

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **Town of Bradford, Vermont**

### **Year Ending December 31, 2017**



**TOWN MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**  
at 9:00 a.m. in the  
**Bradford Academy Auditorium**



**CHILD CARE PROVIDED BY  
THE BRADFORD TEEN ASSOCIATION AT THE  
BRADFORD ACADEMY, SECOND FLOOR, ROOM 26  
ON TOWN MEETING DAY!**

## **The 2017 Bradford Town Report is dedicated to Marianne McClure**



Serving people in the town where she resides has been a part of Marianne's life for many years.

Marianne began her public service career in Vermont working in the Vershire Town Office with Town Clerk Shirley Johnson as assistant town clerk. When Johnson retired, she became the Vershire Town Clerk.

While living in Vershire, her son attended Oxbow High School and River Bend Career and Technical Center. One day, her son wanted to show his parents, Marianne and Dennis, the house that his Building Trades class was constructing in Bradford. A wrong turn and the wrong road landed them in front of a house for sale on Goshen Road. They fell in love with it and bought it!

They moved to Bradford around 1997. Ironically, the house they purchased has ancestral connections to Marianne's husband's McClure family. They have been there for 20 years.

Having moved to town, Marianne went to work for the Town of Bradford as the assistant town clerk under Louise Allen and then took over as Town Clerk when Louise retired.

Jennifer Rivers, Town Treasurer worked with Marianne and said, "She made work enjoyable. We always had a good time, despite the craziness and busy nature of a town office." Danielle Kingsbury, Town Administrative Assistant agreed and said Marianne has a great sense of humor.

Marianne served a total of 20 years for the Town of Bradford. She retired in February 2017.

She is a member of the Oxbow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is an active member. She enjoys her beautiful home and spending time with her husband Dennis. She loves being with her dog Mac and visits from her son and grandson who live in New York.

We thank Marianne for being a part of the Town of Bradford's fabric for two decades and dedicating her energy and talents to her town.



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**THANK YOU TO THE JOURNAL OPINION  
FOR USE OF THE MAJORITY  
OF THE PHOTOS IN THIS REPORT.**

**ON THE COVER:**

Featured on the cover are three photos from the Bradford Conservation Commission's 2018 Calendar, "The Beauty That Is Bradford's."

The top photo is by Michael Tessier capturing a reflection of Downtown Bradford in one of the temporary ponds at the Bradford Golf Course. The photograph on the left of the swallow-tail in the lilacs was photographed by Kathy Davidow. The photograph on the right was taken by Sheena Loschiavo of a yoga class scene at the summit of Wrights Mountain.

The 2018 calendars are still available at the following locations: Bradford Town Clerk's Office, Aubuchon Hardware, Colatina Exit Takeout, Bliss Village Store, Star Cat Books, North of the Falls, The Local Buzz, Kinney Drugs and Valley Floors. All proceeds benefit the Bradford Conservation Commission.

Thank you to the Bradford Conservation Commission for allowing us to use these great images on the Town Report cover.

## VERMONT 2-1-1

VERMONT 2-1-1 is a free, 3-digit number to dial for information about community, health and human services in your community, state or region. With 2-1-1, a trained knowledgeable call specialist will problem-solve and refer the caller to applicable government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, health agencies and other resources in a locality as close to the caller as possible.

Dialing 2-1-1...

- Is a free, confidential, local call from anywhere in Vermont, 24/7
- Will provide accurate, updated information above available resources
- Utilizes a statewide database
- Provides live translation services for over 170 languages
- Has capability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 or specialized hotlines
- Will provide call-back follow-up if needed and requested

**Warning  
Annual Town Meeting  
Including Annual Water & Sewer District Meeting  
Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Town of Bradford, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bradford Academy Auditorium in Bradford, Vermont on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to transact the following business:

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

**Article 2:** To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers for the past year.

**Article 3:** To elect all town officers as required by law and to fill all vacancies that may occur at or prior to said meeting.

Selectboard member for a three-year term (currently held by Randy L. Moore).

Selectboard member for a two-year term (currently held by Daniel A. Perry III).

Lister for a three-year term (currently held by Robert Wing)

Auditor for a three-year term (currently held by Erin Odell).

Collector of Current Taxes for a one-year term (currently held by Jennifer Rivers).

Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a one-year term (currently held by Jennifer Rivers).

Town Grand Juror for a one-year term (currently held by Gary Moore).

Town Agent for a one-year term (currently held by Gary Moore).

Trustee of Public Funds for a three-year term (currently held by Graham Gove).

**Article 4:** To see what sum of money the town will vote for General Fund purposes for the year 2018, and to vote to determine the time and manner of collecting monies for General Fund and Town Highway purposes.

**Article 5:** To see what sum of money the town will vote for Town Highway purposes for the year 2018.

**Article 6:** Shall the Town of Bradford change the date and time of the annual Town Meeting, and if so what shall the date and time of the annual Town Meeting be changed to?

**Article 7:** Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the Downstreet Housing & Community Development?

**Article 8:** TO THE BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS OF BRADFORD, VERMONT We, the undersigned registered voters of the town of Bradford, Vermont, hereby request that the Orange East Senior Center of Bradford, Vermont, be included on the Warning for Bradford's Annual Town Meeting an amount of \$8,500.

**Article 9:** Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to support the Bradford Conservation Fund?

**Article 10:** Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to support the Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, INC.?

**Article 11:** Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$4413.00 for the support of the Clara Martin Center?

**Article 12:** Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$5,120 to support the Stagecoach Transportation Service Inc.?

**Article 13:** Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$12,450 for the support of

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Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH to provide services to residents of the Town of Bradford.

**Article 14:** To transact any other business that may legally come before Town Meeting.

**Article 15:** To elect all Water and Sewer Commissioners as required by law, and to fill all vacancies that may occur at or prior to this meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

Water and Sewer Commissioner for a five year term (currently held by Robert Lefebvre).

**Article 16:** To adopt a budget for the Bradford water system for the year 2018. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

**Article 17:** To adopt a budget for the Bradford wastewater system for the year 2018. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

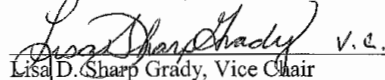
**Article 18:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Water and Sewer meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)

**Article 19:** To adjourn.

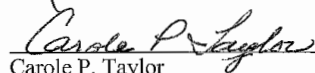
Dated at Bradford, Vermont, this 22nd day of January 2018.



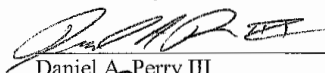
Thomas E. Unkles, Chair

 v.c.

Lisa D. Sharp Grady, Vice Chair



Carole P. Taylor

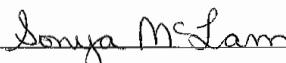


Daniel A. Perry III



Randy L. Moore

I hereby certify that the foregoing Warning was duly recorded before being posted.

Attest: , Sonya McLam, Town Clerk

Dated at Bradford Vermont this 23rd day of January 2018.

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**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE  
AVAILABLE IN THE ACADEMY  
AUDITORIUM.  
IF YOU NEED ONE, YOU MAY PICK  
ONE UP AS YOU ENTER TOWN  
MEETING.  
AT THE END OF THE MEETING,  
PLEASE RETURN.**

## HOW TOWN MEETINGS ARE RUN IN BRADFORD

Bradford voters have met for town meetings since the 1770s. In early years, town meetings were held more frequently than they are now. Following the tradition of early Massachusetts, the town would select a board of men to make decisions for the town between meetings. Town meetings remain one of the best examples of participatory democracy in the world. It is within the confines of civil debate that voters get to thrash out, face to face, issues facing the town's government.

Bradford Town Meeting operates under a combination of *Robert's Rules of Order*, Vermont state law and our own traditional rules of procedure. Changes may be made as long as they do not violate state regulations. In order to change these rules, notice must be given and changes adopted by majority vote. If within a meeting there is a need for a rule change or for the rules to be suspended, that may be done with a 2/3 majority vote.

In order to vote, one must be a registered voter of the Town of Bradford. Persons who are not registered voters may ask permission to speak and if there is no objection, may do so. If there is objection, the group may, by 2/3 vote, give permission. Those wishing to speak ask to be recognized by the moderator, stand, and using the microphone speak so all can hear. When speaking for the first time, the voter will be asked to give his/her name. For the portion of the meeting that deals with water and sewer district issues, in order to vote one must be a registered voter and resident ratepayer.

During discussion, it is often difficult for the moderator to see a hand, so assistance is helpful. **If the moderator does not seem to see your hand even when you wave it vigorously, do not be reluctant to stand up. Voters will be recognized, as closely as possible, in the order in which they indicate their desire to speak. A person who is asked a question by another voter will be given an opportunity to answer that question.**

The first order of business is the election of a moderator. As the presiding officer of the meeting, the moderator recognizes motions, calls on those who wish to speak, calls for votes and announces results. It is the responsibility of the moderator, as chair, to maintain order and to that end, motions and remarks are channeled through the moderator. As former moderator, I always felt it was my responsibility to help a voter who is unsure of the proper way to bring a motion before the assembly. If there are any decisions of the moderator that a voter wishes to appeal, the right to do so exists. The appeal must be seconded and a vote taken, with limited debate, on the question "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained/upheld?"

Once the moderator is elected, the articles will be taken up as printed in the official warning. After the article dealing with the reports of the officers, election of officers is usually next. The moderator first calls for nominations for each office in turn, with no second required. When all nominations for that office have been made, nominations will be closed. Candidates will be given time for a short speech to the voters before the election is held.

As each article other than the one dealing with elections is taken up, the moderator will read the article from the warning and a motion will be called for. After a motion is made and seconded there will be discussion with as many amendments as desired, one at a time. Each amendment must also be seconded, discussed and voted on as it is made.

The article will then be closed. Vermont statutes state that once an article is closed and the meeting moves on to the next article, it cannot be brought up again at that day's meeting. If the group wishes to change the order in which the articles are brought up, it takes a 2/3 vote, with no debate. To limit or close debate on a motion a 2/3 vote is required. While it is important to allow voters to have their say on issues before the meeting, a motion to close debate will, if successful, bring a close to repetitious discussion and move the meeting along.

Votes at Town Meeting are taken in several ways. Voice votes are frequently used with the moderator asking for the ayes and nays in that order. When announcing the results, the moderator will usually say "the ayes (or nays) appear to have it." If there is doubt about the ability of the moderator to determine the outcome of the voice vote, a standing vote will be called for so that an exact count can be determined. Individual voters may ask for that standing vote if they feel there is doubt as to the ruling of the moderator.

In order to move the meeting along, the moderator will often say "if there is no objection..." This is calling for unanimous consent from all. If any voter does not agree then a vote will be taken.

A ballot vote for some town officers is required by state law. If there is only one nominee, a motion may be made to have the clerk cast one ballot on behalf of all. That motion must pass unanimously. Seven voters may call for a ballot vote on any other office or motion before the town meeting. If a

ballot vote is called for, voters will write their response on slips of paper and, after having their names checked, deposit the slips in the ballot box at the front of the auditorium. Handicapped voters may ask for assistance in casting a ballot. The moderator will call on members of the Board of Civil Authority to assist in counting votes.

The last article before adjournment of the town meeting and before the water and sewer district articles are taken up is “to transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.” While no binding action may be taken at this time, other issues may be raised and sometimes “straw” votes are taken to give the officials a sense of the meeting. This generally goes on until someone asks to be recognized and moves to adjourn.

This is only a summary of the most important rules. For more complete information you may consult *Robert's Rules of Order* or the Vermont State Statutes.

*By Lawrence Coffin, Retired Moderator*

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## Bradford Fair Turned 70; Rejuvenated Efforts in 2017

The Bradford Fair, also known as the Connecticut Valley Fair, celebrated its 70th year in 2017 and organizers worked hard all year long to amp up the fair efforts to improve the fair. Tammy Taylor Coffin lead the fair committee in its collective effort to initiate more fundraising, gain more committee members, improve the fair offerings. A new website, [www.bradfordfair.org](http://www.bradfordfair.org), was established and the committee is working on getting more organizations to use the fairgrounds throughout the year, thus increasing the Bradford Fair's awareness and usage. The original fair was held behind the Bradford Academy building for years. In 2003 the Fair Association purchased a 26.6 acre lot off Carson Lane and moved the fair there in 2009.





# **BRADFORD TOWN INFORMATION**

## **BRADFORD TOWN OFFICES**

**PO BOX 339**

**172 North Main St., Bradford VT 05033**

**802-222-4727**

**www.bradford-vt.us**

**Our website has forms, minutes, policies, regulations, contact information for town officials.**

**CLERK'S HOURS: Mondays-Thursdays 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Fridays 8 a.m. to 12 Noon**

**TREASURER'S HOURS: Mondays-Thursdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Fridays 8 a.m. to 12 Noon**

## **OTHER SERVICES AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:**

### **• NOTARIZING**

Free service for documents except real estate transactions

### **• CAR REGISTRATION RENEWALS**

Avoid getting a ticket when you get the sticker from the Town Clerk

### **• VERMONT HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES**

### **• COPIER**

15 Cents per copy for Personal Copies

### **• GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS**

62 years or older OR a Veteran of the Armed Services and a Vermont resident can get a Green Mountain Passport for only \$2, a lifelong card that has benefits such as free admission to Vermont State Parks. Paperwork needs to be completed and on file in the Town Clerk's Office in your town of residence. This is a one-time expense. If your card wears out, we will replace it at no cost.

### **• REGISTER TO VOTE**

### **• MARRIAGE LICENSES**

### **• DOG LICENSES**

## **VOTER ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

In order to vote in **any election** you must be on the Bradford Voter Checklist.

Check to see if your name is on the checklist which is posted at the Town Clerk's Office and the Post Office. If your name is there, you are registered to vote.

If your name is **not** on the checklist, come to the Town Clerk's Office and register to vote. Bring identification that shows your address in Bradford and/or your Vermont driver's license. If you registered to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles, bring the copy of the registration application.

The last day to register to vote is on election day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**If you have questions, stop by or call the**

**Town Clerk's Office at 222-4727 Ext 300**

**or, call the Secretary of State's Office at 800-439-8683.**

## **BRADFORD FOOD SHELF**

**LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT**

**OF THE BRADFORD ACADEMY BUILDING**

**Run by the Inter-Church Council**

**HOURS: Mondays-Thursdays 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Fridays 11 a.m. to 12 Noon**

**ELECTED OFFICERS  
Town of Bradford**

<b>Moderator:</b>	Peter Mallary		Term Expires March 2018
<b>Town Clerk:</b>	Sonya McLam	802-222-4727 ext: 300	Term Expires March 2020
<b>Town Treasurer:</b>	Jennifer Rivers	802-222-4727 ext: 303	Term Expires March 2020
<b>Selectboard:</b>	802-222-4727 x 304		
	Randy L. Moore		Term Expires March 2018
	Daniel A. Perry III		Term Expires March 2018
	Thomas E. Unkles, Chair		Term Expires March 2019
	Carole P. Taylor		Term Expires March 2019
	Lisa Sharp Grady, Vice Chair		Term Expires March 2020
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Commissioners:</b>	802-222-4727 x 307		
	Robert Lefebvre		Term Expires March 2018
	Lunnie Lang, Chair		Term Expires March 2019
	Lawrence Drew		Term Expires March 2020
	Leonard Dobbins		Term Expires March 2021
	Daniel A. Perry III		Term Expires March 2022
<b>Listers:</b>	802-222-4727 x 306		
	Robert Wing		Term Expires March 2018
	Mary Wendell		Term Expires March 2019
	Nila Anaya-Newstrom		Term Expires March 2020
<b>Auditors:</b>			
	Erin Odell		Term Expires March 2018
	Peter Terry		Term Expires March 2019
	Henrietta Powers		Term Expires March 2020
<b>Collector of Current Taxes:</b>	Jennifer Rivers		Term Expires March 2018
<b>Collector of Delinquent Taxes:</b>	Jennifer Rivers	802-222-4727 x 303	Term Expires March 2018
<b>Town Grand Juror:</b>	Gary Moore		Term Expires March 2018
<b>Town Agent:</b>	Gary Moore		Term Expires March 2018
<b>Trustees of Public Funds:</b>			
	Graham Gove		Term Expires March 2018
	Martina Stever		Term Expires March 2019
	Tony Brainerd		Term Expires March 2020
<b>Justices of the Peace, Term expires 2/1/2019</b>			
	Ruth Bishop		
	Lawrence L. Coffin		
	Leonard O. Dobbins		
	Robert W. Nutting		
	Daniel A. Perry III		
	Monique Priestley		
	Carole P. Taylor		
	Mary M. Wendell		
	Donna H. Williams		
	Walter D. Kohanski		

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

**Bradford Police Department:** NON EMERGENCY 802-222-4727 x 301  
EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1  
BRADFORD DISPATCH 802-222-4680

**Police Chief:** Jeffrey Stiegler  
**Part-time Police Officer:** Russ Robinson  
**Part-time Police Officer:** Andre Thibault  
**Part-time Police Officer:** Stephen Sampson  
**Administrative Assistant:** Carole P. Taylor

**Assistant Clerk/Treasurer & Grant Manager:** Jesse Meyer 802-222-4727 x 311

**Selectboard Administrative Assistant:** Danielle Kingsbury 802-222-4727 x 304

**Chief Water & Sewer Operator:** Jon Thornton 802-222-4727 x 308  
**Assistant Water & Sewer Operator:** Ron Moore 802-222-9640  
**Water & Sewer Office Manager:** Bridget Simmons 802-222-4315

**Facilities Manager:** Claude Ciurelo 802-222-4727 x 305

**Animal Control Officer:** Wayne Godfrey Term Expires March 31, 2020

**Zoning Administrator:** Robert Wing Term Expires March 31, 2018

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:**  
Bud Haas Term Expires March 31, 2020  
Doug Miller Term Expires March 31, 2018  
Carole Taylor Term Expires March 31, 2018  
Shirley Beresford Term Expires March 31, 2019  
Janice Larabee Term Expires March 31, 2019  
Christine Pratt, Alternate Term Expires March 31, 2019

**Planning Commission:**  
Bryan Mitofsky Term Expires March 31, 2018  
Robert L. Benjamin Sr. Term Expires March 31, 2018  
Ron Huntington Term Expires March 31, 2019  
Ted Unkles Term Expires March 31, 2020  
Marcey Carver, Chair Term Expires March 31, 2020

**Recreation Director:** Mollie Hatch 802-222-4727 x 310

**Parks & Recreation Commission:**  
Charles“Skip” Barrett Term Expires March 31, 2018  
Vacant Term Expires March 31, 2019  
Nila Anaya-Newstrom Term Expires March 31, 2019  
Katherine Rose Term Expires March 31, 2020  
Heidi Allen Term Expires March 31, 2021

**Conservation Commission:**  
Nancy Jones, Chair Term Expires March 31, 2018  
Barbara Kulzyck Term Expires March 31, 2018  
Monique Priestley Term Expires March 31, 2018  
Riley Hudson Term Expires March 31, 2019  
Vacant Term Expires March 31, 2019  
Thomas Gray Term Expires March 31, 2019  
Edward Wendell Term Expires March 31, 2020  
Sandra Price Term Expires March 31, 2020  
Bob Claflin Term Expires March 31, 2020



**Public Safety Commission:**

Gary Moore, Chair	Term Expires March 31, 2018
Sean Fleming	Term Expires March 31, 2018
Edward Garone	Term Expires March 31, 2019
John Hersh	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Carole P. Taylor	Term Expires March 31, 2020

**Town Service Officer:** Carole Taylor

Term Expires March 31, 2018

**Health Officer:** Marie Patricia Walsh

Term Expires July 31, 2018

**Assistant Health Officer:** Carole Taylor

Term Expires July 31, 2018

**Tree Warden:** Vacant**Fence Viewers:**

Shirley R. Beresford	Term Expires March 31, 2018
Bryan Mitofsky	Term Expires March 31, 2018
Peter Hatch	Term Expires March 31, 2018

**Forest Fire Warden:** Robert W. Nutting

Term Expires June 30, 2018

**Walter Lee Committee:**

Emily Willems	Term Expires March 31, 2018
Vacant	Term Expires March 31, 2018
Charles D. Barton	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Bridget Simmons	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Brian Schlager	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Robert Wing	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Randy Odell	Term Expires March 31, 2020

**Revolving Loan Fund Committee:**

Peter Terry	Term Expires March 31, 2018
Brian Schlager	Term Expires March 31, 2018
Dan Perry III	Term Expires March 31, 2019
Erin Odell	Term Expires March 31, 2020
Anthony Brainerd	Term Expires March 31, 2020

**Fire Key-men:**

Stephen Sampson	Term Expires March 31, 2018
Steve Longmoore	Term Expires March 31, 2018

**Emergency Management:**

Gary Moore, Director
Dan Perry III, Coordinator

**911 Coordinator:** Phil Page**FAST Squad:** (NON EMERGENCY) 802- 222-5224

Stephen Sanborn, President	Daniel Perry IV
Ryan Dutton, Vice President	Suzi Wilds
Ryan Terrill	Chris Yaeger
Mike Wilds	2 Student Members
Colleen Steele	
Brian Bavacqua	
Bonnie Brill	

**Fire Department: (NON EMERGENCY) 802- 222-5224**

Ryan Terrill, Fire Chief  
Todd (R.T) Terrill  
Chris Taylor  
Steve Sanborn  
Allen Thurston  
Nick Vance  
Bill Walters  
Robert Welch  
Stephen Sampson  
Peter Roy

Brandon Perkins  
Dan Perry IV  
Ralph Messenger  
Steve Longmoore  
Joe Longmoore  
Zach Lang  
Ryan Dutton  
Josh Danforth  
Holly Creamer  
Hunter Bingham

Brian Bevacqua  
Zach Bagley

Student Members:  
Jordyn Fields  
Emily Moore  
Alex Boozan

**UVA Local Representative:**

Bonnie G. Thurston

Term Expires March 31, 2018

**Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission:**

Nancy Jones  
Marcey Carver, Alt.

Term Expires March 31, 2018

Term Expires March 31, 2018

**CVSWMD Representative:**

Gerhard Postpischil

Term Expires March 31, 2018

**Stagecoach Representative:**

Bobette Scribner

Term Expires March 31, 2018

**Green Up Coordinator:**

Barbara Kulzyck

Term Expires October 31, 2018

**Connecticut River Joint Commission:**

Nancy Jones

Term Expires March 31, 2018

**Green Mountain Economic Development Representative:**

Mark D. Johnson  
Joseph Sampson

**Bradford Public Library: 802-222-4536**

Trustee Emeriti: Peter Richards  
Trustees: Anthony Brainerd (President)  
Diane Chamberlain (Vice President)  
Bud Haas (Treasurer)  
Angela Conrad-Schlager (Secretary)  
Larry Coffin  
Brad Johnston  
Dorothy Unkles  
Monique Priestley  
Pamela Johnson  
Betsy Kane  
Laura Wolf Lornitzo

**Highway Department/Town Garage: 802-222-5718**

Phil Page: Road Foreman  
Peter Hatch  
Grant Poliquin

**Road Commissioner:**

Daniel A. Perry III

Term Expires March 31, 2018

**Deputy Registrars: (Appointed by Town Clerk)**

Hale Funeral Home  
Ricker Funeral Home

Term Expire March 15, 2018

Term Expire March 15, 2018

**Beautification Committee:**

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Diane Smarro

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**The 62nd Annual Wild Game Supper was held Nov. 18 at the Bradford Congregational Church with 660 advance reservations. A special guest was Congressman Peter Welch who attended and spent time with his constituents. People traveled from as far away as Florida and Pennsylvania to feast on old favorites and this year's specialty item, smoked venison. Pictured here are Ted and Dottie Unkles ready to serve.**

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### BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

GENERAL FUND – REVENUE	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>REVENUE- GENERAL FUND</b>					
<b>GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>					
BAGSD Tax Collection Reve	7,000	8,018	7,000	8,062	8,000
Interest on Delinq Taxes	7,000	6,624	6,000	8,390	6,000
Del Tax Penalty Revenue	8,000	5,313	5,000	7,263	5,000
<b>Total GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>19,955</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>23,714</b>	<b>19,000</b>
<b>PERMITS &amp; LICENSES</b>					
Liquor Licenses	900	900	900	970	900
Dog Licenses	2,500	3,339	3,000	3,278	3,000
Dog Fines	100	18	50	0	0
Building Permits	1,000	1,850	1,000	1,310	1,000
Marriage License	100	220	100	200	150
Hunting/Fishing License	0	0	0	15	0
Park Use Permits	100	213	150	195	150
<b>Total PERMITS &amp; LICENSES</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>6,540</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>5,968</b>	<b>5,200</b>
<b>STATE GRANTS</b>					
VT Reimburse for Current Use Tax	45,000	45,906	45,000	46,726	46,000
State of Vermont PILOT	12,000	14,586	13,000	13,549	13,000
Grant: Governor HWY Safety	0	0	0	1,996	0
Grant: Route 25B Detour	0	0	0	16,195	0
<b>Total STATE GRANTS</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>60,492</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>78,465</b>	<b>59,000</b>
<b>FEES FOR SERVICES,SALES</b>					
Clerks Fees	20,000	22,508	20,000	22,693	22,000
Photo Copies	2,500	3,412	2,500	2,643	2,500
<b>Total FEES FOR SERVICES,SALES</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>25,920</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>25,336</b>	<b>24,500</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
Miscellaneous - Gen. Fund	0	243	0	485	200
Town Police Misc Income and Grants	200	126	100	180	100
Municipal Fines - Police	1,500	1,438	1,500	1,741	1,500
Police Contracted Service	5,500	4,980	5,500	4,815	4,500
Interest Income	600	1,101	650	923	900
Sale of Vehicle Equipment	0	2,500	0	0	0
Sewer Connection Fees	0	0	0	250	0
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>10,389</b>	<b>7,750</b>	<b>8,393</b>	<b>7,200</b>
<b>RENTS AND BA USAGE</b>					
Rents	38,500	36,393	32,000	34,168	32,793

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GENERAL FUND – REVENUE	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>RENTS &amp; BA USAGE (CONTINUED)</b>					
Bradford Academy Usage	700	593	500	1,012	600
<b>Total RENTS &amp; BA Usage</b>	<b>39,200</b>	<b>36,986</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>35,180</b>	<b>33,393</b>
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>					
Tennis Program	500	0	0	0	0
Summer Camp	12,000	27,785	35,000	6	26,250
BPRC Donations/Fundraising	150	1,160	150	0	500
BTA Donations/Fundraising	150	0	150	0	100
<b>Total PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>12,800</b>	<b>28,945</b>	<b>35,300</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26,850</b>
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>166,000</b>	<b>189,227</b>	<b>179,250</b>	<b>177,063</b>	<b>175,143</b>
<b>Highway Funds</b>					
<b>FEES</b>					
Driveway Permits	0	40	0	60	0
Overweight Permits	400	450	400	490	400
State Highway Payments	110,000	110,919	110,000	110,875	110,500
Highway Equipment Loan	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Equipment	30,000	0	0	0	0
Highway Misc. Income	0	400	0	40	0
Transfers from Capital Funds	60,000	0	0	0	0
Grant: Route 25B Detour	0	0	0	1,767	0
<b>Total FEES</b>	<b>200,400</b>	<b>111,809</b>	<b>110,400</b>	<b>113,232</b>	<b>110,900</b>
<b>Total Highway Fund Revenues</b>	<b>200,400</b>	<b>111,809</b>	<b>110,400</b>	<b>113,232</b>	<b>110,900</b>

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GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>					
Salaries Selectboard	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,600
Salary - Adm. Assistant	31,616	31,012	33,197	31,578	34,195
Salary- Add'l Staffing	900	1,036	900	1,200	500
Grant Management*	0	0	5,150	0	8,000
Social Security-Board	536	536	536	536	581
Social Security- Admin.	2,419	2,301	2,540	2,401	2,616
Benefits-Employer Paid Health	14,268	14,358	4,970	2,460	0
Retirement - Admin	948	839	996	918	1,026
Travel	50	0	50	0	0
Staff Training	250	60	250	175	350
Dues/Meetings	250	0	100	0	0
Legal Fees	5,000	2,753	3,000	1,285	2,000
L.P. Sewer Extension	0	0	0	1,675	0
Advertising	1,000	401	600	599	600
Town Property Expenses	0	0	0	2,030	0
	<b>64,237</b>	<b>60,296</b>	<b>59,288</b>	<b>51,856</b>	<b>57,468</b>
<b>LISTERS</b>					
Salaries - Listers	26,000	23,875	26,520	27,362	27,315
Social Security - Listers	1,989	1,826	2,029	2,115	2,090
2016-2018 Reappraisal	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
Travel	300	0	300	0	300
Telephone - Listers	650	708	650	699	650
Dues/Training/Meetings	2,000	966	2,500	1,280	1,300
Parcel Mapping	2,000	1,800	2,000	1,875	2,000
Contracted Services	2,200	1,816	2,200	1,600	3,000
Advertising	200	129	200	0	200
	<b>35,339</b>	<b>31,120</b>	<b>51,399</b>	<b>49,930</b>	<b>36,855</b>
<b>CLERK</b>					
Salaries-Clerk	39,925	39,925	41,122	41,183	42,349
Assistant Clerk Salary*	5,000	4,196	5,150	4,895	7,713
Social Security Clerk	3,054	3,054	3,146	3,151	3,240
Assistant Clerk Social Security	383	321	394	374	590
Benefits-Emplr Pd Health	7,880	7,880	8,241	2,060	0
Retirement Clerk	1,198	1,198	1,234	545	1,270
Elections	3,500	1,165	500	22	500
Dues/Meetings	350	20	350	216	350
Advertising	100	279	200	221	250
Cotts System	0	0	0	0	3,060

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GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>CLERK (CONTINUED)</b>					
Training	0	0	0	0	250
	<b>61,390</b>	<b>58,036</b>	<b>60,337</b>	<b>52,667</b>	<b>59,572</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>					
Salaries - Treasurer	39,635	39,635	41,600	41,562	42,848
Salaries- Assistant Treasurer*	5,000	3,837	5,150	4,997	7,712
Social Security Treasurer	3,032	3,338	3,182	3,486	3,278
Social Security Asst. Treasurer	383	294	394	382	590
Benefits-Emplr Paid Health Insurance	7,880	7,880	8,241	8,241	9,023
Del Tax Coll Fee	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Social Security Del Tax Collector	0	0	0	0	306
Retirement Treasurer	1,189	1,309	1,248	1,247	1,285
Training	250	180	250	162	250
Dues/Meetings	200	0	150	35	150
Advertising	1,700	201	1,700	97	1,500
	<b>63,269</b>	<b>60,672</b>	<b>65,915</b>	<b>64,209</b>	<b>70,942</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Auditing	15,000	14,850	22,000	15,080	18,000
Salaries-Add'l Staffing	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Social Security- Addtl Staffing	77	0	77	0	77
Moderator Stipend	100	100	100	100	100
Supplies	4,000	4,346	4,000	4,896	5,000
Postage	4,700	4,133	4,700	2,833	4,000
Printing Town Reports	3,400	3,738	3,500	3,760	3,800
Town Report Postage	715	641	650	592	600
Office Equipment	4,000	3,641	7,000	6,969	7,500
Computer Maint/Training	6,500	6,103	8,000	8,783	6,500
Server	0	0	5,000	5,468	0
Computer Monthly Service Charges	0	0	0	0	12,800
Website Maintenance & Upgrades	3,000	695	2,000	195	500
Copier Maintenance	1,850	1,786	1,850	1,848	1,850
NEMRC Expenses	4,200	4,085	4,200	3,474	4,200
Technology Equip Capital Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
CAI GIS Mapping	0	0	5,700	5,700	5,700
Travel	400	0	400	160	200
Telephone-ISP	3,000	2,862	3,000	2,329	3,000
VLCT	4,027	4,027	4,169	3,703	4,169
Insurance	60,000	63,457	65,000	76,708	75,259
Unemployment Insurance	2,700	2,674	2,700	1,515	1,700
Emergency Management	500	185	500	190	500
Advertising	400	51	400	0	200
Trash/Recycle Center	0	0	22,500	23,312	0

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GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT (CONTINUED)</b>					
CV Solid Waste	5,550	2,765	3,000	2,765	3,000
Bank Charges	100	0	100	0	0
Sewer Principal Bond Payment	0	23,980	0	24,489	0
Sewer Bond Int. Payment	0	26,758	0	26,249	0
Interest Expense	500	0	500	0	0
Tax Abatements	1,000	594	2,000	399	1,000
Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance	2,300	3,238	3,000	2,000	2,500
2015 Library Loan Principal	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
2015 Library Loan Interest	3,115	3,110	2,331	2,293	1,554
Miscellaneous	1,000	2,955	4,000	600	2,000
	<b>177,134</b>	<b>224,772</b>	<b>227,377</b>	<b>270,411</b>	<b>210,708</b>
<b>PLANNING/ZONING</b>					
Salary - Zoning Adm	9,360	8,155	9,641	9,140	9,932
Social Security - Zoning	716	603	738	678	760
Retirement- Zoning Adm	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies	0	0	0	0	300
Postage	0	0	0	0	200
Education/Training	500	180	200	265	250
Advertising	200	228	300	193	400
Grant Town Match	0	0	0	0	7,500
Town Bylaws/Plan/Subdivision	700	109	200	0	500
Public Forum Inducements	0	0	0	0	400
2017 Planning Grant- Town Match	0	0	6,000	6,000	0
	<b>11,476</b>	<b>9,275</b>	<b>17,079</b>	<b>16,276</b>	<b>20,242</b>
<b>ACADEMY BUILDING</b>					
Salary- Academy Building	37,440	36,780	38,563	37,786	39,546
Social Security- Academy	2,864	2,744	2,950	2,816	3,025
Benefits- Employer Paid Ins	14,268	14,268	14,910	14,910	15,220
Retirement	1,123	1,124	1,157	1,156	1,186
Safety Compliance	0	0	1,000	160	1,000
Utilities	31,000	18,788	32,000	26,606	31,000
BA Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Auditorium Sound System	0	0	9,000	8,971	0
Maintenance	8,412	17,968	11,000	18,958	13,800
Tools & Equipment	850	799	600	246	600
Supplies	1,500	1,496	1,500	1,100	2,000
	<b>102,458</b>	<b>98,967</b>	<b>117,680</b>	<b>117,709</b>	<b>112,377</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Fire Fighter Expense Reimbursement	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500
Chief Officers Stipend	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,500



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<b>GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)</b>					
Custodial Salary	806	827	806	870	1,014
Custodial Social Security	62	62	62	65	78
Chief Officer Social Security	0	92	92	92	115
Shots & Testing	250	0	250	0	0
FD Background Checks	300	232	300	250	250
Office Supplies	500	510	600	579	600
Fire Service Training	1,000	265	1,000	108	800
Utilities	8,000	7,382	8,000	7,317	8,000
FD- Telephone & Internet	1,800	1,788	1,800	1,538	2,200
Equipment Repair	7,000	7,608	7,000	8,390	7,000
New Equipment	7,000	7,250	8,000	9,253	7,000
Dues	300	250	500	475	500
Fire Dispatching	11,500	11,289	11,500	11,601	11,600
Package Insurance	17,500	14,881	17,500	17,500	17,500
Gasoline/Diesel	1,700	1,439	2,250	2,023	2,000
Safety Gear	4,000	3,538	2,400	4,875	2,400
Truck Maintenance	12,000	14,580	15,000	8,911	10,000
Capital Fund-Fire Equip.	10,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Building Maintenance	5,000	5,803	6,500	6,816	6,500
Grounds Maintenance	1,800	2,440	1,800	1,775	1,800
FD Travel	300	389	300	505	300
	<b>109,518</b>	<b>109,323</b>	<b>124,359</b>	<b>121,643</b>	<b>118,656</b>
<b>RESCUE-FAST SQUAD</b>					
Squad Member Reimbursement	3,500	1,938	2,500	2,502	3,000
Vaccines & Testing	250	0	100	0	100
Office Supplies	250	204	300	298	250
Training	2,000	1,249	1,500	1,064	1,200
Safety Gear	1,000	1,003	1,000	961	900
Medical Equipment	1,500	1,165	2,000	1,760	2,000
Equipment/Medicine Replacement	2,600	1,876	2,600	2,573	2,500
Oxygen Tank Refills	250	87	150	121	150
Pagers/Radio Maintenance	1,500	546	1,000	989	1,000
Background Checks	0	0	0	0	300
	<b>12,850</b>	<b>8,068</b>	<b>11,150</b>	<b>10,267</b>	<b>11,400</b>
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Salaries PD	116,000	113,688	135,500	126,857	141,000
Salaries -- Contracted Services	4,500	4,710	5,000	4,230	1,500
Salaries- Gov Highway Safety	0	330	0	1,653	0
Salaries- Route 25B Detour	0	0	0	14,413	0
Social Security-PD	8,874	8,108	10,366	9,079	10,787
Social Security- Contracted Services	344	347	793	309	115

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GENERAL FUND – EXPENSES	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
POLICE DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)					
Social Security- Gov Highway Safety	0	25	0	176	0
Social Security- Route 25B Detour	0	0	0	1,063	0
PD - Health Insurance	14,268	14,268	14,910	14,910	15,656
Retirement - PD	0	0	0	0	0
Uniforms - PD	2,000	1,779	2,000	1,618	1,800
Supplies - PD	350	300	400	320	350
Police Radio Maintenance & Upgrades	500	342	250	203	250
Computer Software	4,000	3,773	3,500	0	1,000
Cont. Education	1,250	874	1,250	1,198	1,500
Telephone/Cell/Pager	920	1,036	1,050	1,014	1,200
New Equipment - PD	2,500	1,689	3,000	2,886	1,800
Vehicle Maintenance	3,000	3,029	3,000	3,396	3,000
Fuel	4,000	4,061	4,750	4,033	4,500
Fuel- Special Detail	0	0	0	697	0
Vehicle Capital Fund	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,500
Advertising/Dues/Subscriptions	100	110	300	291	300
Building Office Rent	0	0	2,500	0	0
	<b>170,606</b>	<b>166,469</b>	<b>196,569</b>	<b>196,344</b>	<b>193,257</b>
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>					
Social Security- PH & Welfare	200	177	200	134	200
Animal Control	4,500	4,368	5,019	2,682	3,571
Health Officer	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Orange County Tax	60,000	55,813	58,871	50,823	50,823
Town Service Officer	0	0	0	0	0
Tree Warden	1,500	0	1,000	0	0
Fire Warden	1	0	1	0	0
American Legion/Memorial Day	500	500	500	500	500
Beautification Committee	400	400	400	400	400
Bradford Main Street Alliance	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Bradford Merchants Association	750	750	750	750	750
Bradford Youth Sports	0	0	0	2,500	0
Cemeteries	34,614	34,614	32,000	32,000	32,000
Central VT Adult Basic Education	0	3,000	0	3,000	0
Central VT Capstone Community	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Central VT Council on Aging	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Clara Martin Center	0	4,413	0	4,413	0
Conservation Fund	0	5,000	0	5,000	0
Downstreet Housing	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Green Mountain Economic Devel.	0	0	0	1,383	1,383
Green Up Day Local Program	500	500	500	500	1,500
Library	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	57,000

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	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH &amp; WELFARE (CONTINUED)</b>					
Little Rivers Health Care	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Lower Cohase Region	625	625	699	699	0
Northeast Slopes	0	2,500	0	2,500	0
Orange County Diversion Prog.	400	400	400	400	400
Orange County Parent Child Ct.	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
Orange East Senior Center	0	8,500	0	8,500	0
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	0	2,000	0	0	1,500
Safeline	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Sawyer Chapel	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Stagecoach Transportation	0	4,120	0	4,120	0
The Mentoring Project	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Two Rivers Ottawaquechee	3,832	3,832	3,944	3,944	4,056
Upper Valley Ambulance	100,692	100,692	103,489	103,489	120,271
Visiting Nurse & Hospice	0	12,450	0	12,450	0
	<b>275,514</b>	<b>311,653</b>	<b>276,273</b>	<b>308,686</b>	<b>286,854</b>
<b>CONSERVATION COMM</b>					
Supplies	450	451	450	450	450
Postage	250	248	250	249	250
Stationary	250	0	250	242	250
Publications	350	350	350	350	350
Seminars	150	148	175	132	175
Association Dues	175	155	150	150	150
Public Info & Education	475	481	475	436	475
Energy Subcommittee	400	392	400	359	400
Cons. & Beautification Projects	350	350	350	350	350
	<b>2,850</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>2,850</b>
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>					
Salaries - Park Maintenance	3,000	4,557	4,000	3,204	3,200
Salary BTA Coord	7,535	6,524	7,590	6,540	7,590
Salaries- Camp	10,000	23,541	25,000	0	21,280
Salary Recreation Director	12,000	6,558	12,000	7,335	19,760
Social Security - Park Maintenance	230	349	306	245	245
Social Security - BTA Coordinator	576	499	581	500	581
Social Security- Camp Salaries	900	1,801	1,913	0	1,628
Social Security- Rec Director	918	502	918	561	1,512
Materials & Supplies- Parks	150	623	200	371	200
Materials & Supplies for BTA	500	209	500	496	500
Materials/Supplies for BPRC activities	200	77	200	649	200
Food/Snacks- BTA/Rec	200	138	350	348	350
Equipment- Parks	100	415	300	306	300
Rec Director Workshops/Trainings	650	0	650	0	650

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	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION (CONTINUED)</b>					
Meetings & Travel- Parks	350	190	350	80	350
Travel- Rec Dept.	200	0	200	153	200
Utilities- Parks	1,500	1,556	1,500	1,524	1,800
Repairs & Maintenance	6,500	4,847	9,000	4,609	11,000
Park Building Maintenance	750	231	750	174	750
Denny Park Landscaping	750	534	750	0	750
Association Dues: Parks	100	100	100	0	200
Contracted Services: Parks	300	150	300	0	300
Advertising- Parks	130	58	250	181	250
Advertising-Recreation	250	61	350	321	350
Swim Program	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000
P&R Cap Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Fund Raising Expense: Park	50	0	50	12	50
BPRC Summer Camp Exp	3,500	6,271	6,000	35	4,890
Background Checks	500	250	500	125	1,000
Rec Director Activities/Events	2,400	51	2,400	248	2,600
BTA Offsite activities	500	100	500	283	500
BTA Events	500	469	500	419	500
	<b>59,239</b>	<b>61,661</b>	<b>82,007</b>	<b>29,720</b>	<b>87,485</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXP.</b>	<b>1,145,878</b>	<b>1,202,888</b>	<b>1,292,282</b>	<b>1,292,437</b>	<b>1,268,667</b>
<b>LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>	<b>166,000</b>	<b>189,227</b>	<b>179,250</b>	<b>177,063</b>	<b>175,143</b>
<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX</b>	<b>979,878</b>	<b>1,013,661</b>	<b>1,113,032</b>	<b>1,115,373</b>	<b>1,093,524</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND – EXPENSES</b>					
<b>SUMMER MAINTENANCE</b>					
Salaries	53,000	57,074	60,000	59,852	62,400
Social Security	4,055	4,310	4,590	4,516	4,774
Health Insurance Summer	13,930	17,374	17,547	18,268	18,787
Retirement Summer	1,590	1,579	1,800	1,033	1,872
Purchased Services	16,000	18,447	6,000	10,284	10,000
Downtown Mowing	4,000	3,168	4,000	2,688	3,500
Roadside Mowing	12,000	8,605	10,000	6,508	8,000
Equipment Rental	2,500	565	2,500	480	2,500
Materials	60,000	51,075	60,000	46,522	55,000
	<b>167,075</b>	<b>162,197</b>	<b>166,437</b>	<b>150,150</b>	<b>166,832</b>
<b>WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>					
Salaries	88,500	83,492	89,000	91,804	93,600
Social Security-Winter	6,770	6,310	6,809	6,930	7,160
Health Ins - Winter	27,860	24,415	26,321	25,600	28,180
Retirement Highway	2,655	2,052	2,670	1,544	2,808
Purchased Services	0	0	6,000	3,415	5,000

### BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

HIGHWAY FUND – EXPENSES	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>WINTER MAINTENANCE (CONT.)</b>					
Contracted Snowplowing	20,000	12,470	16,000	18,555	19,000
Sidewalk Maintenance	9,500	7,255	9,500	9,764	10,000
Sand	25,000	12,276	25,000	19,252	25,000
Salt	68,000	82,144	75,000	76,877	75,000
	<b>248,285</b>	<b>230,414</b>	<b>256,299</b>	<b>253,741</b>	<b>265,748</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Uniforms	1,500	1,160	2,000	1,590	2,000
Road Commissioner Stipend	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Social Security- Road Commissioner	0	77	77	77	77
Safety Compliance	2,500	2,513	2,500	1,215	2,500
Supplies - Garage	3,000	2,594	3,000	1,966	3,000
Technology Equip Replacement	500	946	1,500	862	1,000
Travel	500	988	500	0	500
Utilities	6,500	3,718	6,500	5,081	5,000
Park/Streetlights	17,000	19,992	17,000	16,552	17,000
Tele/Pagers/ISP	3,200	3,432	4,000	3,333	3,500
Street Bond Principal	0	13,839	0	4,613	0
Street Bond Interest	0	2,468	0	1,528	0
2016 Dump Truck Loan Repay	13,398	13,398	13,398	13,398	13,398
2016 Dump Truck Interest	1,258	1,258	1,024	1,003	768
2014 Grader Payment	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
2014 Grader Interest	1,760	1,760	1,320	1,320	880
Maintenance - Garage	2,500	1,029	3,500	2,524	3,000
Highway - Bid Advertising	100	51	100	0	100
Downtown Trash Pick Up	5,500	6,115	7,500	10,353	10,000
Training	250	0	100	0	100
	<b>82,466</b>	<b>98,338</b>	<b>87,019</b>	<b>88,415</b>	<b>85,823</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>					
Fuel, Oil & Lubes	35,000	23,879	35,000	31,015	32,000
Parts & Maintenance	40,000	41,011	40,000	28,391	30,000
Tools & Equipment	3,000	2,408	3,500	3,234	7,500
	<b>78,000</b>	<b>67,299</b>	<b>78,500</b>	<b>62,640</b>	<b>69,500</b>
<b>SPECIAL ROADS</b>					
Better Back Roads Grant	0	0	0	5,175	0
Paving Projects	200,000	190,771	225,000	235,945	250,000
Special Roads	10,000	9,349	10,000	10,000	10,000
Signs	3,000	156	3,000	2,389	2,500
Guardrails	8,000	560	8,000	6,957	8,000
Culverts	6,000	11,834	6,000	8,529	6,500
Line Painting	2,500	2,612	3,000	4,371	4,500

## BUDGET (GENERAL & HIGHWAY)

HIGHWAY FUND – EXPENSES	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>SPECIAL ROADS (CONTINUED)</b>					
Sidewalk Repair	500	0	500	0	500
Projects Capital Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Equipment Capital Fund	68,000	68,000	80,000	80,000	72,000
HW Facility Cap. Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	17,000
Stormwater Discharges	0	0	0	0	5,000
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	<b>353,000</b>	<b>338,281</b>	<b>390,500</b>	<b>408,366</b>	<b>416,000</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND EXP.</b>	<b>928,826</b>	<b>896,528</b>	<b>978,755</b>	<b>963,312</b>	<b>1,003,904</b>
<b>LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>	<b>200,400</b>	<b>111,809</b>	<b>110,400</b>	<b>113,232</b>	<b>110,900</b>
<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX</b>	<b>728,426</b>	<b>784,719</b>	<b>868,355</b>	<b>850,080</b>	<b>893,004</b>
<b>Total Town &amp; Highway</b>	<b>2,074,704</b>	<b>2,099,416</b>	<b>2,271,037</b>	<b>2,255,749</b>	<b>2,272,571</b>
<b>Less Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>366,400</b>	<b>301,036</b>	<b>289,650</b>	<b>290,295</b>	<b>286,043</b>
<b>Offset from prev. years surplus</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Total to be Raised by Taxes</b>	<b>1,608,304</b>	<b>1,698,380</b>	<b>1,781,387</b>	<b>1,765,454</b>	<b>1,886,528</b>

### GENERAL FUND

2018 Proposed Budget	1,268,667
Less Anticipated Revenue	175,143
Less Accumulate Surplus	100,000

<b>NET OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE RAISED IN TAXES</b>	<b>993,524</b>
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### HIGHWAY FUND

2018 Proposed Budget	1,003,904
Less Anticipated Revenue	110,900

<b>NET OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE RAISED IN TAXES</b>	<b>893,004</b>
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<b>COMBINED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>1,886,528</b>
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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)**

**General Fund**

**Assets**

General Checking at Merchants	1,832,117	
Due to/from Other Funds	-1,601,833	
Delinquent Tax Receivable: Principal	135,110	
Delinquent Tax Receivable: Interest	33,816	
Delinquent Tax Receivable: Penalty	10,775	
Accounts Receivable	853	
Total Assets		410,838

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	58,168	
Next Year Invoices	-12,963	
Deferred Revenue:Principal	106,860	
Deferred Revenue:Interest	33,417	
Deferred Revenue:Penalty	8,515	
Aflac Ins. Payable	-269	
Colonial Life	-70	
Total Liabilities		193,658
Prior Year Fund Balance	320,304	
Current Year Fund Balance	-103,124	
Net Accumulated Surplus		217,180

**Highway Fund**

**Assets**

Due to/from General Fund	19,091	
Total Assets		19,091
Liabilities	None	
Prior Year Fund Balance	-6,519	
Current Year Fund Balance	25,610	
Net Accumulated Surplus		19,091

**BONDS & LOANS**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Loan Description</u>	<u>Origination Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/16</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/17</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sewer	L.Plain Sewer Extension	May 2011	1,540,000	Aug 2042	1,400,028	1,362,535	37,493
Highway	Street Bond	July 1996	106,853	Dec 2026	35,350	30,737	4,613
Highway	2014 John Deere Grader	March 2014	110,000	June 2019	66,000	44,000	22,000
Library	Library Repairs	April 2015	210,000	Nov 2019	126,000	84,000	42,000
Highway	2016 Highway Truck	April 2016	66,990	April 2020	53,592	40,194	13,398
<b>Total Long Term Debt as of December 31, 2017</b>						<b>1,561,466</b>	

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)**

**Special Fund Asset Accounts:** (also see Trustees of Public Funds Report)

Bradford Conservation Commission:Misc.Grants WRSB Passbook Account	7,693
Bradford Conservation Commission WRSB Passbook Account	37,241
Bradford Conservation Commission:Friends Wrights Mtn WRSB Passbook Account	1,381
Bradford Conservation Commission:F.Wright's Mtn. WGSB CD	5,065
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	17,919
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	11,107
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	10,054
Bradford Conservation Commission WGSB CD	13,104
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Total Bradford Conservation Commission Funds	103,564

	Fund Balance 12/31/16	2017 Income	2017 Expense	Fund Balance 12/31/17
<b>Reserve Funds</b>				
D Darling Quad Reserve	45	0	0	45
Bicentennial Cane Reserve	273	0	4	273
<b>Capital Funds</b>				
Fire Department	205,948	30,684	0	236,632
Fire Department Reserve Fund	0	1,400	0	1,400
Bradford Academy Repairs	43,156	5,000	6,400	41,756
Fire Shed	5,000	0	5,000	0
Reappraisal	104,952	27,721	60,088	72,585
Technology Equipment Capital Fund	4,000	2,000	0	6,000
Highway Projects	42,590	35,000	0	77,590
Highway Equipment	65,984	82,856	148,840	0
Highway Facility Capital Fund	37,886	5,905	0	43,791
Village Streets (from Village)	3,000	0	0	3,000
Police Reserve Fund	4,024	8,450	40	12,434
Police Vehicle Capital Fund	5,748	8,000	0	13,748
Sidewalk Repair	184,245	15,000	0	199,245
Pager/Radio Capital Fund	5,156	0	1,282	3,874
Parks & Rec Capital Fund	8,955	1,000	2,494	7,461
Record Restoration & Misc Rev	40,122	2,303	10,462	31,963
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Total Capital Funds	760,766	225,319	234,606	751,479

# TREASURER'S REPORT December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

Special Funds	Fund Balance 12/31/16	2017 Income	2017 Expense	Fund Balance 12/31/17
Bradford Academy Roof Project	1,531	0	0	1,531
HWY: Ustore Tank Replacement	10,000	0	0	10,000
Green Up Day	944	1,066	1,910	100
Bradford Teen Asociation Reserve Fund (fundraising)	1,613	156	1,161	608
Bradford Parks & Rec. Reserve Fund (fundraising)	0	165	0	165
Prepay Sewer Hookups (for offsetting future bond payments)	22,957	13,182	25,000	11,139
Beautification Committee Funds	613	775	748	640
Sewer Project Interim Funding	78,990	0	0	78,990
Revolving Loan Fund	113,040	5,236	0	118,276
Police: 2017 Govenors Highway Safety Grant	0	5,864	5,864	0
Library: VCDP Planning Grant	-2,721	14,703	11,982	0
2017 Municipal Planning Grant	0	14,000	3,128	10,872
250th Anniversary Celebration Reserve	3,620	0	3,620	0
<b>Total Special Funds</b>	<b>230,587</b>	<b>55,147</b>	<b>53,413</b>	<b>232,321</b>



Bear Ridge is the last surviving dirt track in Vermont and has been in continuous operation since it opened in 1968. Owner and Bradford resident George Barber opened the track in 1968. Barber sold the track to C.V. Elms in 1972. C.V.'s son Butch bought it in 1990. It has been in the Elms family for 46 of its 50 years. At the 2017 speedway banquet, five men were named to the inaugural class for the track's new Hall of Fame. Pictured below holding a photo display are Junior Coffin, left and Alan Hebb right. Other members honored were track founder, the late George Barber, track owner CV Elms II and initial track champion Merlin Bean.

## Bear Ridge Speedway Celebrated Its 50th Anniversary!



# DELINQUENT TOWN TAXES as of December 31, 2017

\*Includes Principal, Interest & Penalties

<b>Parcel #</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Total All Years*</b>	<b>Parcel #</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Total All Years*</b>
06-62-0045	Barnett, George	1,191.04	05-20-0682	LaPlante, David	647.52
05-20-0124	Beck, Michael T	1,648.68	22-90-0124	Leferve, David	1,081.90
08-57-1844	Bedell, Milton	1981.35	01-08-0860	Lillbask, Camilla	1,360.57
21-97-0469	Bradford Healthcare	28,144.08	01-11-1371	Longo, Paul	472.15
07-29-0119	Brinkman, Stan	16.28	04-61-0223	Lyons, John R	1,031.99
22-56-0025	Champagne, Wanda	1,335.35	04-08-0551	Monahan, Kaelea	2,233.67
04-57-2359	Charland, Alan	1,330.77	05-20-0654	Morgan, Maryann E	502.81
04-11-0465	Citi Financial Service	1,305.05	04-11-0203	Morse, Charles E	1,797.85
01-08-0752	Clark, Alan Sr	374.45	04-61-0155	Navey, Edwin	605.65
01-12-0211	Comollo, Bruce J	760.42	07-28-0356	Nutting, Robert W	3,686.62
05-79-0166	Copp, Beverly J	1,011.07	22-88-0033	Nutting, Robert W	2,269.65
09-57-0176-09	Covey, Buddy	86.12	21-97-0069	Onxy, LLC	3,122.37
09-50-0017	Derusha, Glen	1,000.86	23-98-0256	P&M Partnership	2,802.92
04-61-0265	Dutton, Judson	2,731.61	23-98-0228	Pacilio, Maria Life Es	3,440.02
08-68-0176	Elliott, David J	275.06	21-97-0309	Pacilio, Salvatore	2,740.39
08-09-0925	Elliott, Lloyd J	478.15	21-97-0068	Pacilio, Vincent S	3,784.45
09-57-0345	Emerson, Jason M	527.85	09-99-0110	Pacilio, Vincent S	3,401.39
09-57-0347	Emerson, Shirley	534.15	08-57-2025-1	Pape, Shawn G	2,719.40
22-90-0131	Fairlee Marine & Rec.	859.75	05-06-1575	Perry, Drew D	1,456.98
08-36-0148	Fay, Lawrence J	2,175.34	09-75-0017	Perry, Drew D	2,446.45
04-22-0276	Fischer, Jennie	932.31	09-38-0140	Phelps, Mona	582.70
22-91-0065	Ford, Stanwood W	4,903.55	22-90-0051	Pickett, Jocelyn	2,828.09
09-99-0330	Fournier, Mary E	5,002.32	09-54-0009	Piper, Neil S	2,981.91
08-36-0209	Gilbert, Mary	8.67	05-14-0198	Plante, Joseph A	93.40
08-02-0758	Gusha, Francis	729.84	04-08-0562	Richards, Marlene	982.87
04-11-0223	Hatch, Clayton	1,309.11	21-93-0187	Rose, Susan Hanna	5,118.10
05-20-0020	Hines, James F	2,087.95	04-11-0165	Roy, Arthur A	800.36
05-06-1140	Hines, Patricia D	2,663.84	01-61-0124	Ryan Lowell Family	92.54
22-91-0090	Hoisington, Magan	346.35	01-61-0164	Ryan Lowell Family	72.84
05-79-0024	Holly, Robert K	25,182.45	09-09-0296	Sterns, Heather	856.77
23-98-0243	In Season LLC	1,533.00	08-36-0235	Stimpson, Homer	1,385.61
21-97-0354	Johnson, Willis B	11,098.07	09-99-0335	Sweet, Sylvia L	2,501.20
06-18-0006	Kingsbury, Thelma	4,104.89	09-38-0067	Sylvester, Peter	3,102.95
04-01-0449	Knapp, Corey	1,319.63	04-01-0200	Tansey, Joseph W	1,490.88
04-01-0106	Kretschmer, Paul	954.86	09-57-0697	Terrill, R. Todd	1,021.44
09-26-0150	Lange, Rana	881.39	08-09-1251	Thurston, Allen B	1,045.32

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# **DELINQUENT TOWN TAXES** as of December 31, 2017

\*Includes Principal, Interest & Penalties

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<b>Parcel #</b>	<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Total All Years*</b>
04-61-0234	Tremont, Stephen J	84.83
04-20-0620	Tumel, James	241.65
08-36-0180	Wheeler, Patrick	980.09
22-96-0200	White, Dean A	817.75
09-57-0176-07	Williams, Terry	189.37

**Delinquent Tax Collected 2017**  
**Includes Principal, Interest & Penalty**  
**\$109, 854.58**

**POSSIBLE TAX SALE**  
**SPRING 2018**

<b>Delinquent Tax By Year</b>	
Includes Principal, Interest & Penalty	
<b>2017</b>	<b>90,149.31</b>
2016	27,523.88
2015	23,501.67
2014	3,521.89
2013	5,881.98
2012	4,735.47
2011	2,466.18
2010	1,834.17
2009	177.52
2008	614.67
2007	1,199.78
2006	1,936.00
2005	1,884.41
2004	1,600.00
2003	1,728.65
2002	1,817.95
2001	1,947.87
2000	1,803.47
1999	2,293.85
1998	2,502.51
1997	579.85
<b>Total Due All Years</b>	<b>179,701.08</b>



**Bradford Elementary School students and staff held their annual food drive in December to donate to the Bradford Food Shelf. The first-graders made announcements at school assemblies, created posters to hang around the school, and sent letters home to solicit donations. On Dec. 20, they walked from the school's Fairground Road location down to the Bradford Academy to stock the shelves with the donations. Over 80 families frequent the Bradford Food Shelf and benefited from the school's generosity.**



## HIGHLIGHTS OF TOWN FINANCIAL REPORTS – FISCAL YEAR 2017

Note: In this highlights report, numbers are rounded, “FY” indicates “fiscal year,” and “K” refers to thousands of dollars.

### Town Report

In FY 2017 total Town and Highway expenditures came in slightly below budget at \$2,256K, and the Selectboard is requesting a nominal increase in its budget for FY 2018 to \$2,273K. But due to a smaller contribution from the Town’s surplus (\$100K versus \$200K in FY 2017), the amount requested to be raised by taxes is projected to increase by nearly 7% to \$1,887K.

### Departmental Analysis

In the **Selectboard’s** budget, the request is for a 10.8% increase over FY ’17 spending mainly due to the hiring of an Assistant Town Clerk, who will manage grants and other administrative duties; this increase will be partially offset by the elimination of maternity leave expenses for an employee, who will be on the spouse’s health insurance in FY 2018. In addition, the Town paid a portion of taxes on a burned out property in FY 2017, which is now owned privately. **The Listers** expect to spend 26% less than last year primarily because they have fully reserved for the cost of the reappraisal in FY’18 by NEMRC; additional funds are not needed. This saving was partially offset by increased outlays for contracted services. The **Town Clerk’s** office has budgeted an increase of 13% over last year’s actual expense to \$59.6K reflecting a portion of the new Assistant Clerk’s salary and the initiation of the Cotts System, which will put the Town’s public records back to 1998 online and available to the public. The **Town Treasurer’s** budget shows an increase of 10.5% over last year’s expense primarily due to the Assistant’s salary, a salary increase for the Treasurer, and advertising for a possible tax sale. The budget request for **General Government** is 7.3% below the request for FY 2017 primarily due to the completion of upgrades to the Town’s recycling center. Actual expenses in FY 2017 reflect bond payments which do not appear in the budget column but are in fact due. **Planning and Zoning** has requested \$20.2K for FY 2018, a 24% increase over actual expenditures last year reflecting mainly a higher match by the Town for a grant and a salary increase for the Administrator. Expenses for the **Academy Building** are expected to decrease 4.5% to \$112K primarily due to the completion of the sound system in FY 2017 and lower expected maintenance expense. Maintenance expense of \$19K in FY 2017 was over budget due to unforeseen repairs and maintenance to the building’s heating system. Utilities expense budgeted at \$31K is 16.5% over actual expense last year as a contingency. The **Fire Department** has requested a budget of \$119K, 2.5% less than actual expense in FY 2017 reflecting less expected expenditures for safety gear (over budget in FY 2017), new equipment, and truck maintenance. The **Rescue-FAST Squad** has requested a budget of \$11.4K, 11% more than actual expense in FY 2017 due to the cost of new equipment and member stipends. In addition, background checks once provided free by State Police are now fee-based. **Bradford Police** have requested a budget of \$193K, 1.6% below the actual expended in FY 2017 due to decreases in contracted services, Route 25B detour expense (the bridge project was completed in 2017), software, and new equipment. These were slightly offset by higher police salaries and additional hours worked. The budget request for **Public Health and Welfare** of \$287K is up 3.8% from last year’s request primarily due to an increased outlay for Green Up Day and requests for support from other groups. We note that items requested in excess of \$1,500 must be by petition and may show as an unbudgeted expense in FY 2017. The **Parks and Recreation Department** has requested a 6.7% increase in its budget to \$87.5K reflecting the hiring of a new Director and a full slate of programs for the year. Last year only \$29.7K of its budget was spent as the Town sought a new Director, and programs were cancelled. The FY 2018 budget also includes funds to maintain Memorial Field, recently acquired by the Town. It should be noted that many P & R expenses are offset by revenue collected from program participants. As a result of the above, General Fund expenditures are expected to decrease by 1.8% to \$1,269K with \$1,094K to be raised by taxes.

### Highway Fund

The expenses for **Summer Maintenance** of \$167K are expected to climb 11.1% over



last year's outlays primarily due to higher salaries and the cost of equipment rental, mowing, and materials. The cost of **Winter Maintenance** is expected to rise 4.7% to \$266K compared to the actual FY2017 expense due to higher personnel costs, purchased services, and sand. The **Administration** budget shows a slight decrease of 2.9% to \$86K reflecting lower interest expense on equipment loans. The department requested a \$2.5K increase in the budget for downtown trash pickup to \$10K for FY 2018, reflecting the actual expense in FY 2017. **Equipment Maintenance** is budgeted at \$69.5K, up 11% over the actual expenditure for FY 2017 but down from the FY2017 budget of \$78.5K reflecting less expected maintenance this year. The budget for **Special Roads** is requested at \$416K, up from a budgeted \$391K for FY 2017 and 1.9% over the actual expense in FY 2017. Paving projects, guardrails, and State regulations regarding storm water discharges added to the increases here. As a result of the above, total Highway expenses are expected to rise 4.2% to \$1,004K, and the amount to be raised by taxes will rise 5% to \$893K after anticipated revenue of \$111K from the State.

### **Water & Sewer Report**

In FY 2017 water Income came in 5.5% below budget at \$291K, and commissioners expect \$293K in revenue next year. Sewer Income was 6.6% below expectations at \$260K, and commissioners lowered their expectations for FY 2018 to \$258K to reflect a lower volume in the system.

Water expenses in FY 2017 of \$277.9K were 8.4% below budget due primarily to cost savings in several key areas. State permits were 21% below budget due to fewer projects required for permitting, and the budget for FY 2018 was reduced to only \$1K. New work was 90% below budget reflecting work late in the year and not yet billed; the budget for FY 2018 remains at \$6K. A \$14K payment on the Water Bond was reduced to \$4.8K and only \$4.5K is budgeted for FY 2018. Water testing came in 63% below budget at \$1K as a lead/copper issue did not reappear; \$1.2K is budgeted for FY2018. Repairs were substantially below budget but may again reflect work done late in FY 2017 and not billed in that year. Security expense was budgeted at \$2K, but no money was spent; \$2K is budgeted again for FY 2018 reflecting the need to upgrade software that monitors several key pump stations and other system operations. The Water System spent only \$251 on hydrants in FY 2017, but commissioners have budgeted a substantial increase for FY 2018 at \$15K to replace four old hydrants at Oxbow High School.

The above were partially offset by a few line items that came in over budget. Equipment repairs were \$6.1K, \$5.9K over budget reflecting the unexpected need to replace two water pumps on Goshen Road. Truck maintenance and contracted services were also over the budgeted amounts. As a result of the above, the Water System had a nominal surplus of \$311 for FY 2017.

The Water budget for FY 2018 of \$298K in expenses represents a 1.6% decrease from last year's budget and a 7.5% increase over actual FY 2017 outlays. As a result, commissioners expect a deficit of \$5K in FY 2018.

Sewer expenses in FY 2017 of \$214.5K were substantially below budget of \$282K primarily due to \$30K budgeted for replacement of a portion of the Main Street sewer line, which was not needed. In addition, an expected \$7K bond payment came in at only \$2.4K, sewer line maintenance was 51% below budget at \$5.8K (line cleaning was less than anticipated), equipment replacement/repair was less than expected at \$900 (versus \$6K budgeted), sewer plant maintenance was 61% below budget at \$2.9K, generator maintenance was 49% below budget at \$2.5K, sewer sludge field testing was only \$47 (versus \$2K budgeted), and the audit was \$2K below budget at \$4.1K.

The above were partially offset by the need to replace two pumps and maintenance work at the plant. Pump station repair and maintenance came in at \$6.3K when only \$2K was budgeted.

As a result of the above, the Sewer System enjoyed a surplus of \$45.2K in FY 2017.

The Sewer budget for FY 2018 of \$240.8K in expenses represents a 14.6% decrease compared to last year's budget and a 24% decrease from actual FY 2017 outlays. As a result, commissioners expect a 17.2K surplus in FY 2018.

It should be noted that these numbers have not been audited by the Town's professional auditors and may be adjusted in the future.

## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

As we have done in previous years, your Town Auditors met in late December to perform a general review and check of the Town's financial accounts. Vermont law requires that the Auditors "...provide a detailed statement of the financial condition of the Town, together with the summary of receipts and expenditures, the condition of the trust funds, and a listing of the outstanding bonds and notes." The reports included in this Town Report are those of the Treasurer and the Water and Sewer Department, which have been reviewed by the Auditors.

In our review, we randomly selected a few dozen transactions that occurred in those accounts during 2018, both deposits and disbursements, to ensure that funds received were deposited in a timely and accurate manner and to ensure that disbursements were duly authorized for payment by the Selectboard and the Water and Sewer Board and that checks were issued with the correct payee and in the correct amount. We also checked the relatively small amount of credit card purchases made by the Water Department, and we were able to satisfactorily document and verify those transactions.

In our report last year, the Auditors made five recommendations that reflected material deficiencies found by our professional auditing firm; we are happy to report that for all intents and purposes, these recommendations have been implemented with one exception: in the accounts of the Water and Sewer Department, accrued revenue has to be adjusted to reflect the Town's fiscal year end of 12/31 while the W&S Department billing periods overlap that date. The professional auditors' findings were as follows:

"Entries to record unbilled Water and Sewer receivables were not properly recorded, resulting in an overstatement of accounts receivable and revenues."

Their recommendation was: "We recommend that the Selectboard and the W&S Commission put procedures in place to ensure that revenues are correct and that assets are properly recorded and reconciled to the balance sheet accounts."

The response of the Selectboard was: "The Selectboard Chair will speak directly to the W&S Commission to ensure that these are properly recorded and reconciled to the balance sheet accounts for the year ending 2017."

We note that these recommendations were included in the audit of the 2016 financial records. Our professional auditors have not yet begun their audit of the 2017 records.

We also recommend that the Town budget and the Water and Sewer budgets be consistent in the format of their column headings; the Town uses a "budget/actual/budget" format while Water and Sewer uses an "actual/budget/budget" format. A consistent format will make analysis easier and less confusing for the general public.

A copy of the professional auditors' report is available at the Town Clerk's Office for review.

We would like to thank Jennifer Rivers, Town Treasurer; Sonya McLam, Town Clerk; and Danielle Kingsbury, Selectboard Administrative Assistant, for their help and cooperation in the performance of our duties during the year.

We would also like to thank the Journal Opinion for the use of their office and computer equipment in the preparation of this Town report. And finally, we would like to thank the JO's Production Manager, Michelle Sherburne, for her hard work in assembling the many financial and town department reports and other parties for this Town Report.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Peter Terry*  
*Erin Odell*

## REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD

The Bradford Selectboard was kept very busy in 2017, dealing with important and challenging issues. We mentioned in last year's report that the Town had been awarded two significant grants: one for an engineering study for handicapped accessibility for the Bradford Public Library, the other for badly needed renovations to the Colonial Village Apartments, which are now owned and operated by Downstreet Community Housing.

The library hired a firm which identified a possible design for an elevator which would not compromise the unique architecture of the historic library building. Unfortunately, the Library Trustees were not confident they could raise the necessary sum, so for now they are not proceeding any further. But the design is in place so that whenever funding is available, that difficult step has been achieved. Katelyn Robinson helped manage this grant, and thanks to her hard work, the process went smoothly.

The Town was also awarded a grant to assist Downstreet Community Housing to renovate the Colonial Village Apartments, and that project was a huge success. The apartments now meet all required codes and are much more energy efficient than before. One of the most interesting and innovative changes is that all the apartments are now heated with wood pellets.

We are also very pleased to report that the Bradford Fire Department has been awarded a significant grant for the purchase of new air packs and bottles, as well as other emergency response equipment. Thanks to this grant, Bradford's firefighters will soon have new state-of-the-art air packs, which are essential for the safety of those who are willing to enter dangerous environments.

The Town took over Memorial Field from the school system. Although Bradford taxpayers owned the field previously, and they still own the field today, transferring ownership from the school to the town opens up possibilities for expansion and renovation of the field, without triggering any penalties for excessive spending for the school budget.

One very significant development was the conversion of our trash and recycling depot to a Transfer Station. This involved a detailed permit application to the State and the installation of two compactors: one for trash, the other for recycling. This project took longer than we originally expected, but in the short time the compactors have been in operation, we have received many positive comments.

Another project that generated a lot of public comment was the sale and demolition of the property located at 172 South Main Street. This house was rendered uninhabitable by a major fire several years ago, and it stood as a danger and an eyesore for a long time. After exhausting all conceivable options, the Town purchased the property, then quickly sold it to Jason Fornwalt, on the condition that he demolish the standing remains, and properly dispose of the debris. It turned out to be more complicated and time consuming than anyone expected, and we are very grateful that Jason worked through all those challenges.

Bradford's highway crew was very busy over the past year. We were hit hard by a severe storm on July 1, and several other storms struck later in the summer and fall. The July 1 storm caused damage to several roads, and it completely washed out a large section of Wrights Mountain Road.

As bad as the damage was, it would have been much worse if not for Phil Page's dedication. As the water was rushing down the mountainside, cutting into the road bed, Phil was working with the excavator, trying to keep as much water as possible away from the road. All members of the road crew worked throughout the Independence Day holiday.

We also want to welcome two new town employees. Jesse Meyer is the new Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, and she also manages the many grants the Town has received. We regularly seek grant funding for many projects; this allows us to improve our community adding little or no cost to Bradford's tax rate. But grant money is never "free," as it comes with many conditions and restrictions. Jesse has done a fine job of keeping track of all those special requirements, and we appreciate her good work.

We also hired Mollie Hatch as Bradford's new Recreation Director. Mollie has been on board for just a few months but already she has invigorated Bradford recreation program, and we look forward to seeing the recreation program expand and improve.

Bradford depends on volunteers. The town could not function without community members volunteering their time and talents. Many boards and commissions, such as Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission, Public Safety Commission and the Fire Department, need volunteers. We encourage everyone who lives in and cares about Bradford, to become involved.

*Thomas E. "Ted" Unkles, Chair  
Lisa Sharp Grady, Vice Chair  
Carole P. Taylor  
Daniel A. Perry III  
Randy L. Moore*



**After a much-anticipated wait, members of the Enhanced Living, Inc. broke ground December 15, 2017 at the Plateau Acres site of the future Margaret Pratt Assisted Living Center and Memory Care. Modular construction will start early in 2018 while site work will commence in the spring.**



## REPORT OF THE LISTERS

The Board of Listers would like to thank all the taxpayers for their help and assistance in providing information to the NEMRC staff doing the town wide reassessment. This reassessment will be completed for the 2018 tax year. In late April or early May, all taxpayers will receive their change of appraisal notice with the new property values. In mid- to late May, informal meetings will be held where taxpayers can meet with the assessors and learn how their new property values were determined. Formal Grievance hearings will be held in early to mid-June.

The 2017 Equalization Sales Study Results came out on December 15, 2017, the Common Level of Appraisal is set at 116.71% and the Coefficient of Dispersion is at 16.58%. Both numbers are high, and we anticipate they will be lowered in 2018, due to the just completed reassessment.

Here are some reminders:

- Homestead Declaration:

Be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid any penalties. If you sell your home the tax bill will go to **who owned the property as of April 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you qualify for a tax rebate, the rebate remains with the property unless you or your attorney complete the proper paper work.

Towns **cannot** give back a rebate.

- Veteran's Exemptions:

Veteran's Exemptions go through the Vermont Office of Veteran's Affairs (VOVA) in Montpelier and must be filed by May 1. In mid-May, VOVA will send a final list of those Veterans that qualify to receive the exemption.

We are in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 am-1 pm. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by with any questions. We can be reached by phone at 802-222-4727 Ext. 306 or by email: [listers@bradford-vt.us](mailto:listers@bradford-vt.us).

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Wing  
Nila Anaya-Newstrom  
Mary Wendell*



**Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas (D-Bradford) spoke at a press conference April 10 in front of Penland's Jewelry on Main Street as she introduced a proposal aimed at lowering sales taxes to offset a new carbon tax.**

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

In 2017, the Planning Commission worked on updating the Zoning Bylaw. In 2018, we hope to complete the update with the assistance of Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) through a Municipal Planning Grant we have received. In addition, we will be working with TRORC to develop an Enhanced Energy Plan which will enable the Town to have an increased impact on decisions by the Public Service Commission on energy siting.

The Planning Commission has also developed a Subdivision bylaw and held its first hearing on the proposed bylaw in December. Additional hearings are anticipated in 2018.

The marketing and economic development study is well underway. We received a Municipal Planning Grant for this project in 2016 and hired Dubois and King to assist us with the study. We anticipate holding several outreach meetings and concluding the project in the spring of 2018.

We also held three quasi-judicial site plan hearings during 2017 which were approved with conditions and scheduled a fourth for early in 2018. Members of the Commission also attended training sessions sponsored by the state, UVM Extension and by Vermont League of Towns and Cities as well as several by Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission.

We wish to thank Bob Wing who is retiring as zoning administrator as well as Danielle Kingsbury, Sonya McLam, Jennifer Rivers and Claude Ciurleo who have been so helpful in supporting the Commission.

The Planning Commission is always looking for new members as well as participation on various projects. Our regularly scheduled meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Bradford Academy Building.

*Marcey Carver, Chair  
Bryan Mitofsky  
Ron Huntington  
Ted Unkles  
Bob Benjamin*



**Bud Haas of Bradford deploys a fire extinguisher during a demonstration on June 30 during Fire Safety Day held at the Town Garage and sponsored by Odell Insurance. The event provided free extinguisher inspections and coordinates disposal of old extinguishers.**



## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In 2017, the Bradford Highway Department received a Better Backroads Grant to do work on Hackett Hill Road. The Highway Department paved all of Goshen Road East and also utilized money received from the State of Vermont for the Route 25B project to repaint traffic lines and fog lines on Creamery Road.

The Town of Bradford received damage to many roads and culverts in town due to the July 2017 storm and is looking to be reimbursed by FEMA for these damages. The Highway Department completed work on many culverts and ditches and roads that were affected by this storm.

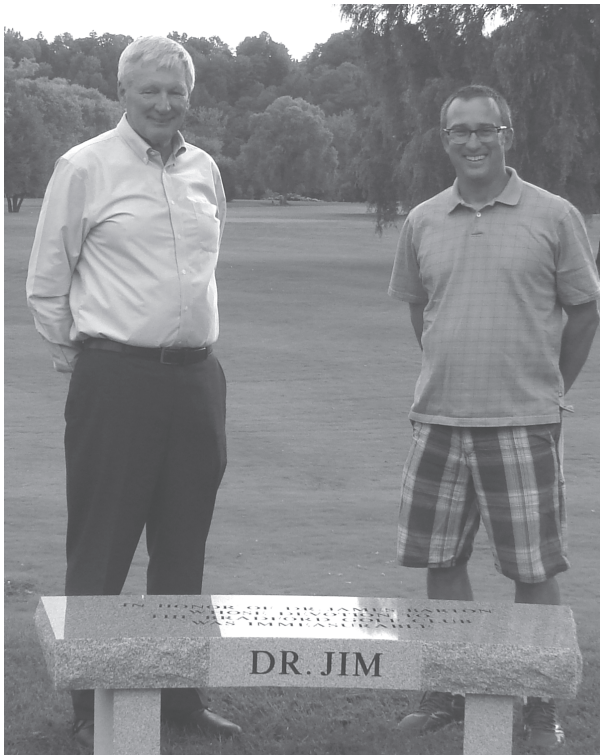
The Highway Crew also took part in the revamp at the Bradford Transfer Station and will continue to work with Casella on making improvements. One of the improvements to be completed in 2018 is to utilize the grindings from the Main Street paving project by using them in the Transfer Station parking lot, which will make the road smoother and help with dust control.

The highway garage also received a facelift this year by getting two new garage doors. The new doors are larger and not only help with getting the highway trucks in and out of garage but also with the insulation of the garage itself.

This year the Highway Department would like to thank all of its local contractors who have helped the Town Highway Department over the years. Thank you to: Fornwalt Excavation, Adam Osgood Carpentry, Locke's Excavation, Simmons Lawn Care & Snow Removal, Scott Fisk and his crew, Robert Miller and Scott Hanley.

The Town of Bradford's Highway Department consists of three road members who cover over 56 miles of roads. We greatly appreciate the public's patience during road construction and keeping the roads clear and everyone safe.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bradford Highway  
Phil Page*



**At the Bradford Golf Club, a memorial bench was installed in honor of Dr. Jim Barton on Sept. 11. Pictured here are Randy Odell, left, and Dr. Charlie Barton, right, the son of the late Dr. Barton. For years, Dr. Barton oversaw the well-being of the Bradford Golf Course and was instrumental in projects there. Friends, family and golf club members donated funds for the granite bench that was made by Gandin Brothers in South Ryegate. It was installed near the clubhouse, a favorite spot of Dr. Jim's.**

## REPORT OF BRADFORD PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

We have been working on updating policies and procedures for the ever-changing world of public safety and the very litigious society we live in.

A Free and Impartial Policing Policy that meets federal and state laws has taken considerable time and has been much in the news. We believe what we have protects the public without hamstringing the police.

We are happy to say that our police department is currently staffed at a level we feel is what the town needs and what it can afford.

Chief Jeff Stiegler works full time and Sgt. Russ Robinson works about three-quarters time. Part-time officers Andy Thibault and Steve Sampson work various shifts as needed.

The members of our police department daily demonstrate the professionalism and type of community policing we desire.

We remind you that we do not have a 24/7 police department. When our officers are not working, a Vermont State Police trooper will be dispatched to the call.

If you have an emergency and need an officer, please call 9-1-1.

The FAST Squad membership is lower than we would like and there is a need for new members, especially those who can respond during the day. The squad performs an invaluable service assisting Upper Valley Ambulance with medical calls in Bradford.

The Fire Department has a significant budget primarily because it has several expensive vehicles that the taxpayers need to maintain and keep up to date. We are working with the chief on a long-range plan for maintenance and replacement of vehicles and equipment.

The members of the Fire Department and FAST Squad receive stipends for the countless hours they give responding to calls and training, but the money is really just a token of thanks.

They are volunteers who have jobs, families and commitments that at times make responding difficult. Like departments throughout rural America, many work out of town so daytime response may not be what we would like but the alternative, a paid staff, would be cost-prohibitive.

The Public Safety Commission, the Police and Fire departments and the FAST Squad are creations of the Town of Bradford and funded by the taxpayers. They exist to serve the residents and visitors to town.

Should you have questions, suggestions or concerns about them, please contact the individual department head, the Public Safety Commission, or a member of the Selectboard.

*Gary W. Moore  
Chair*

**On the Upper Plain in Bradford, Marianne O'Malley's house was destroyed in an explosion June 29 caused by an accidental gas leak. Fortunately no one was home or injured. Bradford Fire Department was on scene but there was little fire though there was incredible damage. The following day, Vermont State Police, Vermont Fire Marshal and a specialized search and rescue team were on scene to provide assistance in searching, engineering and shoring up the remains of the building. Months later, the debris was removed.**

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## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bradford Fire Department consists of 22 members, three of which are senior members. Additionally, we have 3 junior members. These are men and women who volunteer hundreds of hours each year. Out of the membership, seven are Firefighter 1 certified and four are Firefighter 2 certified. More and more of our firefighters are working out of town and it is getting harder to support the staff for daytime calls. We only have a couple of firefighters who are in town during the weekdays. Currently we are seeking additional volunteers.

The department responded to 142 Calls in 2017.

Alarm Activation	22
Ambulance Assist	17
Agency Assist	4
Chimney Fire	1
CO Alarm	10
Electrical Fire	3
Mutual Aid	17
MV Fire	1
MV Accidents	28
Outside Fire	2
Service Call	13
Structure Fire	7
Smoke Investigation	3
Trees and Wires	14

In 2016, the Town applied for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the effort to help replace our aging air packs. In August 2017, the Fire Department received the official announcement that we were awarded \$113,649 from this grant. This will allow us to purchase 17 new air packs that will be in service for 15 years. Air packs are a vital part of our equipment allowing us to enter building during smoky conditions.

### SAFETY FIRST!

- Make sure you have a working fire extinguisher, CO (carbon monoxide) detectors and smoke detectors in your home and change the batteries as recommended.
- Make an emergency escape plan and practice it, especially with your children. It is good to have more than one escape route in place. Have a meeting place out of harm's way when exiting your house, fire is very unpredictable and if a plan is practiced, it can save lives.
- Since we are a small community, make sure to always check on your neighbors.

Remember if you have an emergency, call **9-1-1** and we will be there for you. You may also check us out on the Town of Bradford's website at [www.bradford-vt.us](http://www.bradford-vt.us), Like us on Facebook (Bradford Fire Department Inc.) Or email us directly at [Bradfordfire@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Bradfordfire@myfairpoint.net).



*Respectfully submitted,  
Ryan Terrill  
Fire Chief*

**Fire engulfed an unoccupied school bus at Oxbow High School on a school day October 17. The bus was close to the gymnasium exit in the rear parking lot when it caught fire. Firefighters from Bradford and Corinth put out the blaze but not before an explosion reverberated through the Upper Plain. There were no injuries reported and the students were moved to safety. Thanks to the quick response by the fire departments, a more serious situation was averted.**

## REPORT OF BRADFORD FAST SQUAD

The Bradford FAST Squad remains the busiest volunteer EMS service in the area. We have averaged over 425 requests for service per year over the last eight years. This year was no exception with over 410 requests.

This year we added six new members, four EMTs, one AEMT and one paramedic. We had one person that resigned after taking a one-year leave of absence.

Our goal for this year was to bring our equipment and training up to the current standards. We accomplished 95 percent of that goal. The new rules for VT EMS services are going into effect in January. These rules will necessitate some changes on our part. These changes do not have a significant monetary impact, just some operational changes.

We look forward to servicing the Bradford community in the coming year.

We can be reached at 802-449-2051 or BradfordFASTSquad@gmail.com

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Stephen Sanborn NRP*  
*President*  
*Bradford FAST Squad*

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## REPORT OF BRADFORD TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

This report covers from Jan. 1, 2017 until Dec. 31, 2017. Carole Taylor has served as my deputy and liaison with the Selectboard.

The major issues were animal bites and unsafe housing. They were addressed according to state regulations and somewhat resolved. I recommend a town ordinance relating to animal control so the animal control officer can function more effectively and safely with the backing of the Selectboard. It is difficult to address unsafe structures and illegal actions as it takes time to go through the legal process required by the state and town. The State Department of Health has been a very useful and valuable resource.

The following is a summary of the cases received in 2017:

Animal Bites	5
Rental Inspections	2
Child Welfare	1
Water Supply	1
Unsafe Structures	2
Air Quality	1

I would like to thank Carole Taylor and Wayne Godfrey for their assistance in these matters. If anyone has concerns about any public health hazards, please call the Town Office at 802-222-4727 Ext. 300 or me at 802-522-9338. My email is m.walsh1131@gmail.com.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Marie P. Walsh, RN*  
*Bradford Town Health Officer*



## REPORT OF BRADFORD POLICE CHIEF

This is my sixth report and I would once again like to thank all the Bradford Town employees, business leaders and residents who provide support for the Bradford Police Department throughout each year.

I am extremely thankful to be working within such a resilient community as our national incident based reporting statistics reflect a low crime rate and relatively small number of serious traffic crashes. From my vantage point this is a testament to a community that watches out for one another throughout the year. At the 2017 town meeting, a resident asked for a more detailed account or breakdown of police statistics. I will attempt to compress some of that data, but would ask that any time you have a question or concern, please stop in and see us, so your questions can be answered. Our calls for service in 2016 ended at 736 and for 2017 we ended at 671, a difference of 65 less calls for 2017.

Traffic stops for civil violations in Bradford were 1,106 with 1,144 violations addressed and 1,009 warnings issued. 97 traffic tickets were issued during this time as well. All the civil citations issued have resulted in favorable findings from the judicial bureau on the civil citations issued from Bradford Police Officers in 2017.

Criminal citations issued in Bradford were 16 with numerous cases resulting in multiple charges being brought forward through the Orange County State's Attorney's Office. 153 criminal incidents were cleared through these initial cases in 2017. I am also pleased to inform you that all the cases that have been adjudicated through the Orange County Superior Court to date have resulted in favorable findings on the cases brought to the State's Attorney's Office from the Bradford Police Department.

Once again, we received and utilized several grants that resulted in more police visibility within the Bradford community and enabled us to be more proactive in our duties. Last year I informed you about staffing changes at the former State Police barracks in Bradford. It is unfortunate that budget constraints have resulted in the barracks becoming an outpost, but I am pleased that we continue to maintain an excellent working relationship with the troopers on patrol in the Bradford area as well as with other area first responders.

As always, our goals and objectives for 2018 will be what is in the best interest of the Town. My hope is to continue meaningful conversations through open lines of communication that keep the town safe. Please call 802-222-4680 or 9-1-1 if you need police services. Our administrative number for non-time sensitive calls remains 802-222-4727, Ext. 301.

*Sincerely,  
Jeff Stiegler  
Chief of Police*



**Ready for the Bradford Trunk or Treat this past October, Augie Stiegler, right, is a miniature version of dad Police Chief Jeff Stiegler.**

## REPORT OF VERMONT STATE POLICE A Troop, St. Johnsbury

The Vermont State Police continue to provide dedicated police coverage for your town during hours not covered by the Bradford Police Department. We also continue to work collaboratively with Chief Jeff Stiegler to provide the best possible service for the residents of Bradford.

Throughout the year, troopers responded to a broad range of calls, and the total number of cases generated by the Vermont State Police was 455. Troopers also remained active in area schools and participated in a variety of community functions.

Here is a list of the offenses from both the Bradford State Police agency and the St. Johnsbury State Police agency that Vermont State Police responded to in your town from January 1, 2017 to December 14, 2017.

### **AGENCY: ST. JOHNSBURY VSP**

<b><u>NATURE OF INCIDENT</u></b>	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>
9-1-1 Hangup Calls	11
Traffic Accident w/Damage	40
Agency Assistance	79
Alarm	47
Citizen Assist	38
Citizen Dispute	25
Motor Vehicle Complaint	39
Sex Offender Registry	15
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	35
Welfare/Suicide Check	19
All Other Incidents*	107
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THIS AGENCY</b>	<b>455</b>

*Respectfully,  
Lieutenant Matthew Amadon  
Station Commander  
St. Johnsbury Station*

\*There were 36 categories with less than 10 incidents per category.



**Watch Them Grow hosted a thank you breakfast for area emergency responders the first week of July with members of the Bradford Police Department, Haverhill Police Department and North Haverhill Fire Department participating. Pictured here is Sgt. Russ Robinson of the Bradford Police Department.**



## REPORT OF BRADFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Two storms affected Bradford this year causing considerable damage for which we have applied for FEMA reimbursement. The highway crew and contractors hired deserve credit for getting all the town roads open quickly.

Be careful and be prepared. Watch out for your neighbors and help one another. That is what living in a community like Bradford means.

You can help protect your family and property by being security conscious. Lights are a big deterrent and game or security cameras can help police identify perpetrators after the fact. Various companies offer sophisticated security systems, but they are not cheap.

The best thing we can do is pay attention. Note strange vehicles and persons in the area. Watch your neighbors' property when they are at work or on vacation. Keep everything locked and under cover.

Record the serial numbers of expensive items such as chainsaws, kayaks, canoes and other items frequently stolen.

Every residence and business should have an E9-1-1 sign that is visible from the road and is of a size and color that can be read under all conditions and by someone coming from either direction. You just might need an ambulance, a fire truck or a police cruiser to reach you quickly. Remember, if we can't find you, we can't help you.

Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries twice a year.

It is important that you have an evacuation plan that every member of the family is familiar with and that is practiced. A designated place outside the home to meet is critical so that it can quickly be determined if anyone is missing.

Woodstoves are ubiquitous in our community, but unfortunately, some are improperly installed and may prove dangerous. Be sure to follow the directions of the manufacturer regarding distances from combustibles and never use the same flue as the furnace. Burn only dry wood and keep your chimney clean.

Never put ashes in a container that is combustible and always leave them far from buildings. Ashes stay hot long after a fire is out and wind can cause sparks to travel quite a distance.

Many residents have purchased generators to use when the power is off. I urge everyone with a generator to never plug it into a circuit unless an electrician has installed the necessary switches to prevent a back feed. Also make certain that the generator is far enough from the house so that deadly carbon monoxide cannot be sucked into the house.

Please educate your children about picking up trash. There are all sorts of things illegally disposed of that can hurt you if not handled properly.

It would be naive to think no one was making meth in this area when it is occurring all over the state. As meth is an illegal drug and the making of it is a criminal offense, the disposal of the waste and paraphernalia used in the process is often done with no concern for those who may encounter it.

Likewise, drug users often toss used needles out. They can infect anyone who handles them. Should you find liter soda bottles with plastic tubes in their caps or white residue inside or you find needles, do not touch them. Be safe. Call the police.

*Gary W. Moore  
Emergency Management Director*

## REPORT OF BRADFORD ACADEMY BUILDING

New directories, constructed by the Vermont Correctional Industries in Newport, Vt., were an addition in the Bradford Academy building this past year. The directories were presented by the Bradford Academy Class of 1966 in memory of their classmates deceased in 2016. Leonard Dobbins, Class of 1947, installed the directories with assistance from Robert Wing, husband of Donna Kidder Wing, Class of 1966.

After installing the directories, it prompted me to do some painting in the building. All cracks were filled, and hallway walls and restrooms in the basement level were painted.

Replacements for the building included outdated Exit signs replaced with LEDs, smoke detectors, and the "9-1-1" phone in the elevator.

Yearly waxing of the basement level and also waxing maintenance of the gym floor was completed.

Bert Dodson Studios on the third floor has a new look with a nice paint job to complement the beautiful artwork displayed.

The heating system is working like it should. ARC Mechanical Contractors installed controls that will make the main level and basement level heat evenly. Steam to hot water! "Great Job!"

Maintenance is always an ongoing battle in an older building. I have been working hard at getting better efficiency throughout the building not just with #2 Heating Oil, but electric as well. I urge building tenants and building users to be smart and turn off lights when they leave an area.



It was a strange, sad event April 12 when Longto Tree Service removed the two old maple trees in front of the BA that were dying. They had been plagued with salt and it was decided to have them removed. JM Landscaping planted two new maple trees which are doing well. The Bradford Conservation Commission, with Nancy Jones working on the project, received a grant from the Urban Community Forestry Program to help pay for the new maples.

We had a pest problem in Winter 2017 that affected the south side of the BA structure. The exterior brick walls were covered with annoying insects known as the box elder beetles. Many of these beetles inundated the building's offices, doors and windows.

After researching what they were, I learned that a pest control company could spray the exterior of the building before the fall season to prevent the beetle mania again. I received a quote, but unfortunately the cost would be in the thousands of dollars, including renting a lift for the job. More research was done, and a basic Raid Max Bug Barrier spray was used to spray the office windows. That did the trick and eliminated the beetles in the winter. Then when fall came around, we were able to use the spray on the window interiors, and the BA was beetle free! And saved potentially spending thousands of dollars on a pest control problem.

I would like to thank the residents of Bradford for their support of the BA. We hope you and your families enjoy what it has to offer. A special thank you to the Bradford Selectboard, all Town employees, and the numerous volunteers who make it work at the BA day to day. Special thank you's to the following for the services provided in 2017:

- Bill Walters, electrical work
- Larry Russ of Middlebrook Mechanical, plumbing
- Don Sinclair, locks and doors
- Adam Osgood, painting
- Adam Longto, Longto Tree Service
- ARC Mechanical Contractors, boilers and controls
- And extra special thanks to Rob Elder, a non-resident, for all he does for the BA.

*Respectfully submitted, Claude Ciurleo, Custodian*



**Pictured here are Florence Emerson Welch, left, and Linda Clark Welch in front of the Main Directory in the lobby of the BA.**



## REPORT OF BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bradford's participation in World War I was a major focus of the Bradford Historical Society's program during 2017. Central to that centennial observance was a display of artifacts and photos from both the European and homefronts.

Society Vice President Meroa Benjamin arranged photographs of many of the Bradford residents who served in the Armed Forces during the war. She compiled information about many of them, complete with a flyer containing their personal and service details. She assisted Diane Smarro and Larry Coffin in searching through the Society's collection to locate the artifacts displayed. All three expressed surprise at the quality and quantity of the artifacts from various parts of the collection and the stories they discovered regarding the military training and service overseas.

This display was one of several activities on this theme. On April 6, the Society hosted a program titled "A Salute to WW I Veterans." Participants included Meroa Benjamin, Martina Stever, Robert Benjamin, Larry Coffin, David Perry, Tony Brainerd, Arvid Johnson and Peter Terry. Several read from letters sent home by Bradford soldiers as well as a diary kept by the Murphy family detailing the packages they sent to France. The program also included songs and poems of the period along with slides of the battlefields as they appear today. Excerpts from the written accounts of Second Lieutenant Harold Haskins were presented. Judy Barton ended the program by leading the audience with "God Bless America."

On May 18, the Society hosted historian Carrie Brown's program "Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War." The Society's traditional Fourth of July weekend concert was held on June 30, organized by Board member Penny Perryman, and featured the Bayley Hazen Boys in a program of old-time bluegrass mountain music. On August 12, a small, but enthusiastic, group took a road trip to Saint Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, NH.

In October, the Society sponsored two programs. Meroa Benjamin presented a program on researching family genealogy using Ancestry.com and personal experiences. The program was held at and in cooperation with the Bradford Public Library. The annual meeting featured a potluck supper and independent scholar, farmer, journalist and longtime public speaker Steve Taylor. His topic was "Our Love-Hate Relationship with Agricultural Fairs."

The Museum has been open during the period from April to November. It was open the first Fridays of April and May on BA alumni reunion day in early June and then every Friday through October. A special open house was held in connection with the Wild Game Supper on November 18. Visitors to the museum include locals of all ages as well as visitors from as far away as Florida and California. Many who visit recall the museum rooms being used as the Bradford Academy's classrooms and study hall. As always, the museum can be opened by special request by contacting Larry Coffin at 802-222-4423 or Meroa Benjamin at 802-222-9621.

In December, the Society hosted the second in a series of meeting with other local historical societies from throughout the Upper Valley. This is a project spearheaded by Meroa Benjamin. The enthusiastic group of local historians who gathered set in motion plans for coordinated activities in the future.

Much of the work of the Board is behind the scenes. Diane Smarro, Martina Stever, Gloria Randall and Meroa Benjamin have worked to organize portions of the collection that have accumulated over the years. Diane Smarro is very active as the Society's treasurer and Janice Larabee as its secretary. Other current members of the Board were Robert Benjamin, David Perry, Joseph Sampson and director emerita Jeannette Nordham.

A number of new items were donated to the museum during the past year. A box of photographs from the family of Philip Ross Hastings has prompted a project for the coming year. Hastings, who grew up in Bradford and graduated from the BA in 1942, was one of the nation's foremost railroad photographers. The box contained railroad photographs as well as local photographs from the 1940s.

Faced with the problem of displaying not only these newly-acquired photos but

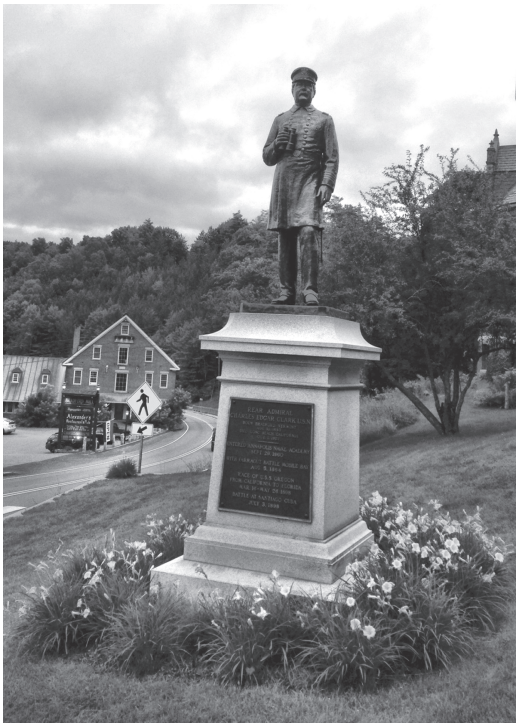
also the hundreds of other photographs in the collection, the Society has decided to purchase a swing-wing display unit. Similar to those used by stores to display posters, this will provide space for many photographs. Donations are being collected to purchase an archival quality unit that will be dedicated in honor of the late Phyllis Lavelle. She was a former curator of the museum and a longtime member of the Board.

In addition to the above, the Society offers assistance with research on Bradford history. Rarely a week goes by without a request for family, home or town history. Many requests come through our Facebook page ([facebook.Bradfordhistoricalsociety](https://www.facebook.com/Bradfordhistoricalsociety)) where we have logged over 5,000 visitors.

The Bradford Bicentennial cane presentations are always a pleasure, and during the year the cane was presented to Ned Carter and Eris Eastman followed later by presentations to Robert Valliant and Vera Grant.

A major change in the leadership of the Society came when Meroa Benjamin became the new president and Martina Stever took the position of vice president. Larry Coffin will continue as curator of the museum. There is a need for volunteers to help the Society with a variety of jobs. If interested, contact Meroa Benjamin at 802-222-9621. We hope those who read this report will feel free to attend our programs and visit our museum in 2018.

*Larry Coffin*



**Keeping watch over Downtown Bradford is the statue of Capt. Charles Edgar Clark situated in the Memorial Park near the Bradford Public Library. The statue honors the Bradford hero of the Spanish-American War and his leadership of the battleship "Oregon."**



**Mountain View Dairy farm was a Bradford mainstay back in the 1940s on the Upper Plain, owned by Paul Rogers. His daughter Mary Beth Ames received a piece of family history in 2017 when she was given a half pint cream bottle from her family's farm. She had been searching for 35 years for one of the milk bottles she remembered and she is pictured on. Dairy collector Richard Thorton of West Newbury found the bottle in North Carolina and brought it back to Ames. Pictured here is the photograph of Mary Beth as a girl that was used as the illustration on the milk bottle.**



## **REPORT OF BRADFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

We were very fortunate to welcome Bob Claflin as our newest member this year! The following summarizes our activities in 2017:

### **Management:**

- County Forester David Paganelli assessed the potential for timber harvesting. Result: not at this time;

- Wrights MT/Devil's Den Town Forest Management Plan updated to reflect changes since 2010

- With Selectboard approval, plans were made to improve access to the WM/DD trails by expanding 2 parking lots;

- With Selectboard approval, BCC applied for and received a \$10,000 Technical Assistance Grant from the VT Town Forest Recreation Planning Community Assistance Program. A Steering Committee was convened of BCC members, neighbors and professional resources; to learn more about this project, visit <http://www.uvm.edu/extension/affence/?m=20171101> for an episode that aired on "Across the Fence" on WCAX TV.

### **Stewardship:**

- A Spring pruning workshop was held at Elizabeth's Park led by John Hanzas;

- 2 maples were planted on the BA lawn by JM Landscaping via a Caring for Canopy Grant from FPR;

- OHS students and staff groomed WM/DD trails in May as a Community Service Project;

- June's Annual Race to the Top, led by Rick Evans, included 52 kids and 42 adults. BEST EVER!

- 1500 new map/brochures have been printed for kiosks with support from 14 Bradford businesses;

- "Cindy's Trail" was extended to form a 0.9 mi loop by Upper Valley Trails Alliance Trail Corps students and BCC members;

- In preparation for expanding the parking lot, trees were cleared at the Wrights MT Trailhead

### **Conservation:**

- With Selectboard approval, the Conservation Fund bylaws were amended to include enhancing access to trails, thus enabling funding for tree removal at Wrights MT Trailhead;

- Just under \$10,000 was raised this year via fund-raising events, including Marchi Gras Dinner & Auction, Annual Yard Sale, Annual Appeal, 2018 Calendar, & 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Buck-A-Pie Week at Colatina Exit.

### **Information and Education:**

- The focus this year was on Pollinators. To that end:

- a. BCC, in collaboration with Bradford Public Library, sponsored "The Round & the Furry" a public presentation about bees given by the VT Center for Ecotudies;

- b. In collaboration with Upper Valley Land Trust and the Hanover Conservation Commission, BCC delivered pollinator plants to area schools for pollinator gardens;

- c. BCC received free vegetable seeds from High Mowing Seeds which were started by River Bend students and donated to the Bradford Community Garden.

- d. With the help of Dave McLam, Duane Burgess and JM landscaping, BCC's award-winning parade float was about pollinators.

- BCC's Annual Friends of Wrights MT \$500 Scholarship was awarded this year to Natalie Barton;

- BCC's 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Movie series continued, with participants at the September and October movies donating proceeds to Hurricane Relief programs in Houston and St. Croix, USVI.

### **Beautification:**

- Plantings on the Library bank included replacing a hydrangea bush that was damaged and a flowering crab apple tree;

- A donation was made to the Bradford Business Association for flowering plants for the planter boxes in the Downtown Area;

**Energy:**

- Solar-Powered holiday lights were donated to the Bradford Business Association for the Downtown Area;
- Renewable Energy Curriculum and Materials were purchased and donated to classes at Bradford Elementary School.

*Nancy Jones, Chair  
Bradford Conservation Commission*

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## REPORT OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Bradford Beautification Committee is a group of volunteers who have worked for many years to make our community more attractive for residents and visitors.

This year, the committee used the annual appropriation from the Town supplemented by donations from the Bradford Business Association and private sources, to maintain perennial gardens at the Bradford Academy including the area around the Veterans Memorial, in the Memorial Park near the Library, at the corner of Barton and Main streets and at the gazebo in Denny Park.

It also maintained planters on Main Street, in the stone water boxes, at the State Police barracks and various other locations around town. For years, the summer and fall annuals that brighten those seasons were replaced for the winter with greens and the gazebo was decorated for the winter holidays.

The members of the Committee this year were: Carolyn Coffin, Cynthia Bazzano, Kathy Thibault, Margaret Kidder, Diane Smarro, Diane Bennett, Harvey Dorr, Jeff Bensel, Kathy Munson, Geri Mooney, and Penny Hodge. Emeriti members are Carolynn Floryan, Vida Perry-Munson and Jeannette Nordham.

This was the last year the committee was responsible for all of the above activities. Beginning with the decorations this winter, the responsibilities for the planters passed from the Beautification Committee to volunteers from the Bradford Business Association.

The water boxes and the gardens at the Academy, at the corner of Barton and Main streets and in the Memorial Park will continue to be the responsibility of the Beautification Committee.

Both the Bradford Business Association and the Beautification Committee welcome volunteers who wish to help with this important civil responsibility. Gardening experience is helpful, but not necessary. Those who wish to work with the Beautification Committee may contact me at 222-4423. The contacts for the Bradford Business Association are Erin Fredieu at the Wells River Savings Bank or Ann O'Connor at Valley Floors.

*Carolyn Coffin*



**Four Bradford Golf Club champions met April 28 to start the 2017 season at the Bradford Golf Club. Left to right are Clarissa Holmes (2013), Scooter Hathorn (2016), Regina Laraway (2012) and Storme Odell (2014).**



## REPORT OF GREEN UP DAY AND TIRE EVENT ACTIVITY

Once again, Bradford's Green Up Day 2017 was quite successful. Participants included the Bradford Elementary School's fifth grade, under the guidance of Jessica Loeffler and Kaitlyn George. 35 families and friends signed up as well as the new Cub Scout group of kids and parents. Townwide participation yielded strollers, blue board, plastic bins and buckets, glass, antique tractor fenders, hubs, radiator and hoses, televisions, mattresses and gates. All of which were loaded into the rolloff parked in the Bradford Town Garage parking lot.

Sadly someone dumped a household worth of trash up and down Rowell Brook Road including but not limited to furniture, trash (including bags of used diapers) and tires with and without rims, scrap wood, miscellaneous appliances and a copier.

This was an expensive Green Up Day. Total disposal fees \$1,089.26 which included the \$534 for Rowell Brook Road.

The Spring Tire Recycling event held in the Bradford Town Garage parking lot yielded 190 tires and 18 rims. This too was a successful event. The Odell Insurance Agency held their annual fire extinguisher event on site as well. Both events were successful. As a result of the 2017 expenses, the Bradford Conservation Commission may not have the funds necessary to underwrite the Tire Recycling Program. If the Bradford Conservation Commission does hold the tire program, we will need to charge a little more for each tire brought in.

I thank everyone who participated in the Green Up Day cleanup and the Tire Event. Everyone did a great job, and it showed. Bradford looked green and clean clearly the result of our community's hard work.

I look forward to seeing you on May 5th on Green Up Day!

*Respectfully submitted by  
Barbara Kulzyck  
Bradford Conservation Commission  
Green Up Day Coordinator*



**Community work and service to Bradford by the River Bend Career and Technical Center students was evident at the Bradford Community Garden in May. Tilling the soil and removing weeds made planting the beds much more productive this year. Thanks to the help of RBCTC Diversified Agricultural/Natural Resources class, the students readied the gardens for planting in the spring.**

## In Memoriam...



**Phyllis Lavelle**  
**1923–2017**

Phyllis Lavelle was born Dec. 10, 1923 in Lawrence, MA. She was raised in Huntington, NY. She attended Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Phyllis married Bernard Lavelle in 1942 and was the mother of three children. Her family moved around the country during World War II and then settled back in her hometown of Huntington, NY for 35 years. She had two grandchildren.

Phyllis and Bernard retired to Bradford in 1981, moving into a Doe family home on Main Street.

Phyllis was active in town and was involved in the following: a member of Grace United Methodist Church; Friendship Club; Bradford Historical Society; curator of the Bradford Historical Society Museum; Handbell Choir; 1991 Bradford Bicentennial Celebration Committee; served six years as Bradford Village Trustee; and was instrumental in construction of village bandstand on the common.

She died July 16, 2017 in Bradford.



**Phyllis Russ**  
**1929–2017**

Phyllis Russ was born March 18, 1929 and raised in Bradford. She lived in Bradford all her life.

Phyllis graduated from Bradford Academy Class of 1947. She married Leonard Russ in 1955. She was the mother of four children and had seven grandchildren.

She was a dedicated member of Bradford Academy Alumni Association. She held many jobs for the Town of Bradford including assistant town clerk and lister.

She retired as a lister in 2016 at the age of 87.

Phyllis died Nov. 28, 2017 in Bradford.

## Dedicated to the Town of Bradford

## REPORT OF SAWYER CHAPEL

The goal of restoring the Chapel and Mortuary Vault has been a long, slow process which began in 2005. The most urgent repairs and replacements have been completed: front doors restored, one broken window repaired, asbestos roof removed, chimneys repaired, new roof installed, and brick work cleaned. Some exterior work needs to be done on the dormers and windows: glazing the windows, repairing woodwork and painting clapboards. This past year the huge furnace and heat pipes were removed from the basement. This will open up more space for storage.

At last we are ready to begin restoration of the interior this spring. We are fortunate to have Housewright Construction working with us on this final phase. We will be launching a request for funds during this time. You have been generous and supportive in the past as individuals and as a town. We can be proud of this lovely building as it is restored to its original purpose. Thank you.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Martina Stever  
Carole Taylor  
Joe Sampson*

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## REPORT OF CEMETERIES (UPPER PLAIN & SAWYER)

Weather was a big factor in maintaining the cemeteries this year. We had a lot of rain, but managed to do a decent job of keeping the grounds in good shape. Other projects we completed this year include:

- Finished adding stone to the roads
- Filled in a lot of sunken gravesites
- Painted the shed
- Fixed and painted the shed roof

This year was the first in a five-year program of using lime to improve the grounds. We spread three tons of lime in the worst areas of the Upper Plain side at a ratio of half ton per acre. In order to improve the grounds, more lime should be spread next year.

Hours spent working at the cemetery in 2017:  
Upper Plain, 1,172.5 hours; Sawyer, 424 hours.  
Total hours: 1,596.5

*Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Tillotson*



## REPORT OF BRADFORD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

2017 was a very busy and productive year for the Bradford Parks and Recreation Commission.

At the start of the year, there was a lot of energy spent on developing the plans for our Summer Camp program. Unfortunately, it was decided to not hold the program due to reasons beyond our control. The Commission continued the maintenance and updating of the parks. Music at the Park was held at Denny Park for the community to appreciate. The Beautification Committee provided another strong showing by a few volunteers to plant the gardens at Boch and Denny parks. They have provided an incredible service to the town.

The Trustees of the Bradford Academy and Graded School District finalized the process for turning responsibility for Memorial Field over to the Selectboard and the BP&R Commission. Our budget reflects an increase for mowing and maintenance. The Selectboard signed a new lease with the Vermont Fish and Game Board for Bugbee Landing, which included some financial support by the state for this maintenance.

The Commission welcomes Mollie Hatch as our Recreation Director. Mollie has already put her positive energy and enthusiasm into connecting with community groups to identify ways to get all of our citizens engaged in healthy activities that take advantage of our ample natural resources and community facilities. Please read her report about the details of her vision for 2018.

As May rolls around this year, we will be saying “Goodbye” to Katherine Rose, our Teen Director. She has been here in support of our young adults as they go through tough times and soar to new heights. “Kat,” as most of the teens know her, has given more time and energy making sure the teens always had a great space, activities, and opportunities that they may not have had. She is always encouraging our young adults to try new things and to never give up. She is always around to listen to them when they need someone. She has made the Teen lounge a staple in our community; it is needed and appreciated by many who have passed through as the years go by. We will miss her, and it will be hard to find another with her dedication and giving nature. Thank you, Katherine Rose, for your years of support and service.

We look forward to 2018 and are always open to your ideas. Check us out on the Town website, [www.bradford-vt.us](http://www.bradford-vt.us) or our Facebook page.

Thank you to ALL who have who have volunteered, donated Oxbow Senior Independence Program, etc. to help us help better the Town of Bradford.

*Submitted by Nila Anaya-Newstrom*



**Dozens of area children participated in the 2017 Easter Egg-stravaganza sponsored by the Bradford Teen Association and the Bradford Parks and Recreation Commission on April 8. The event was held at Elizabeth's Park.**

## REPORT OF BRADFORD RECREATION DIRECTOR

I came on board as Recreation Director at the end of 2017. During this short stint, however, I have had the opportunity to reach out and introduce myself to the community. I am confident in the contacts I have made, that we have the momentum we need to improve our current programs and offer much more in 2018.

My primary goal has been to revive our previously dormant summer camp program for the summer of 2018. Thus far, we have secured its return to Bradford Elementary School, and have reached out to parents via a survey to better understand the needs and interest of a summer program. With the gathered information, as well as future informational nights, we plan to deliver a program that has improved from previous years as well as provide a safe, fun and affordable summer alternative to our community.

The revival of our Summer Camp has also brought about the discussion of swimming lessons. This has always been in collaboration with the Town of Newbury and takes place at Halls Pond. It's my sincere hope that we can aid them in finding the right person to oversee the lessons and lifeguard staff. Through this coordination, the summer camp would be able to utilize those lessons as part of the daily routine.

I am eager to build additional relationships within our community and grow and develop more fun and exciting programs. Some proposed ideas for this year are as follows:

### **Winter:**

- Attend Northern New England Recreation Conference
- Snowball Skate and Slide
- Winter Carnival
- Moonlight Snowshoe

### **Spring:**

- Job Fair
- Senior Aerobics
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Touch-a-Truck
- Park Cleanup day

### **Summer:**

- Paddle the Border
- 2018 BPRC Summer Camp
- British Soccer Camp
- Summer Kick-Off Picnic
- Evening Wrights Mtn. Hike

### **Fall:**

- Midnight Madness
- Fall Foliage Festival
- Trunk or Treat
- Attend Vermont Recreation Conference

There is amazing potential for the expansion of the Recreational Programs and events we offer, and a large part is pivotal on our volunteers. I cannot thank the Bradford Parks and Recreation Commission enough for their support and encouragement as I navigate the position. Please let us know if you're interested in being involved with BPRC or collaborating on future events and programs.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Mollie Hatch*  
*Recreation Director*  
*recreation@bradford-vt.us*



## REPORT OF BRADFORD TEEN ASSOCIATION

Bradford Teen Association would like to THANK Katherine Rose for eight years of service. She has rallied, volunteered extra time and energy in support of our Town's young adults for many years. She helped start and sustain the Bradford Teens Association through many years of change and challenges. Although she has decided it is time for a new adventure, we thank her for all that she has given and done for all the young adults in our community.

### THANK YOU, KAT FOR YEARS OF DEDICATION TO BTA!

The Bradford Teen Association sends out a huge **THANK YOU** to your continued support of their program and will continue to open their doors three days a week – Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays through the school year.

The Bradford Teen Association's Teen Lounge continues to be a safe haven where young adults 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade can go after school. It is a substance-free place that provides snacks, study space, a place to socialize, learn and grow in a positive atmosphere which encourages positive self-esteem.

The program also gets them involved within the community, volunteering their time through events such as:

- **Town Meeting and Elementary School Meeting Kid-Watch (Room #26 of BA)**, where the young adults volunteer their time to provide care for parents who need it to participate in the meetings;

- **Easter Eggstravaganza** is an amazing event where the young adults help decide on prizes to be purchased, set up and monitor the event as well as manning the prize tables;

- **Re-Gifting Swap** was a great success for its fourth year. This event takes place at the Congregational Church where you can bring good quality items that you no longer want or need and shop what others have brought in. All free and open to everyone!

- **Christmas Caroling** was held at the Denny Park gazebo with campfire, hot cocoa and cookies, new caroling booklets made by BTA, bells and Randy ODeil brought his guitar! It is always fun collaborating with the Bradford Parks & Rec and Bradford Elementary PTO!

Please remember there are no fees to any of the activities sponsored by the Bradford Teen Association.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 21 Easter coloring contest deadline (winner's picture and prizes with Easter Bunny will be given on March 25 at Easter Eggstravaganza)

Saturday, March 24: EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Wednesday, May 16: LAST DAY for Summer Break



*Submitted by  
Nila Anaya-Newstrom  
Bradford Parks & Recreation*

**At the April 8 Easter Eggstravaganza event, volunteers were Kat Rose, Faith Hilder, Kyle Emerson, Tharon Megan, Nila Anaya-Newstrom, JC Anaya, Mason Brammell, Tim Rudder and the Easter Bunny.**

## REPORT OF BRADFORD YOUTH SPORTS, INC.

2017 was a great year for Bradford Youth Sports, Inc. We had approximately 270 participants in our baseball/softball, soccer, and basketball programs. These programs are 100 percent run by volunteers from the Bradford community. Over 20 coaches and parent volunteers stepped up in 2017 to make sure our Bradford youth enjoyed a quality sports experience.

In 2017, BYS ended up in a better financial situation from our various fundraising efforts and the generous Town appropriation of \$2,500, that was granted by the voters of the Town of Bradford. After considering our current finances and past expenses, we decided to not ask for any Town appropriation for the coming year. We want to express our deepest gratitude to the voters of Bradford for their past and future support.

As we look forward to 2018, there is much excitement in the BYS community as we continue to improve our programs for the benefit of our young players.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Josh Danforth  
Secretary*



### **Bradford is part of Vermont's first statewide Make Music VT celebration**



Vermont held the first statewide celebration June 21 called "Make Music VT" in conjunction with National Make Music Day. Bradford participated in this unique festival that was organized locally by Ann O'Connor, Senayit Tomlinson and Jennifer Grossi. Local musicians held scheduled performances at local businesses on Main Street from the Four Corners to Denny Park. The concept of National Make Music Day is to get outdoors in the afternoon and enjoy sharing music with passers-by. Music drifted through town with open mic at Hungry Bear; a kazoo group at Village Eclectics; Zumba dancing in the JM Landscaping parking lot; Metamorph Band at the Wells River Savings Bank; street musicians in front of Local Buzz, David Penland Jeweler, and North of the Falls; and the Bradford Elementary Band at the Denny Park Gazebo. Make Music VT is a licensed event under the umbrella of NAMM Foundation.





## REPORT OF BRADFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Bradford Business Association had a productive and eventful 2017 thanks to the help of all our local merchants and businesspeople. We worked to organize a successful Customer Appreciation Days and Midnight Madness and organized and sponsored the annual parade, kicking off the Bradford Fair in July.

After many years of dedicated service to the town, the Bradford Beautification Committee has passed on most of their duties to the BBA. We cannot thank them enough for all of the lovely flowers and gardens they've planted over the years, enhancing Bradford's charm. Nancy Jones, Ann O'Connor, and Erin Fredieu took on the role of making and installing the greenery and bows and hanging the giant wreath over Main Street (donated by Heather Fields) in their first round of Beautification for Bradford.

Two socials – one in February and one in October – were held to network and to plan events. Sadly, this fall Sherry Brown announced her retirement as longtime BBA president. We are so grateful to Sherry for all her efforts in the past seven years and wish her well. We look forward to her continued support in other roles.

### THANK YOU, SHERRY FOR ALL YOUR DEDICATION TO THE BBA!

Erin and Michael Fredieu of Bradford were elected as co-presidents as her successors. There are many fresh and exciting plans for Bradford in 2018 and we openly invite all Bradford merchants who wish to become involved to contact us for membership at [bradfordbusinessassociation@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordbusinessassociation@gmail.com).

*Respectfully submitted by  
Marvin Harrison*



**Decking out the Denny Park tree for the holidays, Colin Chase helped Ann O'Connor of Valley Floors put the lights on the tree Dec. 3. Volunteers from the Bradford Business Association decorated Bradford the holidays. This work in past years has been done by the Bradford Beautification Committee who transferred the responsibility to the BBA this year.**



**The 2017 holiday season in Bradford was enhanced by the hanging of a large wreath over Main Street in the downtown. Thomson Tree Service was responsible for hanging the wreath which was donated by Heather Fields. It was the first round of Beautification efforts for the BBA.**

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

### CEMETERY FUNDS

Funds Invested with Stifel Nicolaus	12/31/17	\$43,913
Income Fund		\$2,004
Restricted Fund		\$41,909

Investment made up from the following funds:

Trustees of Public Funds	\$18,759	42.72%
Permanent Fund	\$6,565	14.95%
Johnston Fund	\$6,258	14.25%
Emerson Fund	\$5,472	12.46%
Rowell Fund	\$3,597	8.19%
Geneva Ostrout	\$2,042	4.65%
George Colby	\$1,002	2.42%
Kendall Sanborn	\$158	.36%
Total	\$43,913	100%

Grand Total Cemetery Funds 12/31/17 \$43,913  
 Balance as of 12/31/16 \$42,971

### ELIZABETH'S PARK

Invested with Woodsville Guaranty	
Savings Bank CD	
Balance as of 12/31/16	\$17,020
Interest	<u>+59</u>
Balance as of 12/31/17	\$17,079

*Respectfully submitted,  
 Graham Gove  
 Anthony Brainerd  
 Martina Stever  
 Trustees of Public Funds*

### WALTER LEE FUND

Invested with Stifel Nicolaus

Principal Fund as of 12/31/17	\$352,451
Interest available for future awards	\$92,774

The Walter Lee Fund was established in 2002, and as stipulated in Mr. Lee's will, the funds are to be used to promote recreational activities for the youth of the town of Bradford, with Elizabeth's Park receiving preferential consideration.

The Fund is overseen by the Trustees of Public Funds and administered by the Walter Lee Committee that is appointed by the Selectboard. The Committee will review the grant requests made each year. Grant applications are available at the Town Office in late March of each year and must be submitted to the Committee for consideration by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Grant requests that are recommended by the Committee for approval are then forwarded on to the Selectboard for final approval. Funds that are awarded are to be disbursed by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year.

No funds were requested this year.

### REPORT OF WALTER LEE COMMITTEE

The Walter Lee Committee did not receive any application for 2017. We encourage the community to submit applications for 2018. The deadline is May 2, 2018.

***\* In accordance of the Last Will & Testament of Walter E. Lee...***

***"one-fourth thereof to the Town of Bradford as a memorial fund, the interest only to be expended for the maintenance and improvement of children's recreational facilities in the town of Bradford with special preference given to the maintenance and improvement of Elizabeth's Park."***

Please contact us with questions.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
 Charles Barton  
 Robert Wing  
 Bridget Simmons  
 Emily Willems  
 Brian Schlager  
 Randy Odell*

## REPORT OF 2017 REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The mission of the Bradford Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) shall be to make loans to Bradford-based businesses that have the potential to increase employment within the Town, to grow Bradford-based businesses, and to improve the general welfare of the Town using generally accepted principals of sound banking.

The RLF shall also provide loans for façade improvement for businesses located in the central business district. This is a loan fund; all loans must be repaid in full. This is not a grant program.

The RLF received one application in 2017 but it did not meet the requirements necessary to proceed with the processing of the application. We encourage small businesses of Bradford to review the guidelines that are posted on the Town of Bradford website under the Community tab and apply. These funds are here to support small business in Bradford. If you have specific questions, please call the Town Office at 802-222-4727 and they will connect you with a committee member.

The amount of available funds to lend in the RLF is \$118,276 (unaudited). We encourage prospective, qualified borrowers to apply for loans that have an appropriate business purpose.

*Erin Odell  
Peter Terry  
Daniel Perry III  
Brian Schlager  
Committee Members*



**Elizabeth's Park improvements in 2017 included a new top coat of 100 yards of woodchips. The labor for this project was accomplished through the efforts of the River Bend Career and Technical Center Heavy Equipment Program under the direction of instructor Mike Howe. RBCTC Director Robert St. Pierre has placed a high value on community service projects for the students and Bradford benefited from this.**

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## REPORT OF DOG ACCOUNT

		Fees	\$2,186
180	Spayed	Late Fees	\$1,092
186	Neutered	Kennel	0
45	Female	State of Vermont	\$2,255
40	Male	<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$5,533</b>
		Paid to State of Vermont	-\$2,255
<b>451</b>	<b>Total Licenses Sold</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,278</b>

### VSA Title 20 § 3581 General Requirements

- (a) A person who is the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed on a form approved by the Secretary for one year from that day in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept. A person who owns a working farm dog and who intends to use that dog on a farm pursuant to the exemptions in section § 3549 of this title shall cause the working farm dog to be registered as a working farm dog and shall, in addition to all other fees required by this section, pay \$5.00 for a working farm dog license. The owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall cause it to wear a collar, and attach thereto a license tag issued by the municipal clerk. Dog or Wolf-hybrid owners shall pay for the license \$4.00 for each neutered dog or wolf-hybrid and \$8.00 for each unneutered dog or wolf-hybrid. If the license fee for any dog or wolf-hybrid not paid by April 1, its owner or keeper may thereafter procure a license for that license year by paying a fee of 50% in excess of that otherwise required.
- (b) Before a person shall be entitled to obtain a license for a neutered dog or wolf-hybrid, he or she shall exhibit to the clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian showing that the dog or wolf-hybrid has been sterilized.
- (c)(1) A mandatory license fee surcharge of \$5.00 per license shall be collected by each town for the purpose of funding the dog, cat and wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering program established in subchapter 6 of chapter 193 of this title.

## DOG LICENSE FEES

	<b>On or Before April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>April 2<sup>nd</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>After June 1<sup>st</sup></b>
Male/Female	\$13.00	\$27.00	\$37.00
Neutered/Spayed	\$9.00	\$21.00	\$31.00

### VSA Title 20 § 3621 Issuance of warrant to impound, destroy; complaint.

The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers or constables, or pound keepers, directing them to proceed forthwith to destroy in a humane way or cause to be destroyed in a humane way all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section § 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers thereof.

### A Rabies Clinic

will be held at the Bradford Firehouse at which time Bradford residents may license their dogs. You must bring or have on file neutering and rabies certificates before licensing your dog.

**The clinic will be held  
March 28, 2018 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

## REPORT OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Calls for the year have been down. Maybe people are watching their animals better, let's hope. The most important thing you can do is to make sure your dogs has its tags on. Also, to have a chip, so if it slips its collar we can still find the owner. There are too many dogs in town for me to know each owner.

Between the three towns I work for, I have over 1,000 dogs to keep track of. Also, if your dog is missing and you call me, please call back if it is found so I can remove it from the list. The best way to get hold of me is by my pager: 1-802-741-1640, and please make sure you put whole the number in, and if using a cell phone make sure not to hit two numbers at once. If I don't have the right number, I cannot call back; this happens a lot.

I would like to thank Bradford Police and Vermont State Police for their assistance.  
Thank you.

*Wayne E Godfrey, ACO*  
*1-802-741-1640*

## **REPORT OF BRADFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION**

### **2017 Highlights:**

- The water line on Ash Street which has given us a lot of trouble over the past few years, with several different leaks, has been replaced.
- The Commission has been working very closely with Otter Creek Engineering to review and possibly change/upgrade the way in which it bills customers. Currently, everyone is billed based upon usage and the number of “kitchens” in the building. The Commission has been working to revamp this billing structure in order to more evenly distribute the costs. Once we have completed this project, we will send out an informational mailer explaining everything in detail.
- The Commission is also considering a system-wide meter upgrade project, which could allow for the possibility to switch from quarterly billing to monthly billing.

### **Other Important Information:**

- The Commissioners meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Water Office, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Bradford Academy Building in Room 28A.
- The Commission can be reached by phone at 802-222-4315, by fax at 802-222-4319 or by email at [water-sewer-admin@bradford-vt.us](mailto:water-sewer-admin@bradford-vt.us).
- You can also visit us on the Town of Bradford’s website – [www.bradford-vt.us](http://www.bradford-vt.us). Once there, you can navigate your way to the Water & Sewer Commissioner’s page, and you will see a complete listing of our current rates, permits, the ordinance, a listing of frequently asked questions and other interesting information.
- On our website, you can also find a copy of our upcoming agendas and prior meeting minutes. You can also “LIKE” us on our Facebook page. We welcome any input you may have. Please don’t hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you.

### **Bradford Water & Sewer Commission**

Leonard Dobbins, Chair  
Robert Lefebvre, Vice Chair  
Larry Drew  
Lunnie Lang  
Daniel Perry III

Jonathan Thornton, Chief Operator of Water & Sewer  
Ron Moore, Assistant Sewer Operator  
Bridget Simmons, Office Manager

Bradford Water and Sewer Commission  
Water Budget

DESCRIPTION	2016		2017		2018
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
Water Income	315,273	290,000	287,746	305,000	290,000
Water Interest & Penalty	3,041	2,200	3,261	3,000	3,000
<b>Total Water Income</b>	<b>318,313</b>	<b>292,200</b>	<b>291,007</b>	<b>308,000</b>	<b>293,000</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Water Commissioner Salary	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,925
Water Salary - Thornton	50,679	52,200	51,950	53,766	53,509
Water Salary - Simmons	17,284	17,802	18,086	18,336	18,628
Payroll Wtr SS	4,277	4,405	4,389	4,537	4,520
Water Health Insurance - Thornton	14,268	14,268	14,910	14,910	15,656
Water Health Insurance - Simmons	7,134	7,134	7,455	7,455	7,828
Water Retirement - Thornton	1,520	1,566	1,559	1,613	1,605
Water Training	59	200	88	200	400
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>97,097</b>	<b>99,450</b>	<b>100,311</b>	<b>102,692</b>	<b>104,071</b>
<b>OPERATIONS</b>					
Uniforms	154	300	256	300	300
Water Office Supplies	2,244	2,500	1,397	2,500	2,500
Postage & Delivery	589	500	1,189	750	750
Advertising	-	200	35	100	200
Water Hardware/Software	204	500	2,241	2,000	2,100
Water - NEMRC	-	1,000	481	500	500
Water Mileage	314	300	107	350	500
Electricity - Appleton Dr	13,798	14,212	13,693	14,638	14,104
Electricity - Fairground	2,638	2,717	2,235	2,799	2,302
Electricity - Goshen Rd	3,278	3,376	2,814	3,477	2,899
Electricity - SCADA Mink	255	263	258	271	265
Water Propane	190	325	542	350	750
Water - Telephone	1,649	2,500	1,197	1,750	1,750
Water - Pager	102	100	168	125	150
Water Meters	1,996	1,500	2,115	1,500	150
Water New Equipment	-	1,000	4,802	6,000	5,000
Hydrants	858	1,000	251	1,500	15,000
Grounds Maintenance	47	150	40	100	100
Water - Safety	-	300	-	200	200
Equipment Repair & Mainte	239	300	6,137	200	1,000
Licenses and Permits	590	750	675	750	1,250
Water State Permits	4,654	5,000	3,938	5,000	1,000
Water - Legal Fees	27,966	1,500	506	1,000	1,000
Water - Audit	4,285	6,000	4,060	6,000	6,000
Property, Flood & Casualt	7,356	6,650	8,616	7,500	9,000
Water - Unemployment Ins	168	150	95	150	150

**Bradford Water and Sewer Commission**  
**Water Budget**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2016</b>		<b>2017</b>		<b>2018</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Water - VLCT Dues	-	-	233	250	250
Water Truck Maintenance	1,669	1,000	1,603	1,200	1,200
Truck Gasoline	409	800	875	600	900
Water Chlorine	470	500	-	500	500
Water Fluoride	498	1,000	498	800	1,000
Contracted Services	1,468	1,500	2,016	1,500	1,500
Water Repairs	6,809	8,000	988	8,000	8,000
Water Customer Re-bill	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Water New Work	-	2,000	576	6,000	6,000
Water Maintenance	1,846	3,800	708	2,500	2,000
Fairground Road Booster Pump	-	-	10,956	-	-
Water Outside Testing	2,501	1,200	1,040	2,800	1,200
Water Security		3,000	-	2,000	2,000
Farr Lane Repair & Mainte	-	1,000	672	1,000	1,000
Water Bond - #361501 H&NP	12,747	16,000	4,801	14,000	4,500
Water Direct Line Bond RF	7,603	7,700	7,603	7,700	7,650
Well Head -Land Pmt WSP-0	4,033	4,100	4,033	4,100	4,050
Water Bond RF3-085	3,113	3,150	3,113	3,150	3,125
Water Bond Improvement Project	74,186	77,800	74,186	77,800	74,200
Water Miscellaneous	191	400	812	300	750
Water Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Other Expenses	-	400	-	200	200
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>208,616</b>	<b>192,443</b>	<b>177,561</b>	<b>200,210</b>	<b>193,945</b>
<b>Total Water Expenses</b>	<b>305,713</b>	<b>291,893</b>	<b>277,872</b>	<b>302,902</b>	<b>298,016</b>

Around the turn of the century, Matt Bigl was an Oxbow High School student and an Eagle Scout who built a replacement of a short pedestrian bridge behind Bradford Elementary School as his Eagle Scout project. The bridge is used even today on a daily basis by children, pedestrians and bicyclists to cross the small creek, and get to the BES playground with Cottage Street, located at the end of North Pleasant Street. The bridge lasted two decades but earlier this spring became obvious that it needed replacement. BES removed the existing structure and Jason Fornwalt donated two steel girders to support the new structure. Fred Tougas, BES custodian and two of his workers tackled the carpentry work. The job began in late July and was completed by start of school.



Bradford Water and Sewer Commission  
**2017 Delinquent Customer Listing**

<b>Delinquent Customers</b>			
<b>Customer Number</b>	<b>Customer Name</b>	<b>Physical Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
09-06-0194-0000	Brian Bevacqua	356 Goshen Road	60.21
22-90-0124-0000	David Leferve	234 South Main Street	179.95
21-97-0141-0000	Thomas & Joanne Lund	45 North Main Street	373.09
22-90-0051-0000	Jocelyn Pickett	97 South Pleasant Street	1,345.84
09-72-0022-0000	Jeremy Stygles	42 Birch Street	82.54
22-87-0044-0000	Jeffrey Weitz	13 Maple Street	93.24
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,134.87</b>

<b>Delinquent Customers - Water Service Disconnected</b>			
<b>Customer Number</b>	<b>Customer Name</b>	<b>Physical Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
21-97-0354-0000	Janet Johnson	19 Depot Street	2,958.59
23-98-0256-0000	P&M Partnership	490 Lower Plain	710.82
22-91-0008-0000	Dorothy Page	16 High Street	895.90
09-75-0017-0000	Drew Perry	36 Farr Lane	654.33
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,219.64</b>

## **COMPARISON**

Delinquent Water Accounts as of 12/31/16 totaled  
 \$2,306.40

Delinquent Customers whose water was turned off  
 as of 12/31/16 totaled  
 \$4,848.17



**Bradford Water and Sewer Commission**  
**Sewer Budget**

DESCRIPTION	2016		2017		2018
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
Sewer Income	281,320	260,000	256,592	275,000	255,000
Sewer Interest & Penalty	3,189	2,300	3,150	3,000	3,000
<b>Total Sewer Income</b>	<b>284,509</b>	<b>262,300</b>	<b>259,742</b>	<b>278,000</b>	<b>258,000</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Sewer Commissioner Salary	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,925
Sewer Salary - Moore	41,766	43,019	43,011	44,310	44,301
Sewer Salary Simmons	17,748	18,281	18,086	18,829	18,628
Payroll Exp-SocSec Sewer	4,538	4,674	4,657	4,815	4,797
Admin Health Insurance	7,134	7,134	7,455	7,455	7,828
Sewer - Training	163	100	40	200	400
Sewer Retirement - Moore	1,253	1,291	1,290	1,330	1,300
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>74,478</b>	<b>76,374</b>	<b>76,414</b>	<b>78,813</b>	<b>79,179</b>
<b>OPERATION</b>					
Sewer Office Supplies	2,357	2,500	1,692	2,500	2,500
Sewer Uniforms	-	300	-	300	300
Sewer Advertising	-	100	35	50	200
Sewer Hardware/Software	204	100	227	2,000	2,000
Sewer - NEMRC	-	1,000	481	500	500
Sewer Mileage	481	400	502	500	600
Sewer Propane	1,712	6,000	3,510	3,500	3,500
Electricity - ARC	315	324	365	334	376
Electricity - Golf Statio	1,890	1,947	1,937	2,005	1,995
Electricity - Municipal P	243	251	245	258	252
Electricity - Sewage Plan	14,706	15,147	14,768	15,601	15,211
Electricity - Maple St	2,234	2,301	2,260	2,370	2,327
Electricity - Industrial	2,418	2,491	2,359	2,565	2,430
Sewer - Telephone	2,403	3,000	1,721	3,000	3,000
Sewer - Pager	102	100	168	125	200
Generator Maintenance	1,835	5,000	2,525	5,000	6,000
Sewer Sludge Removal	13,902	12,000	13,290	15,000	15,000
Sewer Certification	-	200	1,000	600	1,000
Sewer Discharge Permits	620	250	411	600	600
Sewer - Licenses & Permit	185	250	185	250	750
Sewer - Audit	4,285	6,000	4,060	6,000	6,000
Sewer - Unemployment Ins	168	150	95	150	150
Sewer - VLCT Dues	-	-	233	250	250
Sewer New Equipment	654	6,000	3,987	6,000	6,000
Equipment Repair/Replacem	2,026	6,000	900	6,000	6,000
Sewer Chemicals	4,406	7,500	5,323	6,000	6,000

Bradford Water and Sewer Commission  
Sewer Budget

DESCRIPTION	2016		2017		2018
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Contracted Services	1,961	3,000	2,655	3,000	3,000
Sewer Field	(2,347)	2,000	47	2,000	200
Sewer Outside Testing	907	1,200	759	1,400	1,400
Sewer Lab Supplies	1,732	2,000	1,572	2,000	1,500
Sewer Plant Maintenance	3,939	10,000	2,899	7,500	5,000
Pump Station - Repair & M	315	2,000	6,327	2,000	4,000
Sewer Water	811	800	763	850	800
Sewer Safety	310	700	461	700	700
Grounds Maintenance	185	1,000	444	750	600
Sewer Line Maint. & Repair	10,641	10,000	5,840	12,000	8,000
Sewer Line - Main St Replacement	5,963	30,000	-	30,000	-
Sewer Taxes (Sweet)	2,019	2,500	2,016	2,500	2,500
Sewer Security	321	10,000	8,982	10,000	7,000
Sewer Bond - #361501 H&NP	6,296	8,000	2,371	7,000	2,400
Sewer USDA Loan 92-01	24,519	25,000	24,519	25,000	25,000
Sewer Miscellaneous	47	200	538	200	400
Capital Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Operations Expenses</b>	<b>119,765</b>	<b>192,710</b>	<b>127,473</b>	<b>193,358</b>	<b>150,642</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>					
Insurance	9,073	8,200	10,627	10,000	11,000
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>9,073</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>10,627</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>11,000</b>
<b>Total Sewer Expenses</b>	<b>203,316</b>	<b>277,284</b>	<b>214,514</b>	<b>282,172</b>	<b>240,821</b>

**Bradford Water and Sewer Commission**  
**Balance Sheet, December 31, 2017**  
**WATER**

Account	Actual
<b>ASSET</b>	
<b>23-1-00 CASH</b>	
23-1-00-01.05 WATER COMMISSION	0.00
23-1-00-01.99 Due to/from General Fund	-170,089.86
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<b>Total CASH</b>	<b>-170,089.86</b>
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<b>23-1-15 RECEIVABLES</b>	
23-1-15-00.00 Water Rent Receivable (03	39,017.65
23-1-15-01.00 Water Unbilled Accts.Rece	38,494.38
23-1-15-10.00 A/R St of Vermont (WPL 14	0.00
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<b>Total RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>77,512.03</b>
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<b>23-1-25 FIXED ASSETS</b>	
23-1-25-01.00 Water Fixed Assets	12,500.00
23-1-25-02.00 Water Fixed Asset Land	1,100.00
23-1-25-03.00 Water - Security	0.00
23-1-25-04.00 Chlorine / fluoride Equip	1,000.00
23-1-25-04.01 Computer Billing System	5,000.00
23-1-25-04.02 Equipment	128,569.38
23-1-25-04.03 Meters	15,000.00
23-1-25-04.04 Water Mains & Hydrants	1,614,490.02
23-1-25-04.05 Pump House - Appleton Dri	7,200.00
23-1-25-05.00 Water - Direct Line Proje	0.00
23-1-25-05.01 Water - System Upgrade	4,445,182.61
23-1-25-05.02 Storage Shed	3,000.00
23-1-25-05.03 Wells	200,000.00
23-1-25-05.04 Reservoir	400,000.00
23-1-25-06.00 Water - New Truck Purchas	23,778.35
23-1-25-06.01 Motor Vehicle	14,750.00
23-1-25-07.00 Pump Station & Water Rght	153,510.25
23-1-25-08.00 Due from General Fund	0.00
23-1-25-50.00 Accumulated Depreciation	-2,031,663.42
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<b>Total FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>4,993,417.19</b>
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<b>Total Asset</b>	<b>4,900,839.36</b>
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<b>LIABILITY</b>	
23-2-00-00.00 Accounts Payable	0.03
23-2-15-01.00 Loan #RF3-231 - Water IP	3,155,249.91
23-2-15-02.00 Water Chittenden WPL 143	0.00
23-2-15-03.00 Water Project Bond	0.00
23-2-15-04.00 Logging Deposit	1,000.00
23-2-15-05.00 Due from Sewer	0.00
23-2-15-06.00 Water - EPA Loan	81,329.21

# Bradford Water and Sewer Commission Balance Sheet, December 31, 2017 WATER

Account	Actual
23-2-15-08.00 Note Pybl - Vt Bond Bank	11,407.63
23-2-15-09.00 State EPS - Revol Loan	146,776.15
23-2-15-10.00 VT Muni - Bond	30,578.07
23-2-82-37.00 New Water Truck - 2011	0.00
23-3-00-01.03 Payroll Liability	0.00
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<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>3,426,340.94</b>
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<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
23-3-00-00.00 Retained Earnings	1,247,006.77
23-3-00-01.00 Water - Contributed Capit	0.00
23-3-00-01.06 Water Capital Fund	15,000.00
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<b>Total Prior Years Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,262,006.77</b>
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Fund Balance Current Year	212,491.65
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<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,474,498.42</b>
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<b>Total Liability,Reserves,Fund Balance</b>	<b>4,900,839.36</b>
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Headed to the food shelf, the children and staff of My Second Home child care center in Bradford had a special ride November 27 from their Lake Morey Road location all the way up Route 5 onto Main Street in a horse-drawn wagon. The wagon owned by Dalton Thayer took them for the long cold ride to the Bradford Academy building to delivery 90 pounds of non-perishable food. The center donated the food to the Bradford Food Shelf.

**Bradford Water and Sewer Commission**  
**Balance Sheet, December 31, 2017**  
**SEWER**

Account	Actual
<b>ASSET</b>	
<b>22-1-00 CASH</b>	
22-1-00-01.03 Sewer Operating	0.00
22-1-00-01.99 Due to/from General Fund	-53,530.98
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<b>Total CASH</b>	<b>-53,530.98</b>
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<b>22-1-15 RECEIVABLES</b>	
22-1-15-00.00 Sewer Rent Receivable (03	35,593.09
22-1-15-01.00 Sewer Unbilled Accts.Rece	30,594.23
22-1-15-10.00 Sewer A/R Rural Develop.	0.00
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<b>Total RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>66,187.32</b>
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<b>22-1-25 FIXED ASSETS</b>	
22-1-25-01.00 Sewer Fixed Assets	0.00
22-1-25-02.00 Sewer Fixed Asset Land	6,000.00
22-1-25-03.00 Sewer - Security	0.00
22-1-25-04.00 Sewer Equipment	45,753.10
22-1-25-05.00 Sewer Plant	463,092.75
22-1-25-05.01 Treatment Plant Upgrade (	1,180,551.76
22-1-25-06.00 Infrastructure IImprvmnts	340,593.65
22-1-25-07.00 Due from General Fund	0.00
22-1-25-50.00 Sewer Depreciation	-629,846.02
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<b>Total FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>1,406,145.24</b>
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<b>Total Asset</b>	<b>1,418,801.58</b>
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<b>LIABILITY</b>	
22-2-00-00.00 Accounts Payable	0.00
22-2-15-01.00 Sewer Bond Payable (03)	18,684.00
22-2-15-02.00 Due to Water	0.00
22-2-15-03.02 Due to/from Village (Sewe	0.00
22-2-15-04.00 Rural Development	325,620.62
22-2-15-05.00 Water - EPA Loan	0.00
22-2-15-06.00 Water - EPA Loan	0.00
22-2-15-07.00 Due to/from Village Water	0.00
22-2-15-08.00 Note Pybl - Vt Bond Bank	0.00
22-2-15-09.00 State EPS - Revol Loan	0.00
22-2-15-10.00 VT Muni - Bond	0.00
22-2-20-01.00 Payroll Liabilities	0.00
22-2-20-01.01 Sewer Accrued Benefits (0	0.00
22-2-20-11.00 Payroll-Fed D	0.00
22-2-20-12.00 Payroll-Colonial	0.00
22-2-20-13.00 Sewer Op Retirement	0.00
22-3-00-01.02 Rural Development Loan	0.00



**Bradford Water and Sewer Commission**  
**Balance Sheet, December 31, 2017**  
**SEWER**

Account	Actual
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<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>344,304.62</b>
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<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
22-3-00-00.00 Opening Bal Equity	1,003,298.58
22-3-00-01.00 Sewer Contributed Capital	0.00
22-3-00-01.04 Sewer Contingency Fund	0.00
22-3-00-01.05 Sewer Capital Fund	10,000.00
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<b>Total Prior Years Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,013,298.58</b>
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Fund Balance Current Year	61,198.38
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<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,074,496.96</b>
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<b>Total Liability, Reserves, Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,418,801.58</b>
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**Bradford Water and Sewer Commission**  
**BONDS AND LOANS**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Loan Description</u>	<u>Origination Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/16</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/17</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Water	Well Head Protection (WSP-002)	April 1, 2001	\$60,000	April 1, 2020	\$14,991	\$11,408	\$3,583
Water	Direct Line (RF3-022)	Nov. 1, 2003	\$378,558	Nov. 1, 2032	\$159,154	\$146,776	\$12,378
Water	Water Improvement Project (RF3-231)	Nov. 1, 2014	\$4,079,750	Oct. 1, 2044	\$3,329,316	\$3,155,250	\$174,066
Water	Goshen Road (RF3-085)	July 1, 2007	\$155,000	July 1, 2036	\$87,055	\$81,329	\$5,816
Water	Village Bond (361501)	July 1, 1996	\$347,400	Dec. 1, 2026	\$34,184	\$3,789	\$30,395
Sewer	Village Bond (361501)	July 1, 1996	\$173,700	Dec. 1, 2026	\$20,465	\$1,895	\$18,570
Sewer	Treatment Plant Upgrade (92-01)	June 15, 2006	\$422,000	June 15, 2036	\$337,810	\$314,089	\$23,721
TOTAL BALANCE					\$4,212,488	\$3,714,536	\$268,439

**Total Long Term Debt as of December 31, 2017**

**\$3,714,536**

## REPORT OF BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your Bradford Public Library has had another wonderful, busy, productive year with community use and participation continuing to grow. Many thanks to all those individuals, businesses, and business owners of the Bradford community (along with some out-of-town patrons) who have so generously supported our Annual Appeal for operational expenses and capital improvement projects! We could not do it without your help. Approximately 65 percent of our annual budget comes from the Bradford taxpayers. We must raise the remainder through various fundraisers, gifts, and the Annual Appeal.

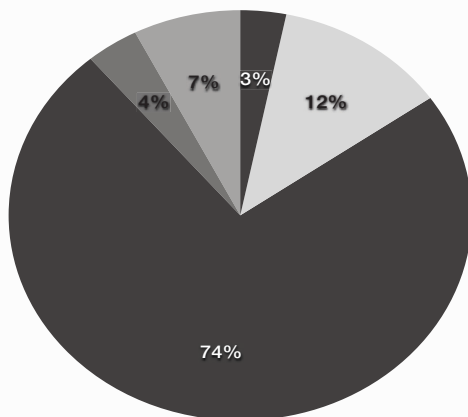
In 2017, Giroux Masonry completed the repointing and repair of the exterior brick work. The library has completed the first phase of an accessibility planning grant, with the help of Black River Design, which included a survey to determine property boundaries, as there have been many adjacent changes over the years. The Trustees plan to continue the process, in part, by making the lower (North) entrance accessible, as well as the lower level interior and bathroom facilities.

Bradford Public Library is a community meeting place as well as a one-stop center for books, DVDs, audio books, computers, and online resources. We have a number of small meeting spaces, videoconferencing, 11 public computers, library-wide wireless, and a lively and interactive children's room. Our OneCard offers open access to many libraries in the Upper Valley and the Inter-library loan delivery service makes getting the books your looking for easier than ever.

Bradford Public Library hosted 220 programs, meetings, and community services in 2017 featuring story hour, early literacy, Young Adult maker projects, poetry circle, collaborative arts, historical perspectives, tax form assistance, Hunger Free Vermont, music in the park, author events and book discussions. Approximately 15,000 people pass through our doors yearly. The 2018 VT Reads book "Bread and Roses, Too" by Katherine Paterson will be featured this year.

If you have never visited your Bradford library, I urge you to do so soon. The building itself is a little like stepping back in time to 1894, but the services, programs and opportunities that we offer are very modern and ever expanding, thanks to our two librarians, Debra Tinkham and Gail Trede (supported by their able assistants Kathy Davidow and Holly Young), who all are truly responsible for our growth and many successes.

### CIRCULATION OF DIFFERENT ITEM TYPES



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4% LISTENUP EBOOKS  
7% LISTENUP AUDIO  
12% DVDs  
74% BOOKS

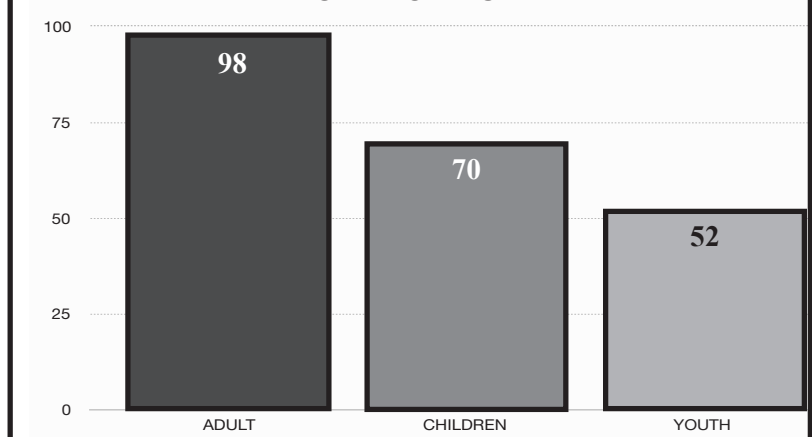
*Tony Brainerd, President  
BPL Board of Trustees.*

**Bradford Public Library**  
21 South Main St., Bradford, VT 05033  
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802-222-4536

<http://bradfordvtlibrary.org>

Open 5 days a week: Tuesday and Saturday 9-2,  
Wednesday and Thursday 12-8 and Friday 10-5

### 2017 PROGRAMS HOSTED BY BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



## REPORT OF THE MENTORING PROJECT OF THE UPPER VALLEY

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

### **2017 was a Year for TMP Milestones.**

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

### **Community Service Activities:**

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

### **Group Activities:**

January: Lunch at the Lebanon Village Pizza, followed by swimming at Upper Valley Aquatics and crafts at Tip Top Pottery; *"The Eagle Huntress"* movie at the Hopkins Center

February: Sliding Party and cookout on the sliding hill of a Mentor

March: Visit to Limlaw's Pulp Chipping and Maple Sugar House

Summer: Pontoon Boat cruise on the Connecticut River provided by a Mentor

Fall: NESFEST at Northeast Slopes; Apple Picking at Wild Hill Orchards and pressing cider; Corinth Coffee House Benefit

December: Annual pizza party for parents and families at Colatina Exit with Marko the Magician

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

Bowling at Room 111; movies at the Nugget Theater; rock climbing at the Green MT Rock Climbing Center; concerts at Court Street Arts; VINS; Montshire Museum; strawberry picking; gardening at the Bradford Community Garden; drama productions at Old Church Theater; art classes at Catamount Arts; ice skating on Lake Morey; snowshoeing along the Connecticut River; Solar Eclipse

Party at the Fairbanks Museum; farm tour at McLam's Farm; volunteer ushering at the Hopkins Center; kayaking in Paddle the Border; kayaking, swimming and ice fishing at Hall's Lake; visiting the Fish Hatchery in Warren; Bradford Historical Society presentation on WW1; playing basketball at Always Fit; Easter Egg Hunt in Newbury; Gardin Brothers Circus in Barre; Polar Caves; hiking on Black Mountain; Renaissance Fair in Thetford; St. Johnsbury Athenaeum; snacks at Whippi Dip, the Local Buzz, Newbury Village Store, Bliss Store and other eateries.

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

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

*Kathy Garone, TMP Board President  
Nancy Jones, TMP Program Coordinator*



**The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley Mentor Tom Kidder receives his Certificate of Recognition from Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas for his seven plus years of service as a mentor. January is National Mentoring Month and TMP mentors were celebrated and honored at the annual mentor appreciation dinner.**

## REPORT OF OLD CHURCH THEATER

2017 was the 33<sup>rd</sup> season for Old Church Theater, and more than 1,700 patrons enjoyed five productions from June through October. Located across the street from the Bradford Academy and next to the Bradford Congregational Church, **our building is 225 years old and severely in need of repair.**

Consequently, Old Church Theater is moving its operations temporarily to 176 Waits River Road for a June opening of the 2018 season while “the old church” enters a three- year period of repair and restoration, with a hopeful re-opening in 2021.

The restoration goals include fixing the foundation and south wall, repairing the exits, solving the accessibility problem (stairs), enlarging the lobby and restrooms, installing new seating and improving heating and ventilation. Although the “old church” is presently rented to the theater by the Congregational Church, Old Church Theater itself invested more than \$11,000 in 2014, improving the electrical capacity, exit lighting, lobby appearance and ceiling fans for audience comfort. Moving forward in 2018, Old Church Theater hopes to take ownership of “the old church,” and we hope adequate funds will be found through grants, gifts and donations to preserve and repair the old building, making it useable year round, not just for theater but for other community performing arts, remaining a vital part of Bradford for years to come.

The 2017 season of plays opened in early June with **“One Night in the Valley”**, followed by **“Making God Laugh”** in July, **“Mad Gravity”** in August, **“Duets”** (one-act plays) in September, and **“Ethan Frome”** in October. Photos of each production over the past several years are available in the photos section of the website. Each production runs two weekends: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. with a popular Sunday matinee at 4 p.m.

Old Church Theater is a non-profit organization under state and federal law, and is governed by an 11-member board. Elected for 2018 are JUSTINA KENYON, SHEILA KAPLOW, Athene Chadwick, Gloria Heidenreich, PAUL HUNT, Jim Heidenreich, KEN HULLICAN, Carrie Ann Quinn, Bettina Abrams, Brendan Chadwick and Elias Hunt (Bradford residents in CAPS). The board may be emailed through addresses available on the website.

Tickets for the 2018 season will remain at \$12 for general admission, \$10 for senior citizens and \$6 for students. A season ticket, good for five admissions and purchased by April 30<sup>th</sup>, costs only \$45. A five admission ticket after May 1<sup>st</sup> may be purchased anytime thereafter for \$50.

**Old Church Theater is a volunteer organization** and welcomes people of all ages and abilities to participate onstage, backstage, helping with costumes, makeup, publicity, scenery construction, ushering and more. Old Church Theater treasures the support of its patrons and business community who donate and support its efforts. Of special note is Bradford’s newspaper, *the Journal Opinion*, and Woodsville’s *Trendy Times*; both unfailingly review our productions. Thanks also goes to WYKR FM 101.3 for its support.

**Regarding donations, ticket sales, volunteering and restoration updates**, information may be found on the website [www.oldchurchtheater.org](http://www.oldchurchtheater.org), the special [www.OCtrestoration.org](http://www.OCtrestoration.org) website, emailing [info@oldchurchtheater.org](mailto:info@oldchurchtheater.org) or writing directly to Old Church Theater, PO Box 304, Bradford, VT 05033.

From May through October the box office phone (802-222-3322) is connected and requests may also be left on the answering machine there.





## REPORT OF ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER

Our primary focus is helping seniors.

**How did we do in 2017?** The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday weekly (except for certain holidays). The Senior Center:

- Served a record number of meals this year;
- Served and delivered 5,005 meals in Bradford. The money we receive from Bradford is primarily used to offset the cost of providing meals either at the Center or delivered to homes. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry.
- We offered foot and flu clinics; classes in exercise, balance, line dancing and computer instruction with internet; offered services of income tax preparation, and assistance filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- OESC has available a Wii game system
- Distributed donated medical equipment
- Provided meeting space to AA, ALANON and the Cribbage Club.

**How did we do all this?** By having a dedicated staff and group of volunteers; running Bingo every Monday night; renting our space for events; holding fund-raisers including raffles, a penny auction, and bake sales.

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

Thank you for helping Orange East Senior Center. Everyone is welcome for meals and events.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Victoria R. Chaffee*

*Contact Information: 176 Waits River Road, Bradford VT 05033, 802-222-4782*

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## REPORT OF STAGECOACH SERVICES

Thank you for your support of community transportation services. In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 2,358 door-to-door rides for Bradford residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Additionally, 19,714 one-way trips were provided for passengers boarding and alighting at Bradford Bus Stops. Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-a-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of 89,000 rides. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. Thank you for your past support of community transportation services.

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

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

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

If you are interested in becoming a Stagecoach volunteer driver, please contact our office. Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on Stagecoach services at 802-728-3773.



## REPORT OF CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN BRADFORD

### *“Local Partnerships in Learning”*

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) is a community-based, nonprofit organization serving the basic education and literacy needs of Bradford adults and teens for more than 50 years.

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

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

CVABE has six welcoming learning centers located throughout the organization’s tri-county service region, including our Bradford Learning Center at 24 Barton Street in Bradford. We collaborate closely with schools, libraries, employers, and a great number of other community resources to make our unique service locally accessible. Our welcome extends to everyone.

**CVABE provides education services to an average of 28 Bradford residents annually and last year, 20 Bradford residents enrolled.** In addition, five volunteers from Bradford worked with CVABE’s professional staff to deliver and support literacy services. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving one’s job, earning a high school credential, helping one’s children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. As parents gain literacy, their children are twice as likely to grow up literate themselves.

CVABE provides free instruction to 450-500 people annually in its overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille counties. Nearly all students are low income. It currently costs CVABE \$3,145 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Over 125 community volunteers work with CVABE’s professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We are deeply appreciative of Bradford’s voter-approved past support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE’s free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE’s budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, or we could not help many of the neighbors who need education for a better life.

*Contact information: Bradford Learning Center, 24 Barton St., PO Box 917,  
Bradford VT 05033, 802-222-3282; Administrative offices at the Barre Learning Center  
at 802-476-4588, [www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org)*

## End of An Era...Perry’s Storefront Closes; Buildings Sold



June 2017 marked the end of Perry’s Oil appliance store when David Perry retired and the final portion of the Perry’s Oil longtime business presence in Bradford ended. Prior to a real estate auction of the Perry’s block and buildings on July 21, the Perry’s Oil sign was removed from the building. At the auction, the property was sold to Stacey Thomson of Orford who purchased the 1883 three-story Union Block, the gas pumps with an adjacent parking lot, a two-story building that hosts the laundromat, apartments and a storefront, and a detached garage and storage building. Since the purchase, Alarmco, Inc. has rented half of the storefront in the Union Block, JAM Fuels is in the garage, and a woodworker has set up shop in the former Bradford Bottle Shoppe location.

## REPORT OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR BRADFORD

Your local health district office is in White River Junction at 118 Prospect St., Suite 300, White River Jct., VT 05001, 802-295-8820, Fax 802-295-8832, toll-free 888-253-8799. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With 12 district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community.

For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

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

- Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served 83 pregnant women and children to age five in Bradford with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

- Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017, we responded to 123 potential cases of infectious disease in the White River Junction district. In 2017, \$678,259 worth of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers in Orange County.

- Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In Orange County, we partnered with Gifford Medical Center to distribute media messages to encourage proper disposal of prescription drugs and to support parents in reducing substance use among youth, and work with community partners on building the momentum around prevention. Our office prevention specialist was also on the panel of the Bradford Community Forum on Opiates.

*Contact Information: White River Junction District Office, 118 Prospect St, Suite 300, White River Junction, VT 05001; 802-295-8820, FAX 802-295-8832, toll-free 888-253-8799; [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov), Visit us on Facebook and Twitter*



**On Sept. 4, the Piermont-Bradford Bridge over the Connecticut River was closed for repairs for 19 days. The work included placement of a new concrete deck surface and the replacement of the expansion joint at the New Hampshire abutment. BUR Construction of Claremont was the contractor for the \$319,000 project. It was reopened Sept. 22.**

## REPORT OF LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE

Little Rivers Health Care is a federally qualified health center (FQHC), continues to provide primary health care services to roughly 10,000 residents out of our sites in Bradford, East Corinth and Wells River.

Our services include medical, behavioral health, care coordination, access to discount prescription drugs, and oral health/dental care for children. We offer sliding fee discounts to all who qualify under federal guidelines and provide wrap-around services to assist those whose social and economic situations impact their ability to manage their health.

In 2016, the last full year for which data are available at the time of this submission, Little Rivers provided services to 5,588 individuals in the course of 22,000 visits. As reported in years past, we offer health care for all ages, from pre-natal to end of life, including obstetrics, home visits, and farm outreach visits. We continue to collaborate with other FQHCs in the state to provide dental services to over 350 children in our area via the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

In 2016, Little Rivers provided services to 1,023 Bradford residents, or 36.6 percent of the population, representing approximately 4,000 visits.

Our new Medication Assisted Treatment program for those struggling with addiction has grown steadily this past year, and we will continue to grow and develop that program given the overwhelming need for those services. As a lead entity for the Blueprint for Health program in our region, Little Rivers has been able to offer educational programs and support groups for those with diabetes and other chronic illnesses as well as chronic pain management and tobacco cessation.

Of those that we serve, approximately 57 percent are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, 27 percent are Medicaid beneficiaries, 26 percent are Medicare beneficiaries and 5 percent are uninsured.

Our collaborations with other community service providers and state agencies have been especially important, resulting in more comprehensive and better-coordinated care for our patients. Together, we are able to leverage our collective resources more fully than without these partnerships.

In 2016, Little Rivers brought \$1.4 million in federal money to the local economy and provided jobs for over 60 people. The current building renovation that has just begun in our Bradford clinic is being funded primarily with a \$1 million federal grant and is providing additional business for local contractors. This project is expected to be completed by next spring and will enable us to serve more residents from that site.

As an FQHC, Little Rivers is expected to demonstrate community support; therefore the contributions from our towns and generous donors are especially important to us and deeply appreciated. It has been an honor and privilege to serve our communities.

*William Campbell, Board Chair  
Gail Auclair, CEO*

### *Contact Information:*

*Little Rivers, Wells River, 65 Main St., Wells River, VT, 802-757-2325*

*Little Rivers at East Corinth, 720 Village Rd., East Corinth, VT, 802-439-5321*

*Little Rivers at Bradford, 437 South Main St., Bradford, VT, 802-222-9317*

*Administration & Billing, 146 Mill St., Bradford, VT, 802-222-4637*

## REPORT OF UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE

To the citizens of the nine communities we serve:

Upper Valley Ambulance is in our 27<sup>th</sup> year of providing emergency ambulance service to our member towns, and we continue to strive to meet our mission statement on a daily basis. Emergency Medical Services is the safety net for healthcare. We don't ask if you can pay the bill before we respond to your 9-1-1 call. We respond, render high-quality healthcare as needed, and help you make choices about whether you need to go to the hospital with us, or seek alternate care such as your primary physician's office. Whether we get paid for our services, or how much we get paid depends on what kind of health insurance, if any, you have. We care equally for all our patients regardless of their ability to pay. You call 9-1-1 and an ambulance responds. Period.

Because of the way healthcare reimbursement is in our country, the amount we collect is only about 50 percent of our costs. The only way you as a resident or visitor to the nine communities we serve can be assured that there will be an ambulance service to respond to your 9-1-1 emergency is by sharing those uncompensated costs through your taxes. All our communities are assessed a per-capita charge based on our costs that are not covered by revenue from patient billing. For 2017 that per capita charge was \$37. This year the Board of Directors of Upper Valley Ambulance struggled with flat or decreasing revenue from health insurance providers, increasing costs of our staff's health insurance and other increasing operational costs. This resulted in an increase of the per capita assessment to \$39.

However our financial struggles have presented us with a short-term problem. The money that we use to put aside for replacing ambulances has had to go into paying other expenses. We need to put aside approximately \$50,000 a year to replace ambulances as they age. In 2017, we did not have the funds to set aside, and we will not have the funds in 2018 or 2019. In 2020, we will have finished paying off loans and will be able to set aside that money for ambulance replacement. However we cannot wait that long to replace ambulances. Thus we need to assess a temporary surcharge in 2018 and 2019 of \$4.00 per capita to pay for ambulance replacement.

The total amount Upper Valley Ambulance needs from our communities for 2018 is \$43 per capita. This is a 5 percent increase in operational expenses and an 11 percent temporary surcharge for ambulance replacement. We understand that a 16 percent increase is difficult to swallow. We assure our communities however that the temporary surcharge is temporary, and that we continue to work hard to control our costs.

The leadership and staff of UVA continue to be proud of the organization's accomplishments and look forward to providing you with the peace of mind that your 9-1-1 system is here if you, a family member, your neighbors or visitors to your community need it. We vow to continue our commitment to providing high quality emergency medical care to all the citizens we serve.

*Sincerely,  
Clay Odell  
Executive Director*



## REPORT OF OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

For 30 years, Oxbow Senior Independence Program's Adult Day Services has been serving elderly and adults with disabilities from Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Groton, Newbury, Ryegate, Thetford, Topsham, Wells River and beyond.

**Who are we?** OSIP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with an important mission for its Adult Day Services: we promote the greatest possible level of health and independence for our participants, while providing relief for their families and caregivers.

We're an all-volunteer board, so every penny donated goes to the program.

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

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

**What do we do?** (This is the important part.) We provide a safe and happy place for frail elders or adults with disabilities. Our friendly and wonderful staff plans activities that stimulate minds and exercise bodies. We sing songs and socialize. Our RN and LNAs monitor participants' health and medical conditions, and our certified chefs cook healthy and delicious meals on site, so that the smell of home cooking fills the air at lunchtime.

This past year, we provided over 11,000 hours of direct-care service. Over 750 hours were specific to Bradford. More than 1,500 hours of uncompensated services were donated by our volunteers, staff, and board.

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

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

Thank you for your support!

*Contact Information: 4621 Main Street South, P.O. Box 25, Newbury, VT 05051-0025  
www.osipads.com, 802-866-5465, Fax 802-866-3571, osipads@gmail.com*

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## REPORT OF SAFELINE, INC.

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

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 2,222 services for 344 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. 190 services were provided for 24 victims who identified themselves as residents of Bradford. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most of the victims have children within their family.

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

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

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



**REPORT OF VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**  
***Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Bradford, VT***

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

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

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 2,725 homecare visits to 97 Bradford residents. This included approximately \$82,256 in unreimbursed care to Bradford residents.

**Home Health Care:** 1,509 home visits to 76 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

**Long-Term Care:** 294 home visits to 7 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

**Hospice Services:** 919 home visits to 12 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

**Skilled Pediatric Care:** 3 home visits to 2 residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

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



**THE RETURN TO THE BA—The Logger returned to the Bradford Academy after a three-year hiatus and had enthusiastic crowds Nov. 4 and 5. Rusty Dewees “The Logger” and “The Fiddler”, West Newbury-based musician Patrick Ross entertained on the BA auditorium stage.**

## REPORT OF CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

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

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

Some of the options we make available include:

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

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 88 Bradford residents. Case Manager Marianne Barnett is designated to work directly with the seniors in Bradford. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted 1,306 hours of service to Bradford seniors.

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



**For the first time, the Giving Fair was held Dec. 9 at the Bradford Congregational Church with 23 area not-for-profit organizations to raise funds and educate people about their causes. Pictured here are Catherine Kidder, left, of Help Kids India and Susan Goodell, center, talking with Laura Wolfe Lornitzo, right about their craft products for sale which are made by Indian women.**

**REPORT OF COHASE ROTARY CLUB**  
**Formerly known as Woodsville-Wells River Rotary Club**  
**Serving the Cohase Region of VT and NH**

In 2017, we renamed our Rotary Club from the Woodsville-Wells River Rotary Club to Cohase Rotary Club to be inclusive of all of the towns we serve. Ian Clark, who served as president from 2009 to 2017, handed over the reins to me last year. I was sent to the Northeast Presidents-Elect Training Seminar in March 2017. The Rotary was very busy in 2017.

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

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

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

**Additional Highlights:**

- Every year we participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program. We send three high school freshman/sophomore students to a long weekend of leadership development at Lyndon State College. The RYLA program is run by previous recipients of the award.

- Rotary International views literacy as a basic human right. Our club works with the Dictionary Project to donate dictionaries to all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Newbury Elementary School each year. We plan to expand this to additional area schools in 2018.

- We sold food and assisted boaters at both Spring and Fall Paddle the Border.

- The Club raised just under \$600 to contribute to a project that Club #6410 of Sherbrooke, Canada initiated with Club #6868 of Obregon Sur, Mexico. The money went to an international effort to plant community orchards in Mexico.

- We were awarded a \$1,100 district grant to fund kinesthetic classroom equipment at BMU. The Club is working with Beth Fraser's class at BMU to raise an additional \$1,145.

- We accepted applications for the Alonzo Malouin Teacher Scholarship which provides \$5,000 to an educator for continuing education.

- We organized an opioid awareness event at Oxbow High School with a large panel of local, regional, and state industry experts. We continue to work on follow-up events.

- We invited area high schools to participate in the District #7850's 4-Way Test speech contest.

- We opened the speaker portion of our meetings up to the public to participate.

- We took part in community events including The Giving Fair and So Long Summer - Hello Fall.



- We donated to help the West Newbury Congregational Church send supplies to Zimbabwe.
- We provided a BMU class with newspaper subscriptions for Newspapers in Education.
- We donated to student Ambassadors in the People to People program.
- We won Rotary District #7850's Club Sustainability Award: Comeback Club of the Year.
- Rotary International offers many opportunities that clubs can extend to students. We would love to work on Youth Exchanges and to set up EarlyAct, Interact, and Rotaract Clubs in schools.
- We launched our Pay It Forward Volunteer Network, an initiative to match up volunteers and nonprofit causes in the Cohase region. Visit [www.cohase.org/volunteer](http://www.cohase.org/volunteer) for more information.



*Submitted by  
Monique Priestley  
Cohase Rotary Club President (2017-2019)*

**Incoming President Monique Priestley received the gavel from outgoing Cohase Rotary Club President Ian Clark.**

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## REPORT OF COHASE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE serving Haverhill, Piermont and Orford, NH Fairlee, Bradford and Newbury, VT

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

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

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

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

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802-518-0030, [cohasechamber@gmail.com](mailto:cohasechamber@gmail.com) • [www.cohase.org](http://www.cohase.org)*

*With gratitude,  
Erik Volk  
Executive Director*

## REPORT OF TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. The following are highlights from 2017:

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

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

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

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

Specifically in Bradford this past year, we prepared grant applications for a zoning update and a Better Roads project. TRORC also provided emergency coordination assistance for the July 1 storm event, assisted Bradford with a Grants-In-Aid municipal road ditching and culvert project on Flanders Brook Road, assisted with the development and approval of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and began work on enhanced energy planning.

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director  
William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret*



## **REPORT OF CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS**

Connecticut River Joint Commissions has offices at Suite 225, 10 Water St., Lebanon, NH 03766. and their website at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org)

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

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

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

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

## **REPORT OF UPPER VALLEY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS**

The Upper Valley Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions consists of appointed volunteers from the Vermont towns of Hartford, Norwich, Thetford, Fairlee, and Bradford, and the New Hampshire towns of Lebanon, Hanover, Lyme, Orford, and Piermont. We meet every two months to discuss and act on river-related issues.

The subcommittee reviewed and commented on a wide range of regulatory applications, including river shoreline stabilization, wetlands activity, bridges over tributaries, stormwater management, wastewater projects, and private waterfront structures.

We actively participated in the Wilder Dam federal re-licensing process, by submitting a detailed analysis of the Preliminary Licensing Proposal (PLP), and continuing comments on Erosion Studies #2 and #3. In response to our comments and those of others, these studies are currently being revised to include more data on river velocities and erosive soils. We continue to assert that the fluctuations in the river levels by the normal and storm operations of Wilder Dam are exacerbating erosion of the riverbank.

The Upper Valley Subcommittee held a joint meeting with the Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee to discuss restoration of eroding banks by the K-Mart Plaza in Lebanon.

We will continue our coordination with other river conservation and planning organizations, such as the Connecticut River Conservancy, the New Hampshire Rivers Council, the Connecticut River Paddlers, the White River Partnership, the Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission, and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

For more information or to become involved in the work of the Subcommittee, please contact Chairman Jim Kennedy ([james.kennedy@valley.net](mailto:james.kennedy@valley.net)).

## REPORT OF CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. Gerhard Postpischil represents Bradford on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates and providing information and resources to our member communities.

In FY17, CVSWMD provided \$7,363 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants and \$4,534 in Green Up Day Grants to businesses and schools in member municipalities. The Town of Bradford received a \$350 Green Up Day Grant. The district invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual, non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring.

After 14 years, CVSWMD is no longer in the business of hauling food scraps from schools and businesses in Central Vermont. Our efforts, and those of our partners, kept 12,112 tons of food scraps out of the landfill! In 2017, CVSWMD successfully transitioned all organics hauling routes to Grow Compost of Moretown. CVSWMD will continue to provide resources and technical assistance to businesses to reduce and divert food waste from the landfill to comply with state law.

The district continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

***Residential Composting:*** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting.

***School Composting:*** Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 27 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on-site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.

***Special Collections:*** In 2017, nine events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs. Two separate collection events were held at the Bradford town garage, a total of 76 households attended them.

***Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):*** The ARCC, at 540 North Main Street in Barre is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, noon to 6 p.m. and the third Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The ARCC is a recycling dropoff for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials, [cvswmd.org/arcc](http://cvswmd.org/arcc). Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.

In FY17, 17 residents from Bradford recycled at the ARCC.

***Website:*** CVSWMD posts useful information about what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste, composting, Act 148, Paint Care guidelines, details of our special collections, and an “A to Z Guide” listing disposal options for many materials in the alphabet.

*Contact Information: CVSWMD offices, 137 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT 05602  
[www.cvswmd.org](http://www.cvswmd.org), 802-229-9383, [comments@cvswmd.org](mailto:comments@cvswmd.org)*

## REPORT OF NORTHEAST SLOPES

The 2016-2017 ski season at Northeast Slopes was a continuation of our 80th Birthday Celebration! We played on the theme all season since our actual 80th year was such a bust for snow! We had a much snowier year and even opened the day after Christmas which is unusual. Our big news this season was night skiing. We had our first ever evening at the tow in March and will be hosting more night skis this winter!

We held several community events this past year. Our Fourth Annual Winterfest was attended by young and old from near and far and the sleigh rides, ski races and live, local music have become a winter tradition.

Our third annual NES-FEST was held this October. The event was even bigger with more food, more bands, local craft beer and a spectacular turn out. We even had really cool new T-shirts made. Check out the banjo playing skier on the logo! Profits from the day went to support the youth ski program which works with both the Waits River Valley School and Bradford Recreation Program. The program works to provide equipment, lessons and slope time for kids in the area. Now in its fourth season, this aspect of our programming demonstrates our commitment to serving the children of Bradford and surrounding towns.

By opening as many days as weather allows, organizing fun local events and seeking financial support beyond our immediate community, the Board believes Northeast Slopes provides Bradford and surrounding towns with an important and affordable community service that gives young people and their families a great place to meet and recreate outdoors during the long winter months.

In closing, the Board would like to thank the Town of Bradford for its generous support of last year. Our request for the upcoming fiscal year remains the same as last year. We will continue to strive to rely on our own operations and independent fundraising efforts to keep the old rope spinning, rather than increase the taxpayer burden.

With that said, “THINK SNOW” and we hope to see you on the Slopes!

*Northeast Slopes Board of Directors*



**The third annual Musik Fest was held October 1 at Northeast Slopes with fantastic crowds, weather and fun. To top off the event, Rusty Dewees “The Logger” was present and local musicians entertained the crowds. The event raised funds to support the youth ski program for children in Corinth, Topsham, and Bradford.**

## REPORT OF CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. In 2016, Capstone Community Action served 15,064 people in 8,931 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, healthcare navigation and more.

Programs and services accessed by 176 Bradford households representing 298 individuals this past year included:

- 43 individuals in 22 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 25 households with 68 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 45 individuals in 17 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 5 homeless individuals worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 17 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 28 additional family members.
- 3 households received an emergency furnace repair and 2 household furnaces were replaced at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- 2 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 3 residents.
- 1 person found and maintained reliable transportation with support from the Capstone Transportation Project.
- 2 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 2 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 41 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 2 people saved toward an asset that will provide long-term economic security. With savings, homes were purchased; businesses were capitalized and people enrolled in higher education or training.
- 2 childcare providers received nutrition education and were reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 27 children in their care.
- 12 people received information and assistance for signing up for Vermont Health Connect.

Capstone thanks the residents of Bradford for their generous support. Note that the figures provided are for 2016; the 2017 figures were not available at publication time.



## REPORT OF CLARA MARTIN CENTER

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

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

With 50 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Recent events in our communities have spotlighted opiate use, where Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem. Anyone can get help through our Substance Abuse programming by simply walking through our doors, or calling 802-728-4466.

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

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at [www.claramartin.org](http://www.claramartin.org).

**Clara Martin Center  
celebrated its 50th anniversary  
with a 5k Color Splash event on May 7 that  
was held at Thetford Academy's Woods  
Running Trail.**





## REPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY

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

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

You can call the Sheriff's department directly for assistance at all hours, 802-685-4875.

**County Courthouse:** Good News! The 1997 bond has finally been paid off and in fiscal year 2018 Orange County will receive the first of 10 annual interest rebate payments as the result of a debt restructuring by the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank.

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

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

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

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

Please contact us with questions or comments at the courthouse, 802-685-4610.

*Orange County Assistant Judges  
Joyce McKeeman, Corinth  
Vickie Weiss, Tunbridge*

## REPORT OF ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION

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

**Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP)** for youth receiving civil complaints for underage alcohol or marijuana possession;

**Driving License Suspension Program**, helping Vermonters reinstate their licenses through income-sensitive fine repayment plans;

**Pre-Trial Services Program**, providing support and services related to mental health and substance abuse for adults facing charges in criminal court.

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

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017, 183 clients were referred for services. Of those, 85 were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 98 were referred for YSASP. With few exceptions, all cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. OCCD worked with 24 cases in which the offender either resided in and/or the offense occurred in Bradford.

OCCD's FY17 operating budget was \$110,930. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Bradford appropriated \$400 for FY17 to support OCCD. OCCD requests the same appropriation for FY18.

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



The 84-year-old Route 25B bridge over the Waits River just north of the intersection with Route 25 was closed June 16 for four months for a new span construction. The Vermont Agency of Transportation had A.L. St. Onge Contractors Inc. install the new bridge at the same location. August 8, Main Street at the intersection with South Main Street was closed down at two different times so two tractor-trailers carrying 141-foot steel girders could maneuver the loads to the new bridge location. September 6 the bridge opened to traffic.

## **REPORT OF GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) works in collaboration with the 30 towns in our district to offer support for new, growing and relocating businesses by supporting businesses with retention and expansion strategies in response to their individual needs. This is our annual report for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Of huge importance to us, GMEDC teams with the Department of Economic Development (DED), the Vermont Departments of Labor and Education, the Vermont Workforce Development Council, the three Regional Technical Centers (RTCs) in our District and other partners to help businesses advance their workforce training needs. Our tools include the Vermont Training Program, the Vermont Workforce Employment Training Fund and other state and federally funded programs. This is one of the most important issues for us to address and we devote a large portion of our time and attention to it on a statewide level, as well as in our region.

We facilitate forums for technical education, manufacturing, forestry and other business sectors by focusing on important issues and opportunities for the region's work force and employers, large and small. We use resources provided by DED to assist with job training, retention and expansion, bringing flexible and dependable support to communities and businesses alike.

Working with DED, our Board and staff work to find appropriate sites for businesses expansion. Our Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC) is staffed with a business advisor who is an expert in helping start-ups and established companies.

GMEDC helps business and organizations secure financing from the Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) and other entities such as USDA – Rural Development. We also manage Revolving Loan Funds for business support and disaster recovery which provide gap financing not met by private lenders, VEDA or the U.S. Small Business Administration. For example, we helped many of our neighbors who applied for Federal flood recovery assistance grants following Tropical Storm Irene.

Working with DED, we provide customized and confidential assistance to out-of-state companies interested in relocating to Vermont. Large and small businesses receive individualized attention on matters regarding site location, financing, training programs, the Vermont Economic Growth Initiative (VEGI) tax incentives and a variety of other important issues such as permitting and Federal Grants. We team with our in-house business advisor from VtSBDC for many assignments.

GMEDC works collaboratively with Regional Planning Commissions and municipalities to encourage appropriate land use, settlement and transportation patterns and programs which focus on maintaining healthy and vibrant communities, as desired by its member towns.

Brownfield Redevelopment of contaminated sites has become an important part of our services. We assist member towns with grant opportunities, as requested to return contaminated sites to productive use increasing employment and the Grand List value.

We continued our active work with the Two Rivers Regional Commission (TRORC) in supporting the growth of the Regional Creative Economy in collaboration with our neighbors in NH and the VT Council of the Arts.

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**Record  
Annual Town Meeting Town of Bradford  
Including Annual Water & Sewer District Meeting  
Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

Peter Mallary called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the auditorium of the Bradford Academy Building. Sargent Jon Larson led the flag salute. Peter said the Methodist Church will be serving lunch, Bert Dodson's Studio and the History Museum will be open during lunch as well.

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

Thomas Unkles, Chair of the Selectboard, asked for nominations for Moderator. Peter Mallary was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved to close nominations and for the Clerk to cast one ballot for Peter Mallary. It was seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Peter Mallary was elected Moderator for the term of one year. Article 1 closed.

**Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers for the past year.**

Sarah Copeland-Hanzas, our State Representative spoke about what our legislature is working on: Status of the Affordable Care Act, Energy and Technology, Farm to School, Education Governance Reform, Vermont Budget Update and several others.

Article 2 was moved and seconded. Peter said that this year's Town Report was dedicated to James R. Barton.

Peter went page by page in the Town Report.

Larry Coffin asked the Selectboard what was happening to the burned-out building on North Main Street. Larry asked if there needs to be a revision on our Zoning Ordinance. Ted said the ordinance was alright as it stands. The Selectboard said the owner cannot burn the building because there are dangerous materials that cannot be burned. Should the Town own the property, the building will be demolished and the value of the land will be appraised and sold.

Martina Stever asked where the purchase of Memorial Field stood. Ted said the Selectboard has accepted to purchase it. Currently, the school is working on the legal paperwork. She also asked about the proposed police department move to the state police barracks. The state police proposed rent that was very high. The Selectboard wants to purchase instead of renting.

Paul Hunt spoke about having information on our website regarding petitions. He said it would be very helpful to have it there. Danielle Kingsbury said the information was sent to all who asked and there were instructions in the Town Office. She said she would put it on the town's website.

Leora Martin suggested that in the police report, there should be more information regarding the incidents that our police handle. She wanted to see where and how our money was spent.

It was suggested that the town have a policy regarding investing the town funds.

Donna Wing wanted to know why Two Rivers was giving away six scholarships and they are still asking for money.

Bud Haas stated that the library now has a survey on file and the renovations are moving along.

Peter reread the Article. A motion was made to accept Article 2 as corrected. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Article 2 closed.

**Article 3: To elect all town officers as required by law, and to fill all vacancies that may occur at or prior to said meeting.**

The Article was moved and seconded.

**Town Clerk for a three-year term** (currently held by Marianne McClure).

Marianne McClure nominated Sonya McLam. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Moderator cast one ballot for Sonya McLam. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Sonya McLam was elected Town Clerk for a three-year term.

Robert Wing thanked Marianne McClure for her years of service to the Town of Bradford. There was a standing ovation.

**Town Treasurer for a three-year term** (currently held by Jennifer Rivers).

Sonya McLam nominated Jennifer Rivers. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Jennifer Rivers. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Jennifer Rivers was elected Treasurer for a three-year term.

**Selectboard member for a three-year term** (currently held by Lisa D. Sharp-Grady).

Lisa D. Sharp-Grady was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Lisa D. Sharp-Grady. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Lisa D. Sharp-Grady was elected Selectboard member for a three-year term.

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**Selectboard member for a two-year term** (currently held by Carole P. Taylor).

Carole P. Taylor was nominated. A question was asked if there was a conflict of interest for Carole since she sits on the public safety board. Ted said they have asked the Secretary of State and he said there was no conflict. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Carole P. Taylor. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Carole P. Taylor was elected Selectboard member for a two-year term.

**Lister for a three-year term** (currently held by Nila Newstrom-Anaya).

Nila Newstrom-Anaya was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Nila Newstrom-Anaya. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Nila Newstrom-Anaya was elected Lister for a three-year term.

**Lister for a two-year term** (currently held by Mary Wendell).

Mary Wendell was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Mary Wendell. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Mary Wendell was elected Lister for a two-year term.

**Auditor for a three-year term** (currently held by Henrietta Powers).

Henrietta Powers was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Henrietta Powers. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Henrietta Powers was elected Auditor for a three-year term.

**Collector of Current Taxes for a one year term.** (currently held by Jennifer Rivers)

Jennifer Rivers was nominated. Jennifer Rivers. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Jennifer Rivers. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Jennifer Rivers was elected Collector of Current Taxes for a one year term.

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a one year term.** (currently held by Jennifer Rivers)

Jennifer Rivers was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Jennifer Rivers. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Jennifer Rivers was elected Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a one year term.

**Town Grand Juror for a one year term.** (currently held by Gary Moore)

Gary Moore was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Gary Moore. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Gary Moore was elected Town Grand Juror for a one year term.

**Town Agent for a one year term.** (Currently held by Gary Moore).

Gary Moore was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Gary Moore. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Gary Moore was elected Town Agent for a one year term.

**Trustee of Public Funds for a three-year term.** (currently held by Tony Brainerd).

Tony Brainerd was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved that nominations cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for Tony Brainerd. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Tony Brainerd was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one year term.

**Article 4: To see what sum of money the town will vote for General Fund purposes for the year 2017, and to vote to determine the time and manner of collecting monies for General Fund and Town Highway purposes.**

Ted Unkles moved that the Town be authorized to raise through real property taxes the sum of **\$915,032** together with such additional sums as may be voted later in this meeting or at any subsequent meeting, for general and administrative expenses and community support, and all taxes assessed to raise the sum of **\$915,032** and such additional sums, be due and payable at the Tax Collector's office not later than 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, October 31, 2017, the due date, or mailed to the tax collector's office with a postmark date not later than the due date, without discount, and that any amount not so paid or mailed shall become delinquent and subject to interest at a rate of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter at a rate of one and a half percent per month or fraction thereof. Ted's motion was seconded. Ted stated that the budget showed an excess in our General Fund and said the budget has been reduced by \$100,000.

Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. Ted reread his motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 4 passed by voice vote. Article 4 closed.

**Article 5: To see what sum of money the town will vote for Town Highway purposes for the year 2017.**

Ted moved that we raise the sum of **\$868,355** for Highway purposes. His motion was seconded. Ted stated that the budget showed an excess in our Highway Fund and said the budget has been reduced



by \$100,000.

There was no further discussion. Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 5 passed by voice vote. Article 5 closed.

**Article 6: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$4,120 to support the Stagecoach Transportation Services?**

The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 6 passed by voice vote. Article 6 closed.

**Article 7: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to support the Bradford Youth Sports, Inc.?**

The Article was moved and seconded. It was brought to the assembly's attention that Bradford Youth Sports is not affiliated with the Park and Recreation group. Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 7 passed by voice vote. Article 7 closed.

**Article 8: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to support CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION, INC. (CVABE)?**

The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter reread the Article. He asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 8 passed by voice vote. Article 8 closed.

**Article 9: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$4,413.00 for the support of the Clara Martin Center?**

The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 9 passed by voice vote. Article 9 closed.

**Article 10: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for Orange East Senior Center?**

The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 10 passed by voice vote. Article 10 closed.

**Article 11: Shall the Town of Bradford, Vermont appropriate the sum of \$12,450 for the support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH to provide services to residents of the Town of Bradford?**

The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Peter read the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 11 passed by voice vote. Article 11 closed.

**Article 12: Shall the Town of Bradford appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to support the BRADFORD CONSERVATION FUND?**

The Article was moved and seconded. A paper ballot was called. Peter reread the Article.

Results of voting: In favor, 64. Opposed, 45.

The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 12 passed. Article 12 closed.

**Article 13: To approve an appropriation request in the amount of \$2,500 for Northeast Slopes. Funds will be used to support the operation of this eighty-one year, volunteer-run, family ski area.**

The Article was moved and seconded. There was some discussion regarding how good a year it was. Peter reread the Article and asked for a vote on the motion. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 13 passed by voice vote. Article 13 closed.

**Article 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before Town Meeting.**

The Article was moved and seconded.

Ted thanked everyone for the hard work they all do to make Bradford a good place to live. He stated that there is a map showing the painted lines down main street and that the state will be correcting them.

Donna Wing asked the Selectboard to consider moving Town Meeting to Saturday and/or the evening. John Bean agreed with Donna. A "straw poll" was taken and the results appeared to be in favor of both. The question was raised as to how we change the meeting day and time. Ted said her would be in touch with the Secretary of State. It was suggested that there be two separate articles; one stating the time and the other the day.

Larry Coffin said the Historical Museum has a special display honoring the Military.

Henry Ilsley recommended that the Town votes to lower veteran's property taxes. Bob Wing said the town already reduces taxes for disabled veterans. There is a process they must apply for to receive the discount.

Nancy Jones thanked the Selectboard for all their hard work for the Town.

Ted presented Marianne McClure with a certification of appreciation from the Selectboard.

Peter called for a vote on the article. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 14 passed by voice vote. Article 14 closed.

Peter called for a quick break before the Water and Sewer Meeting.

**Article 15: To elect all Water and Sewer Commissioners as required by law, and to fill all vacancies that may occur at or prior to this meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)**

**Water and Sewer Commissioner for a five-year term** (currently held by Robert W. Nutting).

Robert W. Nutting was nominated. Daniel A. Perry III was nominated. There were no further nominations. A paper ballot was called.

Results of voting: Robert W. Nutting 7. Daniel A. Perry III 15.

Daniel A. Perry was elected Water and Sewer Commissioner for a five-year term. Article 15 closed.

**Article 16: To adopt a budget for the Bradford water system for the year 2017. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)**

A motion was made to adopt the budget of **\$300,006**. The motion was seconded.

Ted, as Selectboard chair, spoke regarding the accounting problems the Water and Sewer department has. There have been several years where the town auditors and the outside auditors have questioned how the "books" are handled. The Commissioners need to have a serious look at their budget and accounting procedures. Peter Terry, town auditor, said their balances need to be corrected. The problems began when the town and village merged and have not been corrected to the auditor's satisfaction. There was talk about how messaging a problem with the water was handled. The system for notifying customers is currently in place. However, customers should keep the departments notified of any changes to their contact information.

A motion was made to close debate. The motion was seconded and approved to close debate. Peter reread the Article to adopt the budget of **\$300,006**. Peter called for a vote. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 16 passed by voice vote. Article 16 closed.

**Article 17: To adopt a budget for the Bradford wastewater system for the year 2017. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)**

A motion was made to adopt the budget of **\$279,480**. The motion was seconded.

There was some discussion regarding budgeting procedures for the sewer department as well. A motion was made to close debate. The motion was seconded and approved to close debate. Peter reread the Article to adopt the budget of **\$279,480**. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 17 passed by voice vote. Article 17 closed.

**Article 18: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Water and Sewer meeting. (Only resident ratepayers of the Bradford Water and Sewer checklist may vote on this article.)**

The article was moved and seconded.

There was discussion regarding shutoff procedures and how it was determined which properties were shutoff. Mostly shutoffs were done when the property becomes vacant, either by the owner leaving or a foreclosure is in progress. It was recommended that a report of accounting be mailed out when the outside auditors complete their audit.

Peter called for a vote. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it. Article 18 passed by voice vote. Article 18 closed.

**Article 19: To adjourn.**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:12 A.M. Article 19 closed.

A true record:

Attest:

/s/Marianne McClure, Town Clerk

Attest:

/s/Peter Mallary, Moderator

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# NOTES

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