director, Nancy Jones. They would like for Nancy to focus on the mentor-mentee partnerships rather than on fundraising. Thank you for the help so far.

Page 59, **Oxbow Senior Independence Program Inc.:** Robin Barone, President of OSIP, expressed thanks to the town for listing the program under “Public Safety and Health” rather than “Culture and Recreation” in the town budget account. The program, located at the north end of Newbury Village, provides adult daycare services, one-on-one, for the elderly and disabled, including young adults, along with healthy meals cooked onsite, physical therapists who provide exercise programs. It has a full medical staff. These services are provided at a relatively reasonable rate. The state used to fund the program up to \$32,000 in previous years but that funding no longer exists.

The town has supported the program in recent years in the amount of \$2,000. She would like to see the budget amended to include an additional amount for OSIP. It is non-profit, pays \$17,000 in property taxes even though it is a non-profit, and the board is completely voluntary,

Page 60, **ReNewbury:** Don introduced Rick Hausman, Chair of the Broadband Committee, who in turn acknowledged the remaining members of the committee present and two in absentia. The committee is not asking for money or a vote. It wants to describe a potential opportunity for the town that will require effort from the townspeople: To bring true high speed Internet connection to the households in town using fiber-optic cable. In order for this opportunity to materialize, enough subscriptions to the service will be required from townspeople so that a certain density is achieved. The committee evolved from the two-day conference, Re-Newbury, held two years ago. Committee members Dan Burwinkel and Claude Phipps will explain the “why” and the “how.”

Dan explained that the rollout of fiber in Newbury has an exception, Topsham Telephone customers. TT is not interested in partnering with us at this time. We hope to add them in the future. In the model that the committee is pursuing, the town would own the added infrastructure and Fairpoint would operate the network. This project will require funding. Municipalities have access to non-recourse loans for such projects, which means that there would be no burden to the taxpayers if there is a default. True high-speed Internet connections to our homes will allow folks to telecommute, will provide better access to healthcare and additional

educational opportunities for children, attract visitors, and add coverage for our cell phones. He referred to the handout, "ReNewbury Broadband Committee." The technology is future-proof, good for 40 to 60 years.

Claude added the model provides partnering with Fairpoint; the fiber-optic cable would be attached to Fairpoint's existing poles and wiring and utilize their leases. He further explained that in addition to the low-cost, non-recourse loans, grant money is available. It's a community project and he asked for community support. He also referred to the handout and the analysis in the town report.

Committee member Brad Vietje stated that the committee will be collecting names of people who might be interested in subscribing. The more people who want the service, the less expensive it will be. If not enough people are interested, the project may be scrapped. The committee envisions that the ultimate household monthly cost for better service will be equal to or less than what it costs now. It will help to bring our youth back, improve the resale value of our real estate, and could help the finances of the town.

As urban areas attract more people, there are fewer job opportunities here. Bringing in high-speed broadband will help to maintain and grow our community

The committee hopes the project will be included for consideration in a special town meeting to see if the town would vote to authorize the formation of a telecommunication utility.

In answer to a few questions, it was explained that the company buying out Fairpoint remains onboard in pursuing what has come to be called "The Newbury Model," a model project, and that the bond holders would be "on the hook" if the project failed. It is anticipated that anyone who is served by Fairpoint and Green Mountain Power would have access to this service.

Moderator Waterman asked to close the discussion.

Page 73-74, **WRAP:** Richard Roderick pointed out that the opioid problem in Wells River affects the whole town. WRAP organized a community forum that included WRAP, Little Rivers Health Care, and the Wells River Village trustees to address the problem. Three groups were formed: Prevention, Treatment, and Public Safety. Each group meets separately. Contact Richard if interested in joining. Involvement of the whole town is needed to solve this problem.

Article 3 carried with the exception of the Budget Reports on pages 6 through 12 that will be discussed under Article 10.

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

Virginia Fuller moved the article, and her motion was seconded. There was no discussion, and article carried.

Article 5: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer on or before August 10, 2017, with delinquent taxes subject to penalty of 8% and interest charges of one percent per month?

Brad Vietje moved the article, and his motion was seconded. There was no discussion, and the article carried.

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

Moderator Waterman directed the group to page 13. Marvin Harrison moved the article, and it was seconded. Discussion followed. Treasurer Mary Collins explained that the report incorrectly lists the 2016 Constable pay at \$18.04 when it was actually \$18.56. With a 2-1/2 percent pay increase, the 2017 rate should be \$19.02, not \$18.49.

Mary Collins moved to amend the constable hourly rate for 2017 to \$19.02, Virginia Fuller seconded the motion, and the amendment carried.

Dennis Hopta, member of the Budget Advisory Committee, commented that the committee's hope was to be fair to all and he was there to answer any questions.

Richard Roderick would like to know the amount spent on each category, i.e., town clerk services, treasurer services, etc.; and he was directed to the treasurer for that information.

Article 6 carried as amended.

Article 7: Shall the Newbury Voters authorize expenditures for the Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley in the amount of \$1,500?

Emmy Hausman moved the article and her motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Emmy pointed out that Tom Kidder spoke for this article earlier, and she urged the voters to support it. Brian Emerson reiterated Tom's statement that the increase in funding is \$500 as the town has supported the program in the past in the amount of \$1,000. The town instituted a policy that when social programs request an increase in funding, a petition signed by five percent of the voters needs to be submitted. It is then included as an article on the warning to town meeting. That way, community support for the increase is shown.

Article 7 carried.

Article 8: Shall the Newbury Voters authorize expenditures for the support of the Vermont Congregational Home Inc. in the amount of \$2,500 to provide services to the residents of the town?

Moderator Waterman recused himself as a family member resides there, and Brian Emerson read the article and led the discussion. Virginia Fuller moved the article and Doug Merrill seconded it. Discussion followed.

It was explained that the Vermont Congregational Home is also known as the Atkinson Residence. Virginia Fuller served on the board and the Home serves as a valuable resource to the town and the larger community.

Peg Degoosh, a non-resident and director of the Vermont Congregational Home, asked for permission to speak; it was granted. At the time that the Board asked her to put together this request, her understanding was that the money would be applied toward property taxes or the water bill and all residents of the home would benefit. The Home has many needs to get it up to code. She now sees the money being used more for repairs to the Home.

It is a 24-hour, level-three facility, private-pay, non-profit. They try to keep their rates reasonable. The Home has received an abundance of varied community support. Much of the recent work has been to update to code the 1950's kitchen so that it is safe.

It was asked that since the facility pays town taxes, would it be more appropriate to request tax relief? Is this a one-year request or is a request for tax relief envisioned in the future?

Without the presence of the members of her Board, Ms. Degoosh could not answer but acknowledged that a future request for tax relief as a possibility.

It was questioned if the Home is truly a public institution or a private one and, if private, doubt was expressed that the town should vote on this article.

Since the article states in part, “to provide services to the residents of the town,” the question was asked if all the residents and employees are residents of the town. Will this set a precedent for future years? Ms. Degoosh answered that of the 13 current residents, three are from Newbury. There is room for 15 total residents. One full-time LNA is from Newbury.

It was pointed out that other town-supported programs such as OSIP and the Mentoring Project include persons from other towns, and support for the Home and this article was expressed.

It was added that support for this kind of facility enables members of the community to remain in the community, to have friends and neighbors visit, or to visit friends. Without such a facility in town, persons in need of such a facility will have to go out of town for care. Retirement facilities are expensive. Atkinson Residence is a bargain right in our town. Newbury has a large component of aging persons who may need this facility in the near future.

Syd Lea moved to call the question, his motion was seconded, and it passed.

Article 8 carried.

The youngest member of the group, 10-month old Colin Bouffard, was introduced.

Article 09: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$594,000 to defray the general expenses of the Town?

Doug Merrill moved the article, and Mary Collins seconded his motion. Discussion followed.

Treasurer Collins asked if anyone had any questions about the budget.

Robin Barone moved to amend the article to increase the allocation to OSIP from \$2000 to \$3500 and her motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectboard Member Brian Emerson offered concerns. He thanked Robin for all the hard work she and OSIP do. However, the selectboard a few years back established the policy that if an entity desired to increase its funding, then it would be requested to submit a petition signed by five percent of the voters of the town so that it would be included as an article on the warning to town meeting. This procedure was established for the sake of those who attend town meeting but also for those who don't and are not present to vote. They read the warning, they are ok with it, so don't feel it's necessary to attend. What if multiple agencies requested increases in funding at town meeting that weren't included in the town warning? He is worried about setting a precedent.

Robin Barone withdrew her amendment. She believes in due process. Although she would like the increased funding, she also believes that the voters need to have notice of what they will be voting on.

Robin Barone moved to withdraw her motion, Brad Vietje seconded her motion, and it was so voted.

Back to the original article.

Marvin Harrison moved to amend the article from \$594,000 to \$598,000 to include the additional funds voted on in Article 7 and Article 8. Brian Emerson seconded the motion. The amendment carried. The article carried as amended.

Article 10: Shall the Town authorize the use of \$130,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase a new plow truck to replace the one and a half ton truck?

The article was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Highway Foreman Bob Beaulieu explained that due to recent circumstances he would like to withdraw the article. He thinks it would be better to repair rather than replace the one and a half ton truck and keep it one more year.

He added that there have been problems with two trucks this winter, one was out of operation for eight weeks and this one was out of operation for seven weeks. The internal crack in the engine block will cost about \$20,000 to repair; the trade-in value is \$15,000 with or without the repair. He and the selectboard agree that it would be better to repair the truck and keep it for one year.

He commended the highway crew for the extra hours and work necessitated by being short two trucks (leaving just three) for most snow events.

The extended warranty purchased for the other truck has paid off immensely. The maker of the town's truck fleet is International; that brand has engine issues and many of the problems with the other truck have been covered by the warranty.

Dylan Kidder inquired if a new truck would give better service, less downtime, with fewer expenses down the road? Bob replied that he thinks the \$15,000 trade in offered is about what the scrap metal value of the truck is. About 90% of the issues the town has experienced with the fleet are engine related. The replacement engine will be warrantied for 12 months with unlimited miles.

Dan Burwinkel inquired if this work is done on the truck could it still have the same issues again and be out of commission? Bob's hope is that this won't happen; this truck's problems started after \$100,000 miles.

Brynn Cole asked when the repair would be done, and Bob replied that it is in the shop now.

Shannon Young asked if it would be the same size truck or something smaller. Bob responded same size.

Selectboard member Emerson informed the group that the board recommends they vote down the article and why.

The article was defeated.

Article 11: Shall the Town authorize the use of \$40,000 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase a used three quarter ton pickup truck with plow and sander?

Emmy Hausman moved the article and Glen Godfrey seconded the motion. Highway Foreman Bob Beaulieu explained that this acquisition will increase the fleet size, be available to run errands, and will be a backup when other trucks break down. The highway department does not have a truck this size. With the addition of this pickup, the town will explore taking back some of the snowplowing previously hired out.

The town did not feel a new truck (as opposed to used) is necessary. It will be gasoline powered since it will be stored outdoors in the winter. The \$40,000 is “an amount not to exceed.” They may be able to find a pickup for \$30,000, but a plow and sander will add about \$10,000.

Bruce Boyce inquired as to agreements with other towns to assist Newbury when we are having trouble with our fleet, and Bob responded that we do have these kinds of agreements. The Town of Bradford sanded one end of town for us this past winter during an ice storm. John Anderson inquired if the town would consider an extended cab rather than the standard one. Bob explained that the beds of extended cab pickups are shorter and will not accommodate a sander.

Joe Parsons asked what kind of warranty will come with a used pickup. He added that adding a plow could void that warranty. Would it be better to get a bigger truck for \$50,000 that would allow the addition of the plow without voiding the warranty? Bob explained that they haven’t begun to look for this vehicle so a lot remains to be seen.

Brynn Cole asked how many miles are put on personal vehicles by the highway department. Bob responded that for him probably a few thousand. Ms. Cole indicated her support for this article.

Selectboard member Brian Emerson pointed out the inefficiency of driving around town in the summer delivering crew, shovels, and the like in a 10-wheeler. On top of that it will serve as a backup for a down vehicle, something we could have used this past winter. The selectboard has the authority acquire this truck without going before the town, but the board would like the town’s consent and knowledge.

It was moved to call the question, the motion was seconded by Claude Phipps and it was so voted.

Article 11 carried.

Article 12: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$685,000 for highway purposes?

Glen Godfrey moved the article and Mary Collins seconded it. Discussion followed. Brad Vietje clarified with the moderator and the board that the article does not need to be amended by a reduction of \$130,000 for the plow truck voted down in Article 10. In response to Judy Vaughan’s question, Brian Emerson stated that the 12/31/16 balance of the highway equipment reserve fund will be increased by the \$95,000 noted on page 13 of the town report to assist in offsetting future capital expenditures, but decreased by the \$40,000 voted in Article 11.

Brad Vietje asked what the highway department’s priorities are for this year. Bob answered no big projects for this year. The Snake Road project last year was completed last year, repairs were done to the Boltonville Bridge to stabilize the central portion of the bridge—the whole project won’t be completed for another three to five years. The bridge is inspected twice a year.

Article 12 carried.

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

Moderator Waterman reminded the group that action taken under this article is nonbinding.

The article was moved and seconded. Jane Labun, Newbury Woman's Club, thanked the group for their donations as a result of the club's offerings of baked goods and beverages. The donations will go to the renovation of the old village church on the common.

Moderator Don Waterman introduced State Representative Chip Conquest. Chip first commended the Newbury Highway Department noting that Newbury's roads were in good shape today as he traveled through various towns.

He applauds Governor Scott's focus on affordability, but is a bit surprised that the budget did not go more in that direction. It took a lot of existing spending from the general fund to the education fund and then created new spending to support some good things like higher education, affordable child care. Although these are great priorities, but they are part of the new spending taken from the education fund that is almost fully supported through property taxes. Both republicans and democrats agreed that it was important not to raise property taxes. The House Appropriations Committee, starting from square one, worked on a budget to close a \$50 million gap. Now, the gap is \$18 million, it's down to some really tough decisions as to how to close that gap. Two of the things possibly on the chopping block are funding for the Veterans' Home in Bennington and a small, but great program for rural economic development, called The Working Man's Enterprise Initiative. After the final recommendations are made by the House Appropriations Committee in the next week or two, then the budget will be considered by the House, and if it passes there, then the Senate.

Another issue from Fish and Wildlife and the Natural Resource Committee is how to fund water quality. The federal government is requiring the clean-up of the waters in our state: Largely Lake Champlain, but also Lake Memphremagog, and soon the Connecticut River. Issue for the river is nitrogen, and the lakes phosphorus. It's a 20-year project that we will have to figure out a way to pay for.

Chip is the chair of the Rural Economic Development Working Group that recently gained a lot of new members and has become quite active, and Chip noted two of the bills that the group has been working on:

1. One is regarding Act 250: Act 250 is now 50 years old. Developers and conservationists both understand that the act might need to be reviewed to determine what works and what doesn't work in order to recommend to the legislature changes to make it more effective and more efficient.
2. The second bill based on a possible telecommunications district under the Rural Electric Development Infrastructure Committee Bill would allow municipalities to come together but expands on what they can do. It would give rural areas the authority to take care of their needs, not to have to wait for the state, and to have access to bonding and low-cost loans.

Tom Beers asked Chip to comment on a committee of which Chip is a member considering a bill that would allow law enforcement a way to remove guns from a house that had been the site of domestic violence. Chip responded that it is H.Bill 422. Chip explained the bills says that if a person has been arrested or cited for domestic assault, if a weapon is on that person, in plain view, or is found as a result of a consensual search, a law enforcement officer can take the weapon. Chip feels it is a very important bill due to the risk of potential victim abuse at a time of great vulnerability. Under existing law, courts can order, with a court ordered emergency order for relief from abuse, the removal of weapons from a home. There is a period before the defendant has been served with that order that the order cannot be enforced. Defendants are known to actively evade service of the order leaving potential victims unprotected.

He fully supports this bill, does not feel it is an unconstitutional gun grab, and thinks it would be more effective than universal background checks in protecting victims. There was a round of applause.

Referring to the Report of the Town Budget Advisory Committee, page 13 of the town report, Richard Roderick moved that beginning in the 2017 budget year, future town reports list the actual amount spent on the eight positions listed on that page. Moderator Waterman ruled the motion “out of order,” but noted that the clerk could note Richard’s comments in the minutes, and he suggested Richard consult with the selectboard on the matter.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn at 12:40 pm.

Minutes by:

/s/ Susan B Underwood

Susan B. Underwood, Town Clerk

Approved: /s/ Alma Roystan /s/ Brian Emerson /s/ Stephen Cole

Special Town Meeting Minutes

Town of Newbury, Vermont

September 26, 2017

Don Waterman, Moderator, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, announced that it was being recorded, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and read the warning to the special town meeting. He added that nonresidents can participate in discussion when the voters present give permission. Seated in the front of the room were Selectboard members Alma Roystan, Chair; Brian Emerson, and Steve Cole. Also seated in the front was town clerk and minute taker, Susan Underwood. Moderator Waterman read Article 1:

Article 1: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,000 and authorize the Selectboard to acquire, on terms favorable to the town, two parcels of land on Tucker Mountain Road, together comprising approximately 635 acres, for the establishment of a Municipal Forest encumbered by a conservation easement co-held by the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board?

Approved and adopted at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Newbury duly called, noticed, and held on August 16, 2017.

Paul Sachs moved the article, and it was seconded by Syd Lea.

Tina Clark, a former 17-year West Newbury resident, currently a Lyme, New Hampshire resident and member of the Leach family that currently owns the 635 acres, was given permission to speak to the group. She explained why the family wants to sell the land to the town; some of the reasons are listed below:

- The property has been in the Leach family for five generations and been the site of many family celebrations and enjoyment of natural events. It features magnificent views, natural beauty, wildlife, and is the home to endangered birds, mammals and amphibians. Under town ownership coupled with the conservation easement, the property will be protected with public use and access ensured.
- The family has worked with the Land Trust to make it affordable to the town. The Land Trust will be available to the town for guidance and management assistance as well as forester Jeff Smith for help with the forestry management plan.
- Tucker Mountain was purchased by the Leach family in the 1970's to protect it from development. The family has always permitted public access for many activities such as hunting, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, etc. The family is now too spread out to oversee it but want to keep the property protected.

Moderator Waterman announced that now would be a good time to ask questions.

Moderator Waterman recognized Michael Thomas, and Mike introduced himself as a Wells River resident and Chair of the Conservation Commission. He said that to have the town own

Tucker Mountain is a unique opportunity in many ways. Tucker includes a very important corridor of forest land with wildlife habitat. Folks are concerned about its cost to the town and its taxpayers. Other towns have town forests and they seem to be able to find volunteers and grants to limit costs. He urged the group to think about the future and the positive effect owning Tucker Mountain will have on future generations.

In response to a question concerning the restrictions included in the conservation easement, Chair Roystan answered that the Selectboard has not had time to review the draft easement since they just received it. Neither the board, nor Attorney Barlow, has met to review it. They have been assured by Bob Linck of the Vermont Land Trust that the Selectboard will be able to offer input into the final conservation easement. There are also two options to purchase and Alma offered some additional information relevant to them. She emphasized that the selectboard is elected to represent the will of the people as will be reflected in today's vote. She added that she was thrilled with the large turnout for the vote.

Some other opinions expressed and questions asked were:

- Although the town owns other public lands, the townspeople most likely use Tucker Mountain the most. This is a golden opportunity.
- There are too many unknown costs associated with the possible purchase of Tucker Mountain. As indicated by the percentage of delinquent taxes, folks are struggling to pay their current bills.
- If the town votes yes, does the town acquire Tucker Mountain in perpetuity? Yes.
- The acquisition of Tucker Mountain will add to the already full-time duties of the Selectboard and highway department. Can other town-owned properties be sold to offset? The response was that this is possible but unknown if it would actually happen.

The ski tow property can be sold as long as the proceeds are reinvested for recreational purposes—Tucker Mountain would qualify.

- Should the town go forward with this purchase, it was recommended that a transparent record of income and expense of ownership be kept.
- Since the Selectboard just received the draft conservation easement and options to purchase, there are too many unknowns. We are not ready to undertake this vote; we need to address this issue down the road when we have concrete details.
- Selectboard member Brian Emerson clarified that the article allows the selectboard to negotiate terms favorable to the town and if voted affirmatively authorizes the Board to pursue the acquisition. Today's vote is not a vote to definitely buy it.
- The cost to the town is only \$40/acre, a bargain. There will be more costs down the road, but the property should be able to pay for itself.
- In response to the question who will manage the property, for example, if unwanted activities are observed, Chair Roystan responded that the town may have to hire someone to manage it.

- The beauty and inspirational quality of the land was restated.
- Concern over leaving our children and grandchildren with additional debt should the purchase go through was expressed. Is this a good business decision?
- The loss of town tax revenue is about \$3,621 which amounts to about \$1.50 per tax assessment value of \$100,000, and the cost to purchase is about \$10.79 per \$100,000 of assessed value. This acquisition is a benefit not a detriment. Other town forests, such as Devil's Den in Bradford, are self-sufficient.
- The maintenance of Tucker Mountain Road and this possible purchase are two separate issues. The town already owns Tucker Mountain Road.

Bob Linck of the Vermont Land Trust requested and was given permission to address the group. He explained that the Leach family contacted the land trust about three years ago. The family needed to sell the property but was concerned that the new owner might close it off to public use. It took time for the Land Trust to raise funds to cover the balance of the purchase price (not being paid by the town) and to negotiate a price that the Newbury community could afford before the conservation easement was drafted. The proposed conservation easement is a draft. It will ensure public access and use that a private owner might not allow.

Bill Ellithorpe moved to call the question, his motion was seconded, and so voted.

Discussion ended, a motion for a paper ballot was made, and many in attendance (more than six) seconded this request. Paper ballots were distributed and voted. Moderator Waterman announced the results:

135, yes; 83, no; 218 total votes; 1616 voters on checklist

It was moved, seconded, and voted to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Minutes by: /s/ Susan B Underwood

Susan B. Underwood, Town Clerk

Approved: /s/ Alma Roystan /s/ Brian Emerson /s/ Stephen Cole

Special Town Meeting Minutes

Town of Newbury, Vermont

November 28, 2017

Don Waterman, Moderator, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Newbury Village Hall. He announced that firefighters were stationed at all the exits to the hall for safety reasons. He enlisted the help of Selectboard member Brian Emerson as his parliamentarian since Don would be following Roberts Rules of Order. Don reminded the group that nonresidents can participate in discussion when the voters present give permission and that the meeting was being recorded. He led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Seated at a table in the front of the room were Selectboard members Alma Roystan, Chair; Brian Emerson, and Steve Cole. Also seated in the front was town clerk and minute taker, Susan Underwood. Moderator Waterman read the Warning to the Special Town Meeting and Article 1:

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Newbury, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Newbury Village Hall in Newbury Village on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to reconsider the September 26, 2017 Special Town Meeting vote on the following article:

Article 1: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$25,000 and authorize the Selectboard to acquire, on terms favorable to the town, two parcels of land on Tucker Mountain Road, together comprising approximately 635 acres, for the establishment of a Municipal Forest encumbered by a conservation easement co-held by the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board?

Approved and adopted at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Newbury duly called, noticed and held on October 25, 2017.

The article was moved and seconded.

Melanie Lawrence moved to call the question, her motion was seconded, and so voted by a 2/3 voice vote.

Discussion ended, Susan Underwood made a motion for a paper ballot, and many in attendance (more than six) confirmed this request. Paper ballots were distributed and voted. Moderator Waterman announced the results:

174, yes; 123, no; 1 blank; 278 total votes; 1632 voters on checklist

It was moved, seconded, and voted to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Minutes by: /s/ Susan B Underwood
Susan B. Underwood, Town Clerk

Approved: /s/ Alma Roystan /s/ Brian Emerson /s/ Stephen Cole

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TOWN OF NEWBURY

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Newbury Town Clerk Hours

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

www.newburyvt.org Phone 866-5521

Monthly Board Meetings

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

Planning Commission - Town Office - Third Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Development Review Board - Town Office – Second Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Recycling

Newbury Village

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

Emergency Number - 911

Dog License Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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