

TOWN OF SANDGATE



Town & School District 2018 Fiscal Year Annual Report

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, March 4th, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 5th, 2019. Absentee and early voting is permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open at the Town Hall on March 5th, 2019 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE 1. To vote on the following Town and School Officers using Australian Ballot:

Auditor – three year term	Selectboard – three year term
Cemetery Commissioner – three year term	Selectboard – one year term
Constable – one year term	Selectboard – one year term
Delinquent Tax Collector – one year term	Town Agent – one year term
Lister – three year term	Town Clerk – three year term
School Director – three year term	Town & School Moderator – one year term
Grand Juror – one year term	

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers

ARTICLE 3. Shall current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before Oct 1, 2019?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the line item balance for Garage Maintenance be carried over to a Garage Maintenance Fund into the following year?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Record Restoration Fund be closed and the remaining balance placed in the Town Office Fund?

ARTICLE 6. Will the voters appropriate the sum of \$18,157 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the town appropriate \$130,572 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the town appropriate \$358,552 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

ARTICLE 9. To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting.

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Town Clerk's Comments for 2018

Marjorie R. Peff, Sandgate Town Clerk

The Town Clerk office is open Monday and Wednesday 9:30 to 12:30, Town Treasurer Tuesday 9:30-11:30, Delinquent Tax Collector Thursday 9:30-12:30, and Assistant Town Clerk Friday 8:30-11:30. Vault is open during all these office hours.

Once again, Katie Kenny has done a terrific job in her web support. The town website is www.sandgatevermont.org. The minutes of the Select Board meetings are posted online and on the bulletin board outside the office.

We are in volume 57 in the Sandgate Land Records with January 1, 2019. All volumes have been microfilmed up to and including volume 55. The Vermont State archives have a copy. We still have active searches on genealogy; Dave Thomas is working on very early records.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR CHECKS IN THE SPACE NEXT TO THE BULLETIN BOARD. If you speak to me and let me know that you are leaving a check, the big green box outside the door is where I check every day.

I will not be running again for Town Clerk. I have loved meeting and seeing everyone for the past 6 years. Thank you for letting me be a part of the Sandgate activities.

Marge Peff



VITAL RECORDS FOR 2018

BIRTHS: Phoenix Michael Carrier

MARRIAGES: Meaghan Gwyn Morgan-Puglisi to Chad Jackman Cloud

DEATHS: Julia Mary Michaels (78), LeRoy Nelson Clairmont (52),
Ronald A Iannacone (73), Ronald Larson (79),
Charles Frederick Maguire (83), Jacob Dahl (83)

Select Board Comments

Suzanne dePeyster, Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup

After years of planning, the Lincoln Lane Bridge was finally replaced in July.

Federally funded traffic signs that were underway four years ago have not yet been placed on the West Sandgate Road. Only the Federal sign posting crew can put them in and the crew has been greatly delayed.

“Bicycles keep to the side” signs have been looked into after unannounced races were held in town this summer. The Board hopes to have them in place before the next racing season begins.

The Town received additional Dry Hydrant monies from the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts for the West Road Dry Hydrant on the Perra property (photo). The hydrant is completed and functioning.



The Town continued with the Bennington Sheriff patrol, concentrating policing in the summer months. Traffic has slowed somewhat.

In addition to participating in Green-up Day, our local youth cleaned up trash alongside the roads for community service hours.

The Select Board voted to purchase 2019 John Deere backhoe. It replaces the worn out 2008 New Holland backhoe.

The Select Board would like to welcome the new people that have stepped forward to serve the Town. We appreciate the support from all our residents. In addition, Tom Santelli, the Town Road Liaison, would like to commend Mike Hill for an outstanding job this past year and thanks to Willy Mattison for his assistance in keeping the town’s roads in good condition.

Regular Select Board meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month starting at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public. Minutes are posted on the Town website at sandgatevermont.org

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT / PLANNING COMMISSION

Judy Boehlert, Chair; Caroline Kimball, Clerk; Sheila Kearns;
Brad Kessler; Joseph Nolan; Jean Eisenhart, Alternate

Hal Wilkins, Zoning Administrator, attends Board Meetings to provide comments on permits and inquires he receives and information on emerging issues. He also drafts the Agenda and reviews draft minutes. He is thanked for his valuable input and support.

Michael Mazzola and Betsy LaVecchia resigned this past year and were replaced by Caroline Kimball and Sheila Kearns. They are both thanked for their many years of valuable and productive service. Betsy is also thanked for serving as Clerk for many years.

As noted in prior years, Vermont Act 174 includes goals for energy planning and the siting of renewable energy sources over the next 35 years. Town Plans must be updated to accommodate these goals. In addition, Vermont's Act 171 requires that municipalities that are updating their Town Plans identify areas that are important as "forest blocks" and "habitat connectors" and plan for development in those areas to minimize forest fragmentation. The process has begun through the collection of relevant information needed to accomplish the revision of the Town Plan.

The ZBA / PC meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall unless otherwise posted.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy P. Boehlert



PERMIT APPLICATIONS AS ON DECEMBER 31, 2018

APPLICANT	LOCATION	REQUEST	ACTION
Equinox Foundation	SE Corner Rd	Maintenance Building	Approved
Suzy dePeyster	West Sandgate Rd	Residential Expansion	Approved
Jason Dains	Sandgate Road	Accessory Building	Approved
		Certificate of Zoning Compliance	6 Issued
		Notices of Intent for Agricultural Use	2 Issued
		Septic System Repair/Replacement	2 Inspections

2018 Zoning Administrator's Report

Hal Wilkins

In the past year, the Zoning Administrator (ZA) worked closely with the Planning Commission on matters relating to energy efficiency and renewable energy generation, commission membership, Internet connectivity, etc.

Two new Planning Commission members have joined the group – Caroline Kimball and Sheila Kearns – and Michael Mazzola retired due to schedule conflicts. The Commission welcomes its new members and thanks Michael for his service to the town.

The State's e911 Board has contacted the ZA regarding several corrections to e911 number assignments – and those corrections were made.

Planning Commission member Sheila Kearns and the Zoning Administrator attended the 2018 Connectivity Summit in November and are working with regional communication providers to improve cell service in Sandgate.

Site inspections were performed at several reported stream bank encroachment violations, septic system repairs and replacements, junkyards, storm water discharge situations, and seasonal use violations.

Zoning permits were issued for several new structures – including a new maintenance center building at the Equinox Foundation – and the Agency of Agriculture's *Notice of Intent* form has been introduced to encourage and accommodate the expedited approval of agricultural structures and uses.

An Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the Equinox Foundation's Lake Madeline Dam facility was developed with the assistance of the Highway Department.

Area real estate brokers and attorneys requested many *Certificates of Zoning Compliance* which were issued by the zoning office so as to enable real estate transactions to proceed.

A significant improvement to both the planning and lister's organizations was the completion of the town-wide, digitized property-mapping project. New, and extremely accurate and informative, property maps have replaced the decade-old paper maps. These are available for inspection (and use) whenever the town office is open and residents and property owners are encouraged to stop at the town office to view the new maps. The final mapping product will also be available online at the town website in late Spring 2019.

In the year ahead, the Planning Commission will consider several state-mandated revisions to the zoning bylaws and to the Town Plan: an updated energy chapter, Act 171 / Forest Fragmentation plan, required changes to the state and federal flood hazard regulations, protection of open spaces and agricultural lands, etc.

2018 ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

Mike Hill - 375-8358

Once again I would like to thank our townspeople and local contractors for their help and support on the road projects for this past year. I would also like to thank Santelli Signs for coating our road posted signs.

We got two grants this year for a total of \$30,576: *Better Back Road Projects* for the Wuerslin Road intersection and *Grants-In-Aid Pilot Project* for the Hamilton Hollow Road. That is a total \$575,000 in grant money for the last 6 years.

I will continue to apply for grants to replace culverts and for major projects. We also replaced our old town backhoe with a new John Deere 310SL.

If you have any concerns about the roads, feel free to call the town garage at 375-8358 or our road liaison at 375-9297.



FOREST FIRE WARDENS REPORT

Lynn Fielding

There were no forest fires to report this year. Your fire wardens issued 30 burn permits for 2018. If you have any questions about burning or need a permit, please call Lynn Fielding at 802-375-2211 or Jim Gunn at 802-375-9481. You do not need a burn permit when there is snow on the ground around the fire.

SANDGATE CEMETERY COMMISSION 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Kathleen Hill, Julie Robertson, Kathy Wagner

We welcomed a new commissioner to our ranks. Kathy Wagner was elected to the office and has been very active this past year. As a board, we did our annual tour of the five cemeteries for which we are responsible: West Sandgate Cemetery, Center Hill Cemetery (across from the Methodist Church), Hayes and Redman Cemeteries on the Rupert Road, and the Beartown Cemetery. Center Hill is the only cemetery open for burials at this time. During our tour we identified several trees that need to come down before they become a hazard and fencing options for some of our cemeteries. We are greatly appreciative of a generous donation, in memory of Jane and Leroy Gattlin, to remove a tree in the Center Hill Cemetery. Many will remember the years that Leroy devoted to the Town as a Cemetery Commissioner and the donation seems very fitting to his service.

It was brought to our attention that the Arlington Post 69 Sons of the American Legion have adopted the Beartown Cemetery for a work project in the three-town community. We are always happy to have volunteers take an interest in the beautification of our local burial sites.

Our new commissioner has also been able to provide her skills weed-eating and clearing several areas of the Center Hill Cemetery. Areas that Sherman Property Maintenance, our lawn maintenance contractor, was not able to get to this season, primarily due to the weather.



Seeing that the stones are well maintained is an ongoing battle. Last year we contracted with JA Mahar Monuments to clean the West Sandgate Cemetery stones and they came out beautifully. However, we received feedback from some residents regarding the environmental impact the process might have. Kathy Wagner did some research and we purchased a trial quantity of more environmentally friendly solution. The Commission spent an afternoon in the Beartown Cemetery cleaning stones with the product and did reap some reward. Although the results were not as startling as the West Sandgate stones, we have not given up on the product. In fact, had the weather co-operated, we had planned an educational event this Fall, which included a monument cleaning demonstration. Our hope is to find a time in 2019 to carry through with the event. We will keep you posted.

As always, we are thankful for your support of the work we do. Should you have any questions, you can contact anyone of the above commissioners.

WUERSLIN-STUECKLEN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Pat Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel

One grant was awarded in 2018:

Thea Steeves-Boey: Young Writer's Conference at Champlain College.

The "Arts" means creative endeavors including, but not limited to, visual arts, performing arts, and literature. The amount of each award will be determined by the Award Committee. It is for one year only. The Award check will be sent, when applicable, directly to the chosen institution or supplier of services. The number and amount of awards will vary depending on available funds.

Applications forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at sandgatevermont.org.

Here is a chance for you or your child to do something in the Arts, compliments of your town.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Eisenhart



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Sonja Jaffee, Harry Rich, Phoebe Sheres

No action taken.



HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Hal Wilkins

The Health Officer dealt with numerous animal-related incidents in 2018 – lost dogs, cat and dog bites, trash accumulations; hospital and vet reports, etc. – and attended the annual VT Health Department workshop on new regulations, enforcement protocols, etc.

The large (but stationary) beetle remains in place at the covered entryway to the meeting room and seems to be an effective scourge to nesting birds.

LISTERS' REPORT

Shelley Finn, John Zak, Jeanne Zoppel

Sandgate's 2018 Grand List contained 352 parcels and seven non-tax parcels totaling \$63,695,528 after exemptions. We are pleased to say there are no outstanding appeals.

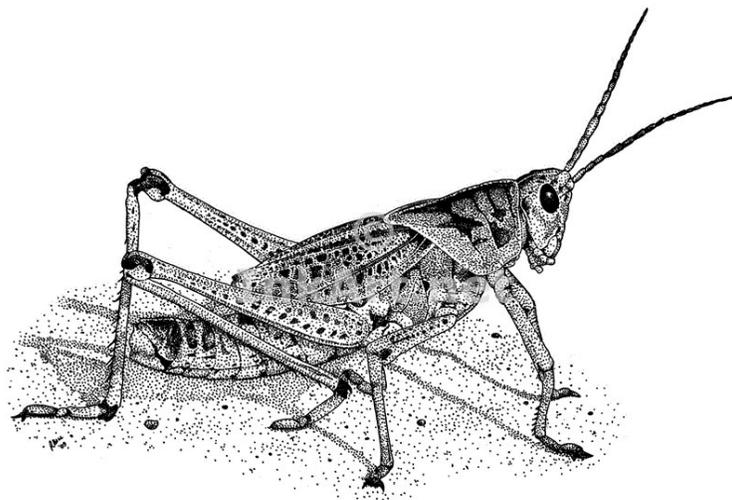
The Listers will be visiting unfinished and new construction this spring. We will be starting a reappraisal for the 2020 Grand List this summer including visits and photos of property. REMINDER, all residents must file form HS-122 by April 15 and if you are no longer a resident, file the non-resident form HS-122W.



AUDITORS' REPORT

Valerie dePeyster, Katie Kenny, Sheila Kearns

We have audited the orders, invoices, checks, and bank statements of the Town of Sandgate for 2018, and to the best of our knowledge, the consolidated balance sheet and other financial statements represented in this Town Report fairly reflect the financial position of the Town of Sandgate as of 12/31/2018. Town auditors do not serve as auditors for the town school district, nor are they responsible for audits of incorporated school districts, union school districts, or supervisory unions.



DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Eleanor LaCross, Collector

Town taxes are due upon receipt of your yearly tax bill. The final date for the treasurer to receive payment for 2018-2019 taxes was October 1st 2018. A mailing date of October 1st does not constitute payment of taxes in a timely fashion and the 8% penalty and 1% interest will be applied to all taxes which do not arrive at town hall **on or before** October 1st of each year. 1% interest on the principal is charged per month or portion of the month that the tax remains unpaid. This is an interest rate of 12% per year.

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

NAME	PARCEL	TOTAL
2018		
Arrington, Lee	725500-00R	\$2,187.62
Barlow, Christopher	232500-00L	\$4,491.76
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-00R	\$2,505.29
Conservation Fund	306500-00R	\$679.56
Country Creek Estate	114800-OLO	\$85.60
Grogan, Heath E&T	307500-00R	\$3,642.96
Hetes, Mary Ellen	333000-00R	\$1,634.98
Kulmane, Richard	209000-OOL	\$2,239.16
Low, Albert M	312000-ORO	\$421.13
Maresco, Margaret K	605300-OLO	\$598.21
Maue, Eugene R& T	148500-00R	\$3,735.20
Mcgloine, Bridget L	616000-00R	\$844.67
Melvin, Robert C	205000-00B	\$1,888.61
Mitchell, Edward	501000-00B	\$3,638.14
Mitchell, Edward	501500-00B	\$2,608.19
Mitchell, Edward W	501000-ORO	\$27.27
Nowokunski, Wendy A	204000-ORO	\$1,478.76
Paligo, Gordon R	308500-00L	\$75.28
Salmon-Holgren	612000-00R	\$715.55
Stroffoleno, Mary H	134000-00R	\$791.11
Vickery, Anna L	633000-ORO	\$263.21
Wood, Karen	726000-OLO	\$1,954.05
TOTAL FOR 2018		\$36,506.31
2017		
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-00R	\$2,120.06
Maresco, Margaret K	605300-OLO	\$614.04
Maue, Eugene R	148500-00R	\$3,780.60
Wood, Karen	726000-OLO	\$813.23
TOTAL FOR 2017		\$7,327.93
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES		\$43,834.24

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY

Town of Sandgate, Vermont

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Town Treasurer is not authorized to accept any payment toward delinquent taxes.
2. As soon as the Tax Collection Warrant has been received from the Treasurer, the Delinquent Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer each month for three months. The third letter will contain notice of the possibility of a tax sale.
3. Partial payments may be made on a monthly basis; however, payment arrangements which completely pay the bill before April 1st of the year succeeding the current tax due date will be required.
4. Mortgage and lien holder will be notified of the tax delinquency 30 days after the first notice has been sent if the delinquent taxpayer has not paid the taxes or contracted the Collector to make arrangement for payment.
5. There will be a \$20 fee charged for any returned check or other faulty payment of delinquent taxes.
6. Six months after the due date, the Collector will send notice of impending tax sale to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the taxes, costs, and fees associated with such a sale.
7. If no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will instruct a lawyer to begin the following actions to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due, as is necessary to pay the tax, cost and fees.
 - a) The delinquent taxpayer will be notified of the tax sale decision, that full payment must be received prior to the posted date of the impending tax sale, and that the costs of the tax sale will be borne by the taxpayer.
 - b) All mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the tax sale.
 - c) If full payment has not been received by the posted time and date of the tax sale, the tax sale will be held according to the procedure specified in 32V.S.A Section 5252.
 - d) Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
8. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or if in the judgement of the Delinquent Tax Collector, proceeding with tax sale is unwise, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all the methods permitted by law.
9. Each taxpayer has the right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A Section 1535, which may be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

Eleanor LaCross, Collector of Delinquent Taxes
802-375-2801

Treasurer's Report

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/17	\$12,365	\$106,302	\$2,834	\$31,361	\$77,807	\$21,624
Revenues	\$1,216,299	\$288,621	\$38,594	\$30,446	\$7,444	\$3,070
Total Funds Available	\$1,228,664	\$394,923	\$41,428	\$61,807	\$85,252	\$24,694
Expenditures	\$1,202,262	\$364,000	\$36,841			\$4,010
Revenues less expenditures	\$26,402	\$30,923	\$4,587	\$61,807	\$85,252	\$20,684
Plus	\$14,114	-\$10,792				
Bank Balance: 6/30/18	\$12,288	\$41,715	\$4,587	\$61,807	\$85,252	\$20,684

GF Account Balances 6/30/18 - Computer Grant: \$776; Emergency Management: \$1,277;
 Holiday party: \$765; Independent Audit: \$4,032; Legal & Professional: \$19,059; Misc. Fund: \$10,826;
 Office Equipment: \$1,033; Planning/Zoning: \$366; Property Reappraisal: \$31,251;
 Records Restoration: \$6,152; School House: \$5,575; Tax Stabilization: \$18,935; Town Hall: \$16,442;
 Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship: \$5871; HW Misc. Fund: \$3,344; Grand Proposal Fund: \$10,523

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS

July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/18	\$12,288	\$55,583	\$4,587	\$61,807	\$85,252	\$20,684
Revenues	\$1,361,894	\$370,589	\$53,688	\$47,554	\$10,271	\$160
Total Funds Available	\$1,374,182	\$426,171	\$58,275	\$109,361	\$95,523	\$20,844
Expenditures	\$917,451	\$290,555	\$14,500	\$85,780	\$4,573	
Revenues less expenditures	\$456,731	\$135,616	\$43,775	\$23,581	\$90,950	\$20,844
Bank Balance: 12/31/18	\$93,441	\$290,128	\$43,775	\$25,581	\$90,950	\$20,843
Budget Funds: 12/31/18	\$194,502	\$53,459	\$43,775	\$25,581	\$90,950	\$20,843

GF Account Balances 12/31/18 - Computer Grant: \$779; Emergency Management: \$1,282;
 Holiday Party: \$769; Independent Audit: \$6,054; Legal & Professional: \$21,646; Misc. Fund: \$11,768;
 Office Equipment: \$1,039; Planning/Zoning: \$369; Property Reappraisal: \$34,377;
 Records Restoration: \$6,180; School House: \$5,611; Tax Stabilization: \$18,940; Town Hall: \$3,474;
 Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship: \$5,873; HW Misc: \$3,362; Grant Proposals: \$10,587

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Bank Balance: 7/1/2017	\$12,365
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Receipts:

Current Taxes Paid as of 6/30/18	\$1,195,841
Building Permit Fees	\$425
Town Clerk Fees	\$3,711
General Fund Checking Interest	\$1,822
Hold Harmless Money	\$14,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,216,299
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,228,664

Expenses:

School Tax Share	\$818,352
Highway Property Tax Share	\$181,442
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$999,794

SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES

Select Board Salaries	\$2,660
Select Board Meetings	
Select Board Expenses	\$300
Select Board Assistant	\$940

TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES

Auditors Salary	\$1,435
Town Clerk Salary	\$9,252
Town Clerk Fees	\$3,711
Assistant Town Clerk	\$500
Treasurer Salary	\$11,304
Assistant Treasurer	\$500
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$12,293
Constable Salary	\$1,050
Moderator's Salary	\$32
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$3,031
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	\$100
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$2,690
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$14
ZBA Planning Expenses	
Payroll Tax	\$3,802
Training Town Officers	\$120

GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES

Town Hall Utilities	\$4,045
School House Utilities	
Office Supplies	\$2,048
Computers, Software & Internet	\$1,672

Office Equipment Maintenance	
Office Equipment	\$622
Town Hall Maintenance	\$5,019
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$47
Postage	\$519
Records Restoration	\$553
Town Report Expense	\$552
Legal and Professional Fees	
GENERAL SERVICES	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$2,141
BCSWA	\$787
BCRC	\$1,961
Fire Protection	\$17,376
Insurance and Bonding	\$6,280
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	\$32
VLCT Dues	\$1,472
Animal Control	
Sheriff Patrol Expense	\$2,016
County Tax	\$4,930
APPROPRIATIONS	
Arlington Area Childcare	\$500
Arlington Community House	\$100
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,000
Bennington County Conservation District	\$300
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)	\$137
Burdett Commons	\$75
Center for Independent Living	\$95
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250
Green Up Day	\$50
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,400
Tutorial Center	\$200
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100
Cemetery Commission	\$6,000
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$500
MISCELLANEOUS	
Delinquent Taxes not paid as of 6/30/18	\$11,849
State Ed. Tax Liability paid back to Reserve Funds 11/14/17	\$49,000
State payments credited to tax payers	\$3,187
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$193,096
Carryovers / Transfers to Restricted Funds	
Records Restoration	\$300
Legal and Professional	\$2,466
Independent Audit	\$1,000
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$4,606
Miscellaneous (GF)	\$1,000

SUB-TOTAL	\$9,372
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,202,262
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$26,402
Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking (Balance 6/30/18)	\$12,288
Outstanding Checks	\$3,322
Plus HW Orders and Payroll Transferred after Budget End	\$10,792
	\$26,402



TREASURER'S REPORT

Reserve Accounts - July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Planning / Zoning Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$364
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$366
Emergency Management Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$1,271
Interest earned	\$6
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$1,277
Town Hall Building Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$11,755
transferred carryover	\$4,606
Interest earned	\$81
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$16,442
Property Reappraisal Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$28,167
Reappraisal State Aid	\$3,069
Interest earned	\$15
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$31,251
Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$6,898
Appropriation	\$350
Expenditure	-\$1,380
Interest earned	\$3
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$5,871
Wuerslin / Stuecklen CD	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$3,469
Interest earned	\$4
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$3,473
School House Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$9,475
Painting Expense	-\$3,970
Interest earned	\$70
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$5,575

Holiday Party Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$762
Interest earned	\$3
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$765
Office Equipment Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$1,029
Interest earned	\$4
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$1,033
Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$9,774
Transferred carryover	\$1,000
Interest earned	\$52
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$10,826
Records Restoration Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$5,826
Transferred carryover	\$300
Interest earned	\$26
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$6,152
Legal Professional Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$16,517
Transferred carryover	\$2,466
Interest Earned	\$76
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$19,059
Tax Stabilization Fund	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$18,926
Interest Earned	\$9
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$18,935
Independent Audit	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$3,017
Transferred carryover	\$1,000
Interest Earned	\$15
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$4,032
Computer Grant	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/17	\$773
Interest Earned	\$3
Bank balance: 6/30/18	\$776

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Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund

July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

Bank balance: 7/1/2018 \$12,288

RECEIPTS

Current Taxes	\$1,343,446
Building Permit Fees	\$30
Town Clerk Fees	\$1,782
General Fund Checking Interest	\$1,477
Hold Harmless Money	\$15,159
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,361,894
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,374,182

EXPENSES

School Tax Share-Non Res. Amt.	\$813,833
Highway Property Tax Share	\$261,564
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$1,075,397

SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES

(Paid after December 31, 2018)

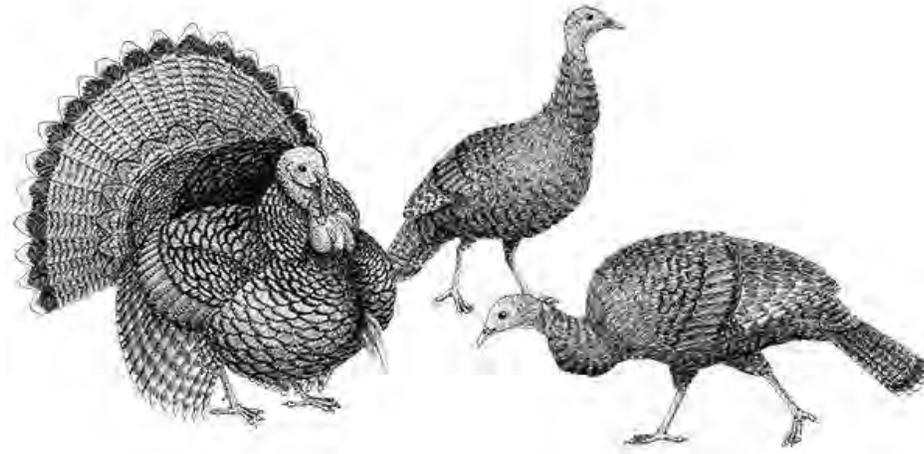
TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES

Auditors Salary	\$347
Town Clerk Salary	\$5,367
Town Clerk Fees	\$1,782
Assistant Town Clerk	\$917
Treasurer Salary	\$6,000
Assistant Treasurer	\$917
Constable Salary	\$600
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$4,882
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$1,340
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$247
ZBA Planning Expenses	\$198
Emergency Coordinator	
Health Officer Salary	\$250
Health Officer Expenses- Phone/Mileage	
Payroll Tax	\$2,834
Training Town Officers	

GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES	
Town Hall Utilities	\$1,967
School House Utilities	
Office Supplies	\$2,135
Computers Software & Internet	\$1,418
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$387
Office Equipment	
Town Hall Maintenance	\$1,690
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	
Postage	\$300
Records Restoration	
Town Report Expense	
Website Management	
Legal and Professional Fees	
GENERAL SERVICES	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$1,351
Bennington County Sheriffs	\$3,092
Bennington County Solid Waste	\$971
BCRC	
Fire Protection	\$18,331
Insurance and Bonding	\$4,317
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	\$882
VLCT Dues	
Animal Control	
County Tax	
APPROPRIATIONS	
Arlington Area Childcare	\$500
Arlington Community House	\$100
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,500
Bennington County Child Advocacy	\$200
Bennington County Conservation District	\$300
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)	\$137
Burdett Commons	\$75
Cemetery Commission	\$6,000
Center for Independent Living	\$95
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250
Green Up Day	
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,400
PAVE	\$100
Tutorial Center	\$200
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$600
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350

MISCELLANEOUS

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	\$86,628
Carryovers / Transfers to Restricted Funds	
Legal and Professional	\$2,500
Independent Audit	\$2,000
Miscellaneous (GF)	\$900
SUB-TOTAL	\$5,400
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,162,025
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$212,157
Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking (Balance 12/31/18)	\$93,441
Plus Hw Orders	\$7,633
Plus Hw Budget Funds Mistake	\$93,428
Remainder of Budget as of 12/31/18	\$194,502



TREASURER'S REPORT

Reserve Accounts - July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

PLANNING / ZONING FUND		OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$366	Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$1,033
Interest earned	\$3	Carryover from 12/13 budget	\$0
Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$369	Interest earned	\$6
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND		Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$1,039
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$1,277	MISCELLANEOUS FUND	
Interest earned	\$5	Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$10,826
Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$1,282	Carryover from 12/13 budget	\$0
TOWN HALL BUILDING FUND		Transferred carryover	\$900
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$16,442	Interest earned	\$42
Town Hall Roof	-\$13,000	Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$11,768
Interest earned	\$32	RECORDS RESTORATION FUND	
Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$3,474	Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$6,152
PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL FUND		Interest earned	\$28
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$31,251	Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$6,180
Reappraisal State Aid	\$3,069	LEGAL PROFESSIONAL FUND	
Interest earned	\$57	Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$19,059
Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$34,377	Transferred carryover	\$2,500
WUERSLIN / STUECKLEN SCHOLARSHIP		Interest Earned	\$87
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$5,871	Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$21,646
Appropriation	\$0	TAX STABILIZATION FUND	
Expenditure	\$0	Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$18,935
Interest earned	\$2	Disbursements:	
Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$5,873	Transfers for HW projects	\$0
WUERSLIN / STUECKLEN CD		Interest Earned	\$5
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$3,473	Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$18,940
Interest earned	\$4	INDEPENDENT AUDIT	
Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$3,477	Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$4,032
SCHOOL HOUSE FUND		Transferred carryover	\$2,000
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$5,575	Interest Earned	\$22
Interest earned	\$36	Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$6,054
Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$5,611	COMPUTER GRANT	
HOLIDAY PARTY FUND		Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$776
Balance in Fund: 7/1/18	\$765	Interest Earned	\$3
Interest earned	\$4	Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$779
Bank balance: 12/31/18	\$769		

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Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Bank balance: 7/1/2017	\$106,302
Receipts:	
Property Tax Share	\$181,442
VT State Highway Aid	\$62,748
Highway Checking Interest	\$929
Hold Harmless Money	\$43,502
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$288,621
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$394,923
Expenses	
Road Foreman Salary	\$44,557
Road Foreman Overtime	\$8,696
Road Worker Pay	\$27,948
Road Worker Overtime	
Uniforms/Shop Towels	\$1,053
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$4,768
Retirement Contribution	\$2,634
Health Insurance	\$2,250
Unemployment Insurance	\$338
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$4,686
Drug Testing	
Training / Mileage	\$58
Misc. Expenses	
Garage Maintenance	\$3,430
Heating Oil	\$2,952
Electric	\$732
Phone/ Internet	\$1,173
Equipment Maintenance	\$19,900
Tires	\$2,725
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$12,842
Oil and Lube	\$1,722
Tools & Supplies	\$1,856
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$6,391
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$35,482
Sand (delivered)	\$21,770
Salt (delivered)	\$22,900
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$4,080
Mowing	

Tree and Brush Removal	\$2,100
Contracted Services	\$9,696
Pavement Maintenance	\$12,810
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$10,394
Guard Rails	\$746
Construction account	\$13,240
Grant Funding	\$3,190
Sub-total:	\$287,119
Voted Carryover Balances	
Pavement Fund	\$30,000
Bridge & Culvert Fund	\$6,003
Materials & Hauling Fund	\$2,879
Road Equipment Appropriation	\$38,000
Misc. Expenses	
Total Disbursements	\$364,000
Balance to account for	\$30,923
Accounted for as follows:	
Payroll and orders not transferred before 6/30/18	-\$10,792
Checking balance: 6/30/18	\$41,715
TOTAL ALL BALANCES	\$30,923
Paving Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$31,361
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$30,000
Additions	
Interest	\$446
Balance in fund as of 6/30/18	\$61,807
Bridge & Culvert Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$77,807
Expenses	
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$6,003
Additions	\$779
Interest	\$662
Balance in fund as of 6/30/18	\$85,252
Materials & Hauling Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$21,624
Expenses	
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$2,879
Additions	

Interest	\$191
Balance in fund as of 6/30/18	\$20,684

Road Equipment Fund

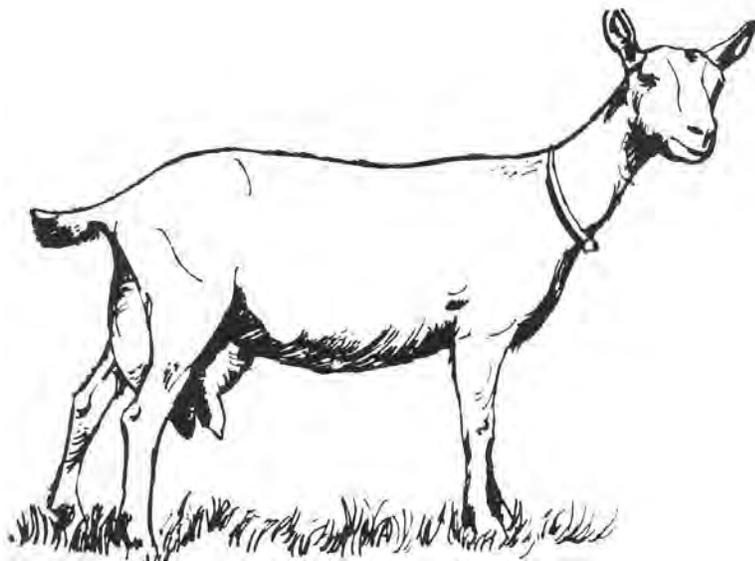
Balance as of 7/1/17	\$2,834
Expenses	\$36,841
Appropriation	\$38,000
Interest	\$594
Balance in fund as of 6/30/18	\$4,587

Miscellaneous Fund

Balance as of 7/1/17	\$3,308
Expenses	
YE carryover	
Interest	\$36
Balance in fund as of 6/30/18	\$3,344

Grant Proposal Fund

Balance as of 7/1/17	\$10,416
Ye carryover	
Interest	\$107
Balance in fund as of 6/30/18	\$10,523



TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

Bank balance: 7/1/2018	\$55,583
Receipts	
Property Tax Share	\$261,564
VT State Highway Aid	\$62,750
Highway Checking Interest	\$798
Hold Harmless Money	\$45,477
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$370,589
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$426,171
Expenses	
Road Foreman Salary	\$25,975
Road Foreman Overtime	\$1,738
Road Worker Pay	\$19,344
Road Worker Overtime	
Uniforms/shop towels	\$948
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$2,120
Retirement Contribution	\$1,547
Health Insurance	\$4,500
Unemployment Insurance	\$200
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$8,339
Drug Testing	
Training / Mileage	\$58
Garage Maintenance	\$1,469
Heating Oil	\$127
Electric	\$301
Phone/ Internet	\$242
Equipment Maintenance	\$13,518
Tires	\$2,336
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$5,941
Oil and Lube	\$826
Tools & Supplies	\$1,181
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	\$4,394
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$25,890
Sand (delivered)	\$5,477
Salt (delivered)	\$7,407
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$5,471
Tree and Brush Removal	

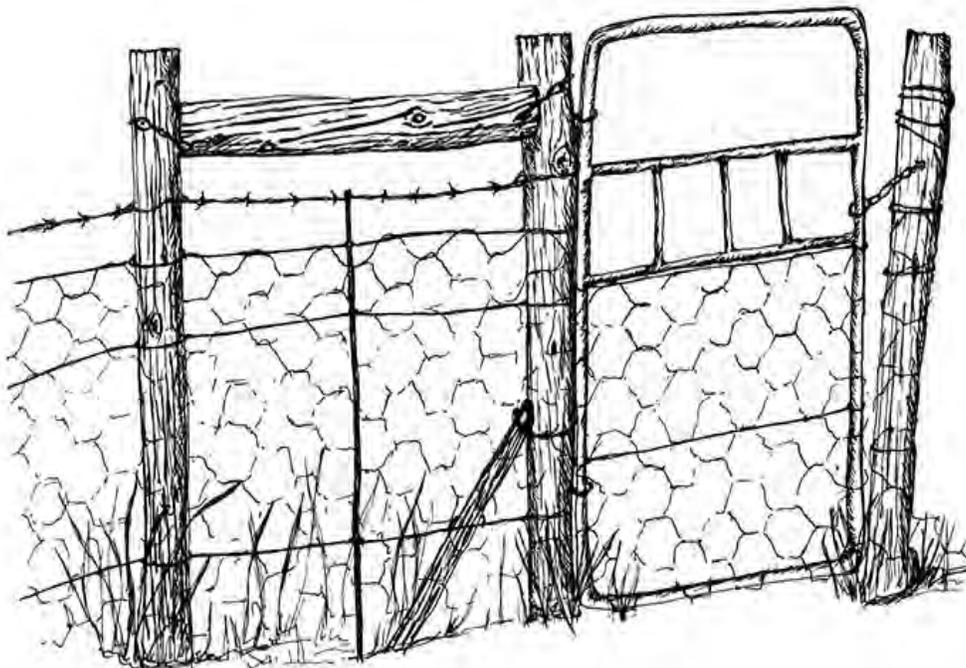
Contracted Services	\$11,123
Pavement Maintenance	\$30,000
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$9,069
Guard Rails/Signs	\$1,670
Grant Funding	\$7,955
Construction Account	\$12,836
Sub-total:	\$212,000
Voted Carryover Balances	
Pavement Fund	\$17,190
Bridge & Culvert Fund	\$9,606
Materials & Hauling Fund	
Road Equipment Appropriation	\$40,000
Construction Account	\$11,760
Total Disbursements	\$290,555
Balance to account for	\$135,616
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking balance: 12/31/18	\$290,128
Minus HW orders	-\$7,633
Budget total mistake transferred back 1/18/19	-\$93,428
TOTAL	\$189,067
Remainder of Budget \$ as of 12/31/18	\$53,451

Paving Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$61,807
Receipts:	
YE carryover	\$17,190
Additions	\$30,000
Paving West Sandgate	-\$85,780
Interest	\$364
Balance in fund as of 12/31/18	\$23,581

Bridge & Culvert Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$85,252
Receipts:	
Expenses	-\$4,573
YE carryover	\$9,606
Interest	\$665
Balance in fund as of 12/31/18	\$90,950

Materials & Hauling Fund	
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Balance as of 7/1/18	\$20,684
Receipts:	
Interest	\$160
Balance in fund as of 12/31/18	\$20,843
Road Equipment Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$4,587
Expenses	-\$14,500
Appropriation	\$40,000
Additions (dump truck insurance and repair)	\$13,500
Interest	\$188
Balance in fund as of 12/31/18	\$43,775
Miscellaneous Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$3,344
YE carryover	
Interest	\$18
Balance in fund as of 12/31/18	\$3,362
Grant Proposal Fund	
Balance as of 7/1/18	\$10,523
Interest	\$64
Balance in fund as of 12/31/18	\$10,587



TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Balance in Checking (7/1/17)	\$12,074
Receipts:	
Appropriation	\$6,000
Disbursements	-\$3,690
Balance in Checking (6/30/18)	\$14,384
CD Balance: 6/30/18	\$10,298

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Balance in bank (7/1/17)	\$11,055
CD Matured on 6/14/18@0.7500%	\$91
Balance in bank (6/30/18)	\$11,146

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund July 1, 2018- December 31, 2018

Balance in Checking (7/1/18)	\$14,384
Receipts:	
Appropriation (not yet paid)	\$-
Disbursements	-\$2,443
Balance Checking (12/31/18)	\$11,941
CD Balance: 12/31/18	\$10,306

Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

Balance in bank (7/1/2018)	\$11,146
CD Matures on 6/14/19 @ 1.4900%	\$84
Balance in bank (12/31/2018)	\$11,230

TREASURERS REPORT

Sandgate School District

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Actual Balance – 7/1/17	\$24,337.98
Revenues FY17/18	\$949,714.00
Expenditures FY17/18	-\$964,126.29
Interest	\$950.15
Voted Bus Article 2017	-\$6,000.00
Total Funds Available – 6/30/18	\$4,875.84

Anticipated FY18/19 Budget - Sandgate School District

Actual Balance – 7/1/18	\$4,875.84
Current Revenue	\$640,823.70
Current Expenditures	-\$153,431.00
Interest	\$1,716.30
Fund Balance – 12/31/18	\$493,984.84

Bus Reserve Fund 7/1/17 – 6/30/18

Beginning Balance – 7/1/17	\$50,382.43
Interest	\$486.11
Voted Article March 2017	\$6,000.00
Balance – 6/30/18	\$56,868.54

Bus Reserve Fund 7/1/18 - 12/31/18

Beginning Balance – 7/1/18	\$56,868.54
Interest	\$442.91
Voted Article March 2018	\$6,000.00
Balance – 12/31/18	\$63,311.45

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

as of December 31, 2018

Total Grand List	\$632,504.87
Total Taxes Billed: Due 10/01/18	\$1,348,698
Billing Adjustments	\$5252.33
Total	\$1,343,445.67
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Taxes Received in Good Time	\$1,273,544.71
Delinquent Taxes to Collector as of 10/02/18	\$69,900.96
Total Taxes Accounted for	\$1,343,445.67

HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS

as of December 31, 2018

Estimate Highway Portion	\$45,477	75%
Town Portion	\$15,159	25%
Total	\$60,636	
Paid November 2018		

HIGHWAY STATE AID

as of December 31, 2018

18 July	\$15,687.46
18 October	\$15,687.46
19 January	\$15,687.46
19 April	\$15,687.46
Total	\$62,749.90

CASH ON HAND - 07/01/2018

GENERAL FUND		HIGHWAY FUND	
Bank Balance	\$12,287.96	Bank Balance	\$55,582.79
Plus	\$6,523.21	6/19/18 Orders	-\$6,523.21
	\$1,110	6/26/18 payroll	-\$1,110
Total	\$19,921.17	Total	\$47,949.58

ASSETS & COMPENSATION

COMPENSATION 7/1/18 - 6/30/19

Auditors	Min wage
Board of Civil Authority	Min wage
School Board Salaries	2,300/year
Constable	1,200/year
Health Officer	250/year
Listers	Min wage
Lister Reappraisal Years	15/hour
Road Foreman	25/hour
Road Help	20/hour
Emergency Coordinator	200/year
Select Board Member (each)	490/year
Chair	500/year
Clerk	500/year
Road Liaison	300/year
Town Clerk	10,000/year
Assistant Town Clerk	2,200/year
Treasurer	12,000/year
Assistant Treasurer	2,200/year
Zoning Administrator	Hired

FIXED ASSETS

Cemetery Equipment
Constable Safety Items
Fire Pumps & Related Equip.
Office Equipment
Vault
2003 International Truck
2018 International Dump Truck
2013 Dodge 1 Ton
2014 670G John Deere Grader
3 Sanders
2 Stone Rakes
2019 John Deere 310SL Backhoe
2015 2500 gal. Chloride tank
2015 525 gal. Chloride Tank
2015 Pump for Chloride
1999 Belarus Tractor w/ sidearm mower
Real Estate

INDEBTEDNESS

The Sandgate General Fund and the School Fund have no indebtedness.

The Sandgate Highway Fund owes: one more payment of \$36,779 on the grader;
 \$86,646 on the new John Deere Backhoe with 7 more yearly payments of \$14,441;
 \$116,375 on the 2018 International Dump truck with 4 more yearly payments of \$25,462



2018/19 LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE

Homestead Education Rate	1.4951	Set by State
Veterans Exemptions	\$160,000.00	Grand List
Foregone Revenue	\$2,444.56	Veteran Grand List / 100*Education Rate
Total Grand List	\$631,604.87	
Local Agreement Rate	0.0039	

MAIN DRIVERS OF TAX CHANGES VERSUS LAST YEAR

	Municipal Grand List	
	2017/2018	2018/2019
Grand List	\$636,955.28	\$631,604.87

2017-2018 RATE			2018-2019 RATE		
	Homestead	Non-residential		Homestead	Non-residential
Municipal	0.5464	0.5464	Municipal	0.5913	0.5913
School	1.5285	1.4544	School	1.4951	1.5606
Local Agreement	0.0037	0.0037	Local Agreement	0.0039	0.0039
Total	2.0786	2.0045	Total	2.0903	2.1558

DIFFERENCE FROM LAST YEAR	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESIDENTIAL
Municipal	0.0449	0.0449
School	-0.0334	0.1062
Local Agreement	0.0002	0.0002
Total	0.0117	0.1513

GRAND LIST

FY 18/19 Grand List is \$5350.41 lower than last year.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FY 18/19 rate is 0.0449 higher than last year.

*Total GF budget to be raised is \$54,725 lower than last year. This is mainly driven by more cash on hand.

*Total HW budget to be raised is \$80,122 more than last year. This is mainly driven by less cash on hand.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Homestead Rate for 18/19 is 0.0334 lower than last year.

Non-Residential Rate for 18/19 is 0.1062 higher than last year.

LOCAL AGREEMENT

Rate for FY 18/19 is 0.0002 higher than last year.

TAX RATE FOR 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR

MUNICIPAL BUDGET		
GENERAL FUND		
Admin. Expenses	\$49,850	
Maintenance	\$28,300	
General Services	\$50,661	
Appropriations	\$18,157	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$146,968
Hold Harmless Funds	\$15,159	
Cash on Hand 7/1/18	\$19,921	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND TO BE RAISED		\$111,888
HIGHWAY		
Total Highway Budget	\$417,740	
Highway State Aid	\$62,749.90	
Hold Harmless Funds	\$45,477	
Cash on Hand 7/1/18	\$47,949.58	
TOTAL HIGHWAY TO BE RAISED		\$261,564
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$373,451
Grand List: Total Municipality	\$631,604.87	
General Fund Tax Rate (per 100)	0.177148	
Highway Tax Rate (per 100)	0.414125	
TOTAL MUNICIPALITY RATE (per 100)	0.591273	
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE WILL RAISE		\$373,451
SCHOOL BUDGET		
Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.4951	
Non Residential Tax Rate	\$1.5606	
Grand List: Homesteads	\$217,780.94	
Non-Residential	\$414,723.93	
Total Raised: Homesteads	\$325,604.28	
Total Raised: Non Residential	\$647,218.17	
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET TAXES TO RAISE		\$972,822
LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE		
Local Agreement Tax Rate	\$0.0039	
Municipal Grand List	\$631,604.87	
TOTAL LOCAL AGREEMENT TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$2,425
TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED		\$1,348,698
Homestead Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.5913	
Homestead Tax Rate, School	\$1.4951	
Homestead Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0039	
TOTAL HOMESTEAD RATE		\$2.0902 (per thousand)
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.5913	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, School	\$1.5606	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0039	
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE		\$2.1557 (per thousand)

PROPOSED 2019-2020 SANDGATE BUDGET- GENERAL

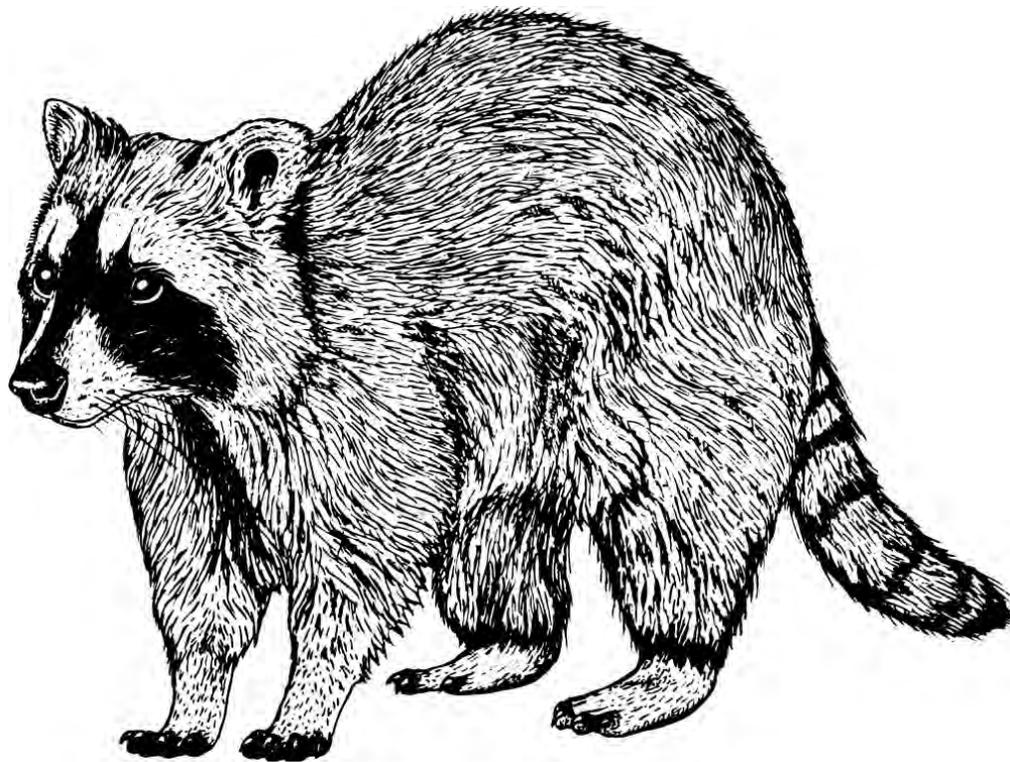
	FY17/18 Budget	FY17/18 Actual	FY18/19 Budget	FY18/19 as of 12/31/18	FY19/20 Budget to Vote	% Change	\$ Change
SALARY & EXPENSES							
Assistant Town Clerk	\$500	\$500	\$2,200	\$917	\$2,900	32%	\$700
Assistant Treasurer	\$500	\$500	\$2,200	\$917	\$2,900	32%	\$700
Assistant/Minute Taker	\$800	\$940	\$800		A		
Auditors' Salaries	\$1,000	\$1,435	\$1,000	\$347	\$1,500	50%	\$500
Constable Salary	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$1,200	\$600	\$1,200		
Emergency Coordinator			\$200		\$200		
Health Officer Expenses	\$250		\$250		\$250		
Health Officer Salary	\$250		\$250	\$250	\$250		
Listers' Salaries & Expenses	\$4,000	\$3,031	\$4,000	\$4,882	\$4,000		
Miscellaneous*	\$1,000	\$900	\$1,000			-100%	-\$1,000
Office Training	\$500	\$120	\$500		\$500		
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$4,400	\$3,802	\$4,500	\$2,834	\$4,500		
Select Board Expenses	\$300		\$500		\$500		
Select Board Meetings	\$500		\$500		\$500		
Select Board Salaries	\$3,000	\$2,660	\$3,750		\$4,550	21%	\$800
Town Clerk Salary	\$9,249	\$9,252	\$10,000	\$5,367	\$10,300	3%	\$300
Treasurer Salary	\$11,304	\$11,304	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$12,360	3%	\$360
Website Management			\$500		\$500		
ZBA / Planning Expenses	\$500		\$500	\$198	\$500		
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$1,000	\$14	\$1,000	\$247	\$1,000		
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$3,000	\$2,690	\$3,000	\$1,340	\$3,000		
TOTAL SALARIES/EXPENSES	\$43,103	\$38,197	\$49,850	\$23,897	\$51,410	5%	\$2,360
MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES							
Computer Software & Internet	\$3,000	\$1,672	\$3,000	\$1,418	\$3,000		
Independent Audit*	\$1,000		\$3,000		\$1,000	-67%	-\$2,000
Legal & Professional Fees*	\$2,500		\$1,000		\$1,000		
Office Equip Maint & Service	\$3,000		\$3,000	\$387	\$3,000		
Office Equipment	\$2,500	\$622	\$2,500		\$2,500		
Office Supplies	\$2,400	\$2,048	\$2,000	\$2,135	\$2,000		
Postage	\$1,050	\$519	\$500	\$300	\$600	20%	\$100
Records Restoration	\$1,000	\$553			B		
Schoolhouse Utilities	\$300		\$300		\$300		
Town Hall Maintenance/Repairs	\$7,000	\$5,019	\$7,000	\$1,690	\$5,000	-29%	-\$2,000
Town Hall Major Maintenance*	\$5,000	\$47			\$1,000	100%	\$1,000
Town Hall Utilities	\$4,000	\$4,045	\$4,000	\$1,967	\$4,000		
Town Report Expense	\$2,000	\$552	\$2,000		\$1,000	-50%	-\$1,000
TOTAL MAINT & SUPPLIES	\$34,750	\$15,077	\$28,300	\$7,897	\$24,400	-14%	-\$3,900
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$77,853	\$53,274	\$78,150	\$31,795	\$75,810	-2%	-\$1,540

GENERAL SERVICES & FEES							
Animal Control	\$400		\$400		\$400		
BCA Meetings / Poll Workers	\$1,000	\$341	\$1,800	\$730	\$500	-72%	-\$1,300
Benn Co Regional Commission	\$1,961	\$1,961	\$2,000		\$3,000	50%	\$1,000
Benn Co Solid Waste Alliance	\$2,100	\$786	\$2,100	\$971	\$2,100		
Benn County Sheriff's Dept	\$6,000	\$5,606	\$6,000	\$3,092	\$8,000	33%	\$2,000
Cemetery Commission	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000		\$6,000		
County Tax	\$5,000	\$4,930	\$5,000		\$5,000		
Fire Protection	\$17,765	\$17,376	\$18,319	\$18,331	\$20,662	13%	\$2,343
Insurance & Bonding	\$5,500	\$6,280	\$5,500	\$4,317	\$5,500		
ISWAP	\$2,100	\$2,141	\$2,100	\$1,351	\$2,100		
VLCT Dues	\$1,442	\$1,472	\$1,442		\$1,500	4%	\$58
TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES	\$49,268	\$46,893	\$50,661	\$28,792	\$54,762	8%	\$4,101
TOTAL GF TO BE VOTED	\$127,121	\$100,167	\$128,811	\$60,587	\$130,572	1%	\$1,761
	FY17/18 Budget	FY17/18 Actual	FY18/19 Budget	FY18/19 To Date	FY19/20 Budget to Vote	% change	\$ Change
APPROPRIATIONS							
Arlington Area Childcare	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500		
Arlington Community Club	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200		
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500		
Benn Co Conservation Dist	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300		
Benn-Rutland Opportunity Co	\$137	\$137	\$137	\$137	\$137		
Benn. Co. Child Advocacy			\$200	\$200	\$200		
Burdett Commons	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75		
Center for Independent Living	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95		
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250		
Green-Up Day	\$150	\$50	\$50		\$50		
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400		
PAVE			\$100	\$100	\$100		
SWVT Area Council on Aging	\$500	\$500	\$600	\$600	\$600		
Tutorial Center	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200		
Vt Assn Conservation Dist	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
Wuerslin-Stuecken Scholarship	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350		
Appropriations to be voted	\$17,357	\$17,257	\$18,157	\$18,107	\$18,157		
Total GF & Appropriations	\$144,478	\$117,424	\$146,968	\$78,694	\$148,729	1%	\$1,761
<p>A- Assistant/Minutetaker is combined with Select Board Salaries. B- Records restoration is combined with Town Hall Major Repairs.</p> <p>*Carryover balances to Reserve Funds</p>							

PROPOSED 2019-2020 SANDGATE BUDGET – HIGHWAY

	FY17/18 Budget	FY17/18 Actual	FY18/19 Budget	FY18/19 as of 12/31/18	FY19/20 Budget to Vote	% Change	\$ Change
Salaries/Wages/Expenses							
Drug Testing	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250	0%	\$0
Health Insurance	\$15,000	\$2,250	\$15,000	\$4,500	\$15,000	0%	\$0
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$7,000	\$4,768	\$8,000	\$2,120	\$8,000	0%	\$0
Retirement Contribution	\$3,000	\$2,634	\$4,000	\$1,547	\$4,000	0%	\$0
Road Foreman Overtime	\$9,624	\$8,696	\$9,624	\$1,738	\$9,624	0%	\$0
Road Foreman Salary	\$44,054	\$44,557	\$52,000	\$25,975	\$53,560	3%	
Road Worker Overtime	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0
Road Worker Pay	\$27,000	\$27,948	\$32,000	\$19,344	\$32,000	0%	\$0
Training/Mileage	\$400	\$58	\$400	\$58	\$400	0%	\$0
Unemployment Insurance	\$650	\$338	\$650	\$200	\$650	0%	\$0
Uniforms/Shop Towels	\$1,500	\$1,053	\$1,500	\$948	\$1,500	0%	\$0
Workers' Comp Insurance	\$8,000	\$4,686	\$8,500	\$8,339	\$8,500	0%	\$0
Total Salaries/Wages/Exp.	\$121,478	\$96,988	\$131,924	\$64,768	\$133,484	0.0%	\$0
Garage Equipment and Maintenance							
Construction Account	\$25,000	\$13,240	\$25,000	\$12,836	\$25,000	0%	\$0
Electric	\$816	\$732	\$816	\$301	\$816	0%	\$0
Equip Maint/Parts/Repairs	\$15,000	\$19,900	\$15,000	\$13,518	\$15,000	0%	\$0
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	\$17,000	\$12,842	\$17,000	\$5,941	\$17,000	0%	\$0
Garage Maintenance	\$2,000	\$3,430	\$2,000	\$1,469	\$2,000	0%	\$0
Heating Oil	\$3,000	\$2,952	\$3,000	\$127	\$3,000	0%	\$0
Ins & Liability (Garage/Vehicle)	\$6,700	\$6,391	\$7,000	\$4,394	\$7,000	0%	\$0
Oil & Lube (fuel oil)	\$3,000	\$1,722	\$3,000	\$826	\$3,000	0%	\$0
Phone/Internet	\$1,500	\$1,173	\$1,500	\$242	\$1,500	0%	\$0
Tires & Chains	\$3,000	\$2,725	\$3,000	\$2,336	\$3,000	0%	\$0
Tools & Supplies	\$2,500	\$1,856	\$2,500	\$1,181	\$2,500	0%	\$0
Total Equip and Maint	\$79,516	\$66,963	\$79,816	\$43,171	\$79,816	0%	\$0
Materials & Hauling							
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$6,000	\$4,080	\$6,000	\$5,471	\$6,000	0%	\$0
Road/Ditch Materials/Hauling	\$35,000	\$35,482	\$45,000	\$25,890	\$45,000	0%	\$0
Salt (delivered)	\$25,000	\$22,900	\$25,000	\$7,407	\$25,000	0%	\$0
Sand (delivered)	\$25,000	\$21,770	\$25,000	\$5,477	\$25,000	0%	\$0
Total Materials & Hauling *	\$91,000	\$84,232	\$101,000	\$44,245	\$101,000	0%	\$0

Projects							
Bridge/Culvert Program *	\$20,000	\$10,394	\$20,000	\$9,069	\$20,000	0%	\$0
Contracted/Equip Rental	\$10,000	\$9,696	\$10,000	\$11,123	\$10,000	0%	\$0
Guard Rails/Signs	\$2,000	\$746	\$2,000	\$1,670	\$2,000	0%	\$0
Pavement Maintenance *	\$30,000	\$12,810	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	0%	\$0
Tree & Brush Removal	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,000	\$0	\$4,000	100%	\$2,000
Total Projects	\$64,000	\$35,746	\$64,000	\$51,862	\$66,000	3%	\$2,000
Other							
Equip Reserve Fund Approp *	\$38,000	\$36,841	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	0%	\$0
Misc. Expenses *	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$256	\$1,000	0%	\$0
Total Other	\$38,000	\$36,841	\$41,000	\$40,256	\$41,000	0%	\$0
TOTAL H.W. EXPENSES	\$393,994	\$320,771	\$417,740	\$244,302	\$421,300	1%	\$2,000
Less Anticipated State Aid	\$66,520	\$66,520	\$62,748	\$31,375	\$62,748	0%	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$327,474	\$254,251	\$354,992	\$212,927	\$358,552	1%	\$3,560
<i>* End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds</i>							\$0



DOG LICENSES

Marjorie Peff, Town Clerk

In 2018 there were 104 dogs licensed in the Town of Sandgate. I would like to thank all the people who cooperated with the licensing process.

I turned a list of unlicensed dogs over to the Select Board. It is up to the Select Board to levy fines for non-compliance. The Board is in charge of compliance and any enforcement or penalties.

We have not heard from the following owners this past year: Debra Alford and Catherine Paz. If your dog has passed away, please contact the office, otherwise we need to see a current Rabies certificate and you need to license your dog.

Please don't forget to license your dogs. Licenses are ready by the first of January each year for your convenience. All dogs must be licensed by April 1st of each year. There are late fees if animals are not licensed by that date.

Lost or found animals should be reported to Erin McDermott (small animals), 375-2201 or Suzanne dePeyster (large animals), 375-6005. You should also call Second Chance Animal Shelter at 375-0249 because they run a hotline for lost or found animals.

SCHEDULE OF DOG LICENSES AND FEES

	Before April 1 st	After April 1 st
Neutered/spayed dogs etc.	\$11.00	\$16.00
Unaltered dogs etc.	\$16.00	\$23.50

NOTE: If you become an owner/keeper of a dog that is over six months old after April 1st, you have 30 days to license that animal. All unlicensed dogs should be reported to the Town Clerk. Sandgate has an Animal Control Ordinance.

A person who fails to license a dog or wolf-hybrid in the required manner shall be fined up to \$500 (20 V.S.A. § 3550). The Rabies Control Hotline number is 1-800-4-Rabies.

RABIES VACCINATION LAW

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Initial vaccination is valid for 12 months. Within 9-12 months the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations are valid for 36 months. (20 V.S.A. § 3581)

SANDGATE PROPERTY TRANSFERS
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Vincent and Dolores S. Venturo of Hopewell Junction, NY to Scott M. Cornell of Sandgate, VT

David C. and Joyce R. Trachte of Sandgate, VT to Daniel P. and Melody D. Davala of Sandgate, VT

David W. Fitzgerald of Sandgate, VT to Clemma L. Dawsen of Sandgate, VT

M. Earl Tudor Family Trust of Sandgate, VT to Estate of Milo Earl Tudor, SR of Manchester Center, VT

Ronald H. and Cheryl A. Larson of Sandgate to Ronald H Larson and Cheryl A Larson Trust of Sandgate, VT

Estate of Milo Earl Tudor, SR of Manchester Center, VT to Suzanne and Valerie dePeyster of Sandgate, VT

Kara Walker of Waxhaw, NC to Kara Walker of Waxhaw, NC

Gavin Cornell of East Dorset, VT to Reginald R. Tschorn Trustee The Reginald R. Tschorn Trust of Arlington, VT

Estate of Thomas J. Reith, Lorayne D. Garcia Trustee of Edgewater, NJ to Evelyn M. Buck of Sandgate, VT

Richard P. Scanlon, SR of West Haven, CT to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. of Irving, TX

Robert & Bregt E. Cullinan of Bennington, VT to Jason Squiers and Tara J. Cullinan of Shaftsbury, VT

Diedra Witschorke of Webster, MA to Shelley M. Finn and Sheila M. Kearns of Sandgate, VT

Virginia D. Cser and Virginia M. Paige of Douglaston, NY to Virginia M. Paige of Jersey City, NJ

Edward and Jacquelynn Fischer III of Jensen Beach, FL to Fischer Family Trust of Jensen Beach, FL

Frederick Raphael and Leslie Fuller of Sandgate, VT to Sean Raphael of Sandgate, VT

Suzanne dePeyster Trustee of Bentley Nominee Trust of Sandgate, VT to Suzanne dePeyster of Sandgate, VT

Leroy Gattlin and Jane E Gattlin REV Trust, Eleanor Lacorss and Christopher Brown Trustees of Sandgate, VT to Ethan and Hope Therrien of Sandgate, VT

Suzanne dePeyster, Trustee of Bentley Nominee Trust of Sandgate, VT to Suzanne dePeyster, of Sandgate, VT

Ryan J. Perkins and Sylvia L. Pike of Sandgate, VT to Ryan J. Perkins of Sandgate, VT

SANDGATE ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2018

		Term Ending
Town & School Moderator	Chris Barlow	2019
Town Clerk	Marjorie Peff	2019
Assistant Town Clerk	Pat Hall (appointed by town clerk)	
Assistant Town Clerk	Eleanor LaCross (appointed by town clerk)	
Treasurer	Sandra Reidy	2021
Assistant Treasurer	Eleanor LaCross (appointed by treasurer)	
Selectboard, 3 Years (Chair)	Suzanne dePeyster	2020
Selectboard, 3 Years	Karen Tendrup	2019
Selectboard, 1 Year	Karen Dzialo	2019
Selectboard, 1 Year	Thomas Santelli	2019
Selectboard, 3 Years	Mike Hill	2021
State Officer & Constable	Richard Dahm	2019
Delinquent Tax Collector	Eleanor LaCross	2019
Auditor, 3 Year	Sheila Kearns	2021
Auditor, 3 Year	Valerie dePeyster	2019
Auditor, 3 Year	Katie Kenny	2020
Lister, 3 Years	John Zak	2019
Lister, 3 Years	Shelley Finn	2019
Lister, 3 Years	Jeanne Zoppel	2020
Town Agent, 1 Year	Jean Eisenhart	2019
Town Grand Juror	Jean Eisenhart	2019
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Julie Robertson	2020
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Kathleen Hill	2021
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Kathy Wagner	2019
School Director, 3 Year	Celeste Keel	2021
School Director, 3 Year	Allan Tschorn	2019
School Director, 3 Year	Jeanne Zoppel	2020
Justices of the Peace	Valerie dePeyster	2021
	Dona McAdams	2021
	Julie Robertson	2021
	Phoebe Sheres	2021
	Nancy Tschorn	2021

SANDGATE APPOINTED OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2017

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Harry Rich	2018-2021
Sonja Jaffe, Phoebe Sheres	2017-2020
PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD	
Judy Boehlert, Chair	2017-2020
Brad Kessler	2017-2020
Joseph Nolan	2016-2019
Michael Mazzola	2016-2019
Betsy LaVecchia	2017-2020
Jean Eisenhart	2016-2019
911 ADDRESSES	
Mike Hill	2018-2019
Hal Wilkins	2018-2019
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR / HEALTH OFFICER	
Hal Wilkins	Hired
FIRE WARDENS	
Lynn Fielding	2018-2019
Jim Gunn	2018-2019
POUND KEEPER	
Erin McDermott - Small Animals	2018-2019
Suzanne dePeyster - Large Animals	2018-2019
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	
	2018-2019
EMERGENCY FUEL COORDINATOR	
	2018-2019
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	
Sean Raphael	2018-2019
BCRC REPRESENTATIVES	
Suzanne dePeyster & Judy Boehlert	2018-2010
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES & WOOD	
Dona McAdams	2017-2018
GREEN-UP DAY COORDINATOR	
Marjorie Peff, Ed Gust, Karen Tendrup	2018-2019
FENCE VIEWERS	
Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill	2018-2019
TREE WARDEN	
Mike Hill	2018-2019
SIGN CONTROL	
Selectboard	2018-2019
ARTS GRANT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE	
Jean Eisenhart, Patricia Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel	2018-2019

2018 Sandgate, Vermont Annual Town Meeting Minutes

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont were warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018. Absentee and early voting is permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian ballot. The polls will be open at the Town Hall on March 6th, 2018 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Article 1. To vote on the following Town and School Officers using Australian ballot:

- Auditor-three year term**
- Cemetery Commissioner-one year term**
- Cemetery Commissioner-three year term**
- Constable-one year term**
- Delinquent Tax Collector-one year term**
- Lister- three year term**
- School Director-three year term**
- Selectboard-three year term**
- Selectboard-one year term**
- Town Agent-one year term**
- Town Grand Juror-one year term**
- Town & School Moderator-one year term**
- Treasurer-three year term**

Chris Barlow, Town Moderator, brought the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Australian Ballot will take place March 6, 2018 from 10 AM to 7 PM

There were approximately 50 people present.

The meeting was interrupted so that Representative Cynthia Browning and Representative Brian Keefe could speak about legislative activities.

The meeting resumed at 7:20 PM

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Rick Dahm had a question about who appoints the Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Treasurer. Marge Peff stated it was her understanding that the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer were responsible for the appointments. Previously, this was done without input from the selectboard. Suzanne dePeyster asked if this was Mr. Dahm's question and he stated that it was his question. Marge Peff stated that there were a number of qualifications when choosing someone for the position which included attention to detail, knowledge of the office paperwork and items in the vault, reliable work attendance, as well as a flexible approach to customers' needs.

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT: Rick Dahm had a question about the Road/Ditch Materials & Hauling line on the highway budget (page 32). Why was there a \$10,000 dollar increase? Mike explained it was for ditching and road support during weather created road issues. Rick wanted to know where the gravel was used. Mike stated Beartown, Rupert, and up to Wuerslin Road or the bus run. Rick asked if Crown Maple was contributing to road maintenance. Mike said that they had received help from Crown Maple for 2 road issues, but none recently. Rick Dahm wanted to know when the bridge in front of his home had become the Rick Dahm Bridge.

WUERSLIN-STUECKLEN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE: Jean Eisenhart noted that Dona McAdams had been left off the membership list.

LISTERS REPORT: Rick Dahm asked about who determines resident and nonresident status. Did the listers make this determination? Sandra Reidy, Sandgate Treasurer stated that the State of Vermont did this through homestead filing. Sheila Kearns stated that filing the Homestead form had to be done yearly to keep the status.

Kathy Wagner asked if reappraising will happen before this year's tax bills come out. Lister Shelli Finn stated that it would not be done before this year's tax bills because Land use chart was not ready in time to do it this year.

TREASURER REPORT: Judy Boehlert wanted it clarified (page 23) that there were 2 CD's and a checking account for the Cemetery Commission. Sandra Reidy stated that there were maturity dates for both. Judy asked that in the future that values and maturity dates be included in the town report. She also had questions about fixed asset values (page 26). Sandra Reidy stated that an actuary might have to be used because there were complicated formulas. Auditor Katie Kenny stated that it would be difficult. Constable Rick Dahm stated that the Constable equipment consisted of a badge and a blue light. Cemetery equipment consisted of a shovel. What kind of assets were these. Auditor Katie Kenny stated real estate had always been on the list when Rick Dahm asked what items were involved. Katie gave an example of the Municipal building, School House, and highway buildings.

AUDITORS REPORT: Rick Dahm reviewed the changes to dissemination of the Town Report. Article in last year's Town Meeting stated that postcards would be sent, but Rick and several other people never got the postcard stating the report would be available for pick up or online in the Sandgate Town Website. Rick wanted to know what the printing costs were. Auditor Katie Kenny stated it was \$500 for printing and \$30 dollars for mailing the post cards. Rick wanted to know the advantage of saving \$690 on mailing costs when informing the voters was in questions. Had he not gone to pick up the report earlier, he would not have been prepared to ask informed questions, particularly if he had only seen the report when he came to the meeting tonight. Jim Gunn asked what the difference in mailing costs between last year and this year. Katie Kenny stated the difference between \$690 and \$30.00 dollars. Suzanne dePeyster reminded everyone it was online, but Rick has limited internet access so that would not be helpful. It was mentioned that most of the surrounding towns use this method. Kathy Wagner suggested that a sign be put up by the yellow farm house that reports were ready to be picked up at the town office. Pauline Frost asked if it was all right for her to frame the Report cover because she liked the

photograph. Katie Kenny stated that would not be a problem. Someone asked if a voter requested that the report be mailed, would the Auditors accommodate the request. Katie Kenny said they would look into that for next year.

Rick Dahm had another question about the Treasurer's report (page 11). He wanted to know who the Selectboard assistant was in the budget Select Board Salary and Expenses. Suzanne dePeyster stated it was Karen Dzialo. Rick Dahm had another observation that there was an Emergency Co-coordinator Marty Irion and an Emergency Fuel Coordinator Mike Mazzola listed on Page 37. Suzanne dePeyster explained the position held by Marty Irion required extensive education and certification required by the State Of Vermont. Rick Dahm wanted to know if the salary of \$200 (page 26) dollars for the Emergency Coordinator was new this year. Suzanne dePeyster stated that I was also present in the previous year. Sandra Reidy Sandgate Treasurer remarked that she did not recall paying Marty Irions last year and Suzanne dePeyster said we forgot to pay him?

JUDY BOEHLERT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE 2-TO HEAR AND ACT ON THE REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS.

RICK DAHM SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS PASSED AFTER A VERBAL VOTE.

Article 3. Shall current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before Act 1, 2018?

Jean Eisenhart moved that current property taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer on or before Oct 1, 2018.

Valerie dePeyster seconded.

Article 3 was passed by a verbal vote.

Article 4. Shall the line item balance for the Office Equipment, Maintenance & Supplies Funds be carried forward in the Office Equipment Fund into the following year?

Suzanne dePeyster moved to accept to have line item balances for the Office Equipment, Maintenance & Supplies Funds carried forward in the Office Equipment Fund into the following year.

Judy Boehlert seconded the motion.

Article 4 was passed by a verbal vote.

Article 5. Will the voters appropriate \$18157 in support of organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget?

Rick Dahm had a question about the Appropriations Budget on page 30. He stated that there was an appropriation for the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts for \$100 and the Bennington County Conservation District for \$300. He wanted to know what the difference between the two organizations. Suzanne dePeyster explained that the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts helped us with grants for our dry hydrants and the Bennington County Conservation District was the new name for the George Aiken group. The Bennington County Conservation District did more work on local issues and was very involved in a project to control Knot Weed.

Rick Dahm also had questions about the Bennington County Child Advocacy and Pave donations. Katie Kenny read the report of services that Pave provides in domestic assault situations and Tandra Reap stated that it is a first response group primarily for child sexual assault situations as part of a team involving the State Police and County Sheriffs providing counseling for victims and families.

Rick brought up the SWVT Area Council on Aging having gone from \$500 to \$600 asking what the reason for the increase was. Suzanne dePeyster stated that the Agency had requested it. Jean Eisenhart stated that it provided Meals on Wheels and many seniors go to the community lunches in Arlington. Valerie dePeyster stated they also helped with filing taxes. Phil Frost stated he was an old guy and did not favor the increase.

Rick Dahm brought up the Arlington Recreation Park and where the funds went. Chris Barlow stated the funds went to the Town of Arlington, not the old association.

Rick Dahm state that the reports of all these organizations are online and not written in the town report. If you do not have computer access then they are not available to you as a voter. Sheila Kearns asked that the Selectboard clarify that these reports are sent to the Selectboard for inclusion in the budget. Also, it is the Selectboard that makes the decision to put these organization requests in the budget. Suzanne dePeyster stated the Selectboard makes the inclusion and decisions on the actual amount to be included in the budget. Sheila Kearns asked if the reports were available on paper at the Sandgate Town Hall if someone wanted to review the documents and Suzanne dePeyster stated that the documents were available.

Kathy Wagner wanted further clarification of the Arlington Recreation Park funds regarding whether the money was strictly for the recreation park and do we want to give Arlington Selectman that much money. Suzanne dePeyster stated it was the request and it is based on a per capital use. Dottie Sundquist stated that the availability of the Arlington Recreation Park speaks to the integrity of the community.

Judy Boehlert made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$18,157 in support of the organizations listed in the Appropriations section of the General Budget.

Dottie Sundquist seconded the motion.

Article 5 passed by verbal vote.

Article 6. Shall the town appropriate \$124,961 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

Jean Eisenhart had a question about BCA Meetings/Poll workers increasing from \$1000 dollars to \$1800 dollars. Marge Peff explained that these costs varied depending on how many elections were held in the year.

Judy Boehlert had questions about the Independent audit. She stated that last year it was voted to put \$2000 into the Independent Audit Fund, but only \$1000 dollars was transferred. She stated that the last audit was done in 2010 and we should be doing another in 2020. Right now there is only \$4000 in the fund and the town will need between \$10,000 and \$15,000 dollars for the audit which is only 1-2 years away. She recommends that we increase the \$2000 dollars budgeted for this year to \$3,000-\$4000 instead as well as make up the extra \$1000 not put into the fund from last year. Sandra Reidy stated since the funds to be raised for taxes included the increase, she could move the remaining allocated money in last year's budget into the independent audit fund.

Judy Boehlert made an amendment to the appropriation to increase the Independent Audit allocation from \$2000 dollars to \$3000.00 for this year.

Suzanne dePeyster seconded the amendment.

The amendment passed by verbal vote.

Rick Dahm had questions on the budget under Salary & Expenses on page 29. The title designations under salaries could be more specific. Using Selectman and did it include all selectman? Suzanne dePeyster stated that on page 26 there was a more specific breakdown. Rick then wanted a more specific designation on expenses, were these Selectman expenses? Sandra Reidy stated that they were lawyer fees, etc. Janice Garrison wanted to know why when only \$269 was spent why it was increasing from \$300 to \$500. Suzanne dePeyster stated that planning in the budget for possible expenses did not mean the money had to be spent or that it went somewhere if it was not spent.

Rick Dahm made an amendment to the Expense line that it be reduced from \$500 to \$300.

Janice Garrison seconded the amendment.

The amendment was defeated by verbal vote.

Valerie dePeyster asked about the Legal & Professional Fees allocation being reduced from \$2500 to \$1000 dollars for this year's budget. Suzanne dePeyster stated that there is also a fund with a balance of \$16,527 listed on page 16 of the report.

Jean Eisenhart asked about the meeting line on page 29. She wanted to know if it included just the Selectboard or did it include other officers going to meetings. Suzanne dePeyster stated it included everyone. Rick Dahm asked why it was in the budget if it was not being used. Suzanne dePeyster stated it may not always be donated time and fees.

Sandra Reidy mentioned that the state asks for increased payments at the end of the year and it is not in the budget for education. It may be less or it may be more. The Town is responsible for these monies and there needs to be flexible money in the budget to meet these additional unanticipated amounts.

Judy Boehlert noted that the delinquent taxes contributed to less money available than the amount to be raised by taxes. The cushion in the budget recognizes the problem. Even though the delinquent taxes do come in eventually, the money may not be available to pay bills during the budget year.

Sandra Reidy stated that budget items can be under or overspent during the year. She also noted that Sandgate is on a small list of towns that are not in debt and have not had to borrow money.

Rick Dahm commended everyone who had chosen not to bill the town for travel and meeting expenses. However he states the point was to be more specific in the budget process. For example, travel, meeting fees and not just meetings. Katie Kenny stated the specific titles may have been deleted in the printing process.

Rick Dahm had questions about the Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Town Treasurer lines. Rick suggested that the appointments for Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Town Treasurer be reviewed by the Selectboard as a means of checks and balance. Judy Boehlert mentioned that the staffing of the Town municipal office has increased to a 5 half day presence, but the amount of money for these positions has not changed. Suzanne dePeyster stated that the selectboard realized that and had increased the budget to \$1000 dollars. Marge Peff stated that she had requested the amount be raised to \$2200 dollars for each of these positions. She also stated that \$1000 dollars increase would reduce the office availability to 4 half days a week, while the \$2200 dollars for each position would give the town a 5 half day a week presence. The importance of having the vault records available for real estate transactions which increasingly have limited time as well as requiring 40 year searches, and interfacing with state agencies which work on a 40 hour a week schedules, cannot be stressed enough. It also will allow for training in case of either the Town Clerk or Treasurer not being available due to illness.

Rick Dahm made a motion to amend the budget line items for Assistant Town Clerk from \$1000 to \$2200.

Pauline Frost seconded the amendment.

The amendment passed by verbal vote.

Kathy Wagner asked if this would include training and Marge Peff stated it would include training.

Rick Dahm made a motion to amend the budget line item for Assistant Town Treasurer from \$1000 to \$2200.

Judy Boehlert seconded the amendment.

The amendment passed by verbal vote.

Sheila Kearns requested that the names of the assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer be put in the Town Report.

Rick Dahm had questions under supplies regarding postage. He wanted to know if the town report postage was reduced, why we need \$1050. Sandra Reidy stated this was only the postage for the office.

Rick Dahm made an amendment to reduce the postage line from \$1050 to \$550.

Pauline Frost seconded the amendment.

It was passed by verbal vote.

Rick Dahm asked about the budget line for the website which was on the budget for the first time. Katie Kenny stated it was the cost of 10 years of hosting and registration for the website. Suzanne dePeyster stated that going into the future, Katie Kenny would be paid something for maintaining and updating the website.

Recycling costs have gone up because the income from recycling has gone down and the town has to make up the difference.

The sheriff and limited services were discussed. Rick Dahm stated tickets go to the Town and the State. Suzanne dePeyster hopes to have money for the electric speed signs. Timing for the services was discussed. Mike said speed limit signs would be added.

The changes to the Town Budget were as follows: Additional amount of \$1200 for the Assistant Town Clerk, Additional amount of \$1200 for the assistant Town Treasurer, a reduction of \$500 dollars for postage, and increase of \$2000 dollars for the Independent Audit. The total of additions to the budget is \$3900. When \$3900 dollars is added to \$124,961 the total to be raised becomes \$128,861.

Hasso Wuerslin made a motion to appropriate \$128,861 to defray the general expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List.

Judy Boehlert seconded the motion.

Article 6 passed by verbal vote.

Article 7. Shall the town appropriate \$354,992 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List?

Rick Dahm brought up the 18% in foreman's salary. Suzanne dePeyster stated it was about \$25.00 per hour. Rick Dahm stated a 3% increase was generally standard. Suzanne dePeyster stated it was making the salary comparable to surrounding towns. Sheila Kearns stated not raising the salary might make the foreman more amenable to working for another town with higher pay. There is more computer work makes the job more difficult. Rick stated Mike was doing a good job, but raise seemed high. Jessica Hill stated there were countless hours spent getting grants, which if you had to hire a grant person would be expensive. Jim Henderson helps with grants. Mike has gotten around \$800,000 in grants over the years. Jeanne mentioned that the salary increase would increase payroll taxes, retirement. Health insurance currently is paid to Mike in a cash payment. Insurance amount has to be maintained even though Mike Hill does not take health insurance. The budgeted amount goes with the Foreman position. The actual expenditure for 16/17 included 2 payments, not just for the one year. It included the year before according to Sandra Reidy. Geanna Trombley asked if it was part of the benefits package. The VEMRS rate for retirement increased mandated by the State of Vermont. Geanna Trombley had questions about overtime being contingent on the weather. There were questions about the Road Worker Pay. Mike stated he was guaranteed 20 hours a week during the winter. Summer it might be different. The budget for the road worker has to include money for weather related increases. If the road worker works more than 20 hours the money needs to be there. If it is not used, it remains in the town accounts.

Rick Dahm asked about the sense of having a part time person when we used to have two full time positions. Mike stated the budget allowed for \$32,000, but it may not be used so it could be less than \$32,000. This year the Road Worker overtime was taken out of the budget. Mike stated road worker did not get insurance, and Suzanne dePeyster stated that more than one person could be hired to do the road worker position.

Rick Dahm made an amendment to the Road Foreman Budget line to allow for a 3% pay increase only.

Geanna Trombley seconded the amendment.

The amendment was defeated by a verbal vote.

Philip Frost had a question about damaged guard rails on Rupert Road. Does the Town have to repair the guard rails, or does the person responsible have to pay to have them repaired. Mike stated he could not get the person responsible for the damage to admit to the damage. The Town would replace the damaged guard rails with used guard rails.

Rick Dahm had questions about mowing budget having no money allotted. Mike said we were no longer subbing out the work because we had our own machine and it would be part of existing worker salaries.

Rick Dahm asked why State aid was decreased. Mike Hill stated it was reduced because roads including parts of West Road and Tate Hill were declassified.

Kathy Wagner had a request on the mowing on Rupert Road. Late mowing had allowed the burdock plants to go to seed. Mike Hill state mowing would be done earlier this year.

Rick Dahm noted that there had been a \$10,000 increase in Materials & Hauling. Mike stated he wanted to put more gravel down. Starting July 1, 2018 every town has to purchase a \$2000.00 permit to work on roads. Ditch work will all have to be approved by the State engineers. If there is a 5% grade ditches must be stone lined. Mike stated that will mean that 90% of Sandgate's ditches will be stone lined.

Kathy Wagner asked if there was any way to reduce the amount of salt. Mike primarily uses sand, but with more liability issues you have to use more salt.

Rick Dahm had a question about the Pavement Maintenance fund. Mike said it is a rollover fund. He takes money out to fix cracks, but primarily it is for big paving projects which are costly. Currently there is about \$70,000 in the pavement fund. Because he was able to get 2 grants he did not have to pay for it out of these funds. Rick had questions about spots in front of William Skidmore. There are two spots near SE Corners and out by Hamilton Hollow Road to be repaved this year and also at the top of the Notch on West Sandgate Road. They are recommending more frequent paving using either 2 inch or 1 inch coatings to maintain paved roads. The top of the Notch will have to be dug out and some additional drainage put in before repaving.

Eleanor LaCross noted that culverts on Southeast Corner Road were squashing down. Mike stated they should come back up after mud season is over.

Rob Viglas made a motion to have the town appropriate \$354,992 to defray the highway expenses of the Town and, if so voted, authorize the Selectboard to set the tax rate based on the final Grand List.

Tambra Reap seconded the motion.

Article 7 passed by verbal vote.

Article 8. To hear and transact such further business as may be lawful and appropriate for the annual meeting.

Phil Frost made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed by verbal vote.

Chris Barlow adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Marjorie Peff, Sandgate Town Clerk

SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

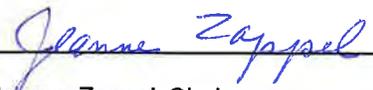
Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandgate Town Hall on **Tuesday, March 5, 2019** to transact the following business:

- Article 1 To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.
- Article 2 To elect one School Board Director for a three year term by Australian ballot March 5, 2019.
- Article 3 Shall the voters of Sandgate School District authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020?
- Article 4 Shall the voters of Sandgate School District transfer any General Fund surplus on June 30, 2019, an amount anticipated to be \$ 140,000, to the Reserve Fund for tuition and special education purposes?
- Article 5 Shall the voters of Sandgate School District authorize the transfer of the surplus on June 30, 2018, an amount of \$19,363, to the School Bus/Transportation Fund?
- Article 6 Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$832,252, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,624 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.60% lower than the spending for the current year.
- Article 7 To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Absentee voting is permitted on all matters to be voted by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00a.m. until 7:00p.m. on March 5, 2019.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2019

Sandgate Board of School Directors:



Jeanne Zoppel, Chairperson



Celeste Keel, Board Member



Allan Tschorn, Clerk

SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Annual Officer's Report

Report on 2017-2018 (FY2018)
Jeanne Zoppel (Chair), Allan Tschorn (Clerk), Celeste Keel

The Sandgate School District currently has 50 students attending 11 schools. Pre-K students are enrolled in Fisher Elementary. Elementary schools attended by Sandgate students include: Fisher Elementary, Hiland Hall, Manchester Elementary (MEMS), Maple Street, Red Fox School, Southshire and Sunderland. Secondary Schools receiving Sandgate students include Arlington Memorial High School, Burr & Burton, Hiland Hall, Long Trail and Mount Anthony.

Our average daily membership (ADM), this year calculated on student enrollment for a period of 20 days beginning the 11th day of school and ending the 30th day of school, is 47. Comparatively, our ADM for last year was 65.9. The equalized pupil is a two-year average of the average daily membership of the school district, and weights students needs, such as poverty level, English as a second language, and students at the secondary level to establish an *equalized pupil* figure. Our State calculated equalized pupil this year is 63.24 (compared to last year's 58.02). We are projecting an equalized pupil figure of 61.03 for FY20.

The Sandgate School District pays the prevailing tuition rate to public schools and up to the announced State average to approved private or independent schools. Currently, the State announced average for elementary tuition is \$13,910; the State announced average for 7th through 12th grade is 15,618. It is important to note the State averages are only among larger union schools and do not average in the higher tuition rates common to smaller non-union schools. The allowable tuition at Arlington – the prevailing public school – for last year (FY18) has not yet been announced. The announced tuition to Arlington schools this year (FY19) is \$14,350 for elementary school and \$15,400 for grades 7 - 12. The announced tuition for FY20 at Arlington is \$12,946 for elementary and \$16,691 for grades 7- 12.

The total budgeted expenditures for FY19 as approved at the annual meeting were \$975,521. Our anticipated expenditures for the current budget year are \$835,521. For FY20, the board has proposed a spending budget of \$832,252 reflecting a decrease of \$143,269 from the previous budget. This decrease in the budget is because of a significant decline in student enrollment, mostly due to students or families relocating during our current year. The educational tax rate for the current year is \$1.3778. Based upon several factors, including State aid to education, decreased student counts and a projected increase in the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), the projected tax rate for FY20 is estimated to be \$1.1109.

Article 4 on the warning is asking the voters to use any budget surplus as of June 30, 2019 into a special reserve fund for the purpose of covering unanticipated expenses in the areas of tuition or special education, or to be used as tax stabilization fund in future years. Due to the fact that we anticipated and budgeted for 63 students in the current year, and are now only paying tuition on 50, we are anticipating a surplus of about \$140,000. As a board we feel this is an ideal year with the tax rate dropping and a budget surplus to set aside the funds for future expenses. We as district were financially fortunate this year, but

we could just as easily end up with a spike in student counts as we did a few years ago and ended up borrowing to cover deficit spending.

Article 5 on the warning asks the voters to transfer our audited budget surplus of \$19,363 for the year ending June 30, 2018 in its entirety to the Bus Reserve Fund. The current value of that fund is about \$63,311 and applying the budget surplus should just about fund the bus replacement when necessary. The current bus is about 8 years old now and expected lifespan of a school bus is ten to twelve years. Currently bus replacement is a \$70,000 to \$80,000 purchase.

In November of 2018, the State Board of Education, through a series of regional meetings, released their final plan for school districts that had not yet merged or complied with Act 46. While many districts have been recommended (forced) to merge despite local votes to the contrary, the Arlington and Sandgate School Districts were found to not have a reasonable legal or financial partner district to merge with and will, for now, be allowed to remain operating districts as they have been with respective school boards in place. The one significant change will be the reassignment of supervisory union boundaries which will eliminate the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union (BVSU) and place the Arlington and Sandgate Districts with the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union (SVSU). To give the districts and SU's a chance to plan and prepare, this transition will not take place until the end of the FY21 school year, or July of 2021. Geographically, an alignment with the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union might have made more sense, and discussions had been leaning that way. The State Board of Education, however, was concerned about the resources available to manage the Taconic & Green Regional School District and ultimately felt that adding a district with a high school would not be an ideal situation. Though we as a board feel the decision to place the BVSU in the SVSU was done rather hastily and without much thought or study into the financial impact to any of the member districts, we should be relieved that we are not being forced to merge with another geographically distant non-operating district.

To be sure those tuition payments are not delayed; we ask that parents notify the School District via the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union of tuition requests or changes in receiving schools as soon as possible. The District uses a verification of residency form for all new tuition requests. Our meetings are always open to the public and are generally scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allan Tschorn, Clerk
Jeanne Zoppel, Chair & Celeste Keel
Sandgate School District
January 25, 2019

Superintendent's Report
Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union
2018-2019

The 2018-2019 school year has been an active one in the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union. From welcoming new faces to significant governance changes on the horizon, we have been very busy. However, we have been efficient as well and have embraced the new work to keep the school districts of Arlington and Sandgate operating productively to educate our children.

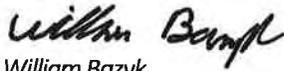
This year I still maintain the role of the Superintendent and Director of Special Education. Robert Mason is the new Business Manager. Robert, who works part-time, was the longstanding business manager for the Champlain Valley Supervisory Union. His wealth of knowledge and experience has served us well. Kendell Jennings, who was the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, is now only performing special education duties for the SU and is spending her additional time working with Principal Merrill at the high school. Elizabeth Blum still works for the district in a part-time capacity as our Accountant Associate. Jessica Dewey is new to our office and performs work in finance, human resources and a host of other office tasks. Jessica is a recent graduate of Southern Vermont College with a degree in Business.

The 2018-2019 school year has brought a conclusion to Act 46, an education law that incentivized and required districts to merge in an effort to create more extensive and more efficient school governance structures. Since 2015 the Arlington School District and the Sandgate School District have independently studied and met with potential other school districts to merge with. Last year both districts submitted proposals as required by Act 46, Sec. 9 asking not to merge either district with another like district and that the districts remain in the current BVSU. The ASD and SSD then added addendums to their Sec. 9 proposals requesting that if the State Board of Education was to assign each to a new supervisory union that they become members of the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union in 2021.

At a State Board of Education meeting that occurred in November of this year, the board ruled to assign the ASD and SSD to the Southern Vermont Supervisory Union for July 1, 2021. They authorized the ASD Board to appoint 3 members and the SSD Board 1 member to the SVSU Board to begin the transition work.

For the next year, we will be working diligently to provide the same level of service to the ASD and SSD while beginning a thoughtful transition process that will ensure a smooth reassignment that will not be disruptive to the education of our children.

Respectively Submitted,



William Bazyk

Superintendent

**Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union
FY20 Budget Summary**

Central Office

Description	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY20 Proposed	Variance	%
School Board 2300	\$10,464	\$12,543	\$10,441	\$9,428	\$10,458	\$8,177	-\$2,281	-21.81%
Curriculum 2200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$108,375	\$108,448	\$0	-\$108,448	-100.00%
Administration	\$204,600	\$200,379	\$209,913	\$120,529	\$118,537	\$145,250	\$26,713	22.54%
Finance 2520	\$150,675	\$144,808	\$147,120	\$159,454	\$160,426	\$128,255	-\$32,171	-20.05%
Audit 2526	\$20,050	\$20,050	\$20,450	\$20,050	\$20,850	\$20,850	\$0	0.00%
Operation & Maintenance of the Plant 2600	\$20,972	\$12,995	\$18,720	\$11,876	\$18,120	\$18,120	\$0	0.00%
Transportation 2711	\$203,958	\$212,345	\$204,320	\$235,613	\$208,517	\$231,400	\$22,883	10.97%
Total Central Office	\$610,718	\$603,120	\$610,964	\$665,325	\$645,355	\$552,052	-\$93,303	-14.46%

Special Education

Description	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY20 Proposed	Variance	%
Preschool Special Education 1200	\$51,091	\$21,504	\$70,698	\$33,988	\$58,231	\$71,680	\$13,449	23.10%
Preschool Psychological Services 2140	\$15,161	\$15,451	\$15,168	\$15,979	\$16,705	\$17,190	\$485	2.91%
Preschool Speech & Language 2150	\$10,305	\$7,036	\$10,313	\$7,585	\$7,627	\$7,833	\$206	2.70%
Preschool Occupational Therapist 2160	\$5,000	\$6,360	\$8,303	\$9,624	\$10,357	\$10,611	\$254	2.46%
Preschool Contracted Services 2190	\$13,769	\$12,788	\$13,774	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Preschool Sped	\$95,326	\$63,138	\$118,256	\$67,176	\$92,919	\$107,314	\$14,395	15.49%
Elementary Special Education 1200	\$545,321	\$464,762	\$464,315	\$396,581	\$448,288	\$398,922	-\$49,366	-11.01%
Elementary Support Services 2100	\$2,000	\$140	\$2,000	\$1,963	\$2,000	\$0	-\$2,000	-100.00%
Elementary Psychological Services 2140	\$15,161	\$15,451	\$15,170	\$15,980	\$16,754	\$17,238	\$484	2.89%
Elementary Speech & Language Services 2150	\$12,134	\$15,883	\$17,139	\$14,392	\$14,536	\$14,792	\$255	1.76%
Elementary Hearing Impaired 2152	\$98,019	\$97,619	\$98,056	\$106,997	\$53,963	\$58,313	\$4,350	8.06%
Elementary Occupational Therapy Services 2160	\$0	\$6,252	\$6,803	\$10,023	\$8,832	\$9,085	\$253	2.86%
Elementary Contracted Services 2190	\$21,326	\$42,093	\$31,971	\$21,899	\$20,000	\$10,000	-\$10,000	-50.00%
Elementary Special Education Trans 2711	\$2,000	\$660	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Total Elementary Sped	\$695,961	\$642,859	\$638,454	\$567,837	\$567,373	\$511,350	-\$56,023	-9.87%
Secondary Special Education Direct Services 1200	\$526,758	\$528,788	\$491,465	\$540,990	\$551,851	\$575,449	\$23,598	4.28%
Secondary Support Services 2100	\$2,400	\$1,654	\$2,400	\$780	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0	0.00%
Secondary Psychological Services 2140	\$30,329	\$31,254	\$30,352	\$31,958	\$32,901	\$33,873	\$972	2.96%
Secondary Speech & Language Services 2150	\$10,305	\$14,357	\$15,702	\$12,978	\$13,120	\$13,336	\$216	1.65%
Secondary Hearing Impaired 2153	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,778	\$53,934	\$58,374	\$4,440	8.23%
Secondary Occupational Therapy Services 2160	\$0	\$12,503	\$13,616	\$16,727	\$17,751	\$17,763	\$12	0.09%
Secondary Behavior & Communication 2190	\$33,467	\$46,673	\$43,834	\$48,577	\$59,240	\$49,254	-\$9,986	-16.86%
Secondary Special Education Trans 2711	\$51,620	\$9,749	\$7,000	\$2,355	\$27,000	\$20,000	-\$7,000	-25.93%
Total Secondary Sped	\$654,879	\$644,979	\$604,369	\$657,142	\$758,197	\$770,449	\$12,252	1.62%

	FY17 Bud	FY17 Act	FY18 Bud	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY20 Proposed	Variance	%
Special Education Adm	\$107,791	\$105,220	\$112,233	\$60,434	\$76,511	\$65,757	-\$10,754	
Total Preschool Specia	\$95,326	\$63,138	\$118,256	\$67,176	\$92,919	\$107,314	\$14,395	
Total Elementary Speci	\$695,961	\$642,859	\$638,454	\$567,837	\$567,373	\$511,350	-\$56,023	
Total Secondary Specia	\$654,879	\$644,979	\$604,369	\$657,142	\$758,197	\$770,449	\$12,252	
Total Special Educatior	\$1,553,957	\$1,456,196	\$1,473,312	\$1,352,589	\$1,495,001	\$1,454,869	-\$40,131	
Contingency			\$47,000	\$2,563		\$0	\$0	
Total Central Office	\$610,718	\$603,120	\$610,964	\$665,325	\$645,355	\$552,052	-\$93,303	
Total SU & Special Edu	\$2,164,675	\$2,059,316	\$2,131,276	\$2,020,477	\$2,140,355	\$2,006,921	-\$133,434	

**Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union
FY2020 Assessment Summary**

	BVSU	Arlington	Sandgate
	100.00%	85.16%	14.84%
General Education Revenues	\$550,152	\$468,535	\$81,617
Transportation Reimb.	\$79,307		
Vocational Transp. Reimb.	\$62,350		
Interest	<u>\$2,000</u>		
Offsetting Revenues	\$143,657		
Expenditures Less Offsetting Rev.			
Administration	\$153,427	\$130,665	\$22,762
Finance (less interest)	\$124,355	\$105,906	\$18,449
Audit	\$20,850	\$17,757	\$3,093
Maintenance	\$18,120	\$15,432	\$2,688
Transportation (less trsp revenue)	\$89,743	\$76,429	\$13,314
Curriculum Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
Remaining Amount to Assess	\$406,495	\$346,190	\$60,305
	BVSU	Arlington	Sandgate
	100.00%	92.00%	8.00%
Special Education Revenues	\$1,466,069	\$1,348,784	\$117,286
EEE	\$33,965		
Mainstream Block	\$198,099		
Intensive Reimbursement	\$555,831		
Extraordinary Reimb.	<u>\$41,088</u>		
Offsetting Revenues	\$828,983		
Expenditures Less Offsetting Rev.			
Administration	\$76,957	\$70,800	\$6,157
Early Education - EEE Revenue	\$73,349	\$67,481	\$5,868
Elementary - 40% of Revenues (C28:C30)	\$193,343	\$177,875	\$15,467
Secondary - 60% of Revenues (C28:C30)	<u>\$293,438</u>	<u>\$269,963</u>	<u>\$23,475</u>
Remaining Amt to Assess	\$637,087	\$586,120	\$50,967
Total Budget	\$2,016,221		
Total To Be Assessed	\$1,043,582	\$932,310	\$111,272

Equalized Pupils 2020		
District	Number	%
Arlington	350.35	85.16%
Sandgate	61.03	14.84%
	<u>411.38</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

12/1/2018 Child Count		
District	Number	%
Arlington	69	92.00%
Sandgate	6	8.00%
Total	75	100.00%

District: **Sandgate**
County: **Bennington**

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Property dollar equivalent yield

10,666

13,104

Homestead tax rate per \$10,666 of spending per equalized pupil

1.00

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
Expenditures						
1	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$890,087	\$951,738	\$979,063	\$832,252	1
2	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2
3	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3
4	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$890,087	\$951,738	\$979,063	\$832,252	4
5	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5
6	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6
7	Total Budget	\$890,087	\$951,738	\$979,063	\$832,252	7
8	S U assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8
9	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9
Revenues						
10	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$84,783	\$800	\$800	\$4,569	10
11	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11
12	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12
13	Offsetting revenues	\$84,783	\$800	\$800	\$4,569	13
14	Education Spending	\$805,304	\$950,938	\$978,263	\$827,683	14
15	Equalized Pupils	52.05	58.02	63.24	61.03	15
16	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$15,471.74	\$16,389.83	\$15,469.05	\$13,561.90	16
17	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17
18	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	18
19	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19
20	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20
21	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21
22	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	-	22
23	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23
24	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	24
25	Excess spending threshold	NA	threshold = \$17,386	threshold = \$17,816	threshold = \$18,311	25
26	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	\$17,386.00	\$17,816.00	\$18,311.00	26
27	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$15,472	\$16,390	\$15,469	\$13,561.90	27
28	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	159.486% <small>based on \$9,701</small>	161.317% <small>based on yield \$10,160</small>	151.361% <small>based on \$10,220</small>	127.151% <small>based on yield \$10,666</small>	28
Prorating the local tax rate						
29	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$13,561.90 ÷ (\$10,666 ÷ \$1.00)]	\$1,5949 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1,6132 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1,5136 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1,2715 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	29
30	Percent of Sandgate equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30
31	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.27)	\$1,5949	\$1,6132	\$1,5136	\$1,2715	31
32	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	102.01%	105.54%	101.24%	113.88%	32
33	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,2715 ÷ 113.88%)	\$1,5635 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1,5285 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1,4951 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1,1165 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	33
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>						
34	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [((\$13,561.90 ÷ \$13,104) x 2.00%)]	2.85% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.73% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.50% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.07% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	34
35	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.07%)	2.85% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.73% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.50% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.07% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	35
36	#N/A	-	-	-	-	36
37	#N/A	-	-	-	-	37

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,666 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$13,104 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.58. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Sandgate FY2020 Budget

Account	Description	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY20 Budget
100190501100561500	Tuition Preschool Public	6,184.00	9,276.00	3,178.00	6,356.00	6,534.00	3,356.00
100190501100566000	Tuition Independent Preschool	9,276.00	3,092.00	6,356.00	6,356.00	3,267.00	3,356.00
100190501100566000	Tuition Preschool Private-Independent	-	9,276.00	-	-	-	-
Early Education		15,460.00	21,644.00	9,534.00	12,712.00	9,801.00	6,712.00
100191001100561500	Tuition Sunderland Elementary	13,200.00	-	-	27,600.00	28,000.00	47,400.00
100191001100561501	Tuition Manchester Elementary	28,600.00	28,600.00	41,850.00	27,900.00	28,000.00	31,600.00
100191001100561000	Tuition Arlington Memorial Elementary	-	-	-	-	43,677.15	51,784.00
100191001100561504	Tuition Dorset Elementary	-	13,100.00	14,000.00	-	-	-
100191001100561505	Tuition Fisher Elementary	153,605.00	193,605.00	240,295.00	282,700.00	232,944.80	103,568.00
100191001100566500	Tuition Independent Hilland Hall Elem	42,000.00	45,650.00	42,500.00	59,500.00	35,020.00	45,500.00
100191001100566501	Tuition Independent Maple Street Elem	25,202.00	25,876.00	26,912.00	53,984.00	55,603.52	43,398.00
100191001100566502	Tuition Independent Southshire Community Elem	24,514.00	25,872.00	26,912.00	19,819.84	13,900.88	28,932.00
100191001100566503	Tuition Independent Northshire Elem	-	3,092.00	67,280.00	-	-	-
100191001100566504	Tuition Independent Downtown Elem	63,005.00	64,690.00	-	20,843.64	-	-
100191001100566505	Tuition Long Trail	-	25,876.00	-	-	27,801.76	-
100191001100566506	Tuition Northshire Day School	-	-	13,456.00	-	-	-
100191005200561500	Tuition Prior Year Adjj Public EL	-	-	-	(963.06)	-	-
100391001100561503	Tuition Arlington Memorial Second	179,868.00	174,873.94	-	15,500.00	186,846.12	150,219.00
100391001100561504	Mt. Anthony Secondary Tuition	-	-	-	-	15,965.00	14,700.00
100391001100566500	Tuition Independent Burr & Burton Second	43,962.00	33,901.15	-	-	62,335.60	48,729.00
100191001100561509	Red Fox Community School	-	-	-	-	-	43,398.00
100391001100566503	Tuition Independent Long Trail Second	-	14,773.00	76,820.00	60,520.00	93,503.40	48,729.00
100391001100566505	Secondary Tuition Southshire Community	12,257.00	12,936.00	46,092.00	56,317.00	-	-
100391001100566506	Tuition Independent Maple Street Second	29,308.00	18,444.40	-	-	-	16,243.00
100391001100566507	Tuition Independent Manchester Second	13,991.00	28,600.00	-	-	-	-
100391001100566508	Tuition Independent Hilland Hall Second	8,400.00	-	-	-	26,265.00	27,300.00
100391001100568500	Tuition On Behalf Tech Center Payment	892.00	906.00	2,503.00	2,503.00	3,769.00	3,769.00
100391001100569500	Tuition Vocational Local Share	678.00	685.68	3,074.00	2,027.44	4,420.24	4,420.00
100391005200561500	Tuition Adjustment Prior Year Second	-	10,419.05	19,507.81	19,508.00	(963.24)	-
100001002313610500	Treasurer Supplies	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
100001005300500500	Transfer Out	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
Elementary & Secondary Education		645,582.00	727,900.22	621,201.81	653,759.86	863,089.23	709,689.00
100001002310110500	Salary School Directors	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	3,488.00	2,200.00
100001002310220500	FICA	168.00	168.32	168.00	168.30	-	168.00
100001002310360500	Legal Services	500.00	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
100001002310520500	Insurance	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
100001002310540500	Printing & Postage	250.00	-	100	0	-	100.00

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100001002310360500	Legal Services	500.00	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
100001002310520500	Insurance	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
100001002310540500	Printing & Postage	250.00	-	100	0	0	100.00

SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 6, 2018

Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont were warned and notified to meet at 10 AM at the Sandgate Town Hall on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 to transact the following business:

Chris Barlow brought the meeting to order at 10 AM

Approximately 20 people were present as well as William Bazyk, Superintendent for BVSU and Randall Morton, business manager for BVSU.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.

Sheila Kearns made a motion to allow the School Directors to speak.

Margaret Phelps seconded the motion.

The Motion passed by verbal vote.

Mr. Bazyk stated that Allan Tschorn had done a good job in the report summarizing the current status of the Sandgate School District. Superintendent Bazyk noted that the Equalized pupil rate in Line 15 on page 49 had risen. There were also more students in the district. However, since the Equalized pupil rate was higher, it helped lower the school tax rate. As the Equalized pupil rate goes up (FY2019 at 63.24), the town gets more money from the State of Vermont to offset taxes. He stated spending had gone up, but this helped keep the tax rate lower.

The budget for Sandgate on page 48 shows the tuition paid by Sandgate for various educational institutions. He noted that the BVSU assessment was close to what was paid last year. There are more students this year.

Act 46 and Act 49 – Efforts to consolidate were not successful because it would have cost more to enter a relationship with Winhall and Stratton because they reimbursed tuition at a higher rate. Members would all have to reimburse at the same rate and Sandgate would have to do the same thing.

Rick Dahm noted that Burr and Burton used to be the highest tuition, but this year Mount Anthony was higher. Superintendent Bazyk stated that public school tuition must be paid at the actual cost, where independent schools can be paid at the state average for independent schools, regardless of actual cost to educating students. Parents either make up the cost difference or receive financial aid.

Jeanne Zoppel made a motion to accept the report of the School District Officers.

Margaret Phelps seconded the motion.

Article 1 was passed by verbal vote.

ARTICLE 2. To authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not to excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

Margaret Phelps made a motion to authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

Sheila Kearns seconded the motion.

Article 2 was passed by verbal vote.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town of Sandgate will vote a sum of \$6,000 to put into the School Bus/Transportation Fund for the replacement of a school bus.

Rick Dahm noted that if Sandgate joined another district, do we need a bus? Allan Tschorn noted that Sandgate voters had always been supportive in providing transportation for students. A new bus could run \$50,000 to \$60,000 dollars. Allan Tschorn noted that just because the money was in the bus sinking fund, it did not mean that the money could not be voted in the future for other uses if the bus was not needed.

Rick Dahm wondered if \$6000 dollars was enough. Allan Tschorn stated that there should be several more years of bus use before it had to be replaced. He felt the monies would be enough with several more years of setting aside money to the bus sinking fund. Superintendent Bazyk noted there might be grants for trading in a diesel bus for a more environmentally friendly bus, but he could not be sure about availability of grants in the future.

Margaret Phelps wondered about the scenario of joining the SVSU when Pownal lost its buses, would the money for the sinking fund also be taken. Superintendent Bazyk stated the sinking fund would remain under Sandgate control.

Rick Dahm moved to have the Town of Sandgate vote a sum of \$6,000 to put into the School Bus/Transportation Fund for the replacement of a school bus.

Pauline Frost seconded the motion.

Article 3 passed by verbal vote.

ARTICLE 4. To elect one School Board Director for a three year term by Australian ballot March 6, 2018.

Australian Ballot currently being conducted.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of Sandgate School District approve the school board to expend \$975,521, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the fiscal year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,413. Per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.95% lower than the spending for the current year.

Rick Dahm wanted an explanation of what the Equalized Pupil meant. Superintendent Bazyk stated that it was a tax formula that weighted students. As an example, a Pre School student would have a value or .5, Elementary students would be value as 1, High school students would be 1.25 value and additional amounts would be added for a poverty designation, English 2nd language learners. It is a 2 year average of these values. Per pupil spending and the CLA value of homes in Sandgate determine the tax rate.

Rick Dahm noted that the costs had gone up 30%-40% over the last 10 years and because most of the costs were mandated, there was little the voters could do to reduce the school budget.

Special Education on page 46 had a surplus for FY 2017 of roughly \$105,000. Mr. Morton says an audit will determine how much was left, voters will determine how the BVSU surplus in Special Ed will be returned after audit determines the actual amount. Sandgate would get a percentage as a BVSU member.

Margaret Phelps made a motion to approve \$975,521 for fiscal year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 School expenses as determined to be necessary by the school board.

Allan Tschorn seconded the motion.

Article 5 passed by verbal vote.

ARTICLE 6. To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Rick Dahm stated School used to pay for the holiday party, did it do so currently.

Allan Tschorn asked if anyone had questions about ACT 46 and ACT 49 and the intent of the legislation. He stated that there were 4 or 5 underpinnings. They wanted School Districts to look at efficiency, educational equity and opportunity, and cost containment. Gaining students in Winhall had substantially raised taxes. Because of being a tuition district and not a public school district, the addition was not welcome.

Superintendent Bayzk wanted voters to look at page 49 line 25-Excess spending threshold. If you spend over that amount of \$17,816 your town will be charged a penalty. That is what happened in Winhall because they are paying the full tuition rate which is well over the allowed

excess spending rate per student. Sandgate is in good shape because they pay the Vermont State average.

Rick Dahm stated that any union with Winhall and Stratton would result in a proportional vote for decision making. Allan Tschorn said it would be 2 from Sandgate, 3 From Winhall , and 1 from Stratton.

John Lemay wondered if the proposal of the 3 towns was off the table, but it is still a possibility in the future. State will be meeting with BVSU. Arlington is still Sandgate's partner.

Margaret Phelps stated big is not necessarily better for School Districts.

Allan Tschorn made a motion to pass Article 6.

Kathy Wagner seconded the motion.

Article 6 was passed by verbal vote.

Margaret Phelps made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Phil Frost seconded the motion.

Chris Barlow ended the meeting at 10:55

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Peff, Sandgate Town Clerk

TOWN OF SANDGATE DIRECTORY

Emergency Calls (Ambulance, Fire & Police) - 911

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Large Animals	Suzanne dePeyster	375-6005
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Small Animals	Erin McDermott	375-2201
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL		375-2589
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE		375-6904
ARLINGTON TOWN CLERK		375-2332
BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION		442-0713
CASELLA LANDFILL		362-4082
Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 7:00-2:00; Sat, 7:30-11:30; Closed Wed, Sun & Holidays		
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	Eleanor LaCross	375-2801
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Eleanor LaCross	375-2801
FIRE DEPARTMENT (Other Than Emergency)		375-2323
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Lynn Fielding	375-2211
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Jim Gunn	375-9481
FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		375-6409
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Town Garage	375-8358
ROAD FORMAN	Mike Hill	375-6543
LISTER'S OFFICE	Jeanne Zoppel	375-9270
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY		375-6153
PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD	Judy Boehlert	375-8343
POUND KEEPER, ARLINGTON		375-6121
POUND KEEPER, RUPERT		379-3004
RECREATION & PARK SCHEDULING		375-9564
RESCUE SQUAD (Other Than Emergency)		375-6589
RUPERT TOWN CLERK		394-7728
SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SHELTER		375-0249
SELECTMAN'S OFFICE	Suzanne dePeyster	375-6005
STATE POLICE (Other Than Emergency)		442-5421
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS		375-9744
BENNINGTON SHERIFF'S OFFICE		442-4900
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	Marjorie Peff	375-9075
TREASURER'S OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	375-9075
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Hal Wilkins	375-9075

FIRE WARNING

A permit is required from the Fire Warden for any outdoor burning except when there is snow on the ground at the scene of the fire.

For brush and forest fires burning out of control or threatening buildings, call 911.

**For a permit call Lynn Fielding at 375-2211
or Jim Gunn at 375-9481**

**PLEASE HELP US AVOID FIRES
REPORT ANY UNATTENDED FIRES**

NO SMOKING IN THE TOWN HALL

FOR EMERGENCIES (POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE) CALL 911

For non-emergencies:

Police Department: 442-5421

Fire Department: 375-2323

Rescue Squad: 375-6589

ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIRE MINUTES

The open meeting law requires minutes to be kept of all public meetings (1 V.S.A. § 312). The purpose of this rule is to make it easy for the public to know, within five days of the meeting, who was present, what was discussed, and what was decided at the meeting. Minutes do not have to be taken of executive sessions, although the vote to go into executive session, including mentions of the subjects to be discussed should be reflected in the minutes of the meeting (1 V.S.A. § 313). No minutes need to be taken of deliberative sessions of a board since this meeting is not a public meeting under law (1 V.S.A. § 310).

