

# Rochester Recreation Department

Just get out and do it

The Rochester Recreation Committee worked hard again this year to provide activities and opportunities for residents of Rochester and our neighbors.

## WINTERFEST



Winterfest was a smashing success this year! It was held on Sunday, January 27, on a perfect, calm, gently snowing day at the SkateSpace. An estimated 35 children, and about 30 adults from the community got together for some winter fun.

Many thanks go out to Tony Paige who keeps the ice plowed and repaired, and Terry Severy and the Fire Dept. who gave the ice a nice glaze with the fire hoses on the night before. There was lots of skating, sledding, snowshoeing, snow painting, and eating. Kids ate for free! Volunteers provided a comprehensive potluck buffet, and also provided indoor crafts celebrating the Chinese New Year's Year of the Pig for those who wanted to come inside to warm up.



Lucy McDonnell at Winterfest.  
Photo by Julie Brown.

The Rochester Recreation Dept. hopes next year's Winterfest will be just as successful, and hopefully, even more kids, parents, and grandparents from the valley will attend.

## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

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

## TENNIS

Although voters have created a Tennis Reserve Fund, there are insufficient funds currently available to repair, power-wash and paint the courts. We are seeking donations to raise funds to accomplish these repairs.

Walter Pruiksmas is our Tennis Chair and has been instrumental in keeping a solid bunch together at the courts. They usually meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm for a friendly game. Double check with the town office for times and to get on the email list. Our Annual 4th of July Tennis Tournament takes place just before the parade, and we have Women's Bracket and a Men's Bracket.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Our summer concert series was a hit, as always. This year we featured Solstice, Stretchin' the Limits, DC-3, Rick Redding and the Luv, Orzak Rozel, and the Tim Beck Band. Each Concert is at the Rochester Park from 6:30 to 8:30 on Sundays. Bring a chair and a picnic! Joe Schenkman spends many hours setting up the Sunday evening entertainment. Our Park is a perfect place to have a picnic and watch our children/grandchildren play while enjoying good music! How lucky we are to be able to enjoy these concerts every week. Thank you, Joe!

## SKATESPACE

Get out and take advantage of free skating in the winter and family fun in the summer! In the evenings when it's dark, the lights go on for night skating until 9 pm.

Tony Paige has done a great job in keeping the ice plowed. Thanks to Terry Severy and the Fire Department for flooding SkateSpace every year.

This year we are seeking donations to build a new warming house and storage facility to replace our old dilapidated shed so people can put on their skates in relative warmth.

## YOUTH SPORTS

The Rec Dept. offers baseball, basketball and soccer to kids from the ages of 4 to 15, keeping the kids in our area active. They compete against other towns in the White River Valley.

The best time to learn athletic skills is when the player is young. They take what they learn into competitive high school sports and beyond. They also gain the valuable socially interactive skillset of team participation, a trait they can utilize in all future endeavors in their lives.

Caitlin Cutting is our new youth sports director. Thank you to all the coaches and volunteers and we hope you will support their efforts.



Grades 3/4 Basketball Team

## VOLUNTEERS

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

The Rochester Recreation Committee

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The Select Board  
 Town of Rochester, Vermont

We are in the process of auditing, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rochester, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018 (not presented herein), which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. We expect to issue our audit report by March 31, 2019. Once completed our independent auditor's report and the Town's financial statements will be available at the Town Office.

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

**Pace & Hawley, LLC**

Berlin, Vermont  
 January 24, 2019

Robert Pace, CPA, - Nathan Hawley, CPA P.O.  
 Box 603 - Montpelier, VT 05601  
 TEL (802) 461-2587 - FAX (802) 476-5791

PROPERTY TRANSFERS  
 2017

Roberts, John & Dian	Roberts, Deborah & Hugh	18-40	\$129,600.00
Hawkins, Caitlyn	Dufresne, Tasha & Desautels, Athen	18-41	\$67,000.00
Lyon James; David; Thomas & Papayanolous, Catherine	Cooke, John; Bronwyn; David; Gretta Diane	18-42	\$144,000.00
Simmons, Stys et al	Gaudette, Rick, Christine & Ricky	18-43	\$54,500.00
Schwenk, Carol	Schwenk, Carol Rev Trust	18-44	\$0.00
Knowles, John & Sandra	Mitchell Jr, Donald	18-45	\$30,000.00
Miller, Colin	Marshall, John & Robyn	18-46	\$2,000.00
McSweeney, John D Estate of	McSweeney, John L; McSweeney, Michaela	18-47	\$0.00
Cummings, Michael	Swedick, David & Murray, Jannah	18-48	\$210,000.00
Armstrong, Airon	Armstrong, Rebecca	18-49	\$0.00
Johnson, Howard & Nancy	Wisdahl, Nathan & Joanie	18-50	\$180,000.00
Cheshire, Bobby B	V&R Holdings, Inc	18-51	\$775,000.00
Whitley, Lisa	Fisher Jr, Dennis & Linda	18-52	\$177,300.00
Thetford, John & Associates	Ruderman, Brad & Linda	18-53	\$0.00
Hewes, Ashley	Sharkey, William McPherson, Lucy	18-54	\$182,465.00
Kovalchuck, Alex	Cotton, Sean & Gauvan, Ryan	18-55	\$58,000.00
Murray, Caroline A	Murray, Carlina, Danielle, Robert	18-56	\$0.00
Lewis, Steven	Lewis, Steven & Lewis, Ryan	18-57	\$0.00
Hill, Lynn & Boshart, Paula	Kelly, Kevin	18-58	\$112,500.00
Harvey, Marvin & Barbara	Harvey, Raymond	18-59	\$0.00
Harvey, Marvin & Barbara	Harvey, Raymond	18-60	\$100,000.00
Mtn. Ledge Corp	Stomberg, George, Danew, David, Lynell	18-61	\$0.00
Gillespie, David & Joanna	Gillespie, Ann	18-62	\$0.00
Slinger, William & Lois	Preston, Scott & Cole, Mandy	18-63	\$220,000.00
Baier, Eric	Barnyard Realty LLC	18-64	\$0.00
Baier, Eric & Agnes	Barnyard Realty LLC	18-65	\$0.00
Steventon, Joseph & Margaret	Steventon, Thomas & Cindy	18-66	\$0.00
Steventon, Joseph & Margaret	Steventon, Charles	18-67	\$0.00
Steventon, Joseph & Margaret	Steventon, Joan	18-68	\$0.00
Steventon, Joseph & Margaret	Steventon, Bruce & Elizabeth	18-69	\$0.00
Steventon, Joseph & Margaret	Steventon, Bruce, Elizabeth, Thomas, Cindy, Joan, Charles	18-70	\$0.00

PROPERTY TRANSFERS  
2017

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	#	PRICE
Fairchild Jr, Gordon	Peck, Jeffrey; Peck Joseph	18-01	\$42,650.00
Mailhiot, Joseph R	Mailhiot, Joseph R trustee	18-02	\$0.00
Davis, Janet B	GHOA	18-03	\$0.00
Brown, James A	GHOA	18-04	\$0.00
Cooley, Dane	Armstrong, Airon	18-05	\$62,500.00
Van Dusen, Roxanne; Chapman, Beverly; Chambers, Eunice & Swihart, Susannah	Shady Rill Association	18-06	\$0.00
Petino, Peter Estate of	Benson, Jaimen E	18-07	\$97,000.00
Gephart, Jeff & Marty	Gephart Family 2018 Trust	18-08	\$0.00
Quill, Emily	Brokhof, William	18-09	\$0.00
Roos, William & Karen	Roos William Revocable Trust, Roos Karen Revocable Trust	18-10	\$0.00
Bennett, Linda	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	18-11	\$0.00
Wojcik, Dean & Jennifer	Lewis, Cary & Cindy	18-12	\$130,000.00
Hall, John C Trustee	Marsh Brook Farm LLC	18-13	\$0.00
Rybak, John & JoAnn	Cunningham, Rachel	18-14	\$279,000.00
Herman, Nathan	Marsh, Lucy	18-15	\$15,000.00
Murdie, Gloria et all	Tubro LLC	18-16	\$7,000.00
Burstein, Muriel	Greene, Terence & Kristen	18-17	\$155,650.00
Duval, Penny Estate of	Valley, Robert	18-18	\$30,000.00
Zucca, William & Nancy	Holtz, Maria Z	18-19	\$0.00
Chambers, James & Eunice	Shady Rill Assoc MBE(SRA)	18-20	\$0.00
Berg, William & James	Berg, William, James & Christopher	18-22	\$0.00
Hanford, Josh & Alicia	Lepesqueur, Justine & Thomas	18-23	\$205,000.00
Mailhiot, Joseph R Trust	Mailhiot, Joseph L & Rita T	18-24	\$0.00
Wittlig, H. Theodore	Haynes Tabitha & Jagoda, Devin	18-25	\$160,000.00
Brooks, Joseph & Crystina	Navarro, Luis & Hilda	18-26	\$158,000.00
Roberts Deborah & Kosman Louis	Deborah H Roberts Trust	18-27	\$0.00
Roberts, Deborah	Deborah H Roberts Trust	18-28	\$0.00
Federal Home Loan Mtg Co	Curley, Dahcila & Meagher, Christine	18-29	\$64,500.00
Internal Revenue Service	Rizwan Bhaila Rev Trust	18-30	\$157,000.00
Smith, Judith A	Smith, Judith & Smith Noel D	18-31	\$0.00
Creech, Larry & Lynda	LAC & LMC Revoc Trust	18-31A	\$0.00
Lemak, Anjanette	Lemak, Anjanette & Lewis, Jason	18-32	\$101,000.00
Nationstar Mortg/Champion Mtg	Waugh, Phillip	18-33	\$103,000.00
Kobbs, Joseph A	Kobbs, Joseph & Jenny L	18-34	\$0.00
Miller, Rae Lynn	Miller, Daniel J	18-35	\$0.00
Sprague III, Henry H Trust	Jones, Bruce & Doreen	18-36	\$50,000.00
Raspberry Hill, LLC	Jones, Bruce & Doreen	18-37	\$550,000.00
Rochester Town School District	Berlow Andrew & Beers, Michael	18-38	\$75,000.00
Cahill, Regina	Cahill, Regina Rev Trust	18-39	\$0.00

**WARNING**

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TO BE HELD**

**MONDAY ~ MARCH 4, 2019 ~ 7:00 PM**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Article 5. Shall the voters agree to pay all taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (FY20) to the Town Treasurer as provided by law?**

**Article 6. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) installments, with due dates being August 15, 2019, November 15, 2019, February 14, 2020 and May 15, 2020, by delivery to the tax collector before 4:00 PM on that date. Postmarks are not considered timely payment.**

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

**Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 45,625 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library.**

**Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 71,757 to provide ambulance service from White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA).**

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

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

Total \$ 22,340.00

Article 11. Shall the voters approve an amount of \$ 15,000 to continue funding the Town Buildings and Property Reserve Fund?

Article 12. Shall the voters approve an amount of \$ 1,000 to fund the Tennis Reserve Fund for on-going and future court maintenance?

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

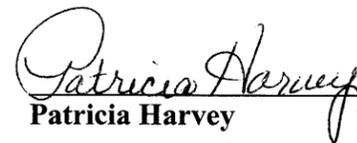
Adjournment:

Dated at Rochester, Vermont this 2ND day of February, 2019

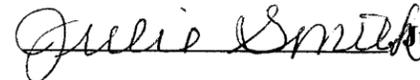
ROCHESTER SELECTBOARD

  
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Thomas Schnabel

  
Patricia Harvey

Received at ROCHESTER this 2ND day of February, 2019 for Recording

Attest:  Julie Smith, Rochester Town Clerk

### Response and Recovery Guidelines

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ROCHESTER LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

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*Approved by:  
Dan McKinley  
Tom Moderator  
3/5/18*

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, March 5, 2018

7:00 pm, Rochester Auditorium

**Emergency Steps**

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

**Future steps**

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

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

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

County: **Windsor**

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

Date LEOP adopted: 03-14-2016

Date NIMS adopted: 9/24/2007

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

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

Telephone: **802-767-3631**

Fax: 802 767-6028

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

Alternate communication method: \_\_\_\_\_

*Don Hinderyckx*  
4/23/18

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

The legal voters of the Town of Rochester, County of Windsor, State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Rochester High School Auditorium on said town Monday, March 5, 2018, at 7:00 pm to transact the following business:

Current Moderator Dan McKinley called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reviewed Roberts Rules of Order for the meeting, and Robert Meagher will run the microphones. Representative Sandy Haas noted that the Doyle Poll and her written report are in the lobby. She noted that they are halfway through the legislative session. Friday was the crossover deadline, so anything that did not come out of committee last Friday, it is probably dead for the remainder of the biennium. She mentioned that there are employers all over Vermont who can't find employees to work, and there is a gap between employee skill, and the skills employers need. One of the bills would set up a workforce development system. Budget info and tax info are in her report. Sandy explained that she is home this week and would be happy to speak to anyone. Dan noted that Orca Media is videoing the meeting, and also gave an invocation that he does each year that is designed to remind all that this is a civil assembly that comes together for decisions, but not at the expense of others, and that the community is of greater importance than differences.

**Article 1: To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year.** Joanne nominated Dan McKinley, seconded by Ethan Bowen. Lois Bond moved to close nominations, seconded. Clerk cast one ballot for Dan McKinley.

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

- 1) Selectboard Member ~ 3 year term
- 2) Lister ~ 3 year term
- 3) Collector of Delinquent Taxes ~ 1 year term
- 4) Library Trustee ~ 5 year term
- 5) Trustee of Public Funds ~ 3 year term
- 6) Cemetery Commissioner ~ 5 year term
- 7) Grand Juror ~ 1 year term
- 8) Second Grand Juror ~ 1 year term
- 9) Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits ~ 1 year term
- 10) Agent to Convey Real Estate ~ 1 year term

**Selectboard:** Mason Wade called point of order. He would like an amendment to Article 2. Moderator noted not a point of order, but a motion to amend. He read the article in its entirety. Martha moved Article 1, Ethan seconded. Mason moved to amend article 2 with a 3 third yes floor vote and according to Title 17,ss2646 (10) to eliminate one of the two grand

juror positions. Moderator noted motion on floor to amend to not elect a second grand juror with a 2/3 floor vote. Ethan seconded the amendment. Discussion: Mason noted on page 19 the description of grand juror. State statute states 1 or more grand jurors, so we can eliminate one as it is obsolete. Doon mentioned that this is a petition presented by Mason and was discussed at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. With legal advice under 17 VSA ss 25-46(10), the town is not able to eliminate this position. Discussion ensued. Becky asked to call the question, Martha seconded. Discussion ended. Voting on the amendment would mean voting to elect one Grand Juror position, and eliminate the Second Grand Juror. Voted in the negative, amended article does not pass.

**Selectboard member-3 year term:** Frank Russell nominated Jim Bowen, Becky seconded. Jess nominated Pat Harvey, seconded. Ginny Bowman nominated Robert Meagher, seconded. No further nominations. All were given a chance to speak. Jim declined the nomination-family time is important, and a new baby on the way. Robert noted that it is not an enjoyable position as he has been a board member in the past. It is difficult. Pat explained she moved here in 1986 and is involved in 4 different businesses in the valley. She has two children and two grandchildren in town, and has time and ambition to work with the board and to represent the voters of Rochester. She believes that we need to expand into more recreational areas so more people can enjoy them. Becky asked Pat where she stands on the Pine Gap Rd issue. Pat responded that she feels the resolution of the immediate issue is in legal hands, but she believes that as a recreational area, a lot of people enjoy it. It reinforces to her that there are a lot of people who like to get outdoors, and we should expand RASTA and work with the forest service to find more areas to recreate. David Marmor asked about the position of the two candidates about expanding the board to 5 members. Robert-he feels that a three member board is fine, and is ambivalent for a 5 member board. With 3 members, two is a quorum, outside of open meetings, no discussions can happen. Pat would like to leave it up to the voters to decide. Pat also noted that she would recuse herself from any town businesses that might conflict with their businesses. Mason asked if she is running for Lister. No. Paper ballot was requested. Votes counted on the checklist was 152; paper ballots counted was 153. The checklist was checked three times, ballots were only counted once due to the totals of the vote. Pat Harvey received 89, Robert Meagher received 64 votes. Dan thanked Jim for his service, and congratulated him on his upcoming baby.

**Lister-3 year term:** Dave Harvey nominated Jess Arsenault, seconded by Joanne. Richilde moved to close nominations, Judy seconded. Clerk cast one ballot for Jess Arsenault as Lister.

**Del Tax Collector-1 year term:** Joanne nominated Rebecca Klein, seconded by Frank. Alvina moved to close nominations, seconded. Clerk cast one ballot for Rebecca Klein as Delinquent Tax Collector.

**Library Trustee-5 year term:** Tim Crowley nominated Jola Labejsza, seconded. Motion to close nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for Jola Labejsza as Library Trustee

## Emergency Preparedness Committee

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

**Mission:** (1) to know Rochester's vulnerabilities in the event of natural or man-made community-wide emergencies resulting in, for example, major multi-day power outage or heavy flooding (2) to plan and assure timely appropriate response to such emergencies, and (3) oversee recovery work to return the community to normal.

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

**2018 activities:** Annual review and revisions of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and submitted to Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission as required by law, posted plan on Rochester Town website, conducted a Tropical Storm Irene after-action conference to document emergency preparedness lessons learned from that event, oversaw response to storm related major power outages in April and November.

## Shelter Team

**Members:** Jan McCann (Coordinator), Sue Ribaldo, Becky Donnet, Pat Harvey, Martha Slater, Joan Pontious, Caroline Meagher, Eric Bowman, Leslie Straus, Hilde and Jim Whalley, Sarah McLoughlin, Zach Cavacas

**Mission:** As a subcommittee of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Shelter Team is responsible for preparing and implementing resources to house and feed area residents in the event of a community disaster.

**Emergency Shelter Facility:** Located at the Rochester Elementary School, which has a generator. The gym and cots are available for sleeping and food is prepared in the kitchen. The shelter is activated in response to a community emergency at the direction of the Rochester Select Board. It is then opened and operated by members of the Shelter Team.

**Everyone should know:** You are encouraged to prepare for emergencies and be able to remain at home. You can obtain information about how to do that at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). However, if you cannot safely shelter in place and need to evacuate to the School, you should contact the Town Office, a Select Board member or a Shelter Team Member by phone, email or in person. If you come to the School for shelter, you must bring your own bedding, personal hygiene items, clothing, medications, formula or baby food and any special equipment, including electronic devices and chargers you may need to be comfortable. People with special needs may contact Jan McCann ([janmccann@myfairpoint.net](mailto:janmccann@myfairpoint.net) or 767-3667) or Sue Ribaldo ([sue.ribaldo@gmail.com](mailto:sue.ribaldo@gmail.com) or 967-8048) for further assistance.

**2018 Activities:** Distributed emergency preparedness information at Town Meeting and staffed an information table at Harvest Fair; sent 3 new Team members to Waterbury for training; conducted a live practice drill at the school with role-players, equipment set up and after-action evaluation; met with School Principal to further plan for use of the facility; opened the shelter during the November 11, 2018 storm and power outage, although no guests arrived to use it; gave update report at Select Board meeting and recommended updated agreement with the Red Cross, which was approved.

**Volunteers needed:** More volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, contact Jan or Sue.

**Vital Statistics~2018**

**Births**

Skylar Spalding	Skylar Springer	Kendal Keown
Samson Caouette	Leo Kennett	Ruby Harvey
Benson Chadwick		

**Deaths**

James Duggan	Louella Larmon
Scott Kuyk	John McSweeney
Janet Stetler	Gerald Shepard
Helen Wilber	Geraldine Baker
Martha Gephart	Dennis Vadnais
Paulette Huntley	

**Civil Marriages**

Gerald Shepard	Myrtle Twitchell
Kristin Cashore	Kevin Lin
David Feldman	Julie Malizola
Megan Ogden	Maxwell Lewin
Kathrina Soja	Bryan Seelagy
Krystal Gillespie	Henry Wu
Ashley Maldonado	Brendan Wyatt
Quincey Williamson	Joel Katz
Alexandra Carlo	Ricardo Galdamez
Brittany Garrity	Zachary Zanengo
Danielle Sewell	Benjamin Garcia

**Trustee of Public Funds-3 year term:** Nancy Woolley nominated Barb DeHart, seconded. Frank Russell nominated Mike Harvey, but he is still serving a term as Trustee. Nominations closed, clerk cast one ballot for Barb DeHart as Trustee.

**Cemetery Commissioner-5 year term:** Dick White nominated Tom Paquette, seconded. No further nominations, clerk cast one ballot for Tom Paquette as Cemetery Commissioner.

**Grand Juror-1 year term:** Nancy Woolley nominated Barb Dehart, seconded. Mason called point of order and stated that it is incompatible for a Trustee to be a Grand Juror. The chart that Mason presented shows it is not compatible for a grand juror to be an election official, not a trustee. Moderator rules that the point of order is incorrect, Barb can hold both positions.

**Second Grand Juror-1 year term:** Barb DeHart nominated Sandy Haas, seconded by Judy. No further nominations, Clerk cast one ballot for Sandy Haas as 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Juror.

**Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits-1 year term:** Joanne nominated Bill Matthews, Becky seconded. No further nominations, clerk cast one ballot for Bill Matthews as Agent.

**Agent to Convey Real Estate-1 year term:** John White nominated Pat Harvey, seconded by Jess. No further nominations, clerk cast one ballot for Pat Harvey as Agent.

**Article 3: Shall the Town vote to elect two additional Selectboard members, each to a term of one year, in accordance with 17 V.S.A.ss 2650(b)(1)(A)?** Judy moved the article, seconded. Judy asked how the serving members feel about this idea. Jim Bowen noted that there are plusses to either way. At times, flexibility and scheduling is hard to manage and he thinks with five members it might be even harder. Three members work well together, and he would hope that members that did decide to run would be committed and be looking out for the best interests of the town. Tom agreed with Jim. Doon noted that Joanne had asked other clerks with 5 member boards and received good feedback, but also that meetings are longer with more discussion. While that is not necessarily bad, the volume of meetings that have to take place seem to grow every year. He is inclined to keep it at a 3 member board and asked Mason Wade who sponsored the petition to give his feelings as to why he would like to see this happen. Mason thanked Doon for using the work “sponsor” because this is a process of democracy to put a petition of article together and while he sponsored it, it was signed by 50+ people. He has more faith in democracy with a 5 member board than a 3 member board. Susie Smolen noted that she signed the petition but the way she was approached was “why not sign this petition because it will at least allow us to have the discussion”. She did not sign this with the express purpose of saying that it is her preference to have 5 people on the board. She felt it is important to clarify this as she has talked to others signed this and other petitions and it was not the intent to commit to a particular point of view. Lesley Straus suggested voting no to this article. The quorum is two, and the board members she has known in this town respect that. A 5 member team allows people to meet, discuss and potentially persuade other members which can result in collusion. She reiterated her decision to vote no. Bruce Flewelling noted that he has been on boards etc for his entire adult life. They have had members numbering 3 to 20. The more people there are, the harder it is to come to a sensible conclusion and issues can drag on and on. Also, a 5 member board increases

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by 2/3. The population of Rochester has not increased by 2/3, and he asked all to vote with him and vote this down. Richilde Whalley thanked the board for their professional behavior and activities and noted they have done a good job in her opinion. She also stated that her dad used to say “if it ain’t broke, don’t break it”! John White asked to call the question. All in favor of ending discussion. Article 3 voted down, does not pass.

**Article 4: To elect two Selectboard members, each to a one year term.** Pass over, Article 3 voted down.

**Article 5: To hear and act on the report of the Auditors.** Ethan moved the article, seconded. No discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 5 passes.

**Article 6: To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.** David Marmor moved the article, Ethan seconded. No discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 6 passes.

**Article 7: Will the voters agree to pay all taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 to the Town Treasurer as provided by law?** Joanne moved the article, seconded by Alvina. No discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 7 passes.

**Article 8: Will the voters vote to continue the quarterly tax payment schedule, with payments due on August 15, 2018, November 15, 2018, February 15, 2019 and May 15, 2019 due no later than 4:00 pm on each voted due date. Postmarks are not considered timely payment.** Ethan moved the article, Joanne seconded. No discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 8 passes.

**Article 9: Will the voters approve a budget of \$1,061,941 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Rochester, with \$703,899 to be raised from property taxes?** David Marmor moved, seconded by Ethan. Alvina asked if we should table this article until after voting on appropriations and reserve articles so we have a correct total to be raised by taxes. Joanne noted (incorrectly, by the way-my apologies to all!) that the appropriations and reserves are part of the total budget but they could be voted separately. Short discussion ensued. Voted in the affirmative, Article 9 passes.

**Article 10: To see if the voters will vote to appropriate the following sums as requested by these community agencies:**

<b>American Red Cross</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Capstone Community Action</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Central VT Council on Aging</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Clara Martin Center</b>	<b>2,066.00</b>
<b>Green Up Vermont</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>One Planet Afterschool Program</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Orange Cty Parent Child Ctr</b>	<b>500.00</b>

Your local health district office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number listed below. Available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we’re equipped to respond to the community’s needs. In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

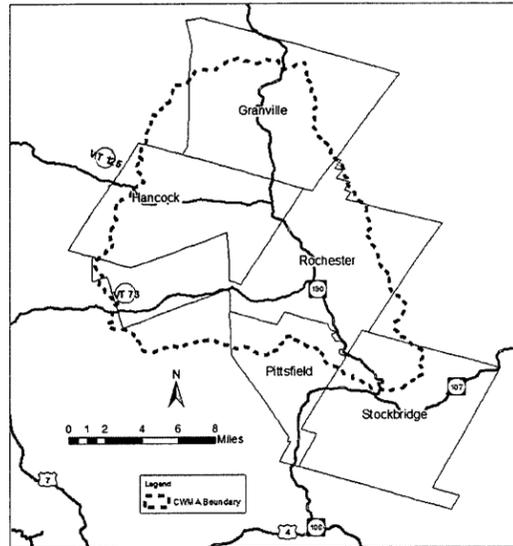
- Increase capacity statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana with Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP)
- Prevent and control the spread of infectious disease. In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers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

Learn more about what we do on the web at [www.healthyvermont.gov](http://www.healthyvermont.gov)  
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## Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association

2018 was the seventh year that the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association conducted non-native invasive plant surveys, outreach and control projects along town roads and trails located in the Upper White River watershed. See map of the project area.



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

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

community roads through early detection and rapid response activities.

### 2018 Summary:

**CWMA Coordination:** A coordinator was hired with funding through a grant from the National Forest Foundation.

**Monitoring and Control:** The coordinator monitored 21 small infestations of non-native invasive plants, 14 of which were previously controlled as part of an Early Detection/Rapid Response effort in Granville, Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield. Of the 14 previously controlled, one was almost eradicated, six were noticeably smaller, two appeared the same in size, and five had gotten worse. Manual removal occurred at 17 of the 21 infestations monitored. Other infestations were controlled by staff and volunteers. While these infestations represent only a fraction of known infestations, and many more were unmapped, they were chosen because they are in strategic locations or because they are relatively more feasible to control than others. In Rochester, garlic mustard was pulled at Brandon Gap, Great Hawk, in the village, along Route 100 South, and at Bingo Brook; Japanese knotweed was dug up at Mt. Cushman; wild chervil was pulled along River Brook Drive and at the Rochester Ranger Station; and a variety of species were controlled along the Bethel Mountain Road.

**Education & outreach:** On June 16, the CMWA Coordinator delivered a presentation at the Rochester Public Library about non-native invasive species in the Upper White River Valley, after which private landowners were encouraged to organize volunteer control projects on their own properties, with CWMA support.

Interested landowners are encouraged to take action to control non-native invasive plants on their own properties, or to get involved with the Cooperative Weed Management Association. To get involved locally, contact MaryBeth Deller at the Green Mountain National Forest at [mdeller@fs.fed.us](mailto:mdeller@fs.fed.us) or 802-767-4261 x 524. To learn more about invasives in Vermont, visit the Vermont Invasives website: <http://vtinvasives.org>

<b>Quintown Senior Center</b>	<b>9,380.00</b>
<b>SafeLine, Inc.</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Stagecoach</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>
<b>VT Rural Fire Hydrant</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>VNH-Visiting Nurses Association</b>	<b>4,800.00</b>
<b>White River Partnership</b>	<b>875.00</b>
<b>WRVA</b>	<b>71,757.00</b>
<b>WomenSafe</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$96,428.00</b>

Ethan moved the article, Judy seconded. Rob Meadows asked about the WRVA amount. Vic Ribaldo is the Rochester rep for WRVA, and explained the increase. Brookfield splitting part of their town off to contract with Barre due to more timely service in their area. Also, expenses are increasing. WRVA has two ambulances that are in service 24 hours 7 days a week serving 10 towns. Harland asked how it will affect other towns if Randolph pulls out, and Vic responded that WRVA is having discussions with the new Town Manager of Randolph. He voiced his concern about how a Randolph service would support Randolph residents, and concern also as to how it would affect the other towns. He will know more about it after tomorrow's Town Meeting. Dawn Ostrow asked if we pay for WRVA employee's meals and for the ambulance to go to the grocery store for them to get meals. Vic explained that they pay for their own meals, and have taken ambulances to the grocery store so if a call goes out they are ready. Kathryn Schenkman expressed her thanks to WRVA and to Vic. Discussion closed. Voted in the affirmative, Article 10 passes.

**Article 11: Will the voters approve an amount of \$60,000 to continue funding the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?** Judy moved the article, Alvina seconded. Mason asked how we work toward reducing the volume of tax dollars. On page 45, education for drivers is \$300. Where do we start talking about water quality with funds for salt, and how do we start backing off. He asked the board what they are doing about water quality. Doon noted that backing off and dealing with water quality will not be less expensive. We are facing new state regulations to address water quality, erosion and run off, and have received a grant to study and analyze the road system to identify hot spots. Unfortunately, Rochester has a lot of hot spots. A few years ago we struggles to increase the gravel budget in order to bring up the road quality without having the budget go through the roof. It is a challenge, and hoping to limit the increases. Jim mentioned that Article 11 is just to deal with the equipment fund. John called the question, all in favor of ending discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 11 passes.

**Article 12: Will the voters approve an amount of \$15,000 to continue funding the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?** Alvina moved the article, seconded by John. Mason asked to amend the article to \$30,000. He asked if the reserve fund will be completely spent.

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Doon explained that this money has not been spent, this if for the next fiscal year. Also the committee worked very hard to keep the budget as low as possible, and this amendment would add \$15000 to the number we approved earlier. Mason asked if this money is used to purchase the new \$65000 pumper truck, or will it be used for that. Terry noted that the truck is being purchased and some of this \$15,000 will go to purchasing the truck. Joanne noted that the truck is not available until after August 2018 and the balance needed to pay for the truck will come from this amount. Question called, no further discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 12 passes.

**Article 13: Will the voters approve an amount of \$15,000 to continue funding the Town Buildings and Property Reserve Fund?** Alvina moved the article, seconded. Burma asked if the Library is considered a town building, and Doon noted that they do pull some of these funds. Mason asked if the goals will be to save money in relation to the overall electric bill that taxpayers pay. We pay about \$24150. Back metering had already existed in 2008, is there anything in this reserve about that? Doon responded no, this is more for maintenance on town buildings. Jim noted that all the street lights were changed to LED lights and have saved a couple hundred dollars each month. Lesley noted that Mason has attended many meetings over the years and points fingers asking what has the board done. She asked what he has been doing to seek or write or secure grants. Mason responded that he was on the school board and is trying to save \$250,000 which could be used on building repair. He asked do we start living in the future or do we let the future step on us. Lesley responded that we all work for the town, and anyone can step up and help the board with grants. John White asked what back metering actually is. Doon explained it is generally producing electricity in town, most likely solar. The town had authorized spending up to \$40,000 to install solar panels on town buildings but we don't have suitable buildings. Bud Venturini noted that we might save money if less people sued the town. Question was called, no further discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 13 passes.

**Article 14: Will the voters approve an amount of \$1000 to fund the Tennis Reserve Fund for on-going and future court maintenance?** Susie moved the article, Alvina seconded. No discussion. Voted in the affirmative, Article 14 passes.

**Article 15: To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.** Article moved, seconded. Rod Leehy motioned that the Town of Rochester starting July 1 2018 provide digital video recordings of all Town Meetings and Selectboard meetings only and those recordings be uploaded to the town website. Dan explained that no binding business can be conducted during this article. Doon explained that this was discussed in Selectboard meetings, and Orca Media (who is videoing this meeting tonight) provides free video services dedicated to free speech, content neutrality etc. Again, in trying to save money for the town, we have this service for free, why pay for it. Harland recommends that the town gives Orca money. We have money for everything else, we should give to them. Doon mentioned that anyone can donate, but Harland wants it as a TOWN. David noted that Orca is funded by cable networks and television stations for public use. We already pay for this in our cable bill. Frank noted that a large group of skiers were arriving in electric cars, and would like the board to speak to the possibility of an electric charging station in town. Mason moved the conversation back to

In March 2018 the Historical Society and the Town suddenly lost its "unofficial Town Historian" Marcus Blair. Marcus was a wealth of information about Rochester history and its people, and was always more than willing to share his information. He was a point of contact for individuals researching their ancestry in this area, and was generous in sharing whatever research he had compiled over a lifetime. A Celebration of Marcus' Life was held in July at Pierce Hall, with people from all over New York and New England attending. Marcus would have loved this! We miss Marcus, but the Rochester Historical Society is fortunate to be the recipient of his vast collection of historical materials from Rochester and the adjoining towns.

Historical Society members worked on a committee developing programs to honor the closure of the Rochester Middle and High School. The program dovetailed with Alumni Day, June 2, 2018, when alumni gathered for their annual Banquet that evening. The afternoon was filled with tours of the school, while members of the White River Valley Players organized a program with former Rochester students speaking of special memories while attending school. The afternoon program ended with a photographic video of students, teachers and events choreographed with music organized by Kelly White Kelly, Erica Blomquist Robinson, Nancy Pierce Woolley and Videographer Rob Gardner. Much of the photographic memorabilia came from Historical Society archives.

We also spent a good portion of the year working with Kay Stringer's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes studying life while attending one of Rochester's 16 one-room schoolhouses located throughout the town. We spent time at the Town Office delving through school records from each school. We were able to provide photographs of the then and now schoolhouses, many of which are now private residences or hunting camps. Many of the students were interested in learning about the schools that their relatives had attended. Today's students found the comparisons of life then and now quite amazing! At the end of the school year, we coordinated a school bus trip for the students, some teachers and some townspeople to visit many of the schoolhouses, with bus driver Harv Downs executing the ride over some rather narrow roads. Ray Quillia, a former student at the Whispering Pine schoolhouse, came along for the ride and talked about planting the white pines still standing in the front yard.

The Rochester and Pittsfield Historical Societies joined together for a then and now video program centered on West Hill, Rochester. Presenters were Bruce Flewelling, Janice Brown and Bill Powers. Our 2018 exhibit of clothing throughout Rochester history will be taken down shortly, and a new exhibit, still to be determined, will soon be set up.

The Rochester Historical Society is the beneficiary of an anonymous grant through the Vermont Community Foundation's Wakan Fund. Through this grant we anticipate offering more programs to introduce the Rochester community to its historical past.

Norm Christiansen manages our website, [www.rochesterhistorical.org](http://www.rochesterhistorical.org), and we're thankful to him for his interest and attention. We're also grateful to the Trustees of the Rochester Public Library for their willingness to share space with us.

Thank you to all who enjoy our Museum, and we encourage you to become active members.



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**2018 TOWN REPORT**

It was yet another wonderful year of community activities, sponsorships, rentals, and construction planning for Pierce Hall in 2018.

Annual community events included a Mardi Gras Theme Dinner (cuisine by chef Jim Huntington, music by DJ Pat Quimby, and an all-ages limbo contest), Pre-Ballet classes and recital, ice cream social, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Dash, summer movie nights, Harvest Fair photo booth, Halloween party (co-sponsored with the Route 100 Lions Club), and the elementary school's Starry Night music performance.

Rentals of the hall this past year included Red Cross Blood Drives in the spring and fall, the Green Mountain Suzuki weeklong music camp in July, a benefit concert by the Capstone Community Action, the Rochester Farmers' Market and Exchange Spring and Winter Markets, and the annual Back Country Forum (Rochester Area Sports Trails Alliance-RASTA/Catamount Trail Association) in November.

During 2018 Pierce Hall was able to provide a venue for three memorial services, Valley Idol auditions, the pre-gathering spot for the Rochester School's final graduation, and the Route 100 Lions Club's 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ. And our tables and chairs continued to be rented for other off-site celebrations. Also, Pierce Hall continues to be a monthly meeting space for Rural Lodge #29 F&AM and the Route 100 Lions Club.

Our construction/restoration efforts for 2018 focused primarily on creating a local Fitness Center, which will consist of a gym room for weights and cardio equipment, and a room for dance, yoga, Zumba, Bone Builders, and other group movement/exercise classes. The architectural plans are complete and permits are in place. Contractor bids are due in January and we continue to raise the remaining funds needed to make the fitness center a reality. Once completed, we look forward to offering various fitness classes and dance events.

For inquiries to use or rent the hall and its equipment, to find out the upcoming fitness center's status, or to find out more about upcoming Pierce Hall events, please contact us using the information at the top of this report. Also let us know if you would like to join our email list so we can keep you apprised of upcoming events and plans.

Our all-volunteer board sends its thanks and appreciation for your continued support of the Pierce Hall Community Center project. Thank you!

**The 2018 Board of Directors**

President Jeanie Levitan; VPs: Bruce Flewelling, Frank Rea, Nancy Sanz, and Andrea Wicher; Treasurer and Rental Manager Becky Donnet; Directors Jeff Brown (also custodian extraordinaire); Barb Harvey, Java Hubbard, Ross Parker, Sandy Pierce, Sue Ribaud, Marti Rotchford, and Roger Stauss

**with supporting team members**

Anne Belanger, Norm Christiansen, Bryce Homick, Metta Rea, and Lesley Straus

Orca. Orca is a nonprofit that we may lose federal funding very soon. It is not in our personal town's best interest-we are talking about storage that is done by our paid employees so townspeople can see what is going on. We can download from Orca to our website since we can't be sure that Orca will be there. This is about digital recording so all can participate in democracy. Andrea Wicher noted that we could link the Town's website to Orca's website to provide access to this content from our website. Susie noted that all Selectboard and town meeting minutes are recorded and kept at the Clerk's office, and are available to anyone. Doon noted they are also posted to the town website. Susie suggested we continue reading to save money. Spencer Homick noted that it would be good to consider that YouTube is a commercial for profit site. Once videos go on that site, we lose our rights to them, as well as possible privacy infringement. How do we protect ourselves from people who may be working against the virtues and motives of nonprofit organizations? He thinks it's a good idea to protect ourselves. John asked if there is a recommendation on this-it is non-binding. Frank came back to his question about charging stations. Doon noted that the immediate plan is in the next stage of developing the park and ride which would be to get a grant for one. It is in the plans, just not sure when it will happen. Dan reminded all that this is non-binding business, recommendations can be made. Larry Creech noted that ECFiber putting in cable in town and he believes they are mandated by federal law to put all local meetings, activities, etc which should be free. This should be checked into. Chris recommended that the board rearrange the articles that vote for the budget after the appropriations and reserve accounts. Becky explained that the general budget and highway budget are what is reported in Article 9. We add to the budget with the following articles of appropriations and reserves. Alvina agreed, the budget vote should be delayed until the other articles pass so there is a final figure for the budget. Discussion continued about the budget numbers which are found on page 48-the budget summary. John White, ECFiber representative thanked all for their patience in waiting for ECFiber and advised people contact them if they want to get signed up.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm, seconded. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell

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

***Officials Elected at Town Meeting***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Local Officials Appointed by the Legislative Body***

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

**ECFiber**

Since 2008, Rochester has been a member of ECFiber, the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District. ECFiber is owned by its 24 member towns and the district must, by law, be self-sustaining, there is no option to request taxpayer funds from the member towns.

On April 15, 2016, the District completed a \$9 million offering of bonds to refinance a portion of its debt, to cover 2017 capital expenditures, and to complete the design and make ready for 200 miles of construction in 2018. ECFiber plans to continue to raise capital through the municipal bond market in 2019 and 2020, and to complete 1400 miles of network covering all underserved locations in its 24 towns by 2020. ECFiber offers:

1. Reliable high Internet speeds, which are symmetrical (the same in each direction) and are not "up to" (that is, ECFiber strives to actually provide the speeds for which its customers are paying at all times).
2. Simple, stable pricing with no contracts, fine print, or data caps. Over the last two years ECFiber has increased its speeds but not its prices. Our customer service and customer satisfaction levels are very high.
3. Valued community services. For example, ECFiber offers over 25 community anchor institutions (schools, town facilities, and libraries) its highest level of service for its lowest monthly fee.

A main cable has already been installed in Rochester along Rt. 100 and Rt. 73. Homes and businesses directly on those two roads already have service available now. ECFiber has been running cable along every road in Rochester during the past six months, which means Rochester will have town wide internet for the first time ever. If you want to get connected this year, contact ECFiber to get on their list of homes to be hooked up. If you want the cable to be buried, you need to make arrangements to have new underground conduit installed by a private contractor.

For additional information, visit the ECFiber website or call their office. Website: [www.ECFiber.net](http://www.ECFiber.net) | Office: (802) 763-2262 | Email: [support@ecfiber.net](mailto:support@ecfiber.net) You can also contact John White, Rochester's delegate on the ECFiber Governing Board at 767-3105 or at [zensmithvt@gmail.com](mailto:zensmithvt@gmail.com) |

- Other highlights include the renewal of a master special use permit to Green Mountain Power for powerline rights of way across multiple towns throughout the Forest and the issuance of a special use permit to construct and operate a year-round hut for public use at Chittenden Brook Campground Chittenden.

**Watershed Improvement**

- Biologists and Technicians monitored fish populations throughout the GMNF as part of a long-term data collection effort to understand Forest fish populations. Streams sampled during the 2018 were in Rochester, Chittenden, and Pittsfield.
- Three Aquatic Organism Passage projects were completed in 2018, with the final culvert replacements on Wing Farm Brook in Rochester was completed with help of the White River Partnership. Wing Brook is now free of any man made barriers to aquatic organisms.
- In Rochester the GMNF hosted the second year of the Freshwater Snorkeling Program. Over a two-week period in September, 2018, 298 students spent a full day learning about the important role forests play in protecting water resources. Schools from Rochester, Stockbridge, Bethel, Newton, South Royalton, Randolph, Braintree and Pomfret participated, with requests for next year’s program already being received.
- Fish stocking to support recreational fisheries took place at King’s Pond in Rochester, followed by an annual fishing derby in partnership with the Route 100 Lion’s Club. The GMNF and VT Fish & Wildlife continued aerial stocking of native eastern brook trout in high wilderness ponds, helping to establish viable fish populations.
- Riparian Planting to restore aquatic habitat occurred at sites in Granville, and Rochester, with the GMNF assisting the WRP and VYCC. Combined plantings helped protect one kilometer of stream bank.

**Wildlife Habitat Improvement**

- Nearly 600 acres of permanent upland openings were maintained by prescribed fire, mowing, or mastication in Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, and Rochester. Nearly 40 acres of new upland openings were created as part of timber harvests in Granville. Apple trees were “released” by cutting competing vegetation from old orchards in Rochester, Pittsfield, Hancock, and Granville.
- Work continued with VT Fish & Wildlife to monitor populations and habitat requirements of bats following the advent of White Nose Syndrome. Worked with the Vermont State biologists and Virginia Tech, on an experiment to understand resistance to White Nose Syndrome in little brown bats in Stockbridge.
- Peregrine falcons were removed from the Federal Endangered & Threatened Species list in 1999 and the Vermont State list in 2003, but nesting sites continue to be monitored. Site closures continue seasonally from March 15 to August 1 of each year. The species remains on the GMNF Regional Forester Sensitive Species list. Nesting sites in Rochester and Stockbridge are monitored.
- Partnering with Forest Service State & Private Forestry, pollinator habitat was assessed in permanent upland openings located in Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, and Rochester, with the objective to understand how milkweed was distributed and its response to management activities and treatments within and near the forest.

**Soil/Water Monitoring**

- Best Management Practice monitoring took place throughout the Forest. This Program integrates water resources protection into management activities, and demonstrates compliance with the Clean Water Act.

**Long-term Ecosystem Monitoring**

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

**Wildfire and Prescribed Fire Activities**

- Fire management personnel accomplished 20prescribed fires while suppressing or assisting in the suppression of 2 GMNF wildfires. Prescribed fire treatment objectives focused on reducing forest fuels, improving wildlife habitat and reinvigorating native blueberry patches. Prescribed burns occurred in Rochester and Granville.
- 20 individuals provided support for the wildfire season nationally assisting in the mobilization of resources or by directly responding to wildfires and hazard incidents, spending approximately 762 days on these efforts.
- Fire management staff thank the dedicated firemen and women from Volunteer and Municipal fire departments who responded to and assisted in the suppression of wildfires occurring this past year on the GMNF.

**Conservation Education**

Employees were available for questions from the public at the Addison County Fair & Field Days and the Rutland Fair.

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

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

<b>David Francomb</b> District Ranger, South Half - Manchester Ranger District 802-362-2307	<b>Christopher Mattrick</b> District Ranger, North Half - Rochester & Middlebury Ranger Districts 802-767-4261
<b>JOHN A. SINCLAIR</b> Forest Supervisor Rutland -- Supervisor’s Office 802-747-6700	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Town of Rochester  
Elected Officials**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Dan McKinley	2019
Selectboard:	Doon Hinderyckx, Chair	2019
	Tom Schnabel	2020
	Patricia Harvey	2021
Town Clerk	Julie Smith, <i>Appointed 1/8/19</i>	2019
Town Treasurer	Julie Smith, <i>Appointed 1/8/19</i>	2019
Listers:	Caroline Meagher	2019
	Louis Donnet	2020
	Jessica Arsenaault	2021
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Rebecca Klein	2019
Library Trustees:	Mary Sue Crowley	2019
	Anthony Goupee	2020
	Lyn Moltz	2021
	Barbara Shenton	2022
	Jolanta Labejsza	2023
Trustees of Public Funds:	Ann Pierce	2019
	Michael Harvey	2020
	Barbara Dehart	2021
Cemetery Commissioners:	Ross Laffan	2019
	Marvin C. Harvey	2020
	Joe Schenkman	2021
	Joan K. Hubbard	2022
	Thomas Paquette	2023
Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits	Bill Matthews	2019
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Pat Harvey	2019
Justices of the Peace	Kevin Dougherty	Feb. 1, 2021
	Michael Harvey	Feb. 1, 2021
	Joan "Java" Hubbard	Feb. 1, 2021
	Rebecca Klein	Feb. 1, 2021
	Annette "Sugie" West	Feb. 1, 2021
Windsor-Rutland Rep. Windsor County Senators	Sandy Haas	
	Alison Clarkson	
	Richard McCormack	
	Alice Nitka	

**Green Mountain National Forest**

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

**Heritage Program**

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

- Visited heritage sites within the Robinson IRP project areas, resulting in recording and protection of sites in the project areas.
- Retired Forest Service personnel worked to preserve a number of cemeteries within the Forest Proclamation Boundary.

**Road, Dam, & Facility Construction & Maintenance**

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

Forest Facility Improvements & Maintenance: Completed maintenance and repairs to administrative buildings and restrooms.

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

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

Forest Road Maintenance: Maintained 78.14 miles of National Forest System roads including in Rochester and Hancock.

**Recreation Programs**

Highlights that represent a portion of the work completed to develop, improve and maintain recreational opportunities on the GMNF:

Forest-wide: The Forest acknowledges the collaborative effort of its employees and partner organizations, volunteers, State and local government representatives and local businesses, including VAST, VASA, RASTA, VYCC, VMBA, GMC, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, SCA, CTA, Vermont Huts Assoc., and many more, including our dedicated campground hosts! With the help of the many hard-working volunteers and organizations we are able to provide a quality recreation experience.

Local Efforts:

- Hancock: Worked with a local contractor and Route 100 VAST club to replace a bridge on the Taylor Brook snowmobile trail.
- Rochester/Stockbridge: Hosted education events with local school children.
- Rochester: Recipient of Chief's Honorable Mention Award for work with RASTA on Brandon Gap backcountry recreation project.
- Rochester/Chittenden: Collaborated with Vermont Huts Assoc. to install a hut that is available for year-round reservations at Chittenden Brook Campground.

Agreements: The Forest Service worked with partners through numerous agreements. The Lexington School for the Deaf and VYCC American Sign Language crew maintained day use areas and trails and removed non-native invasive plants. The CTA and RASTA continued to clear lines for back country skiing at Brandon Gap.

Wilderness: The GMNF continued to implement the national Wilderness Stewardship Performance measures. Wilderness interns hired through the GMC monitored solitude and user created campsites, and outfitters and guides inventoried and removed non-native invasive plants, and removed blowdowns on trails. Trampling of rare plants in the Mount Horrid area was identified.

Special Uses: The GMNF administered 126 Land Special Use Permits to standard along with 14 proposals and applications processed to a decision. 38 Recreation Special Use Permits were administered to standard, with 4 proposals and applications processed to a decision.

**Botany Program**

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

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

**Forest Vegetation Management**

Some accomplishments for calendar year 2018:

- The Forest awarded contracts to remove damaged or diseased trees to prepare sites for reforestation in Granville and Hancock.
- Staff developed vegetation management activities for the Robinson IRP to include restoration activities and timber harvest on 10,000+/- acres in Rochester, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield and Chittenden.

**Environmental Planning**

- Work continued on the Robinson IRP located primarily in Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, and Chittenden. The final decision for the Robinson Project, which began in early 2016, has been finalized.

**WomenSafe, Inc.**

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

- 5,769 in-person meetings and phone calls to 529 women, children and men who accessed services.
- Worked with relatives and caregivers of a total of 3767 children affected by the violence in their lives.
- 345 supervised visits for 26 children needing increased safety during parent-child contacts through The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe.
- WomenSafe’s Transitional Housing Program Grant funded through the Department of Justice’s Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), assisted 29 families find and maintain secure, stable housing.
- The Training & Education Program reached 1,641 adults and youth through 25571 presentations, trainings and community outreach events that covered healthy relationships, preventing child sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and consent.
- 75 volunteers contributed 9,270 hours by providing services such as: staffing the 24-hour hotline, in-person office support, court accompaniment and administrative support.
- WomenSafe honored Valerie Ortiz of Shoreham as the 2018 recipient of the Kimberly Krans Women Who Change the World Award.

Services provided to Rochester:

**WomenSafe** provided direct services to at least 2\* Rochester residents, including the parents of at least 3 children who were exposed to violence. \*For their safety, some people accessing services do not share their town of residence.

**Contact Information:**

Advocacy services are free and confidential. **24-Hour Hotline:(802) 388-4205 or (800) 388-4205**

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

**WomenSafe Business Office: (802) 388-9180 E-Mail: [info@womensafe.net](mailto:info@womensafe.net) Web: [www.womensafe.net](http://www.womensafe.net)**

Kerri Duquette-Hoffman, Executive Director

**Park House**

All of us at Park House thank you for your support of our wonderful Valley asset. Our official name, Rochester Community Care Home, Inc., is exactly what we are about.

Made possible by the Selectboards and interested people from the five towns in our Valley, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester and Stockbridge, the concept of a community home began in 1991. Since that time, Park House has been home for many area residents and also for those from away who have moved to Park House to be closer to their children.

Park House is many things to many people. We strive to be a community center and remain a beautiful landmark, but, above all, it is a home for up to 16 people who share meals together, companionship, and the comfort and security of living under the same roof in individual units that ensure everyone having their own privacy. Park House is affordable with three meals a day and light housekeeping.

We are very fortunate to have been granted project-based housing assistance vouchers which reduce the rate of rental costs for those that qualify.

Our location in such a busy community with so many events avails residents of things to do, plus access to stores, library, churches, restaurants, post office and the enjoyment of life on the Park! The lovely front porch that wraps around two sides of Park House is perfect for sitting to chat, read or watch the world go by.

To the Town of Rochester, we thank you for the past generous support of the services we provide. Your contribution helps provide residents with a very special place to call home!

Madeline Benson, President  
Board of Trustees

**Appointments**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer	Rebecca Klein	2019
Selectboard Clerk	Julie Smith	2019
Administrative Asst. to Selectboard	Joan Allen	
First Constable	Mark Belisle	2020/3/20
LEPC #12 (Local Emer. Plan. Comm)	Mark Belisle	2019
Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	Dan McKinley	2019
	Sandy Haas	2020
	Julie Martin	2020
	Eric Bowman	2021
	Greg White	2021
	David Curtis	2022
	Joan Pontious	2022
	Doon Hinderyckx	ex officio
Zoning Administrator	Doon Hinderyckx	2019
Fire Chief (elected by Fire Dept)	Terry Severy	2020/12
First (elected by Fire Dept)	Raymond Harvey	2020/12
Second (elected by Fire Dept)	Kevin Dougherty	2020/12
Fire Warden	Ray Harvey	2022/6/30
Water Commissioners	Selectboard	2019
Sewer Commissioners	Selectboard	2019
Road Commissioner	Doon Hinderyckx	2019
Road Department:	John Champion	
	Dana Spalding	
	Ted Smith	
Sewer Plant Operator	Terry Severy	2019
Assistant	Dana Spalding	2019
Water Plant Operator	Terry Severy	2019
Assistant	Dana Spalding	2019
On-Site Wastewater Officer	Doon Hinderyckx	2019
TRORC Transportation/Planning Rep.	Anni Mackay	2019
TRORC Transportation Adv. Comm.	Doon Hinderyckx	2019
TRORC Clean Water Adv. Comm.	Joan Allen	2019
Health Officer	John White	2021/10/31
Town Service Officer	Paula Dougherty	2019
Emergency Management Director	Vic Ribauda	2019
Emergency Management Alternate	Doon Hinderyckx	2019
Emergency Management Coordinator	Rob Gardner	2019
Energy Coordinator	Marvin Harvey	2019
Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Advisory Comm.	Marvin Harvey	2019
Recycling Coordinator	James Bowen	2019
Park Committee:	Martha Slater	2019
Recreation Committee:		2019
	Norm Christiansen	Martha Slater
	Dean Mendell	Carrie McDonnell
	Joe Schenkman	Rachael Cunningham
	Walter Pruiksmas, Tennis	Meg Brown
Animal Control Officer/ Poundkeeper/Humane Officer	Mark Belisle	2019

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	
Stagecoach Representative	Timothy Crowley	2019	
White River Valley Amb. (WRVA) Rep	Vic Ribaldo	2019	
WRVA Alternate	James Bowen	2019	
Tree Warden	Norman R. Smith	2019	
E-911 Maintenance	Angus McCusker	2019	
Green-Up Day Coordinators	Claudia Sherwin/Nick Piccicuto	2019	
Budget & Finance Comm.	Lois Bond	2019	
	Jim Bowen	2019	
	Barb Dehart	Robert Meagher	2019
	Vic Ribaldo	Greg White	2019
	Nancy Woolley	Selectboard Members	2019
Website Administrator	Norm Christiansen	2019	
Scenic By-Way Representative	Larry Plesent	2019	
ECFiber Representative	John White	2019	
Librarian	Jeannette Bair		
Auditors	Pace & Hawley, LLC		
Official Newspaper	<i>The Herald of Randolph</i>	2019	

### Dates to Remember

Selectboard Meeting	Second & Fourth Monday of month at Town Office. Other meetings at Town Office as warned.	6:15 PM
Planning Commission	First Tuesday of month at Town Office.	6:00 PM
Trustees of Public Funds	Meetings when needed – Will be posted	
Recreation Committee	Fourth Wednesday every other month at Town Office January, March, May, July, September, November	7:00 PM

### Dog Licenses (State Mandated)

**On or before April 1:** Rabies shots good for 3 years.  
Male & Female: \$11.00; altered: \$7.00  
**After April 1,** the fee is increased 50%:  
Male & Female \$15.00; altered \$9.00  
**\*After April 1 there is a \$5.00 fine for all unlicensed dogs.**  
**\*\*No Exceptions\*\***  
**A leash and fouling law is in effect for the entire Town, not just the village area. See Ordinance at Town Office.**

### Recycling

First and Third Saturday of each month at Town Office parking lot.

### Property Taxes

1/4 due on/before **August 15, 2019**; 1/4 due on/before **November 15, 2019**; 1/4 due on/before **February 14, 2020**; 1/4 due on/before **May 15, 2020**.  
Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months, and 1 ½% per month thereafter added.  
**8% collection fee added May 16, 2020.**  
**Postmarks not accepted!**

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

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

## White River Partnership – 2018

The White River Partnership (WRP) is a membership-based, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 by a group of local people who shared common concerns about the long-term health of the White River and its watershed. The WRP envisions a White River watershed in which individuals and communities work together to make informed decisions that result in clean water, fewer flood damages, improved access to the river, and more. Some 2018 highlights are:

- The WRP coordinated 5 “Second Sunday Events” from May through September to **provide individuals and groups with hands-on opportunities to get involved in the WRP’s work.**
- **With help from 500 volunteers, the WRP** planted 3,300 native trees and shrubs **along the White River and its tributaries – including 3 sites in Rochester – to improve water quality, habitat, and flood resilience.**
- **WRP staff and trained volunteers** completed the 18<sup>th</sup> year of our water quality monitoring program, **testing three parameters at 23 swimming holes** – including Lion’s Club Park – Rochester and Bingo Brook – Rochester every two weeks from June through September. We shared results via e-mail, our website, and Facebook.
- The WRP worked with partners and local contractors to improve habitat and flood resilience in 2 locations in Rochester: **replacing an under-sized, stream-crossing culvert** on Wing Brook at Wing Farm Road with a fish-friendly, flood-resilient bridge; and **reconnecting a channelized stream into a restored wetland** on the West Branch of the White River.
- The WRP worked with partners to engage 1,000 students and teachers at 21 watershed school – including Rochester School – in classroom and field work activities that **raise awareness about watershed issues and create opportunities for place-based education.**
- The WRP worked with partners and 75 volunteers to **remove over 2,500 pounds of man-made trash** from river access sites along the White River.
- The WRP worked with the town of Rochester, partners, and a consultant to **develop a Stormwater Master Plan for Rochester village.**

### For more information:

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[www.facebook.com/WhiteRiverPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/WhiteRiverPartnership)

## VNH – Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont & New Hampshire

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

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

Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, VNH made 1,290 homecare visits to 36 Rochester residents. These services were provided regardless of ability to pay. Support from the Town of Rochester helped to offset the unreimbursed care provided, which totaled approximately \$28,188.

Services included:

- Home Health Care: 641 home visits to 29 residents with short-term medical or physical needs
- Long-Term Care: 31 home visits to 1 resident with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home
- Hospice Services: 613 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives
- Skilled Pediatric Care: 5 home visits to 23 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care

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

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

Hilary Davis, Director  
Community Relations and Development

White River Junction, VT 05001  
(888) 300-8853  
www.vnhcare.org

## INVENTORY - EQUIPMENT & PROPERTY - 2018

### Town

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

### Road Department

2019 Ford F-550 One-ton truck with 2-way plow and sander		
2018 International Tandem Dump Truck, with 1-way plow, wing & sander		
2016 Ford F-350 4-Wheel Drive Pickup with Plow, with Stainless Sander		
2016 Cat 930 Loader with bucket & forks		
2014 Western Star Tandem Dump Truck, 11 ft. 1-way plow, 10 ft. wing & sander		
2011 Cat 140M Grader with wing		
1989 Eager Beaver Wood Chipper	2007 Downeaster Trailer	8 Two-Way Radios
1 11-ft. Angle Plow	1 10-ft. Angle Plow	1 11-ft. One Way Plow
Reversing One-Way Plow	3,000 gallon Chloride Tank	500 gallon Poly Tank
Chain Saws (2)	Truck Tire Chains	32 Truck Tires (Summer)
2014 Shandania Trimmer (Grass & Weed)	20 Drawer Tool Box (1)	16 spare truck tires
2012 Power Pruner (1)	Pressure Washer	1/3 Sump Pump
Snow Plow Blades ~ 2 sets	Grader Blades ~ 8 sets	1 Front Mount York Rake
Loader (2) & Grader Chains (4)	Shop Air Compressor	1 Tow Behind York Rake
Salt House	Salt	Chloride
Sand	Sand Screen	Gravel
Drill Press (1)	Shop Metal Cut-Off Saw (1)	Culvert Cut-Off (1 WP
550 Nelson Plate Compactor	Small Tools	Signs (26) ~ Cones
6-Ton Bottle Jack (1)	20-Ton Bottle Jack (2)	3-Ton Floor Jack (1)
3-Ton Floor Jack (1)	1 Set Dump Body Safety Stands	4 Jack Stands
Cutting Torches (1 set)	Lincoln Arc Stick Welder (1)	1 Eastwood Mig Welder
Hydraulic Hose Crimp Machine, Hose & Fitting	Generac 10KW Generator Set	Shop Metal Chop Saw

### Water Department

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

### Sewer Department

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

### Fire Department

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

### Constable Inventory

2013 4x4 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab Cruiser	HP Computer/HP Printer
Canon Laser Printer/Fax/Scanner	2 Mobile Radios (UHF & VHF-HI) (to install in office)*
Canon M6 3600 Printer	Toughbook Laptop Computer (HSG Grant)*
Laptop computer mount (in Vehicle)	2 Harris Portable Radios (UHF)(HSG 2014)*
Sony VCR	19" Sylvania TV/VCR combo (VCR INOP)
Magnavox VHS	2 Electric Flares Kits (GHSC)*
2 VHF portable radios	2 Motorola Mobil Radios (HSG 2014)*
In-Car Camera System (GHSC)*	3 Alcolmeters (GHSC)*
3 Body Cameras (GHSC)*	Datamaster Breath Testing Machine (GHSC)*
Sign Package (GHSC)*	GPS Portable System*
Spartan Laptop*55 Large Cones (GHSC)*	2 Electric Flares Kits (GHSC)*
2 Dual Antenna Radar Unit (GHSC)*	Laser Tech Laser Radar (GHSC)*
Handgun (.45 Cal. Auto)	Miscellaneous Uniforms & Office Equipment
DBL Fingerprint Board	Powerhouse Portable generator (GHSC)*
3 Road Spike System (GHSC)*	2018 Radar Trailer (GHSC)*
Genesis Mobile Radar Gun, 1 Handheld Unit*	
3 Bullet Resistant Vests (HSG)*	
Whelen Led Light bar/numerous LED lighting (gift)	
2 Sets scene lights (GHSC)*2018 Radar Trailer (GHSC)*	
2014 Wells enclosed Cargo Trailer* (for traffic signs, cones etc. for checkpoints and emergencies)	

\*Governor's Highway Safety Council – Equipment Incentive

\*All items received through grant funds

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
RESERVE ACCOUNTS  
JUNE 30, 2018

<u>HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$210,624.95
Deposits:	Appropriations	80,012.04	
	Interest	<u>374.39</u>	
		80,386.43	80,386.43
Truck Purchase/Expense		143,421.00	143,421.00
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$147,590.38
<u>CRUISER FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$2,780.62
Deposits:	Interest	3.15	3.15
Expenses			-
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$2,783.77
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$35,304.68
Deposits:	Appropriation	20,000.04	
	Interest	<u>72.93</u>	
			20,072.97
Expenses: New Truck			6,250.00
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$49,127.65
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$7,822.31
Deposits:	Interest:	<u>8.40</u>	8.40
Expenses:			5,059.09
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$2,771.62
<u>REAPPRAISAL FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$44,953.30
Deposits:	State of Vermont	8,134.50	
	Interest	<u>83.00</u>	
		8,217.50	8,217.50
Expense:			
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$53,170.80
<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$4,717.27
Deposits:	Interest	5.30	5.30
Encumbered: Granville First Response Payable		1,150.00	1,150.00
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$3,572.57
<u>REVOLVING LOAN FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$8,057.79
Deposits:	Interest	9.02	9.02
Expenses:			-
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$8,066.81
<u>CEMETERY LOT SALES</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$4,325.40
Deposits:	Interest	5.68	
Lot Sales & Cornerstones:		<u>880.00</u>	885.68
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$5,211.08

**Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force**

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program (RFP), formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 20+ years of the program, nearly 1,100 grants totaling \$2.5 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

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

We have made a number of adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have the maximum grant award amount was increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing RFP systems are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And now we consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year. **In 2019, we will accept applications for "drafting site" facilities.**

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY18 was \$211,600, of which \$111,864 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most funding comes from the VT Dept of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the VT Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the VT Dept of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting Rochester to join nearly 100 towns and include a **\$100 appropriation** in your FY19 town budget in support of the Rural Fire Protection Program.

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

Tom Maclay, Chair, Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
(802) 426-3265  
[83creameryst@fairpoint.net](mailto:83creameryst@fairpoint.net)

Troy Dare, Program Manager, Rural Fire Protection Task Force/Town Appropriation Contact  
(802) 828-4582  
[dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com)

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
14 Crab Apple Ridge, Randolph, VT 05060

## Safeline, Inc.

Safeline, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, very much appreciates the ongoing Town Appropriation support receives from the Town of Rochester. This financial assistance is a critical component for helping us continue our work to end domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 2,383 services for 334 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse. 13 services were provided for 4 victims who identified themselves as residents of Rochester. This is an increase in the number of victims and the number of services that were provided last year. It is likely that this statistic is understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most victims have children within their family.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7 days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7933). Survivors can 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 our culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

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

PO Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038  
(802) 685-7900 office ~ [safelineinfo@safelinevt.org](mailto:safelineinfo@safelinevt.org) Hotline: (800) 639-7933 - 24/7

## Stagecoach

Thanks you for your support of community transportation services. In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 1,622 door-to-door rides for Rochester residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-A-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of 112,899 rides. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services.

- **Dial-A-Ride System** – Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. In Rochester, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult daycare services, pharmacies, food shopping and social services.
- **Bus System** – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. Rochester residents can access bus services to employment and shopping centers in Montpelier, Randolph, White River Junction and the Hanover-Lebanon, NH area.
- **Volunteer Driver Program** – Stagecoach uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our Dial-A-Ride Program. *Volunteer Drivers connect friends, support independence and promote healthy living.*

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

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

## TOWN OF ROCHESTER RESERVE ACCOUNTS JUNE 30,2018

CEMETERY RESERVE			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$21,115.00
Deposits:	Interest	29.43	29.43
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$21,144.43
RECORD PRESERVATION			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$23,931.82
Deposits:	Interest	30.17	30.17
Expenses:		7,201.10	7,201.10
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$16,760.89
TOWN BUILDINGS			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$1,943.51
Deposits:	Appropriations	10,000.08	
	Interest	6.48	
		10,006.56	10,006.56
Expenses:		9,500.03	9,500.03
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$2,450.04
SEWER RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$21,931.71
Deposits:	Int/Reimb to reserve	13,750.50	13,750.50
Expenses:		13,722.86	13,722.86
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$21,959.35
WATER RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$30,869.95
Deposits:	Int & Appropriation	33.29	33.29
Expenses		13,238.33	13,238.33
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$17,664.91
P&Z RESERVE			
Beginning Balance 7/01/17			\$3,042.94
Deposits:	Interest	3.43	3.43
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$3,046.37
RAPID RESPONSE RESERVE			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$7,427.47
Deposits:	Interest	8.92	8.92
Expenses:	reimb town 1st response	3,400.00	3,400.00
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$4,036.39
YOUTH SPORTS/REC RESERVE			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$2,902.89
Deposits:	Interest	3.63	3.63
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$2,906.52
TENNIS RESERVE			
Beginning Balance 07/01/17			\$1,000.00
Deposits:	Interest	0.12	0.12
Ending Balance 06/30/18			\$1,000.12

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
GRANT REPORTS  
July 1, 2017 - June 30 2018**

BBR Grant - Mt Cushman Culvert	
Total Expenses this FY	2,420.00
Total Income this FY	-
Town Share	2,420.00
VTRANS Fed Grant-Bethel Mtn-Completed	
Total Expenses this FY	10,774.25
Total Income this FY	9,800.00
Town Share	974.25
Improved Projects - Marine Hill Culvert	
Total Expense this FY	281,700.00
Total Income this FY	282,475.77
Town Share	(775.77)
Improved Projects - Wing Farm Bridge	
Total Expenses this FY	830.00
Total Income this FY	-
Town Share	830.00
GHSP Constable DUI Grant-Ongoing	
Total Expenses this FY	-
Grant Income this FY	2,250.25
Town Share	(2,250.25)
Class 2 Grant - North Hollow Rd	
Total Expenses this FY	113,895.00
Total Income this FY	-
Town Share	113,895.00
Sewer Site 3 Renovation	
Total Expenses this FY	148,961.96
Total Income this FY	47,044.20
Town Share	(101,917.76)
VCDP Park House Implementation Grant FY-18	
Total Expenses this FY	411,136.00
Total Income this FY	411,136.00
Town Share	-
Muni Rd Grant in Aid Town Line Rd (Complete)	
Total Expenses this FY	14,288.05
Total Income this FY	12,000.00
Town Share	2,288.05

**Orange County Parent Child Center**

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

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

OCPC'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](http://www.orangecountypcc.org).

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 5 families from Rochester, including 6 adults and 4 children.

Mary Ellen Otis, Executive Director  
693 Vermont Route 110, Tunbridge, VT 05077  
(802) 889-9472

**Quintown Center for Senior Citizens**

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

The Quin-Town Center Citizens is requesting a donation from each of the surrounding towns that comprise the Center. Our request from Rochester is \$9,849.00 for the coming year. We have supplied nearly 5,000 meals this past year at the Center and through our Meals-On-Wheels program. Our doors are open to meet our seniors' needs. We create a warm and inviting atmosphere for our seniors to socialize; we serve local foods as much as possible, and we provide nutritional information and education. Our Meals-On-Wheels program not only provides healthy meals to seniors, but also provides an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors. If Meal-On-Wheels clients are not home or don't answer the door when we attempt to deliver their meals, we follow up with them later in the day and/or call their emergency contact so they can check in as well.

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

We continue to supplement our funds with a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events.

The Quin-Town Board of Directors and staff thank you for your generous support and considering our current request.

Board of Directors: Natalie Clook, President ~ Kent Butterfield, Vice President & Treasurer  
Members: Annette West, Bev Allen, Marjorie Foley  
Staff: Jody Troumbley, Executive Director ~ Brigitte Smith, Asst. Cook ~ Marjorie Foley

PO Box 113 ~ 1097 Route 100 ~ Hancock, VT 05748 (802) 767-3763 E-mail: [quintownsnrctr@myfairpoint.net](mailto:quintownsnrctr@myfairpoint.net)

## Green Up Vermont

Green Up Day marked its 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018, with over 22,700 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit organization, not a State Agency. 75% of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long term.

With the ongoing help from towns like Rochester, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces. Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster and writing contest for grades K-12. To learn more, please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 14% of our operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education and two part-time employees. **Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away.**

75% of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form, or online through our website.

Follow our blog for updates throughout the year! You can also link to Green Up Vermont's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages by visiting our website.

We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program, but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here. Rochester's Coordinators for 2019 are Claudia & Jillian Sherwin and Nick Piccicuto.

**Save the Date and Mark your calendar: May 4, 2019 – Green Up Day  
A Vermont tradition since 1970!**

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

## TOWN OF ROCHESTER DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AS OF January 31, 2019

NAME	TAX YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Andrews, Doris & Andrews, Michael	2017-2018 \$	2,175.47 *
Armstrong, Airon	2017-2018	199.44
Barron, Jenny	2014-2015	4.75
Barron, Jenny	2015-2016	748.94
Barron, Jenny	2016-2017	665.24
Barron, Jenny	2017-2018	680.45
Brosnihan, Mary Ellen	2017-2018	1,477.49
Cran-Richards Cynthia	2017-2018	384.67
Drougas, James	2017-2018	2,676.83 *
Kennett, Thomas and Jennifer	2017-2018	2,074.94
Lyman Hall	2017-2018	2,991.53
Mulchahy, Marjorie	2017-2018	629.07
Murray, Donald and Jean	2017-2018	6,065.56 *
Murray, Donald and Jean	2017-2018	7,482.02 *
Putnam, Andrew and Nancy	2017-2018	8,153.23 *
Potter, John and Jesse	2017-2018	484.93 *
Wikel, Marnie	2017-2018	2,854.24
Winnie, Gregory	2015-2016	7.27
Winnie, Gregory	2016-2017	44.39
Winnie, Gregory	2017-2018	1,406.46
<b>TOTAL TAXES DUE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>41,206.92</b>

\* = Monthly Payment Plan

## DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS AS OF February 4, 2019

NAME	TOTAL DUE
Deller, Mary Beth (investigating)	\$ 264.79
Dugger, J. S.	154.51
Jensen, Judith (Merriam House)	1,116.14
Merrill, Gordon (all propeties)	5.31
Moramarco, Robert	129.48
Paige, Anthony	576.39
Smith, Noel	444.63
Thrailkill, William	134.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,825.53</b>

## Trustees of Public Funds

In last year's Town Report the Trustees of Public Funds included extensive and educational comments about the role of the Trustees. For those who may be new to the town, and/or other interested parties, we are including a short synopsis of, and excerpts from, that report. Additionally, included is an update on our distributions to the town and worthy causes since a year ago.

But first we would like to reiterate how fortunate we all have been to have the benefits of money given to the town by a few former residents. Once you see how helpful these gifts have been to our community we are hoping that you might consider contributing to the public funds yourselves, if not now, then in your will. In the past the Town of Rochester has received almost \$500,000 in bequests. And as of June 30, 2018 these bequests are worth approximately \$1.75 million dollars!! And that is after \$830,000 has been distributed to the community over a 15-year period ending June, 2018.

Two years ago, year ending June, 2017 (FY 17), \$138,000 was distributed to the town; year ending June 2018 (FY 18) the distributions were \$79,650 and for the year ending June, 2019 (FY 19) \$76,000 will have been distributed. However, the good investment returns of the past are leveling off and/or declining. Thus, unfortunately, no distributions to the town or the school will be made in year ending June, 2020 (FY20). Hopefully, we will be able to resume modest distributions again in the near future. And, of course, if we receive more funds from generous donors, the outlook could improve dramatically.

More now about the Trustees of Public Funds, our investment strategy and legal constraints.

### Trustees of Public Funds

Trustees (3) are elected officers of the town and normally serve a 3-year term after first being elected. The powers and duties of the trustee and investment constraints are detailed in the VT Statutes. To wit, the funds in trust "shall be under the charge and management of the three trustees" and essentially, the trustees should invest and distribute money in accordance with the wishes of the donor and/or estate.

### Our Policies-Investment and Distribution of Funds

Our first obligation is to follow any directives as detailed by the donor's trust documents. Beyond that we have a policy as a guide to maintain principal at a level in keeping with the CPI index. The actual amounts distributed and the recipients of those monies are determined by the trustees. In terms of investing the trust monies, we have elected to follow a fairly conservative approach to preserve principal, but allow for current income as well as long-term growth. Thus we have a balanced approach to investing with a range of 35-55% of the monies invested in bonds, 40-60% in high quality stock or equities and 0-20% in cash for liquidity. Even with this conservative approach since 1989 (when we started working with the Wealth Management Group of Peoples United (and their predecessors), our investments have had a return of 7.85%. And that from a "balanced fund" strategy with a mixture of bonds and stocks and not just investment in the S&P equities alone, for example!

To keep current with our investment performance we meet 3-4 times a year, or more if required, with investment officers of the Bank. Thus we obtain insights and guidance from professionals regarding, the marketplace, our investment strategy and our investment policies. And, of course, these meetings are duly warned and open to the public.

Further, the bank provides us with monthly reports which are on file in the Town Office for anyone interested in reviewing the status of our funds. In addition, a more detailed performance analysis report is presented at our meetings and also sent to the town for all to see.

### SUMMARY

We trustees, Barb DeHart, Mike Harvey and Sandy Pierce, trust that this report gives you an idea of why there are Trustees of Public Funds and their role as elected officers. In addition, and more importantly, we hope that more of you will consider contributing gifts to the town so that future generations can benefit from your generosity as we are all benefiting today from past generous bequeaths to Rochester.

## Clara Martin Center

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services 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 vocation services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

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

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

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

FY18 Total Served by CMC		Total Served from Rochester	
Children & Family Services	535	Children & Family Services	13
School Services	103	School Services	0
Adult Services	595	Adult Services	13
CSP Services	170	CSP Services	4
Supportive & Transitional Housing	31	Supportive & Transitional Housing	0
Substance Abuse Services	537	Substance Abuse Services	12
Corrections Services	0	Corrections Services	0
Emerg. Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	460	Emerg. Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	8
JOBS Access	104 1179	JOBS Access	1 21
Total Served - (unduplicated)	2234	Total seen:	72
CVSAS	632	CVSAS	1

**Central Vermont Council on Aging**  
**October 30, 2018**

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

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 92 Rochester residents. Case Manager Kathryn Schenkman is designated to work directly with the seniors in Rochester. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 1,838 hours of service to Rochester seniors.

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

Trustees of Public Funds Year Ending June 30, 2018

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
		Cemetery	Guernsey	Forest	Kirkpatrick	Leland	Townshend -	Total funds w/out Cemetery	
1									
2	<b>Fund Name</b>								
3									
4	<b>Additions</b>								
5	Lot Sales								
6	Perpetual Care	975							
7	Other								
8	<b>Total Contributions</b>	975							
9									
10	<b>Investment Earnings</b>								
11	Net Increase(decrease) in fair	2883	121	1141	8374	4444	58522	72602	72602
12	market value of Investments							72602	72602
13	Interest and Dividends and other	7805	65	609	4463	2367	30920	38424	38424
14									
15	<b>Total Earnings</b>	11663	186	1750	12837	6811	89442	111026	
16									
17									
18	<b>Deductions</b>								
19	Distribution to School						30000		
20	Distribution to Town	10000			2000		40000		
21	Distribution to Food Shelf					1500	500		
22	Distribution to Rebuild Rochester						7000		
23	Distribution to One Planet								
24	Distribution to Cemetery	1961							
25	Management Fees	2120	24	223	1636	867	11311	14061	14061
26	Distribution to Foreign Taxes			1	7	4	52	64	64
27									
28	<b>Total Deductions</b>	14081	24	224	3643	2371	88863	95125	-95125
29									
30	<b>Change in net assets</b>	-2418	162	1526	9194	4440	579	15901	15901
31									
32									
33	<b>Net Assets Beginning 7/1/17</b>	262725	2914	27423	200532	106265	1376813	1713947	1713947
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35	<b>Net Assets Ending 6/30/18</b>	260307	3076	28949	209726	110705	1377392	1729848	1729848
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## SELECTBOARD LETTER

The Selectboard says THANK YOU to the many residents that volunteer within our Town. Most commission and committee work is done by volunteers. The Selectboard is grateful that Rochester has many public-spirited citizens who give time and energy towards making our Town a great place to live.

The Town has been busy this past year completing the following, many done with grant money:

- Paving Middle Hollow Road and a section of Quarry Hill Road to maintain a quality road network
- Purchasing a Ford F550 truck to better service roads
- Revamping sewer system site #3 to extend its life of service
- Installing a new bridge on Wing Farm Road

State engineers have identified three source areas in Town that drain storm water directly into the White River. A plan has been developed to funnel that storm water through filtration chambers, thus disposing clean water into the White River. This project will coordinate with the new sidewalk project slated to be installed on the east side of Route 100. The Town has secured 50% funding for the sidewalk project.

The Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) agreement, part of the Clean Water Act provides grant money and project recommendations. Implementation of projects complies with the state specifications. Ditching and culvert upgrades in 2019 will adhere to those requirements. Residents may be aware of the deeper ditches on gravel roads which comply with storm water runoff control thus keeping waterways and lakes cleaner.

Funding has been secured and bids will soon be requested for one culvert upgrade on Mt. Cushman Road.

A company has been hired to do digitized tax mapping of property ownership & boundary lines within Rochester as part of the Statewide Property Parcel Mapping Project, which will enable the public to have access to parcel data on line. We express thanks to Norm Smith for decades of tax mapping services.

The Town is involved in the litigation of two legal cases, Pine Gap Road and Oak Lodge Road. Protecting both natural resources and property owner rights is important. An amicable resolution in 2019 is anticipated.

The Selectboard, in conjunction with the Budget and Finance Committee, is working to keep the tax rate as low as feasible. This years Annual Meeting will vote on the municipal operating budget plus several appropriations to be added to the budgets bottom line. White River Valley Ambulance service and the Rochester Library, representing the largest appropriations, will be voted separately. The WRVA appropriation did not increase over last year's request. The Library budget did increase by 12.3% over last year's request.

## Windsor County Assistant Judges Jack Anderson & Ellen Terie

Once again the Assistant Judges have worked to produce a budget that is responsible and prudent while mindful of the tax burden upon property owners. The budget calls for \$448,185 to be raised by taxes, an increase of \$8327 (.0189%) over the current FY19 budget. The new budget calls for \$560,841 in total spending, an increase of \$25,816 (.477) over the current FY budget. It should be noted that for the first time ever, the County will not be responsible for commissioning Notaries Public. This function has been taken over by the Office of Professional Regulation within the Secretary of State's Office. This will result in a loss of revenue for Windsor County of approximately \$17,000 over the next four years.

Pursuant to Title 24 Sect. 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2019.

### Courthouse Renovation Bond

2019 marks the sixth year of the \$2 million bond repayment. The bond was issued for ten years at 2.83%. This year, the amount to be billed to the towns will be \$235,751 (\$200,000 principal; \$35,731 interest). This billing is NOT part of the county budget, but a separate assessment.

### Other News

On July 17, a sprinkler head failed on the second floor at the County Building at 62 Pleasant St, over the Sheriff's front offices. It happened in the wee hours of the morning, but we were not aware of it until 6 AM, after thousands of gallons had flooded the building. Ceilings and walls were soaked through, and floors and rugs had to be ripped up. For a short while power was out. Ceiling lights were ruined, and the Sheriff's Department's phone network was destroyed. There was a lot of water to clean up on the second floor, first floor and basement.

Our Building Superintendent, Bruce Page, oversaw the recovery effort and took responsibility for a lot of the work. The Sheriff's office, where most of the damage occurred, stayed open through the ordeal. The rehabilitation offered the opportunity to update and refurbish as well, and within a few short weeks all was repaired and back to normal. Fortunately, the County's property and casualty insurance covered 100% of the cost.

Many thanks to Bruce for his yeoman service and to the following vendors: ServPro, Viking Electrical Services, D. Burke Paint and Drywall, Vermont Life Safety, Carpet Mill USA and Green Mountain Plumbing and Heating.

Thanks also to our County Clerk, Pepper Tepperman, who worked with our insurance adjustor, kept track of invoices and payments, and generally kept us organized throughout. We Assistant Judges are fortunate to work with such dedicated staff and grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Windsor County.

## Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2018 Overview

*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

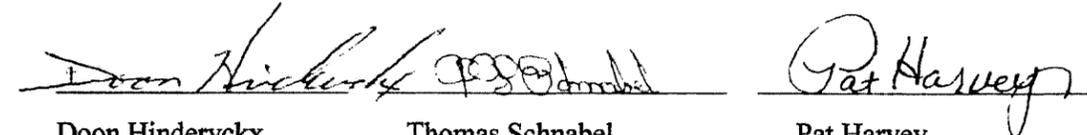
VLCT conducted a series of Listening Sessions in 12 communities around the state to hear directly from local officials about services received from VLCT and whether any changes are needed, including whether new services should be initiated or outdated ones eliminated. Further discussions will be held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

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

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

With the resignation of the Second Constable, the Selectboard has eliminated that position. The work hours for the Second Constable have been subtracted from the Constable budget leaving the First Constable with 15 work hours per week as allotted for his position. Thank you, Randy Brouillard, for your assistance these past couple of years.

A grateful THANK YOU is given to Joanne McDonnell for her 13 years of service as Town Clerk and Treasurer. She has also given many hours of volunteer energy and effort to our town. She has been a loyal and devoted member of the administrative team. Best wishes to Joanne as she transitions to her new position.

  
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	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	FY 20
<b>FUND BALANCE FORWARD</b>						
<b>100-6-10-00-300 General Town Income</b>						
100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes	278,933.04	174,476.00	313,210.00	673,426.33	319,765.00	
100-6-10-00-300.010 Delinquent Taxes	25,000.00	157,791.41	0.00	49,283.75	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.015 Interest on Taxes	15,000.00	18,645.84	15,000.00	11,944.65	15,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.025 Pilot Pmt-Forest/Pa	5,000.00	5,322.23	5,000.00	5,437.02	5,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.031 Lister Education - State	392.00	0.00	392.00	0.00	392.00	
100-6-10-00-300.032 VT Equalization Study	0.00	957.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.035 State Current Use	50,000.00	57,698.50	50,000.00	55,306.00	55,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.045 Pilot Pmt-State Bld	2,000.00	2,358.00	2,300.00	2,469.00	2,300.00	
100-6-10-00-300.050 State Lease Land	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	
100-6-10-00-300.216 Insurance Settlements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.217 Mascoma LOC income	0.00	0.00	0.00	452,393.25	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.009 TOPF Forest Invest Inc	0.00	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Utilization of Gen Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>376,335.04</b>	<b>419,008.98</b>	<b>385,912.00</b>	<b>1,250,260.00</b>	<b>392,670.00</b>	
<b>Additional Income-FY'19</b>						
Annual Reappraisal funds from State	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Utilization of FD Building Reserve funds	5,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	
Utilization of Rapid Response Reserve Income	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	
Utilization of Revolving Loan Rsrv	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>100-6-10-00-303 TOPF</b>						
100-6-10-00-303.010 Kirkpatrick Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
100-6-10-00-303.015 Townsend Hutch	40,000.00	40,000.00	65,000.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-303.020 Forest Fund	6,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	0.00	27,000.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>48,000.00</b>	<b>42,000.00</b>	<b>84,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>29,000.00</b>	
<b>100-6-10-00-304 Fees</b>						
100-6-10-00-304.005 Animal Fines	50.00	87.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	
100-6-10-00-304.010 Bank Stmt Interest	500.00	114.65	100.00	96.17	100.00	
100-6-10-00-304.011 WRCU 001 Bank Interest	0.01	0.04	0.00	44.55	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.015 Fingerprinting Fees	200.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	50.00	
100-6-10-00-304.020 Building Permits	350.00	350.00	350.00	275.00	350.00	
100-6-10-00-304.025 Dog Licenses - Town Porti	1,400.00	1,211.00	1,300.00	42.00	1,200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.030 Driveway Const. Permit	50.00	260.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
100-6-10-00-304.034 Fish & Game Postings	20.00	30.00	20.00	32.00	25.00	
100-6-10-00-304.035 Fleet Permit	275.00	350.00	275.00	20.00	300.00	
100-6-10-00-304.036 Green Mountain Passport	10.00	48.00	20.00	12.00	10.00	
100-6-10-00-304.040 Judicial Fines	10,000.00	6,845.54	6,000.00	3,997.94	5,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.045 Liquor Licenses-Town	700.00	600.00	500.00	115.00	500.00	
100-6-10-00-304.050 Marriage License-Town	50.00	150.00	100.00	90.00	150.00	
100-6-10-00-304.055 Copies/Record Search	2,000.00	2,046.90	2,500.00	1,269.20	2,200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.060 Record Search	200.00	83.00	200.00	40.25	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.065 Recording Fees	10,000.00	8,202.00	10,000.00	4,555.00	10,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.070 Youth Sports Income	1,200.00	1,425.00	1,200.00	1,194.30	1,200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.075 Refunds to Town	0.00	882.02	0.00	209.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.080 Rent	475.00	185.50	200.00	40.00	185.00	
100-6-10-00-304.085 Subdivision P/Z Fees	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
100-6-10-00-304.090 Vehicle Registration	175.00	172.00	175.00	101.00	175.00	
100-6-10-00-304.105 Utility Billing Reimburs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.110 Civil Process Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	

**TRORC 2018 YEAR-END REPORT**

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont, governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our 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 the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. The following are highlights from 2018:

**Technical Assistance**

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

**Creative Economy and Public Health**

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

**Emergency Management & Preparedness**

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

**Municipal Energy Plan**

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

**Transportation**

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

Specifically in Rochester this past year, we assisted in updating your Town Plan, prepared a Municipal Planning Grant application, and prepared a Community Development Block Grant for the Velomont Trail. We also assisted in a VTrans Bike and Pedestrian Grant application to construct Main Street sidewalks, reported completion of Town Line Road ditching for the DEC's Municipal Roads Grant-in-Aid program, and selected Marsh Brook Road ditching for year two of that DEC's Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid program.

Specifically in Rochester this year, we provided funding for the completion of the North Main Street reuse park, prepared a Municipal Planning Grant application for a Town Plan revision, prepared Better Road grant applications, and coordinated a municipal roads Grants-In-Aid project on Town Line Road.

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

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

# Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation

Annual Report 2018  
7/1/17 – 6/30/18

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

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
	FY 18		FY 19		FY 20	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
100-6-10-00-304.302 General Donations	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.999 Misc Income	0.00	555.36	200.00	1,920.59	200.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28,705.01</b>	<b>25,623.01</b>	<b>25,340.00</b>	<b>14,179.00</b>	<b>23,895.00</b>	
100-6-10-00-306 Cemetery Income						
100-6-10-00-306.005 Sale of Cemetery Lots	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-306.011 Cemetery Income-Other	5,000.00	35.00	1,000.00	60.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-306.015 Trustee Inc-Cemetery Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-310.010 Cemetery Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15,200.00</b>	<b>10,035.00</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
100-6-10-99- Grant Income						
100-6-10-99-106.003 VCDP Impl-Park House	0.00	411,136.00	0.00	1,688.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-109.003 Constables 2017 Incentive Gr.	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-109.004 DUI Grant	0.00	2,250.25	0.00	298.01	0.00	
100-6-10-99-109.005 GHSP/AOT Constables 2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,669.20	0.00	
100-6-10-99-110.002 MPG Town Plan 2017-2018	0.00	3,560.00	0.00	2,670.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-118.000 CWRLF Sewer Loan Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-120.001 2018 PACIF Grant Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>422,946.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,325.21</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>481,240.05</b>	<b>919,613.24</b>	<b>514,752.00</b>	<b>1,277,824.21</b>	<b>445,565.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
100-7-10-10- Finance Expenses						
100-7-10-10-330.002 Courthouse Bond Exp	3,940.00	3,940.00	3,659.00	3,709.00	3,788.00	
100-7-10-10-330.007 Firehouse Mortgage Princ	9,714.62	9,715.06	10,097.37	4,793.40	10,511.83	
100-7-10-10-330.008 Firehouse Mortgage Int	8,388.94	8,388.50	7,998.19	4,258.38	7,591.73	
100-7-10-10-330.015 USDA Sewer Bond Princ	2,049.11	2,048.11	2,105.84	1,045.73	2,164.16	
100-7-10-10-330.016 USDA Sewer Bond Interest	2,032.89	2,033.89	1,976.16	995.27	1,917.84	
100-7-10-10-330.019 LOC Principal Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	452,393.25	0.00	
100-7-10-10-330.020 LOC Int Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,305.62	0.00	
100-7-10-10-330.025 VMBB Refi Bond-Principal	29,019.32	29,019.32	30,078.52	30,078.52	31,176.39	
100-7-10-10-330.026 VMBB Refi Bond-Interest	20,428.91	20,428.91	19,350.37	9,949.65	18,232.47	
100-7-10-10-330.027 RPL Phase 3 Bond Principa	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	
100-7-10-10-330.028 RPL Phase 3 Bond Interest	4,858.07	4,858.07	4,730.50	2,400.97	4,570.12	
100-7-10-10-330.029 Site 3 Bond Exp-Principal	0.00	0.00	14,831.00	0.00	10,548.43	
100-7-10-10-330.030 Site 3 Bond Exp-Admin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,125.98	
100-7-10-10-331.000 Prior Year Bal Corrects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>89,181.86</b>	<b>89,181.86</b>	<b>103,576.95</b>	<b>522,679.79</b>	<b>104,376.95</b>	
100-7-10-20- Capital Purchase Expense						
100-7-10-20-830.001 Fire Truck Lease - Principal	14,225.00	14,224.79	14,692.74	14,692.74	15,176.08	
100-7-10-20-830.002 Fire Truck Lease - Interest	4,811.00	4,810.41	4,342.46	4,342.46	3,859.12	
100-7-10-20-830.003 930M Loader Lease-Principal	23,693.60	20,732.45	21,198.94	21,198.94	3,154.00	
100-7-10-20-830.004 930M Loader Lease-Interest	2,961.15	2,961.15	2,494.66	2,494.66	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>45,690.75</b>	<b>42,728.80</b>	<b>42,728.80</b>	<b>42,728.80</b>	<b>22,189.20</b>	

	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>100-7-10-21 Salaries</b>						
100-7-10-21-110.000 Salaries Asst Clerk/Treas	16,045.00	16,302.00	16,628.00	8,314.02	17,488.00	
100-7-10-21-110.005 Salaries Animal Control	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-21-110.015 Salaries Health Officer	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
100-7-10-21-110.020 Salaries Housekeeping	875.00	696.00	893.00	410.04	893.00	
100-7-10-21-110.030 Salaries Selectboard	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	
100-7-10-21-110.035 Salaries Town Clerk	21,141.00	21,141.00	21,564.00	10,532.21	19,448.00	
100-7-10-21-110.040 Salaries Town Treasurer	16,407.00	16,407.16	16,735.00	8,617.31	15,912.00	
100-7-10-21-110.041 Selbd Secretary	1,500.00	1,562.50	1,500.00	812.50	1,500.00	
100-7-10-21-110.050 Selbd Admin Asst	21,642.00	15,344.25	22,075.00	8,405.86	22,287.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>82,110.00</b>	<b>75,952.91</b>	<b>83,895.00</b>	<b>37,591.94</b>	<b>82,028.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-22 Library Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-22-890.000 Library Exp Transfer Out	37,000.00	41,045.00	40,625.00	20,312.50	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>37,000.00</b>	<b>41,045.00</b>	<b>40,625.00</b>	<b>20,312.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-25 General Office Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-25-533.000 Bank Charges	25.00	224.00	25.00	30.00	25.00	
100-7-10-25-330.000 Office Outside Audit	8,700.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	7,115.62	8,625.00	
100-7-10-25-330.005 Website Management	350.00	435.85	350.00	350.00	350.00	
100-7-10-25-333.000 Legal Services	3,000.00	26,347.81	7,500.00	12,328.50	10,000.00	
100-7-10-25-340.000 Tax Mapping	800.00	800.00	800.00	0.00	4,500.00	
100-7-10-25-410.000 Office Electricity	2,000.00	2,239.93	2,200.00	722.37	2,200.00	
100-7-10-25-411.000 Office Water/Sewer	320.00	300.00	320.00	75.00	300.00	
100-7-10-25-421.000 Office Trash Removal	200.00	1,468.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-25-440.000 Office Equip/Rep/Rental	1,300.00	2,242.26	2,250.00	1,143.53	2,580.00	
100-7-10-25-530.000 Office Telephone	2,000.00	1,954.97	2,000.00	539.75	1,500.00	
100-7-10-25-531.000 Office Postage	2,500.00	2,027.63	2,500.00	2,196.06	2,500.00	
100-7-10-25-540.000 Office Printing/Adv	3,000.00	3,083.95	3,000.00	162.26	2,800.00	
100-7-10-25-565.000 Meetings/Education	250.00	350.00	150.00	175.00	500.00	
100-7-10-25-580.000 Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-25-610.000 Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,107.74	2,000.00	884.15	2,100.00	
100-7-10-25-624.000 Office Fuel	3,000.00	2,401.47	2,000.00	0.00	2,500.00	
100-7-10-25-641.000 Office Computer/Software	1,000.00	2,347.09	1,000.00	557.54	1,000.00	
100-7-10-25-641.005 Computer Disaster Recover	1,000.00	692.12	1,180.00	827.64	1,175.00	
100-7-10-25-740.000 Office Equipment	1,275.00	1,437.23	200.00	0.00	1,200.00	
100-7-10-25-740.001 Office Elevator Maint	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	
100-7-10-25-990.000 Miscellaneous	100.00	804.28	100.00	0.00	100.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>32,820.00</b>	<b>59,764.33</b>	<b>36,075.00</b>	<b>27,107.42</b>	<b>44,305.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-26 Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>						
100-7-10-26-422.000 Sidewalk Plowing	4,200.00	5,000.03	5,000.00	2,142.87	7,500.00	
100-7-10-26-430.000 Bldg/Grounds-General M/R	0.00	389.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-26-430.005 Bldg./Ground Athletic Fie	2,221.44	2,221.44	2,260.00	1,480.96	2,260.00	
100-7-10-26-430.025 Bldg./Grnd Office Repairs	500.00	571.80	500.00	188.33	500.00	
100-7-10-26-430.026 Bldg./Grounds Office Mowin	888.54	888.54	905.00	592.36	905.00	
100-7-10-26-430.035 Bldg/Grounds Window Clean	150.00	150.00	150.00	75.00	150.00	
100-7-10-26-430.040 Bldg/Grnds-Town Trash Exp	0.00	240.00	1,000.00	320.00	960.00	
100-7-10-26-440.000 Bldg./Ground Port. Toilet	1,700.00	2,654.00	2,650.00	1,926.00	2,650.00	
100-7-10-26-532.000 Bldg./Ground Alarm Monito	550.00	272.50	0.00	0.00	272.50	
100-7-10-26-622.000 Bldg./Ground Street Light	8,500.00	7,459.32	8,000.00	2,845.67	7,700.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>18,709.98</b>	<b>19,846.88</b>	<b>20,465.00</b>	<b>9,571.19</b>	<b>22,897.50</b>	

**Granville First Response**  
A division of the  
Granville Volunteer Fire department

Let me express my deepest appreciation and thanks for the community support we receive. It is truly an honor to serve you.

The Granville First Response 2017-18 fiscal year showed another 10% increase in emergency calls for our combined service area - Granville, Hancock and Rochester. Rochester will budget a per capita charge of \$4,500 for Emergency Service which provides a more stable funding source for the services we provide.

Our members continue their training to meet the requirements set forth in FY19 operating policies. The level of dedication shown by our responders is impressive. We have started a membership drive, and hope to increase the number of emergency medical personnel.

During this past year we responded to 138 emergency calls:

**Incident Response Statistics July 2017 – June 2018**

Structure Fires	1
Chimney Fires	0
Outside/Wildland Fires	2
Motor Vehicle Collisions	17
Tree/Power Lines Down	0
Flooding/Traffic Control	1
Fire Alarm Activations	2
Emergency Medical	112
Service Calls	3
HAZ-MAT	0
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>138</b>
Granville	20
Hancock	23
Rochester	95

The Emergency Response Roster is:

Danial Sergeant, Fire Chief/EMR	Gregory Millard, EMR	Victor Ribaud, EMR
Brian Sargeant, Assistant Chief	Kira Sargeant, Lieutenant	Nicholas Beattie
Theodore Smith, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief	Nancy Shaw, EMT	Kayla Stone
Kerin Vadnais, Treasurer/EMT	Brennan Bordonaro, EMT	Brianna Roussell
Harley Vadnais, Lieutenant	Semous Doyle	Rebecca Yon
William Wood	Drake Hill	

Dan Sargeant, Fire Chief/EMR  
Cell phone: (802) 349-5774  
Email: [d.sargeant@granvillefiredepartment.com](mailto:d.sargeant@granvillefiredepartment.com)

**Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Program  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018**

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

Administration of the program had historically been managed by Bethel staff, under the direction and oversight of the Bethel and Royalton Selectboards. In August 2013, a new Interlocal Contract was approved and endorsed by the Bethel and Royalton Selectboards. This agreement for administration of the solid waste program shifts some of the burden of workload and accountability from Bethels shoulders.

In May 2016 the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation approved our program's "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with objectives of current local/state/national priorities, and formally adopted by the selectboards of all eight member towns.

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

From July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, a total of 4,796.74 tons of solid waste was collected at the transfer station "tipping floor." This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in-state lined landfill. Materials received for recycling totaled to 797.36 tons. These materials were directed to various facilities for processing. Various special wastes are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

Collection events for **household hazardous wastes** were held in June and October 2018 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station and in September at the Rochester Town Hall parking lot. These events provided a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids, etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of materials. Small quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants and an appointment must be made in advance. There will be 4 events in 2019, 2 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station and 2 in Rochester. Both locations will have 1 in the spring and 1 in the fall. This will allow access for towns not located near the transfer station. The public is encouraged to enquire at the facility for dates and schedules.

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

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

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

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 FY 18		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 FY 19		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 FY 20	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>100-7-10-27 Solid Waste</b>						
100-7-10-27-421.000 Solid Waste Charges	12,620.00	12,551.78	12,620.00	12,551.78	12,551.78	
100-7-10-27-660.000 Solid Waste Recycling	3,600.00	12,000.00	14,400.00	6,000.00	14,400.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>16,220.00</b>	<b>24,551.78</b>	<b>27,020.00</b>	<b>18,551.78</b>	<b>26,951.78</b>	
<b>100-7-10-28 General Employee Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-28-210.000 Health Insurance	7,788.00	7,633.33	7,787.88	3,919.18	8,505.00	
100-7-10-28-210.001 HRS Excise Tax Exp	0.00	11.95	20.00	0.00	20.00	
100-7-10-28-210.002 Hickock/Boardman Mgmt.	280.00	415.00	280.00	315.00	280.00	
100-7-10-28-210.005 Life/Disability Ins	400.92	374.54	633.72	200.46	634.00	
100-7-10-28-210.010 HRA Transfer out	476.00	577.00	577.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-28-220.000 Social Security	5,823.00	8,049.47	5,959.00	5,819.38	5,813.00	
100-7-10-28-230.000 Municipal Retirement	2,065.00	2,151.18	2,106.00	1,117.05	1,989.00	
100-7-10-28-250.000 Unemployment Compensation	171.00	88.52	174.11	46.00	159.00	
100-7-10-28-260.000 Worker's Comp	335.00	282.75	242.00	0.00	334.00	
Insurance Discounts & Credits	-5,036.00	0.00	-2,623.00	0.00	-4,002.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12,302.92</b>	<b>19,583.74</b>	<b>15,156.71</b>	<b>11,417.07</b>	<b>13,732.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-29 Dues &amp; Fees</b>						
100-7-10-29-490.000 County Tax	7,182.00	7,182.00	6,970.00	6,970.00	7,306.00	
100-7-10-29-560.000 Green Mtn Economic Dev	561.00	560.50	556.50	0.00	560.00	
100-7-10-29-560.005 Two Rivers-Ottauquechee	1,606.00	1,606.00	1,652.00	1,652.00	1,697.00	
100-7-10-29-560.010 VLCT Dues	2,278.00	2,278.00	2,280.00	2,327.00	2,350.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11,627.00</b>	<b>11,626.50</b>	<b>11,458.50</b>	<b>10,949.00</b>	<b>11,913.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-30 General Town Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-30-310.000 Animal Control Exp	500.00	187.70	500.00	192.17	200.00	
100-7-10-30-340.000 Emergency Management	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	306.35	2,200.00	
100-7-10-30-424.000 Cemetery Upkeep	10,000.00	20,585.00	10,680.00	12,515.96	10,000.00	
100-7-10-30-460.000 Forest Service Rd Agr	2,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-30-495.001 Repeater Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	600.00	1,200.00	
100-7-10-30-520.000 Property Insurance	10,122.00	7,257.00	8,169.00	196.00	8,500.00	
100-7-10-30-520.001 Prop Insurance-Library	2,874.00	2,317.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-30-820.000 Site 4 Loan Repmt	733.00	733.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-30-950.000 Kirkpatrick Scholarship	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-30-960.000 Granville First Response	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>31,929.00</b>	<b>33,279.77</b>	<b>28,249.00</b>	<b>14,810.48</b>	<b>27,600.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-43-430 Park Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-43-430.000 Repairs-Park	100.00	36.78	100.00	26.65	100.00	
100-7-10-43-430.001 Park Mowing Exp	1,920.54	1,920.54	1,920.00	1,280.36	1,921.00	
100-7-10-43-430.002 Park-Tree Maintenance	1,500.00	1,250.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	
100-7-10-43-430.004 Tri-Town Youth Raking	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-43-430.006 Park-Electricity	325.00	315.36	250.00	112.09	250.00	
100-7-10-43-430.007 Misc Exp-Park	300.00	621.61	200.00	223.80	200.00	
100-7-10-43-430.008 Skatespace/Winterfest	2,060.00	2,764.46	2,800.00	900.00	2,800.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,705.54</b>	<b>7,408.75</b>	<b>7,271.00</b>	<b>2,542.90</b>	<b>7,271.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>100-7-10-44-346 Recreation Dept</b>						
100-7-10-44-346.001 Summer Concerts	2,500.00	3,375.00	2,600.00	1,400.00	2,400.00	
100-7-10-44-346.002 July 4th Parade Expenses	350.00	152.85	100.00	0.00	150.00	
100-7-10-44-346.003 Youth Sports Expenses	3,060.00	3,473.23	2,000.00	658.88	2,000.00	
100-7-10-44-346.004 Misc Exp-Recreation	650.00	55.94	400.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-44-346.005 Rec Dept Salaries	1,200.00	1,291.80	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	
100-7-10-44-220.000 Social Security	92.00	0.00	92.00	0.00	92.00	
100-7-10-44-250.000 Unemployment	6.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	7.00	
100-7-10-44-260.000 Work Comp	68.00	74.00	68.00	0.00	76.00	
100-7-10-44-346.007 One Planet Program	1,920.00	1,920.00	1,920.00	1,920.00	3,125.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,846.00</b>	<b>10,342.82</b>	<b>8,386.00</b>	<b>3,978.88</b>	<b>9,050.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-60 Constable Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-60-110.000 Constable Salary	23,300.00	18,640.85	22,425.00	9,765.93	13,860.00	
100-7-10-60-220.000 Social Security	1,742.00	1,401.72	1,716.00	734.80	1,060.00	
100-7-10-60-250.000 Unemployment	115.00	43.68	112.00	0.00	69.00	
100-7-10-60-260.000 Work Comp	1,945.00	1,718.47	2,007.00	0.00	1,247.00	
100-7-10-60-431.000 Constable Equipment exp	300.00	875.76	400.00	372.00	500.00	
100-7-10-60-432.000 Constable Cruiser Expense	750.00	1,626.61	1,250.00	12.36	1,250.00	
100-7-10-60-520.000 Constable Prop/Auto Ins	8,026.00	6,676.00	8,100.00	0.00	3,967.00	
100-7-10-60-530.000 Constable Cell/Office	2,000.00	1,986.14	2,000.00	979.98	1,300.00	
100-7-10-60-565.000 Constable Training	80.00	175.50	80.00	161.10	100.00	
100-7-10-60-610.000 Constable Supplies/gear	500.00	446.57	500.00	324.75	500.00	
100-7-10-60-626.000 Constable Cruiser Gas	2,200.00	1,714.89	1,700.00	927.24	1,500.00	
100-7-10-60-655.000 Constable Special Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>40,958.00</b>	<b>35,306.19</b>	<b>40,290.00</b>	<b>13,278.16</b>	<b>25,503.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-70 Fire Dept. Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-70-110.000 Fire Dept. Salaries	5,000.00	4,060.00	5,000.00	4,480.00	5,000.00	
100-7-10-70-430.000 FD Building Rep/Maint	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-70-431.000 Fire Dept Air Compressor	700.00	595.00	700.00	595.00	700.00	
100-7-10-70-431.001 Air Pack Replacement	5,700.00	6,200.00	4,300.00	0.00	1,500.00	
100-7-10-70-432.000 Fire Dept. Truck Maint	2,000.00	649.24	2,000.00	620.25	1,000.00	
100-7-10-70-520.000 FD Prop/Auto Insurance	6,304.00	5,506.00	6,300.00	0.00	5,947.00	
100-7-10-70-530.000 Fire Dept. Phone/Pub Safety	300.00	1,293.04	400.00	459.33	1,500.00	
100-7-10-70-532.000 Fire Dept W/S, Alarm	700.00	714.25	500.00	502.85	0.00	
100-7-10-70-540.000 Fire Dept. Printing/Adv	100.00	224.76	100.00	0.00	200.00	
100-7-10-70-560.000 Fire Dept Dues	500.00	806.65	500.00	0.00	900.00	
100-7-10-70-565.000 Fire Dept. Meetings/Edu	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-70-610.000 Fire Dept. Hoses	1,500.00	1,910.27	2,000.00	442.92	2,000.00	
100-7-10-70-610.005 Fire Dept. Clothing/Gear	3,000.00	4,455.33	4,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	
100-7-10-70-610.015 Fire Dept. Small Tools	2,500.00	187.20	2,500.00	75.00	2,500.00	
100-7-10-70-610.020 Fire Dept Supplies/Repair	2,500.00	7,257.98	3,000.00	1,384.56	3,000.00	
100-7-10-70-622.000 Fire Dept Electricity	1,600.00	1,524.76	1,800.00	597.01	1,800.00	
100-7-10-70-626.000 Fire Dept Gas/Oil/Grease	1,000.00	628.78	1,000.00	686.03	1,000.00	
100-7-10-70-626.001 Fire House Heat	1,600.00	2,440.24	1,700.00	0.00	2,500.00	
100-7-10-70-740.000 Fire Dept. Radios/Pagers	3,500.00	3,045.00	2,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	
100-7-10-70-990.000 Fire Dept. Miscellaneous	300.00	0.00	300.00	12.00	300.00	
100-7-10-70-430.001 Workers Comp	1,615.00	936.00	1,301.00	0.00	1,201.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>41,419.00</b>	<b>42,434.50</b>	<b>39,901.00</b>	<b>9,854.95</b>	<b>40,548.00</b>	

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE: 2019 FUNDING REQUEST					
<b>Total Runs</b>	1,216	1,363	1,363	12.1%	
<b>Billable Runs</b>	1,020	1,048	1,056	3.5%	Projected volume based on 3-year rolling average of actual volume plus modest increase in expected number of inter-facility transfers.
<b>NET REVENUE (net of town contributions and donations)</b>	\$615,268	\$633,482	\$625,442	1.7%	WRVA management expect that an increase in inter-facility runs will increase call revenue, though with slightly lower average collection rate.
<b>Wages &amp; Salaries</b>	\$793,311	\$825,956	\$831,774	4.8%	The lack of available EMTs and medics in the market forces the utilization of greater overtime hours. WRVA plans to offer an EMT training program in 2019, paid for by participants or their sponsors.
<b>Benefits</b>	\$180,570	\$160,135	\$163,812	-9.3%	Health insurance costs have been rising about 9% per year for two years. The full-time staff have been asked to cover a greater share of their health insurance premiums. However, we expect to have one less full-time employee on benefits in 2019.
<b>W/C and Payroll Taxes</b>	\$116,561	\$121,817	\$115,100	-1.3%	
<b>Administrative Expense</b>	\$155,314	\$142,969	\$160,841	3.6%	
<b>Depreciation</b>	\$115,650	\$118,287	\$107,961	-6.6%	End of depreciation for 2013 ambulance lowers depreciation for 2019.
<b>Other Expense</b>	\$105,170	\$106,533	\$123,462	17.4%	Increases in the cost of diesel and heating fuel, expenses associated with the aging of two of the ambulances, and needed repairs to the building and the paved parking lot contribute to this \$18,000 increase
<b>Non-income statement and non-cash items</b>	-\$49,600	-\$72,222	-\$74,694		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$1,416,976	\$1,403,475	\$1,428,256	0.8%	
<b>CASH DEFICIT</b>	-\$801,708	-\$769,993	-\$802,814	0.1%	Difference between revenue received from insurers, Medicare, etc. and the cost to operate WRVA. No material change between 2018 and 2019 budgets.
<b>Total Service Population</b>	12,728		12,728	0.0%	
<b>PER CAPITA REQUEST TO FUND DEFICIT</b>	\$63.00		\$63.00	0.0%	No per capita increase requested for 2019
<b>TOTAL REQUEST</b>	\$71,757.00		\$71,757.00	0.0%	



# WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC

## WHAT WE DO MAY INTEREST YOU.

We are a professional ambulance service, with 10 full-time employees, and multiple part-time staff.

We staff two Paramedic level ambulance crews 24/7, 365 days a year.

We provide primary 911 ambulance service to 10 communities, covering an area over 500 square miles in size.

We respond to more than 1,200 calls for help every year.

We transport more than 200 patients from Gifford Medical Center to other healthcare facilities each year, often providing Critical Care level transport services.

We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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

White River Valley Ambulance is designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensure level the state issues. This allows us to operate with an advanced skill set, which improves the outcome of our patients in our rural community. White River Valley Ambulance maintains two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year.

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

From January 1, 2018 through November 1, 2018 White River Valley Ambulance responded to 969 emergency calls and Transfers. They were as follows: Barnard 47, Bethel 95, Braintree 38, Brookfield 29, Gifford Hospital 199, Granville 10, Hancock 17, Menig Nursing Home 18, Other 73 (Towns and Hospitals), Pittsfield 34, Randolph 294, Rochester 77, Stockbridge 38.

In 2019, we will continue to push the boundaries of what is possible in rural, pre-hospital medicine by incorporating continuous quality improvement and excellence in education. We are also accepting more transfers from other medical facilities throughout the state. This will increase our volume and help control the per capita rate, which will remain at \$63.00.

Let us enter 2019 by expressing how thankful we are for the numerous first responders who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough.

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
	FY 18		FY 19		FY 20	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>100-7-10-80 Listers Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-80-110.000 Listers Salaries	3,000.00	3,324.75	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	
100-7-10-80-110.001 Listers Salary Expense	258.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-80-220.000 Social Security	153.00	254.34	382.00	0.00	383.00	
100-7-10-80-260.000 Work Comp	9.00	0.00	21.50	0.00	22.00	
100-7-10-80-530.008 Listers Telephone	450.00	174.97	0.00	35.78	0.00	
100-7-10-80-565.000 Listers Meetings/Education	300.00	270.00	450.00	0.00	450.00	
100-7-10-80-580.000 Listers Mileage	50.00	245.01	300.00	0.00	245.00	
100-7-10-80-610.000 Listers Supplies	200.00	772.61	250.00	0.00	800.00	
100-7-10-80-990.000 Listers Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,420.00</b>	<b>5,041.68</b>	<b>6,403.50</b>	<b>35.78</b>	<b>6,900.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-82 Planning/Zoning Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-82-540.000 P/Z Printing/Adv	300.00	59.92	300.00	78.15	0.00	
100-7-10-99-110.002 Town Plan Expenses	0.00	0.00	650.00	0.00	300.00	
100-7-10-82-990.000 P/Z Miscellaneous	0.00	1,080.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>1,139.92</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>78.15</b>	<b>300.00</b>	
<b>Grant Expenses:</b>						
100-7-10-99-106.003 VCDP-Park Hse Implem	0.00	411,136.00	0.00	1,688.50	0.00	
100-7-10-99-109.003 Cons 2017 Incentive Gr	0.00	941.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-110.002 MPG Town Plan 17-18	0.00	1,746.30	0.00	5,203.18	0.00	
100-7-10-99-120.001 2018 PACIF Grant Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,309.99	0.00	
100-7-10-99-109.005 GHSP/AOT Const. 2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	
<b>Grant Expense Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>413,823.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22,201.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>481,240.05</b>	<b>933,059.14</b>	<b>512,451.46</b>	<b>767,690.46</b>	<b>445,565.43</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SELECTBOARD BUDGET REPORT

	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>HIGHWAY INCOME</b>						
100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes	369,203.88	342,770.00	390,689.08	139,784.00	429,550.00	
100-6-10-00-300.040 State Aid to Roads	108,000.00	109,011.16	108,000.00	54,506.08	108,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.055 Forest Service Rd. Agree.	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.205 Pittsfield W/M	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	
100-6-10-00-300.210 Fed PILT FS Land-Hwy	20,000.00	32,161.00	25,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>501,703.88</b>	<b>488,442.16</b>	<b>528,189.08</b>	<b>194,290.08</b>	<b>569,750.00</b>	
<b>Grant Income</b>						
100-6-10-99-102.000 AOT Bike/ Ped Grant	0.00	2,322.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-102.002 VTRANS Bethel Mtn	0.00	9,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-103.003 Improv Proj Marine Hill	0.00	282,475.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-103.004 Improv Proj Wing Farm	0.00	0.00	0.00	278,876.92	0.00	
100-6-10-99-119.000 Muni Rd Grant in Aid 2017	0.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>306,598.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>278,876.92</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Utilization of Highway Fund Balance	10,000.00	0.00	19,000.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal Highway Income</b>	<b>511,703.88</b>	<b>795,040.76</b>	<b>547,189.08</b>	<b>473,167.00</b>	<b>569,750.00</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>						
100-7-10-50-110.000 Highway Regular Time	114,795.00	113,526.00	116,625.40	54,203.97	133,182.00	
100-7-10-50-130.000 Highway Overtime	15,000.00	22,821.13	15,000.00	11,432.67	20,000.00	
100-7-10-50-210.000 Highway Health Insurance	31,718.00	23,938.00	27,500.00	5,946.00	17,100.00	
100-7-10-50-210.001 Hickock/Boardman Mgmt.	840.00	525.00	840.00	0.00	900.00	
100-7-10-50-210.002 Health Ins Opt Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,625.00	5,044.00	
100-7-10-50-210.005 Life/Disability Ins	980.88	1,060.02	981.00	591.75	1,388.00	
100-7-10-50-210.010 Health Equity HR	1,950.00	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-220.000 Social Security	9,929.00	9,111.18	10,069.00	2,828.22	11,718.00	
100-7-10-50-230.000 Municipal Retirement	7,139.00	7,384.37	7,239.40	3,801.16	8,619.00	
100-7-10-50-250.000 Unemployment	260.00	92.82	264.00	0.00	232.00	
100-7-10-50-260.000 Work Comp	13,031.00	11,663.00	12,412.28	0.00	14,460.00	
100-7-10-50-411.000 Garage-Water/Sewer	200.00	182.80	200.00	44.50	200.00	
100-7-10-50-411.005 Town of Braintree W/M	6,000.00	10,708.36	6,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
100-7-10-50-421.000 Trash Removal	250.00	35.00	0.00	117.45	0.00	
100-7-10-50-424.000 Mowing/Brush Removal	0.00	0.00	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	
100-7-10-50-430.000 Garage-Bldg Maint/Repair	3,000.00	891.42	3,000.00	44.37	1,500.00	
100-7-10-50-431.000 EQ Parts/Repairs/Supplies	35,000.00	36,964.58	35,000.00	16,568.11	37,000.00	
100-7-10-50-431.005 Town Garage Radio Expense	500.00	326.79	700.00	408.54	500.00	
100-7-10-50-441.010 Town of Stockbridge W/M	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	
100-7-10-50-442.000 Equipment Rental	0.00	238.80	0.00	522.50	2,000.00	
100-7-10-50-450.000 Contracted Services	8,000.00	2,090.00	13,400.00	2,670.00	5,000.00	

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<b>Expenses Continued</b>							
200-7-10-25-431.001 Database Contract	700.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	
200-7-10-35-540.000 Adv/Printing/Publ	100.00	69.04	100.00	149.46	100.00	100.00	
200-7-10-35-655.000 Adopt an Author	1,500.00	1,212.70	1,500.00	414.08	1,500.00	1,500.00	
200-7-10-40-110.000 Librarian Salaries	23,561.00	22,170.96	24,032.00	11,617.33	24,261.00	24,261.00	
200-7-10-40-110.005 Asst Librarian	1,250.00	1,392.00	1,680.00	264.00	1,652.00	1,652.00	
200-7-10-40-110.010 Childrens Library Salaries	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	
200-7-10-40-110.015 Custodial Salaries	2,000.00	1,732.50	2,000.00	900.00	2,340.00	2,340.00	
200-7-10-40-210.000 Health Insurance	7,788.00	7,341.92	7,288.32	3,756.03	8,091.00	8,091.00	
200-7-10-40-210.002 Workers Comp Expense	1,451.53	91.00	121.31	0.00	107.00	107.00	
200-7-10-40-210.001 Hickock/Boardman Mgmt Fee	280.00	190.00	280.00	0.00	280.00	280.00	
200-7-10-40-210.003 Unemployment Expense	0.00	38.22	107.40	0.00	110.00	110.00	
200-7-10-40-220.000 FICA/MEDI	2,089.29	1,935.15	2,158.12	977.78	2,250.00	2,250.00	
200-7-10-40-220-050 Health Reimbursement Acct	650.00	643.59	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	
200-7-10-45-120.020 Summer Landscaping	0.00	250.00	500.00	520.00	500.00	500.00	
200-7-10-45-120.025 Snow Removal	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	
200-7-10-45-419.000 Library Building Insurance	1,500.00	497.74	1,000.00	400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
200-7-10-45-420.000 General Repairs/Maint.	400.00	195.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	
200-7-10-45-420.001 Boiler Maintenance	700.00	359.50	800.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	
200-7-10-45-420.002 Lift maintenance/inspection	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	
200-7-10-45-420.005 Window Cleaning	250.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	
200-7-10-45-420.010 Carpet Cleaning	600.00	216.60	500.00	5.08	500.00	500.00	
200-7-10-45-532.000 Annual Alarm Monitoring	275.00	361.35	300.00	0.00	375.00	375.00	
200-7-10-50-990.000 Misc Expenses	100.00	28.39	100.00	30.17	100.00	100.00	
<b>Total General Operating Expenses</b>	<b>58,219.82</b>	<b>49,813.84</b>	<b>58,836.15</b>	<b>23,151.02</b>	<b>60,924.00</b>	<b>60,924.00</b>	
<b>Restricted Funds Income</b>							
Memorial Fund Donations and Interest	0.00	474.45	250.00	564.62	0.00	0.00	
Annual Campaign Fund Donations and Interest	150.00	155.22	5,000.00	3,680.37	0.00	0.00	
Window Restoration Fund Donations and Interest	3,850.00	13,254.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Bennett Books Fund Donations and Interest	0.00	1.06	0.00	0.74	0.00	0.00	
Capital Campaign Fund Donations and Interest	0.00	1.54	0.00	2.36	0.00	0.00	
Wing Fund TD Ameritrade Transfer In	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	3,750.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Restricted Funds Income</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>	<b>21,386.87</b>	<b>12,750.00</b>	<b>7,998.09</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total RPL Income All Funds</b>	<b>65,650.00</b>	<b>76,120.26</b>	<b>72,036.15</b>	<b>34,021.29</b>	<b>60,924.00</b>	<b>60,924.00</b>	
<b>Restricted Funds Expenses/Transfers Out</b>							
Memorial Fund Transfer Out	500.00	263.80	400.00	194.24	0.00	0.00	
Annual Campaign Fund Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Capital Campaign Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	737.56	0.00	0.00	
Window Restoration Fund Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,384.00	0.00	0.00	
Wing Fund Expenditures:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Adult Books	5,475.00	5,330.12	4,600.00	2,017.86	0.00	0.00	
Audio/VDs	1,000.00	1,745.00	2,000.00	735.26	0.00	0.00	
Children's Books	1,000.00	1,068.22	1,000.00	400.84	0.00	0.00	
Magazines/subscriptions	200.00	100.72	200.00	49.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Restricted Funds Expenses/Transfers Out</b>	<b>8,175.00</b>	<b>8,507.86</b>	<b>13,200.00</b>	<b>10,518.76</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total RPL Expenses/Transfers Out All Funds</b>	<b>66,394.82</b>	<b>58,321.70</b>	<b>72,036.15</b>	<b>33,669.78</b>	<b>60,924.00</b>	<b>60,924.00</b>	

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Income	2017-2018		2018-2019		2019-2020	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
200-6-00-10-000.000 Town Appropriated Funds	41,045.00	41,045.00	40,625.00	20,312.50	45,625.00	
200-6-00-10-000 Bank Interest	40.00	0.08	12.00	0.04	12.00	
200-6-00-10-000.020 Adopt an Author	1,500.00	1,615.57	1,500.00	487.84	1,500.00	
200-6-00-10-000.035 Bennett Bks Divd (WRUCO 06	125.00	125.28	125.00	62.64	125.00	
200-6-00-10-000.060 Book Sales	700.00	521.55	700.00	488.80	550.00	
200-6-00-10-000.065 Fines	200.00	154.50	175.00	75.00	150.00	
200-6-00-10-000.068 Program Income	0.00	315.00	275.00	40.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.085 Donations (Unrestricted)	1,000.00	237.95	250.00	13.00	250.00	
200-6-00-10-000.086 Donations from Granville	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	
200-6-00-10-000.090 Moving Avg Kirk (unrestr)	8,700.00	8,700.00	8,700.00	0.00	8,700.00	
200-6-00-10-000.095 Copies	140.00	188.00	150.00	38.00	150.00	
200-6-00-10-000.106 Space Rental	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
200-6-00-10-000.110 Misc Income	0.00	50.46	200.00	5.38	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.111 Transfers In TD Ameritrade	0.00	0.00	5,059.15	4,350.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-010.005 ILL Grant Income	375.00	585.00	390.00	0.00	390.00	
200-6-00-10-010.010 Dept. Library Children Prog	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	
200-6-00-10-010.020 DOL Cont Ed Grant	0.00	245.00	0.00	0.00	1,584.00	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>53,975.00</b>	<b>54,733.39</b>	<b>59,111.15</b>	<b>26,023.20</b>	<b>59,986.00</b>	
Use of restricted fund balance (Bennet Books)	175.00	175.00	175.00	0.00	175.00	
	<b>54,150.00</b>	<b>54,908.39</b>	<b>59,286.15</b>	<b>26,023.20</b>	<b>60,161.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>						
200-7-10-15-533.000 Bank Charges	0.00	6.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-7-10-20-345.000 ILL Grant Expenses	700.00	780.00	780.00	315.00	780.00	
200-7-10-20-345.010 DOL Grant Expenses	0.00	245.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-7-10-25-320.000 Professional Publication	140.00	165.50	165.00	167.50	169.00	
200-7-10-25-340.000 Website Maintenance	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	
200-7-10-25-411.000 Utilities (Water/Sewer)	300.00	328.50	350.00	85.45	350.00	
200-7-10-25-421.000 Trash Removal	300.00	20.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-7-10-25-431.000 Equipment (computer)	900.00	515.10	1,000.00	559.98	900.00	
200-7-10-25-431.005 Systems Main/IT	1,200.00	422.98	1,100.00	126.00	1,000.00	
200-7-10-25-530.000 Telephone	460.00	440.98	280.00	178.90	420.00	
200-7-10-25-531.000 Postage	200.00	424.25	50.00	181.28	300.00	
200-7-10-25-531.005 Ill postage	300.00	211.59	312.00	75.86	250.00	
200-7-10-25-560.000 Memberships/	175.00	35.00	175.00	0.00	175.00	
200-7-10-25-580.000 Mileage/Conf	300.00	303.60	300.00	62.13	300.00	
200-7-10-25-610.000 Supplies	1,000.00	624.89	1,000.00	528.37	1,000.00	
200-7-10-25-615.000 Volunteer Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	
200-7-10-25-622.000 Electricity	1,650.00	1,316.45	1,400.00	602.57	1,400.00	
200-7-10-25-624.000 Fuel	3,100.00	2,171.05	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	
200-7-10-25-641.000 Computer Software	0.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	
200-7-10-25-655.000 Fund Raising	400.00	300.68	500.00	42.50	500.00	
200-7-10-30-655.000 Adult Programs	500.00	609.11	500.00	371.55	500.00	
200-7-10-30-655.005 Childrens Programs	300.00	216.90	300.00	170.00	300.00	

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	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
100-7-10-50-460.000 Bridge & Bandrails	0.00	6,183.30	0.00	24.26	0.00	
100-7-10-50-460.005 Culverts & Bands	7,000.00	2,712.20	7,000.00	528.79	7,000.00	
100-7-10-50-460.015 Resurfacing	40,000.00	186,390.95	50,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	
100-7-10-50-520.000 Hwy Prop/Auto/Liab Ins	10,111.00	7,558.00	7,558.00	100.00	8,307.00	
100-7-10-50-530.000 Garage-Telephone	400.00	604.25	450.00	347.18	600.00	
100-7-10-50-540.000 Advertising	200.00	283.28	200.00	51.96	200.00	
100-7-10-50-565.000 Highway - Education	300.00	45.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-610.000 Gas. Oil. Grease	30,000.00	28,834.91	30,000.00	11,091.17	31,000.00	
100-7-10-50-610.005 Small Tools	750.00	1,407.90	1,500.00	1,980.20	2,500.00	
100-7-10-50-610.010 Supplies	1,000.00	332.32	200.00	222.04	1,000.00	
100-7-10-50-610.015 Clothing Allowance	1,500.00	935.70	1,800.00	444.20	1,800.00	
100-7-10-50-611.000 Chloride	7,500.00	5,154.20	8,000.00	8.28	9,000.00	
100-7-10-50-611.005 Salt	40,000.00	37,364.50	40,000.00	8,930.98	42,000.00	
100-7-10-50-622.000 Garage-Electricity	2,000.00	1,891.76	2,000.00	525.88	2,000.00	
100-7-10-50-624.000 Garage-Heat	3,500.00	3,437.22	4,000.00	1,106.28	3,650.00	
100-7-10-50-650.000 Gravel	85,000.00	73,313.26	92,000.00	25,460.56	92,000.00	
100-7-10-50-650.005 Sand	31,000.00	36,879.70	33,500.00	33,907.66	38,000.00	
100-7-10-50-651.000 Paint Crosswalks	500.00	33.20	550.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-50-651.005 Road Signs & Posts	750.00	979.02	750.00	193.30	1,000.00	
100-7-10-50-651.015 Municipal road Permit/Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	250.00	
100-7-10-50-651.020 Gravel Pit Lease Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	
100-7-10-50-655.000 Spec Proj-W Hill Slide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-655.000 Spec Proj-N Hollow Culv	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-655.003 Ditching	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-30-460.000 Forest Service Rd Agr Exp	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-990.000 Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00	0.00	0.00	19.70	200.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>511,703.88</b>	<b>640,349.94</b>	<b>549,489.08</b>	<b>188,386.68</b>	<b>569,750.00</b>	
<b>Grant Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-99-100.001 BBR Mt Cushman Culv	0.00	2,420.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-102.000 VT AOT Bike/Ped Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-102.001 VTRANS Park & Ride	0.00	71.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-102.002 VTRANS Fed Grant-Beth Mt	0.00	10,774.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-103.002 Improv. Prj Maple Hill Exp	0.00	23,052.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-103.003 Improv. Prj Marine Hill Culv Exp	0.00	258,647.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-103.004 Improv. Prj Wing Farm	0.00	830.00	0.00	278,876.92	0.00	
100-7-10-99-104.000 Class 2 Road Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,069.99	0.00	
100-7-10-99-104.001 Class 2 North Hollow Rd	0.00	113,895.00	0.00	3,532.50	0.00	
100-7-10-99-114.002 FEMA July 2017 Beth Mt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-119.000 Muni Rd Grant in Aid 2017	0.00	14,288.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-119.001 Muni Rd Grant in Aid 2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.85	0.00	
<b>Subtotal Grant Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>423,979.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>284,780.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>511,703.88</b>	<b>1,064,328.99</b>	<b>549,489.08</b>	<b>473,166.94</b>	<b>569,750.00</b>	

	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
	FY 18		FY 19		FY 20	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Proposed Budget	
<b>100-7-10-91 Appropriations</b>						
100-7-10-91-950.001 American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.003 Capstone Community Action	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.015 Central VT Council on Agri	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
100-7-10-91-950.020 Clara Martin Center	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00
100-7-10-91-950.022 One Planet (RES)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.025 Green Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
100-7-10-91-950.029 Orange Cty Parent Child C	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00
100-7-10-91-950.030 Quintown Senior Center	9,380.00	9,380.00	9,380.00	9,380.00	9,849.00	9,849.00
100-7-10-91-950.035 Stagecoach	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
100-7-10-91-950.045 Visiting Nurses VT/NH	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
100-7-10-91-950.050 White River Partnership	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00
100-7-10-91-950.051 WRVA Rescue Svcs	68,340.00	68,340.00	71,757.00	37,587.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.055 Windsor Co Partners	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.060 Women Safe Inc	600.00	600.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00
100-7-10-91-950.064 VACD Dry Hydrant Prog	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
100-7-10-91-950.065 VT Trails & Greenways	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.070 Safeline	400.00	400.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>93,546.00</b>	<b>93,546.00</b>	<b>96,428.00</b>	<b>62,258.00</b>	<b>22,340.00</b>	<b>22,340.00</b>
<b>100-7-10-92 Rsvr Transfrs/Voted Articles</b>						
100-7-10-92-000.001 Cemetery Res Trsf Ou	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.002 Emerg Mgmt Rsv Trsf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.003 FD Bldg Rsv Trsf Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.004 FD Equip Rsv Trsf Ou	20,000.00	20,000.04	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.005 Hwy Equip Rsv Trsf O	80,000.00	80,012.04	60,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.006 Planning Rsv Trsf Ou	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.007 Record Pres Rsv Trsf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.008 Cruiser Rsv Trsf Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.010 Tennis Rsv Trsf Out	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-7-10-92-000.011 Library Rsv Trsf Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.013 HRA-Transfer Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-92-000.014 Town Building Res Trsf Ou	10,000.00	10,000.08	15,000.00	7,500.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
100-7-10-92-000.015 Reappraisal Res Trsf Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-27-660.000 Solid Waste Recycling	10,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-91-950.051 WRVA Rescue Svcs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71,757.00	71,757.00
100-7-10-22-890.000 Library Expenses	4,045.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,625.00	45,625.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>125,845.00</b>	<b>111,012.16</b>	<b>91,000.00</b>	<b>52,500.00</b>	<b>133,382.00</b>	<b>133,382.00</b>
<b>Total Voted Articles and Appropriations</b>	<b>219,391.00</b>	<b>204,558.16</b>	<b>187,428.00</b>	<b>114,758.00</b>	<b>155,722.00</b>	<b>155,722.00</b>

## Rochester Public Library Annual Report 2018

While there were over 5,000 visits to our library to borrow 8,700 items last year, the role of libraries is changing. Over the past few years, libraries have evolved from simply being a place to come to borrow books and movies to a place to visit and explore a world of ideas with your friends and neighbors. Rochester Public Library has expanded our mission to bring the community together to broaden our horizons with programs and activities designed to offer something that appeals to everyone. During 2018, the library offered a compelling line-up of 82 events attended by 1,178 valley residents.

As social media keeps friends and family connected online, real connections are still made in person and through shared experiences and interaction. While the library has always been a warm, inviting space to listen and learn, it is also a place to share stories, discuss current world events and ideas, and bring the community together.

We opened our doors to a cutting edge range of programs. Our most popular event of the year was the poetry slam group, *Muslim Girls Making Change*. Near capacity crowds attended a statehouse election debate and author events. Children enjoyed the “Rock the Library” summer season with songs and stories with Susan Rule.

We initiated a well-attended monthly documentary discussion series led by experts in the field. Included were SEED with Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman, DENIAL with Christine Holmquist, and BURN with the film makers. This series will run April thru December in 2019 with compelling films and knowledgeable discussion leaders.

We sponsored Vermont Humanities Council events on issues from Viking women explorers in North America to Border Patrol agents in Arizona. In addition to our long running monthly Writer’s Workshop and History Book Clubs, we added travel, gardening, and fiber arts gatherings. The new garden club sponsored events as varied as flower arranging to cannabis cultivation.

We continue to offer both traditional and new library services:

- Over 22,000 books and movies on DVD
- Interlibrary loan of almost any book owned by any library in the state
- Passes to Vermont museums, attractions, and state historic sites and parks
- E-book and audiobook downloads via Green Mountain Library Consortium
- New! Streaming films with Kanopy.com
- University Class offering over 500 online classes
- Vermont Online Library including Chilton Manuals, health, business, genealogy & more

Although library events are taking a breather during the cold, icy winter nights, rest assured that the doors are still open, the lights are on, and plans are in the works for another year of great events to come.

We welcome local groups to hold their events at the library. Last year we hosted classes and events for a variety of groups and nonprofits including AARP Driver Safety, Vermont Health Connect, Diabetes Prevention, The Girl Scouts, and the very popular Valley Singers.

Stop by our display at Town Meeting and update your library account to sign up for streaming movies with Kanopy or E-book and audiobook downloads from Green Mountain Library Consortium. Activate your password to place holds or renew your books, request new books or interlibrary loans. Ask about receiving our monthly calendar of events and program details via email. If you don’t have an account, we can open one on the spot!

**We hope to see you at your town library.**

## Rochester Volunteer Fire Department

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

The Department currently has 22 members, including two junior members (16-18 years of age). We are always looking for new members, especially anyone working in town who can be readily available for calls during daytime hours. As with most fire departments statewide, ours is an aging department with 30% of our volunteer firefighters in their 60s. We have two monthly meetings; one is a regular meeting and the other a work/training session. *We need your assistance.* Anyone interested in learning about and/or joining the Fire Department is encouraged to contact me, or any member of the department.

During 2018, RVFD responded to 33 calls:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 Chimney Fires                 | 3 House Fires                         |
| 2 Auto Fires                    | 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents             |
| 4 False Alarms                  | 4 Mutual Aid calls/Emergency Services |
| 4 Downed Power Lines            | 1 Fire Alarm                          |
| 3 Carbon Monoxide Detector call | 1 Dhart Call                          |
| 1 Snow Machine Accident         |                                       |

Our annual Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast is an event everyone looks forward to. Last year's breakfast was held at the Town's new Fire House. This is our primary fundraiser, and we are indebted to Rochester's businesses, townspeople and visitors who contribute to and attend this breakfast, and we are indebted to and rely on our firefighters and their families who assist with cooking, serving and cleaning up. Mark your calendar for our 2019 pancake breakfast to be held on **Easter Sunday, April 21** at the Fire House. Come and join with your family and friends to make it our best pancake (real Maple syrup), scrambled egg and sausage breakfast ever! All of us look forward to sharing this time with you.

We continually upgrade our firefighting gear to ensure the safety of our firefighters. In 2018 we were the recipient of a \$2,000 grant which assisted in the purchase of an air pack and two pairs of boots. With the cost of each air pack at \$6,000, this grant greatly benefitted our budget.

Work on the upstairs of the Fire House has been completed and we now have additional space for training and storage. A 1991 pumper-tanker truck which will carry 3,500 gallons of water was purchased in Pennsylvania. Money raised at the Easter breakfast was used to outfit the truck with new lettering, a radio, hose and hose fittings.

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

As Fire Chief, I am grateful to all the members of our Volunteer Department for their many hours, not just in responding to calls, but for time spent in training, flooding SkateSpace, equipment maintenance and fundraising. Thank you to the volunteers who travelled twice to Pennsylvania to look at and bring home our new pumper-tanker truck.

After more years than we can remember, Mike Harvey has retired as Treasurer of the Fire Department. Thank you, Mike, for your years of outstanding service, and welcome to our new Treasurer, Kristin LaPell.

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

Terry Severy, Chief  
Rochester Volunteer Fire Department

### ROCHESTER TOWN GENERAL ACCOUNT Summary of Budget, Revenue and Expense

	FY 18		FY 19		FY 20		
	Voted Budget	Actual 12 months	Voted Budget	Actual 6 months	Proposed Budget	difference vs FY18	
<b>Rochester Town</b>							
<b>REVENUE:</b>							
Property Taxes:	278,933	174,476	313,210	673,426	319,765	2%	
Non-Tax Revenue:	202,307	745,137	201,542	604,398	125,800	-60%	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE: [Prop + Non-tax revenue]</b>	<b>481,240</b>	<b>919,613</b>	<b>514,752</b>	<b>1,277,824</b>	<b>445,565</b>	<b>-16%</b>	
<b>EXPENSE:</b>							
Total Finance Expenses:	89,182	89,182	103,577	522,680	104,377	1%	
Total Capital Purchase Expense:	45,691	42,729	42,729	42,729	22,189		
Total General Town Salaries:	82,110	75,953	83,895	37,592	82,028	-2%	
Library Expense:	37,000	41,045	40,625	20,313	0	#DNV/01	
General Office Expense:	32,820	59,764	36,075	27,107	44,305	19%	
Buildings and Grounds:	18,710	19,847	20,465	9,571	22,898	11%	
Solid Waste:	16,220	24,552	27,020	18,552	26,952	0%	
General Employee Expenses:	12,303	19,584	15,157	11,417	13,732	-10%	
Dues and Fees:	11,627	11,627	11,459	10,949	11,913	4%	
General Town Expenses	31,929	33,280	28,249	14,810	27,600	-2%	
Park Expenses	6,706	7,409	7,271	2,543	7,271	0%	
Recreation Dept. Expenses:	9,846	10,343	8,386	3,979	9,050	7%	
Constable Expenses:	40,958	35,306	40,290	13,278	25,503	-58%	
Fire Department Expenses:	41,419	42,435	39,901	9,855	40,548	2%	
Listers Expenses:	4,420	5,042	6,404	36	6,900	7%	
Planning/Zoning Expenses:	300	1,140	950	78	300	-217%	
Grant Expenses:		413,824	0	22,202	0		
<b>Grand Total GEN. FUND EXPENSE:</b>	<b>481,240</b>	<b>933,059</b>	<b>512,451</b>	<b>767,690</b>	<b>445,565</b>	<b>-15%</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY:</b>							
<b>REVENUE:</b>							
Property Taxes:	369,204	342,770	390,689	139,784	429,550	9%	
Non-Tax Revenue:	142,500	452,271	156,500	333,383	140,200	-12%	
<b>Total REVENUE:</b>	<b>511,704</b>	<b>795,041</b>	<b>547,189</b>	<b>473,167</b>	<b>569,750</b>	<b>4%</b>	
<b>EXPENSE:</b>							
Highway Expenses	511,704	640,350	549,489	188,387	569,750		
Highway Grant Expense	0	423,979	0	284,780	0		
<b>Total HIGHWAY EXPENSE:</b>	<b>511,704</b>	<b>1,064,329</b>	<b>549,489</b>	<b>473,167</b>	<b>569,750</b>	<b>4%</b>	
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:</b>							
Total Community Requests:	93,546	93,546	96,428	62,258	22,340	-332%	
Total Voted Articles:	125,845	111,012	91,000	52,500	133,382	32%	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:</b>	<b>219,391</b>	<b>204,558</b>	<b>187,428</b>	<b>114,758</b>	<b>155,722</b>	<b>-20%</b>	
<b>Total Income: X + Y + C</b>	<b>1,212,335</b>	<b>1,919,212</b>	<b>1,249,369</b>	<b>1,865,749</b>	<b>1,171,037</b>	<b>-7%</b>	
<b>Total Expense: A + B + C</b>	<b>1,212,335</b>	<b>2,201,946</b>	<b>1,249,369</b>	<b>1,355,615</b>	<b>1,171,037</b>	<b>-7%</b>	
<b>Audit Reconciliation FY 18</b>	<b>Total Income Cemetery TOPF</b>	<b>\$ 1,919,212 (10,000)</b>	<b>\$ 2,201,946</b>	<b>\$ 2,201,946</b>	<b>Total Expense reserve funds, HRA</b>	<b>\$ 2,048,662 Audited Exp</b>	

BUDGET AND TAX SUMMARY						
	FY '18	FY '19	FY '20	Proposed More or (Less) than last Year's Budget		
	2017-2018 Budget	2018-2019 Budget	2019-2020 Proposed			
<b>General Town Budget</b>	481,240	514,752	445,565	(69,187)	-13.4%	
General Town Revenue (non-tax)	(202,307)	(201,542)	(125,800)	75,742	-37.6%	
<b>Town Funds Required</b>	<b>\$ 278,933</b>	<b>\$ 313,210</b>	<b>\$ 319,765</b>	<b>6,555</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	
<b>Highway Budget</b>	511,704	547,189	569,750	22,561	4.1%	
Highway Revenue (non-tax)	(132,500)	(137,500)	(140,200)	(2,700)	2.0%	
Utilization of Highway Fund Balance	(10,000)	(19,000)	-	-	0.0%	
<b>Highway Funds Required</b>	<b>\$ 369,204</b>	<b>\$ 390,689</b>	<b>\$ 429,550</b>	<b>38,861</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	
Community Agencies Requests	93,546	96,428	22,340	(74,088)	-76.8%	
Voted Articles	125,845	91,000	133,382	42,382	46.6%	
<b>Appropriation Funds Required</b>	<b>\$ 219,391</b>	<b>\$ 187,428</b>	<b>\$ 155,722</b>	<b>(31,706)</b>	<b>-16.9%</b>	
<b>Grand Total Budget and Appropriations: X + Y + C</b>	<b>\$ 1,212,335</b>	<b>\$ 1,249,369</b>	<b>\$ 1,171,037</b>	<b>(78,332)</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>	
<b>Grand Total Property Tax Required: A + B + C</b>	<b>\$ 867,528</b>	<b>\$ 891,327</b>	<b>\$ 905,037</b>	<b>13,710</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	
<b>FY 20 Budget Article and Property Tax Summary</b>						
<b>Town and Highway Budget Article:</b>						
X. General Town Budget:	445,565	A. Town Funds Required:				319,765
Y. Highway Budget:	569,750	B. Highway funds required:				429,550
Total amount for Town Budget Article:	<b>\$ 1,015,315</b>	Total amount to raise from taxes for Town and Highway:				<b>\$ 749,315</b>
C. Proposed Appropriations and Voted Articles:	<b>\$ 155,722</b>	C. Proposed Appropriations and Voted Articles:				<b>\$ 155,722</b>
<b>Grand Total Appropriations, Town, and Highway Budgets:</b>	<b>\$ 1,171,037</b>	<b>Grand Total of Property Tax to be raised:</b>				<b>\$ 905,037</b>

## Rochester Lister's Report

Grand List 2018

Jess Arsenault joined the Listers this year, giving us a full complement on the Board. Jess' interest and input have been a positive influence.

This past year was the sixth year since the whole town was reappraised by Automated Property Assessment Service.

The most recent Equalization Study, produced by the Vermont State Property Valuation and Review, shows Rochester's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 110.3. This indicates that valid sales in Rochester are 10.3% less than their listed value.

The Equalization Study also produced a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) value for the valid sales in Rochester at 16.44. This indicates that there is, compared to last year's value of 15.51, a modestly growing disparity between the valid sale prices of comparable properties.

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

Rochester Listers

Louis Donnet

Caroline Meagher

Jess Arsenault

### One Planet Afterschool Program

Bethel, Chelsea, Newton, Sharon, Stockbridge  
Rochester, Royalton, Tunbridge

We want to thank the Rochester community for your generous support of \$2,920 for our 2018 Summer Camp. Please see below for a report on the 2018 Summer Camp.

Rochester and Stockbridge One Planet once again partnered to offer "Rockbridge One Planet Summer Camp". We had 44 children in grades K-6 participate; 20 of these participants were Rochester residents. Activities included fun self-care projects during "Fit Kids" week, hiking, mountain biking and bike maintenance during "Green Mountain Adventures", creating unique stop-motion videos during "Techno Art Week", and designing and testing various "Things that Go". Students also wrote about their adventures daily during Reading and Journaling, had theme related weekly field trips and a weekly swim trip. Lastly, 26 students participated in a week of swimming lessons at Vermont Technical College. 19 of those students progressed to the next level. It was truly a great summer!

One Planet strives to support local families by offering comprehensive programs that are affordable. Currently, 62% of our participants qualify for free or reduced lunches. In order to make our programming affordable, we rely on a wide variety of funding sources, including 21C grant funds, parent fees, childcare subsidy, school funds and local town funding.

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

Carrie McDonnell, One Planet Program Director

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## Constable's Report

Here we are again looking at the past year. Not much has changed with the exception of crime. It appears there are more issues in the valley. With that being said, I always have encouraged everyone to be alert for violations and potential problems and report them to the State Police at 234-9933. If it is a life threatening issue, just dial 9-1-1 and the proper units will be sent, whether it is fire, rescue or police. The State Police are the main resource for Rochester and should be called whenever there is a problem. Well Done.

As always, I have strived to work toward safety in motor vehicle speed enforcement. However, there seems to be more issues in the valley than just speeding. Drug activity is more widespread than in past years and relates to more thefts and burglaries among other crimes. You may have noticed more VSP activity in the area. This is one of the reasons. Also we have a trooper living in the valley. Welcome to the Valley.

In the course of the year the town has received some revenue from the judicial bureau for tickets written using the local speed ordinances. However, this has dropped from past years. I guess the radar signs are working. You also may have noticed our new portable radar trailer that was out briefly before winter. This will be move around town to get a better idea of traffic flow this upcoming summer.

On a sad note, we will not be participating in the campaigns that the GHSC has to raise money for equipment this coming year due to changes in grant requirements. We did not receive any grants for DUI or Occupant protection this year. This is the main reason we are not eligible to receive equipment grants. With this being said, I will only be working the regular hours this year. No extra patrols or checkpoints. Being a Constabulary did affect this grant.

I have done my best to keep the budget down, even though I get paid better as a bus driver than risking my life as a Law Enforcement Officer. I have changed the data service for the MDT (computer in cruiser) to First Net (a first responder section of AT&T). This lowers our cost for the service and upgrades it to unlimited data with priority service. In addition I will be eliminating one MDT and sharing our unit with Bethel and Granville. This will share the cost accordingly.

We are still doing fingerprints for a low fee of \$25.00. Requests have dropped from past years. If you need yours done, be sure to see the town clerk for the fee and call our office to make an appointment.

Our office is used by the State Police, Fish and Wildlife and Forest Service Law Enforcement, as needed. The office area needs serious improvement due to the age of the building and current needs for the future. As a public building it does not meet the requirements for public access. I am in hopes of relocating into the high school building in the future to meet our requirements and convenience.

I would also mention the importance of the Cruiser replacement fund. They do not build them like they used to. We should consider funding yearly for the replacement fund to keep the yearly cost down. We also need to go back to a 7-year replacement cycle, not 10 years. A rusty cruiser does not get much respect.

As requirements change for maintaining our law enforcement certification and as department mandates change on a yearly basis, we are required to do more and more training. I have days where I wonder if it is all worth it. That being said, I thank Randy Brouillard for working as second Constable when he can, He has been especially helpful during Highway Safety Campaigns, but we may not have him much longer. Vermont is short of law enforcement officers due to many reasons, including pay and retirements.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any concerns. Keep in mind we are not in the office on a daily basis, but we will get back to you as soon as possible. If urgent, please do call the State Police.

Mark Belisle, Constable

### TOWN OF ROCHESTER WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

	FY 18 July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		FY 19 July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019		FY 20 July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>Water Income</b>						
300-6-00-10-000.005 Bank Interest		9.15	3.00	6.66	3.00	
300-6-00-10-000.007 Water Res. Bank Interest	0.00	33.29	40.00	38.50	40.00	
300-6-00-20-020.005 Water Current Fees	52,500.00	43,798.45	44,000.00	22,281.10	44,000.00	
300-6-00-20-020.010 Water Delinquent Fees			0.00			
300-6-00-20-020.015 Water Connection Fees			0.00			
300-6-00-20-020.020 Water Interest	200.00	342.10	400.00	242.15	400.00	
300-6-00-20-020.025 Water Misc Income	0.00		0.00	151.20		
<b>Total Water Income</b>	<b>52,700.00</b>	<b>44,182.99</b>	<b>44,440.00</b>	<b>22,719.61</b>	<b>44,443.00</b>	
<b>Water Expenses</b>						
300-7-10-20-110.000 Water Operator	14,000.00	16,867.25	17,000.00	7,115.25	17,000.00	
300-7-10-20-110.005 Water Operator Asst	1,000.00	66.31	1,000.00	61.35	1,000.00	
300-7-10-20-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense	1,148.00	1,295.36	1,377.00	549.04	1,300.00	
300-7-10-20-220.001 W/C, Unempl Exp	1,056.00	2,332.78	1,394.00		1,360.00	
300-7-10-20-340.000 Water Telemetering	500.00				0.00	
300-7-10-20-340.005 Water Testing/Samples	2,000.00	912.50	2,000.00	237.50	1,000.00	
300-7-10-20-424.000 Water Grounds Maint	799.00	592.74	600.00	395.16	600.00	
300-7-10-20-424.001 Water Truck Use Reimbu	1,500.00	1,320.00	1,500.00	605.00	1,500.00	
300-7-10-20-430.000 Water Building Maint	500.00		500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-20-431.000 Water Equip Maint	6,000.00	628.88	6,000.00	1,221.75	2,500.00	
300-7-10-20-431.005 Water Meter Reading	1,000.00				1,000.00	
300-7-10-20-431.015 Generator Expense	100.00		100.00		100.00	
300-7-10-20-520.000 Water Prop/Liab Ins	366.00	236.00	236.00		257.00	
300-7-10-20-531.000 Water Postage	200.00		200.00		200.00	
300-7-10-20-531.005 Water Heat-Pump H	1,000.00	1,224.67	1,200.00	207.26	1,300.00	
300-7-10-20-560.000 Water Dues/Memberships	300.00	329.00	300.00		350.00	
300-7-10-20-565.000 Water Education	500.00	88.00	500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-20-570.000 Water Permit/Licenses	1,000.00	371.69	1,000.00		500.00	
300-7-10-20-610.000 Water Billing	500.00	500.00	500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-20-610.005 Water Supplies	3,000.00	5,322.66	2,000.00	694.80	3,000.00	
300-7-10-20-622.000 Water Electricity	8,000.00	4,966.76	6,000.00	2,106.26	5,500.00	
300-7-10-20-655.000 Water Special Projects					0.00	
300-7-10-20-740.000 Water Equipment	500.00		500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-20-810.000 Water Reserve Fund	5,000.00		500.00		0.00	
300-7-10-20-990.000 Water Misc Expense		79.50	500.00		500.00	
<b>Total Water Expense</b>	<b>49,969.00</b>	<b>37,134.10</b>	<b>44,407.00</b>	<b>13,193.37</b>	<b>40,967.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
SEWER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

	FY 18		FY 19		FY 20	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Comments
<b>Sewer Income</b>						
300-6-00-10-000.006 Sewer Res. Bank Int.	0.00	27.64	37.00	47.87	37.00	
300-6-00-10-010.005 Sewer Current Fees	63,300.00	54,521.43	55,381.00	28,053.97	49,781.00	
300-6-00-10-010.010 Sewer Delinquent Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
300-6-00-10-010.015 Sewer Connection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
300-6-00-10-010.020 Sewer Interest	500.00	420.58	500.00	337.12	500.00	
300-6-00-10-010.030 Sewer Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
300-6-00-10-010.035 Special Project Income	0.00	20,187.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Sewer Income</b>	<b>63,800.00</b>	<b>75,156.95</b>	<b>55,881.00</b>	<b>28,438.96</b>	<b>50,318.00</b>	
<b>Sewer Expenses</b>						
300-7-10-10-110.000 Sewer Operator	13,000.00	19,207.50	16,000.00	9,049.75	17,000.00	
300-7-10-10-110.005 Sewer Operator Asst	1,000.00	1,070.86	1,000.00	540.62	1,000.00	
300-7-10-10-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense	1,071.00	1,550.92	1,300.50	733.69	1,300.00	
300-7-10-10-220.001 W/C, Unempl Exp	986.00	32.76	1,319.00		1,360.00	
300-7-10-10-330.000 Sewer Engineering	2,500.00	802.50	2,500.00	2,800.00	2,000.00	
300-7-10-10-333.000 Sewer Legal/Easements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
300-7-10-10-340.000 Sewer Testing/Samples	2,000.00	2,408.54	1,500.00	897.97	2,500.00	
300-7-10-10-340.001 Sewer Telemetering	500.00	347.40	500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-10-424.000 Sewer Grounds Maint	2,296.12	1,896.72	2,300.00	1,434.48	2,000.00	
300-7-10-10-424.001 Sewer Truck Use Reimbur	1,500.00	1,320.00	1,500.00	605.00	1,500.00	
300-7-10-10-431.000 Sewer Repairs	6,000.00	598.41	6,000.00	845.45	2,500.00	
300-7-10-10-431.005 Sewer Tanks Maint	10,000.00	9,999.95	10,000.00	5,073.34	11,000.00	
300-7-10-10-431.015 Sewer Generator	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	
300-7-10-10-520.000 Sewer Prop/Liab Ins	973.00	796.00	796.00	0.00	858.00	
300-7-10-10-531.000 Sewer Postage	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	
300-7-10-10-565.000 Sewer Education	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	
300-7-10-10-570.000 Sewer Permits/Licenses	2,000.00	2,825.08	2,500.00	718.96	1,000.00	
300-7-10-10-610.000 Sewer Billing	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
300-7-10-10-610.005 Sewer Supplies	500.00	868.72	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	
300-7-10-10-622.000 Sewer Electricity	2,000.00	2,645.52	2,500.00	968.62	2,700.00	
300-7-10-10-655.000 Sewer Special Projects	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
300-7-10-10-810.000 Sewer Reserve Fund	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
300-7-10-10-990.000 Sewer Misc Expense	200.00	79.50	200.00	0.00	200.00	
<b>Total Sewer Expense</b>	<b>52,426.12</b>	<b>46,950.38</b>	<b>52,315.50</b>	<b>23,667.88</b>	<b>50,318.00</b>	

### Cemetery Commissioners Report

The Rochester Cemetery Commission is a five-member board elected at Town Meeting. The Commission oversees the seven cemeteries located in Rochester: Woodlawn, Village, North Hollow, Bingo, West Hill, Tupper and Little Hollow.

Lot sales are by authority of the Cemetery Commission. Cemetery lots remain available in all cemeteries except the Village and Tupper Cemeteries. All proceeds from the sale of lots are paid into the Town treasury, kept in a separate account, to be used solely for the care, maintenance, and improvement of the burial grounds. Contact Cemetery Commission Chair Tom Paquette with inquiries about lot availability and rates.

Lot rates have been adjusted to reflect rates in surrounding towns, and are now in effect.

	Single (typically 4 ½' x 9')	Double (9' x 9')	Quadruple (9' x 18')	Octuple (18' x 18')
Lot Sale	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$ 800.00	\$1,600.00
Perpetual Care	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00

There are established regulations for all the cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Rochester Cemetery Commission which were adopted on September 2, 2018. For a copy of the regulations, contact any Commissioner. Current regulations include:

- Lot cornerstones must be purchased from the Commission at the time of the sale.
- No burials shall be performed after November 15 or before May 1, except under certain conditions.
- All burials except cremations shall be in a cement liner or vault.
- No more than eight cremated remains may be buried in a single lot.
- All grave decorations will be removed when they become unsightly and, in any case by November 15.

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

Routine maintenance continues at all seven cemeteries. Initial spring cleanup begins as soon as possible after snow is gone. Woodlawn, Village and North Hollow Cemeteries are mowed and trimmed every two weeks throughout the late spring, summer and fall, and less frequently at Bingo, West Hill, Tupper and Little Hollow. Routine maintenance also includes the removal of fallen branches, trimming live trees and encroaching brush, filling potholes in the roads, adding grass seed as needed, and removing all litter.

Rochester Cemetery Commissioners:

Tom Paquette	Marvin Harvey
Java Hubbard	Joe Schenkman
Ross Laffan	