

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT



ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2017

**THE ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING**

**WILL BE HELD
ON MONDAY NIGHT
MARCH 5, 2018 AT 7:30 P.M.
AT THE
SPRINGFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD DIRECTORY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: 9,373
Altitude: 410 Feet
Miles: 47 Square
Size: 31,552 Acres

MEETING SCHEDULES

Please check the Town of Springfield Website:
www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com for Agendas/
Notices/Minutes of each meeting or call 802-885-2104 to
request a copy. For School Board check: www.ssdvt.org or
call 802-885-5141 to request a copy.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meetings held second and fourth Monday of each month
(except for June, July, August) at 7:00 p.m., Selectmen's
Meeting Room, Municipal Office

SCHOOL BOARD

Meetings held first and third Monday of each month at 6:00
p.m. at the High School Library

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meeting held the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at
the Library

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.,
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meeting held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.,
Huber Building, 80 Main Street

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Meeting held the first Wednesday of each month April thru
November at 5:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room,
Municipal Office

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
in the Community Room, Police Station

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Meeting is held on second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.,
only if an application is to be considered, in the Selectmen's
Meeting Room, Municipal Office

DOWNTOWN DESIGN COMMISSION

Meeting is held when necessary in the Selectmen's Meeting
Room, Municipal Office

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00
p.m. in the Terminal Building, Hartness State Airport

SPRINGFIELD GREENWAYS, TRAILS, BYWAYS AND RURAL ECONOMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00
p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office

TOWN

Municipal Offices:

96 Main Street

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 885-2104

Department of Public Works:

Fairground Road

Business Hours:

7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 886-2208

Police Emergency

Tel. No. 885-2113

or 911

Police Non-Emergency

201 Clinton Street

Tel. No. 885-2112

Fire and Ambulance Emergency

Tel. No. 911

Fire and Ambulance Non-Emergency

77 Hartness Avenue

Tel. No. 885-4546

Springfield Town Library:

43 Main Street

Business Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tel. No. 885-3108

Parks & Recreation Department:

139 Main Street

Tel. No. 885-2727

Senior Citizens' Center:

139 Main Street

Business Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 885-3933

Sewage Disposal Plant:

Clinton Street

Business Hours:

7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Tel. No. 885-2854

Transfer Station & Recycling Center:

Fairground Road

Business Hours:

Monday

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tel. No. 885-5827

SCHOOLS

Central Offices 885-5141

Athletic Director 885-7905

Elm Hill School 885-5154

Union Street School 885-5155

Riverside Middle School 885-8490

Springfield High School 885-7900

Technical Center 885-8300

ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

TOWN MODERATOR Patrick M. Ankuda 2018	TOWN AGENT Stephen S. Ankuda 2018
SCHOOL MODERATOR Patrick M. Ankuda 2018	FIRST CONSTABLE Chester Alden 2018
SELECTMEN Peter E. MacGillivray 2018 Michael E. Martin 2020 Walter E. Martone 2018 Kristi C. Morris* 2020 Stephanie N. Thompson 2019	JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (Term expires in February 2019) Warren Cross Alice M. Emmons Scott Farr Beth Gray Chuck Gregory Mark Greenvall Tom Hall Dave Hinckley Ernest "Puggy" Lamphere Cynthia Martin Stephen J. Matush Kathleen Stankevich John Stettner Steve Sysko David A. Yesman
SCHOOL DIRECTORS Edward Caron* 2020 Jeanice Garfield 2019 Michael Griffin 2019 Stephen Karaffa 2018 Laura Ryan 2018	STATE REPRESENTATIVE WINDSOR 3-1 Thomas A. Bock WINDSOR 3-2 Alice Emmons Robert J. Forguites
LISTERS Lee Murray 2020 Terry Perkins 2018	WINDSOR COUNTY SENATORS Alison Clarkson Richard McCormack Alice Nitka
LIBRARY TRUSTEES Barbara Ball 2018 ** Richard Cofrancesco 2019 Sara Allen Druen 2020 * Josephine Hingston 2018 * Herb Jamison 2020 Matthew Pincas 2019 Sandra Richardson 2018	* Chairperson ** Barbara Ball was appointed by the Selectboard as a Library Trustee on July 10, 2017 after the resignation of Judith Edwards. The appointment is until the 2018 Town Meeting, at which time the voters will have an opportunity to elect someone to that seat to finish out the term to 2019.
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS Michael H. Filipiak 2019 Deborah A. Luse 2018 Jane B. Waysville* 2020	
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS Ronald S. Griffin 2018 Scott Page* 2022 Gerald Patch 2020 Hugh S. Putnam 2019 John N. Swanson 2021 Barbara A. Courchesne, Ex-Officio	

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION Lori Claffee 2020 Walter Clark 2019 Richard Fillion 2018 Charles Gregory 2020 Michael Knoras 2021 Walter Martone 2018 Michael Martin 2020 Char Osterlund 2021 Nathan Wardwell 2020 Judith Sterns 2018 Walter Wallace* 2021 William G. Kearns, Administrative Officer	BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE Christina Jennings Michael Knoras Gaenol Mobus Char Osterlund Marilyn Thompson Nathan Wardwell David Yesman
DOWNTOWN DESIGN COMMISSION Richard Fillion 2019 Sabrina Smith 2019 Nathan Wardwell* 2020	AIRPORT COMMISSION Peter Andrews 2019 Kathleen Fellows 2019 John Graves 2018 Bruce Johnson 2020 Michael Knoras 2018 Peter MacGillivray* 2018 Walter Striedieck 2020
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD Lori Claffee 2018 Wilbur Horton 2018 Steven Kraft* 2018 Karl Riotti 2019 Joseph Wilson 2020 William G. Kearns, Administrative Officer	HOUSING AUTHORITY Peter Andrews* 2020 Carol Cole 2022 Richard Cummings 2018 Richard McNery 2019 William Morlock, III Executive Director
ENERGY COMMITTEE Lew Baldwins 2018 Michael Knoras 2018 Peter MacGillivray 2018 Melissa Mackenzie 2019 Walter Martone 2018 Char Osterlund** 2018 Steven Osterlund 2020 Hallie Whitcomb 2020 David Yesman** 2018	GREENWAYS, TRAILS, BYWAYS AND RURAL ECONOMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Randy Gray 2020 Charles Gregory 2020 Bettina McCrady 2020 George T. McNaughton* 2020 Hallie Whitcomb 2020 * Chairperson ** Co-Coordinator

APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

TOWN MANAGER Tom Yennerell	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER William G. Kearns	LIBRARY DIRECTOR Amy Howlett
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER Barbara A. Courchesne	POLICE CHIEF Douglas Johnston	ASSESSOR Nichole Knight
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR Barbara A. Courchesne	PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR Jeffery Strong	SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER DIRECTOR Heather Hall
FINANCE DIRECTOR Cathy Sohngen	PARKS, RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICE DIRECTOR Andrew Bladyka	FIRE CHIEF Russell Thompson

REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD AND TOWN MANAGER

We believe that a new era is beginning in Springfield, and that the Town is poised to benefit and enjoy some well-deserved prosperity. After many years of struggling with various economic and infrastructure challenges, the persistent desire and efforts to conquer those challenges, is starting to pay dividends. We also perceive that the townspeople are far more supportive of our efforts due to the obvious positive impacts and we want all to know that this is only the beginning.

Part of this new era is the “proactive stance” the Selectboard and Town Manager are taking to create solutions to decade old challenges and we are literally investing funds into Springfield’s future. We now know that the Town must invest in our infrastructure before attracting private investors and that private investment is necessary for revitalization to take place. The Town needs to be the catalyst for that investment. That is why we created the Main Street Master Plan, and why we are now beginning to build the Master Plan projects. The Main Street Committee meets monthly with the goal to plan, implement and complete the projects identified in the Main Street Master Plan. The committee is comprised of the Town’s partner organizations, Selectboard members, Main Street businesses, Main Street property owners and other interested citizens.

Downtown Projects Initiated with work to happen during 2018

- the total rehabilitation of the Woolson Block by Springfield Housing Authority and Housing VT
- the creation of a new park on the site of the former VNA Building
- a green-strip or curb extension on Main Street between Summer and Valley Street
- Theater Plaza renovations
- The Town now owns the Bakery Building at 9 - 11 Main Street and is interested in selling at a very reasonable price to a qualified new owner willing to rehabilitate it.
- A new Tax Increment Financing district (TIF) is being pursued with expectations an application to the State of Vermont will occur this fall. A TIF district is a municipal funding mechanism that generates funds to pay the bond debt for infrastructure improvements needed to accompany and stimulate private investment.

The new era is also defined by Town initiatives that Springfield has not done in the past. One example is addressing blighted buildings with the goal of having them rehabilitated or demolished. To date 53 properties have been addressed via new ordinance enforcement and several tickets have been issued. Other examples are the creation of the \$100,000 Springfield Revitalization Fund and the \$100,000 Unsafe Building Reserve Fund. Both funds are being used to accomplish tasks for which they were originally created.

The 2018-19 proposed budget includes a \$239,600 capital allocation to be used for revitalization projects along Main Street. This funding will not increase taxes because they are generated by delaying equipment replacement purchases or reducing the size of other capital projects and reallocating the funds. We have added a \$600,000 warrant article appropriation for paving and related road construction projects. This is only a \$100,000 increase over last year’s paving article.

We have greatly appreciated your prior support by approving previous budgets and ask once again that you support our efforts by approving the proposed 2018-2019 budget.
Selectboard

Kristi Morris, *Chair*
Stephanie Thompson, *Vice Chair*
Peter MacGillivray
Michael Martin
Walter Martone

Tom Yennerell, *Town Manager*

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Resolution No.	Effective Date	Description
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None

Ordinance No.	Effective Date	Description
2016-2	September 23, 2016	Chapter 7- Health, Sanitation, Nuisances, Article II. Nuisances, Division 8- Certain Nuisances Caused by Vacant Buildings. Added §§7-170 to 7-177

DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT

As most property owners know we are now moving into the second year of the Town Wide Reappraisal. NEMC (New England Municipal Consultants) will be wrapping things up this spring, and new values will be sent out this spring. If you have not had NEMC come to your property as of yet, but have been mailed a notice or left a yellow tag on your door, please call the town office for an appointment for a walk through of your property. We encourage an inside inspection, we want to get the most accurate data, so we can have a true fair assessment of your property. If you have any questions or concerns please call the Assessment Department and we would be glad to answer any questions for you.

As always our office is here to help with any property assessment questions, tax maps are available in our office and also online on our town website. Our property assessment information will also be able to found online after the Town Wide Reappraisal is complete.

Lee Murray, *Lister*
Terry Perkins, *Lister*
Nichole Knight, *Assessor*

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Phone: (802) 885-2104

HUMAN RESOURCES

Based on the calendar year, there was only one retirement this year. Jan Rogers completed twenty years of service working in the Finance Department and retired at the end of September 2017. The Town of Springfield would like to acknowledge and thank Jan for many years of service.

Employees with milestone employment anniversaries this year; they are as follows:

<u>35 Years of Service</u>	Tammy Gould, Library Technician II
<u>30 Years of Service</u>	Christopher Crowley, Working Foreman
<u>25 Years of Service</u>	Renford "Shorty" Freeman, MW I
<u>20 Years of Service</u>	Jan Rogers, Bookkeeper
<u>15 Years of Service</u>	Patrick Call, Detective Sergeant, John Claflin, Captain/Paramedic, Roy Farrar, Acting Chief Operator, Anthony Moriglioni, Detective
<u>10 Years of Service</u>	Daniel Deslauriers, Police Officer, Jeremy Fitzgibbons, Police Officer, Richard Johnson, MW I, Nichole Knight, Assessor, Deanne Richardson, Bookkeeper
<u>5 Years of Service</u>	Keith Eno, Assistant Director Parks & Recreation and Donna Hall, Human Resources Manager/Administrative Assistant

Congratulations to hitting the milestone anniversaries!

The Town also welcomed the following new hires:

<u>Fire Department:</u>	Brian Chapman, Benjamin Hoyt and Tyler Williams - On-Call Firefighters Steven Kemp and Nicolas Potter - On-Call Support
<u>Police Department:</u>	Alicia DiPietro, Dispatcher
<u>Public Works Dept:</u>	Deborah Ankuda - Transfer Station Attendant, Isaiah Millay - MW I and Stephen Page - MW II
<u>Town Library:</u>	Ponnie Derby - Adult Services Coordinator, Sue Ellen Morin and Olivia Veale - Materials Handlers
<u>Town Office:</u>	Brian Benoit - Administrative Assistant (PT), Jan Rogers - Bookkeeper (PT), and Shanine Warren - Accountant I

Donna M. Hall
Human Resources Manager
Email: toshir@vermontel.net

TOWN CLERK

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 was a busy year for voting which began with the Vermont Primary on August 9, 2016 and then the General Election and Special Town School District Meeting both held on November 8, 2016. The Annual Town and Town School District Meeting was held on March 7, 2017 and a recount of the School Director's race was held on March 15, 2017.

The Town Clerk's Office has many State Statutory and Town Charter responsibilities throughout the year. In addition to management of the elections listed above, another significant responsibility is preserving, managing, maintaining and recording the town's public records, which includes a variety of documents such as land records, minutes, permits, survey maps, vital records, licenses and election information.

We continue to make progress with our digitization project reaching further back in time digitizing land records, surveys and indexes so that in the not too distant future we will be able to provide online access to these records. We also continue to restore many of our very old surveys prior to them being digitized. The Clerk's Office has also initiated a project to recodify, digitize and provide online access to the Town of Springfield's Code of Ordinances.

We also provide many services throughout the year. For example, we register new voters, receive and respond to requests for absentee ballots, issue dog, hunting, fishing, town, liquor and marriage licenses, provide certified copies of birth, death and marriage records, prepare cemetery lot deeds, receive documents for recording in our land records, assist and answer questions about our records and how to use them, issue motor vehicle, snowmobile and motor boat renewal registrations, provide notary services and offer passport and identification photographs.

Below are statistics for some of the services that were provided during Fiscal Year 2016-2017:

Cemetery Lots Sold	10
Certified Copies of Vital Records	1,641
Documents Recorded	1,776
Dog Licenses Issued	966
Hunting & Fishing Licenses Issued	100
Liquor Licenses Issued	31
Marriage Licenses Issued	41
Motor Vehicle Renewals	59
Passports Photos Taken	4
Town Licenses Issued	149
State of VT Green Mountain Passports	43

The Town Clerk's Office also produces the Annual Report each year and the Select Board awarded the printing bid to Springfield Printing Corporation. The Springfield Printing Corporation team goes above and beyond to accommodate, coordinate and make the production process as smooth as possible and so it is with much appreciation we thank Mark Sanderson and his staff.

The Secretary of State's Office now offers a unique, voter-specific, online resource for all your election-related needs. Visit "My Voter Page" at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us> to register online, request an absentee ballot and track its status, update your voter registration record, find your polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.

Same Day Voter Registration is in effect which means there is no longer a deadline to register to vote prior to voting day. A voter can now register and vote at the polls all on voting day.

It is with much appreciation that I thank Assistant Town Clerk, Maxine Aldrich and Assistant Town Clerk/Ambulance Billing Clerk, Sara Allen for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to providing knowledgeable and friendly service to our community.

The Town Clerk's Office staff looks forward to serving you. You can visit us on the Town's website at <http://springfieldvt.govoffice2.com> (click on Town Departments then Town Clerk). Town Clerk Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.

Barbara A. Courchesne
Town Clerk

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DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

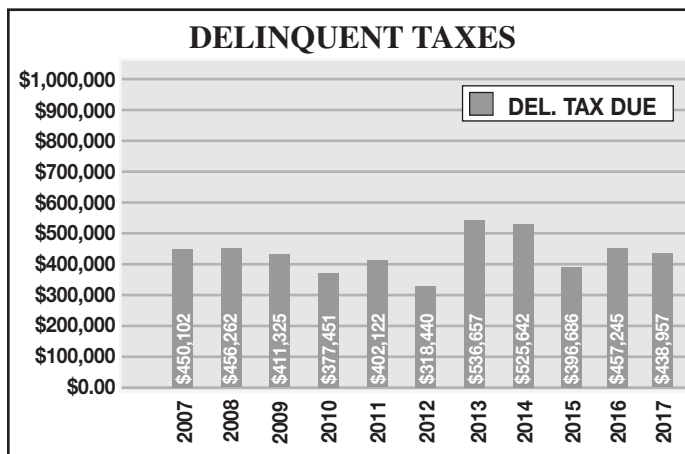
Total delinquency on June 30, 2017, was \$438,957. This amount has decreased from the prior year's total of \$457,245. The Town held a tax sale on August 25, 2016. However, the Town did not hold another tax sale until September 28, 2017, after the close of the fiscal year. After the tax sale proceeds from this sale were applied and due to subsequent collection activity, this delinquent amount was reduced to \$214,783 as of December 31, 2017.

In an effort to address the continuing tax delinquency, the Board of Selectmen approved a new Delinquent Tax Collection Policy in 2009. This formal policy allows me to treat all payers of delinquent taxes equitably and to assist those in need of a plan to reduce and eliminate their delinquency.

Following the final tax due date, letters are mailed to delinquent taxpayers requesting that their delinquent taxes be paid in full or that, if eligible, an agreement be made with the collector for timely payment of these delinquent taxes.

The fourth and final tax due date for the current year's taxes is May 15, 2018. Taxpayers should make every effort to pay as much of their property taxes as possible prior to this date. After May 15, 2018, an 8% collector's fee, in addition to interest, will be assessed to any property tax unpaid on this date.

Barbara A. Courchesne
Delinquent Tax Collector
tosclerk@vermontel.net
(802)-885-2104



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is located in the Town Hall. The department is responsible for preparing bills for Town taxes, water/sewer, and ambulance. We also handle the payment of all those bills. Other department functions are processing payroll, accounts payable, and sell of transfer station tickets. Normal office hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm.

For the next fiscal year, property tax bills will be mailed no later than July 15, 2018. Quarterly tax payments are due on August 15, 2018, November 15, 2018, February 15, 2019, and May 15, 2019. The water and wastewater bills are on a 6-month cycle. The bills that are mailed in September are half due on October 31st and half due on December 31st. The bills that are mailed in March are half due April 30th and half due June 30th.

In 2013, the State of Vermont re-instituted the annual filing of the Homestead Declaration, form HS-145. Homestead filers can file either with their Vermont Income Tax return or online at the State of Vermont website (<http://www.state.vt.us/tax/propertyadj.html>). Please note that only Homestead properties are eligible for the state payment (formerly known as the rebate/prebate).

Please take a moment to review the results of the audit that appears later in this Town Report. It provides an objective view of the financial status of the Town. If you have any questions regarding the audit, please feel free to contact me.

The finance department would like to welcome Shanine Warren to our team. Shanine has acquired the duties previously performed by Jan Rogers. Although, she will be completing a variety of financial tasks, her primary goal is water/sewer billing and delinquencies. When visiting the Town Hall, we welcome you to stop by and introduce yourself.

I would like to thank Dee Richardson and Jan Rogers for their continued dedication and support of the Town of Springfield. The hard work and commitment of these ladies are imperative to the success of the finance department. Subsequent to retiring in August, Jan has returned on a part-time basis. With twenty years of experience, her return is extremely beneficial to the Town, and greatly appreciated.

Cathy Sohngen
Finance Department
tosfinance@vermontel.net
802-885-2104

The website is <http://www.springfieldvt.gov/office2.com>

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Zoning Permits. During 2016-17, 51 zoning permits* for development were issued. There were 89 and 70 permits issued in 2015 and 2016, respectively:

2016	'17	
4	5	new single family residences
7	3	additions to single family residences
8	6	accessory structures
22	3	garages
11	4	fences
28	15	commercial permits
2	1	agricultural/silviculture structure
5	1	boundary adjustment
10	2	demolitions
11	11	decks
1	0	major remodel apartments

*Total projects outnumber permits, because many permits contain multiple items.

Note: Certificate of Occupancy: For every permit issued on or after June 26, 2013, when the development as set forth in the application is completed, it is the owner's duty to apply for a Certificate Of Occupancy (CO), which is a certification by the Administrative Officer that the work applied for is complete and complies with the regulations and terms of the permit. When the CO is signed off by the Administrative Officer, it is recorded in the Land Records. It is the intent of this process to provide the owner with a record that the work described in the permit was done in accord with regulations and conditions. This application is separate from the permit application and has its own fee.

Springfield Rental Registry: Refer to the regulation at www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com Re-register each year by October 1.

National Flood Insurance Program. Many residents have received and are receiving letters from their mortgage holders requiring flood insurance on structures that are collateral for the mortgage. By law federally insured financial institutions must require mortgagees with structures located partially or wholly within a special flood hazard area (Zone A on the Flood Insurance Rate Map) to carry flood insurance on the structures. Some mortgagors, being more careful with their collateral, require flood insurance on structures located within or near a Zone A. Please contact this office if you need assistance understanding the intent of the letter, determining if the insurance should be required, or have any other permit or flood-related issue with your mortgage holder, or if your parcel is in or abuts a special flood hazard area.

Local, State and Federal Permits. With few exceptions, all development of land, construction or use of a structures requires a local building permit and may required Development Review Board approval. Additionally, structures for commercial use, including multi-family dwellings, may require permits from the Division of Fire Safety (Tel. 885-8883). The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) should be contacted to see if further State permits are required. Call ANR at 885-8850, inform them of your proposed development and they will let you know if ANR or other agencies require a permit for your proposed development.

Should you be working near water or wetlands or crossing

either, there are buffers to these areas, which restrict development, including grading, clearing and planting, within the buffer areas and wetlands, and which restrict the time of year when approved development can occur. These waters, wetlands and buffers are regulated at the local, State (ANR) and Federal level. The United States Army Corps of Engineers must be contacted for any work in or near water or wetlands.

Other than permitted uses – Plan ahead. Permitted uses can be approved by the Administrative Officer. The permit issued by the AO is not valid for 15 days, as it is subject to appeal during that period, thus work cannot begin for 15 days. Conditional Use permits, permits requiring a Variance, Subdivisions, and some commercial use permits which require Site Plan Review must be heard by the Development Review Board (DRB) at a Public Hearing. The Public Hearing requires 15-day notice, which has to be published and mailed. Typically an application for a hearing before the DRB must be filed with all documents and fees paid by the 15th of the month prior to the hearing date. In addition, a decision on the application is subject to a 30-day appeal period and is not final until the appeal period has run. Finally, a permit with its 15-day appeal period must be obtained after a favorable decision. Therefore, plan ahead. Typically from the time the application is filed for the public hearing until the permit is valid for your development 60 days will elapse.

The office of the Administrative Officer is open Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. You may call 802-885-2104 (ext. 242) for assistance or information on permits, zoning or planning issues. If you use email, you may reach me at toszoning@vermontel.net. Town Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations are available at this office, and, if you prefer, I can email them to you. The Plan and Regulations are also available online at www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com under Ordinances and Regulations.

William G. Kearns
Administrative Officer

SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTURES, PROMOTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTURES:

None

PROMOTIONS:

Adam Belville to Sergeants position
Anthony Moriglioni to an Acting Sergeants position

APPOINTMENTS:

Adam Belville to rank of Sergeant.
Alicia Dipietro to the 5th Dispatcher Position

TRAINING

Police officer's, both part and full-time, are required to attend training each year to keep their certification. Part-time officers must complete 30 hours of training and full-time must complete 25 hours per year. Mandatory training requirements consist of firearms, Hazardous Materials Awareness, First Aid, and Blood Borne Pathogens. There is mandated training in the area of Domestic Violence which consist of 8 hours and Interacting with Mental Health situations which was an 8 hour course. This mandated training came from the State of Vermont without funding.

Other training taken by department members includes but is not limited to the following:

Leadership in Police Organizations, Street Crimes, Active Shooter, Report Writing, Leadership Development, At Scene Crash Investigators course, Forensic Interview of Children, and Communications Training Officer to mention a few.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

I have looked at retirement dates of personnel within the police department. In the calendar years of 2019-2022 the department has the potential of having four to seven sworn officers retiring during that time period. There has been talk that some of the officers will retire after twenty years of service as there is no benefits to working beyond that with the way the retirement system is set up.

One concern is replacing these officers as they retire to avoid a shortage of officers for the town. Other concerns are that the police academy only offers two basic police officer training classes a year and there is stiff competition to get slots/positions in the class itself. Of course you also have to have qualified people who want to be police officers to even fill those slots and like the rest of the nation, there is very little interest of people becoming police officers.

By not being proactive now by adding on additional officers per year over the next 3-4 years to cover the future losses of officers retiring, this will affect the police services to the citizens of Springfield in the future. It will create a shortage of officers, officers will be required to work long hours affecting the morale of the department and service to the community.

My recommendations to the town would be to start adding one police officer position beginning in the budget year 2018-2019 for the next three or four budget years or more depending on retirements, after that which would put the department in over strength allotment over the authorized 17 officer's positions we currently have.

Once we see that the retirements during the time period are coming to a close we could gradually reduce the staffing level back to the authorized strength of 17 full time officers by the officers who are retiring.

Hopefully we will be able to fill those positions with qualified personnel and be able to have them trained. When you lose an officer not only do you lose the trained officer, but you lose the knowledge of an officer knowing and working in the community as well.

The major drug issues continue to exist involve heroin and bath salts and heroin laced with fentanyl which is a very deadly combination. We continue to work with Federal, State and other municipalities involving the drug trade.

We continue to work with landlords on drug related issues in their buildings that we are aware of, working together to address this problem in our community.

We continue to do foot patrols on Main Street and to address quality of life issues on Whitcomb Street, we have had one of the officers do foot patrol there vs. Main Street.

We continue to work with the community with Project Action, Honor Flight, Lunch with a Cop Program, the Springfield Library reading to kids program, softball game against the Lyons and Rotary Club where \$200 was raised and was donated to the Springfield Boosters Club. The Children's fair each spring where we provide ID cards for the parents of the kids. We continue to work with the Park Street/Union Street Neighborhood Alliance to name a few.

The select board receives these categories of incidents to review each month. I have listed the last two years for comparisons.

	2015-2016	2016-2017
Weapons	4	7
Weapons discharged	1	0
Bomb Threats	0	0
Auto thefts	6	8
DUI	40	27
Vandalism	78	53
Burglary	48	53
Assaults	101	58
Robbery	4	4
Drugs	58	66
Family Offenses	86	69
Larcenies	182	157

GRANTS

We continue to take as much advantage of grants that we possibly can. These grants are "drying" up as the federal government is not funding them.

The bulletproof grant is a grant that will match 50% of the cost of a new bullet proof vest for police officers. We purchased five (6) bullet proof vests with a cost savings of approximately \$2,296.50 to the local property tax payer. These vests have to be replaced every five years.

Through Homeland Security we have upgraded the lap top computers in our cruisers, we purchased four of them for a total cost of \$16,373.88.

GOVERNORS HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS

We received a total of \$10,000 dollars towards highway safety enforcement to keep our and your roads safe. It was bro-

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ken down as follows:

DUI Year Round Enforcement	\$5,000.00
Highway Safety Year Round	\$5,000.00

(DUI is driving Under the Influence)

There is now a requirement on the Occupant Protection grant of a 20% match in which we can complete through regular schedule shifts and mileage of the vehicles.

By participating in the Governors High Safety Program Campaigns, which there are four of each year; we have been awarded \$6,000.00 towards the purchase of equipment for highway safety. We have purchased and placed two solar power speed signs on Union Street near the Union Street School as part of our highway safety program. These will remind motorists to be aware of their speed when traveling on Union Street.

We should look at ways to reduce the cost of doing business by regionalization of certain services to other communities. In law enforcement we can start with regional dispatching and making our dispatch services available for a fair price reducing our cost as well. When other communities are getting their dispatch services for free from the State of Vermont we definitely can't compete against that. It's time for the State of Vermont to start charging for their dispatch services to help reduce their work load which will allow competitive competition to provide the best dispatch service.

We should look at other services or equipment as well with other towns to help reduce cost.

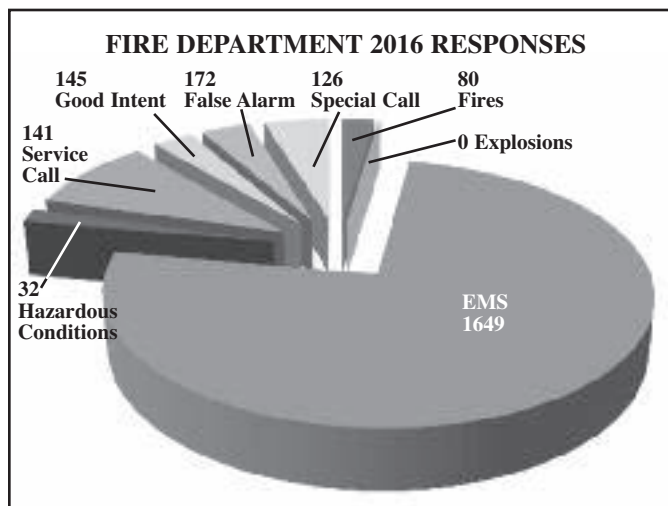
YEARS	07/14- 06/15	07/15- 06/16	07/16- 06/17
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	6,519	6,826	7,355
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE CONTACTS	2,132	4,602	3,709
Total Traffic tickets issued	490	631	609
Written warnings issued	1,610	4,112	3,463
TOTALS	8,651	11,428	11,064
ARRESTS			
07/14-06/16 ADULT	370	JUVENILE	21
07/15-06/16 ADULT	347	JUVENILE	12
07/16-06/17 ADULT	317	JUEVINLE	8

For the stats for specific criminal offenses go to VERMONT CRIME ON LINE. <https://www.crimereports.com/>

Don't forget to visit our Website at www.springfieldvtpd.org or our Facebook page at Springfield VT Police Department. May the year 2018-2019 be a Healthy and Prosperous year for everyone!

Douglas S Johnston
Chief of Police

SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT



Our Department responded 2313 times last year. We are proud of the product we deliver and continue to train and seek best methods to grow as responders. Last year our personnel received well over 2000 hours of training.

We have struggled to add On-Call fire fighters. We require a minimum of a basic fire training level (Fire Fighter One) to be successfully completed within a year of hiring onto our On-Call roster and participation in monthly training drills. A basic minimum level of training is a safe practice for all that minimizes risk and provides a base for the fire fighter to grow from. This practice helps with our Insurance Services Office (ISO) profile, eligibility for grants and when reporting to other risk underwriters.

Being an On-Call Fire Fighter is not easy. This is an environment where each on-call person progresses at a rate commensurate with their training as well as their comfort within the team and the teams comfort with them. Each emergency is broken down into measurable tasks that can be handled by a crew or crews. The crews are often formed as resources arrive. Each firefighter's assimilation into operations and progression with duties assigned is dependent on feedback from them and the crews he/she has worked with. Some progress quickly, others take longer before it all comes together. Some do not have the patience in themselves or the organization to give it time to gel. The safety of all is always the first consideration.

If you have an interest in the fire service please come in and talk to us about becoming part of our team. It's not easy, yet when you have completed training and given it and yourself time to grow it can be very rewarding.

We were quite fortunate to receive a Federal "Fire Act" grant for \$262,000.00 to replace our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, cylinder air respirators (Ska-Pak's) for work in the Tower One bucket, NFPA compliant Thermal Imager and an OHD fit-tester for OSHA certified respirator mask fit-testing. We have benefitted greatly from this competitive grant opportunity over the years.

Firefighter John Brown has submitted his papers to retire in August of 2018. John was hired to our On-Call force in April of 1994 and joined our fulltime staff July 1, 1996. John over the years has been a dedicated firefighter who took his dedication to personal fitness to the next level. He became our first Certified Peer Fitness Trainer. John has been instrumental in setting up our workout room by doing hours of research in support of our grant request. John has created fitness plans as well

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as nutritional help to our staff. Over the Years FF Brown has worked with Deputy Richardson and Firefighter Knight to maintain our readiness for brush and wildland fires. John has been part of our training committee for the past five years. Always able to turn a tense situation into a moment of reflection or light heartedness John is one of a kind. He will be greatly missed from our fire department.

If you have noticed our fire hydrants throughout Town being painted it is due to a partnership between the Fire Department and Restorative Justice. This has been a positive project and we appreciate their efforts greatly.

I would like to acknowledge Captain John Claflin and Firefighter James Knight for coordinating our first Bike Rodeo and Open House. We partnered with the Summer Days Program under the direction of Tami Stagner. Tami is the After School Program Director and worked with John and James to guide as well as secure other Partners and resources for the bike rodeo. KOHL'S 4KIDS sponsored a resource trailer with bikes and other props. Springfield Health Center helped by assisting and donating bike helmets. It was estimated that over 150 children participated in the bike rodeo. Captain Claflin and Firefighter Knight worked to create a base for years to come. The Open House was broken into several demonstrations with interaction and hands on participation. Some of the events were a Gaining Access Station, hands on hose work for the children to work a nozzle, FF gear try-on and equipment, thermal imaging, EMS Ambulance walk-through, Cooking Safety and Tower Rides. This was with a bar-b-que throughout. The open

house was supported by The Strengthening Families Cohort, Hillside Auto, Jakes South Street Market and the members of the Springfield Fire Department. We hope this fun family event brings our community and Fire Department closer as an annual event.

We would like to thank the Springfield Energy Committee, Cathy Reynolds from Efficiency Vermont and the support of the Manager and Select Board for our lighting upgrade in the Apparatus bays and outside areas. The project had a \$10,000.00 value and is estimated to save the Town greater than \$1500.00 in energy per year. Total cost to SFD was under 2000.00 for this project. We hope to conduct phase two (business side of building) in the year to come to further maximize our efficiency.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our firefighters and their families for their dedication and commitment to our community. Our system is built on dedication and call-back. It only functions as our people are willing to respond and back-fill. We have very few that don't share the load. This goes beyond compensation. It is making others a priority at the expense of yourself and sometimes your family. I heard a person state as a matter of fact "That's what they signed up for" the truth is their dedication to call-back is a choice. It is not scheduled it is random and follows no sequence or logic. It is dedication and a commitment to the community and their fellow responders that makes it so unique and special.

Russ Thompson

Fire Chief

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PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department had some personnel changes this year. The Wastewater Department had two employees retire this year. Mike Rushton served the Town of Springfield for over thirty six years in various capacities, most recently as Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant Operator. Larry Rogers had been a lead operator at the WWTP for nine years. These two positions were filled from within. Nathan Fraser moved from Truck Driver in the Highway Division to Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant Operator and Max Tier advanced from a Laborer to the Plant Operator position. The vacant Truck Driver position was filled by Stephen Page and the Laborer position was filled by Isaiah Millay. Kenneth Silva also joined us as a Truck Driver. Congratulations to those who retired and advanced and welcome to the new hires.

Winter began October 27, 2016 starting us off with just 3" of snow. We had twenty three storm events with a total snowfall of over 80". The department used 3566 tons of salt and 4602 cubic yards of winter sand.

In keeping with the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) developed for the Town of Springfield we were able to pave 7 miles of roads. Carley Road and Town Farm Road were also chip sealed per the RSMS to facilitate longer life of the road surface. These roads are holding up well and we will continue to use the chip seal in certain areas.

Three pieces of equipment were replaced this year. We were able to replace our 2003 Holder Sidewalk Tractor as well as one 2004 International large dump/plow truck. We also replaced the 1998 loader mounted snow blower.

The Public Works Crew mows and trims over 20 grass islands, gathers and disposes of trash and recycling from all departments as well as the all public trash, pet waste and recycling bins throughout town. The Cemetery Sexton maintains the three large cemeteries as well as five smaller ones.

The following is a list of projects accomplished by the Highway Department:

- 4011 cubic yards of gravel were used to repair and maintain and grade the gravel roads
- Ditch lines and culverts were cleaned.
- In town roadside mowing was done with the town mower, outside town roads were contracted out.
- Several tons of brush was cut around all sorts of signs in and out of town, in the town owned parking lots, and those hard to reach steep banks.
- Seven large trees were removed by contractor throughout town and one 80' pine removed in Summer Hill Cemetery.
- With the help of State Grant Funding we replaced the box culvert on Valley Street and paved Valley Street and Brook Road. Valley Street also had 500' of sidewalk replaced.
- A new culvert was installed on Grove Street following a major washout.
- Erosion problems with Bridge #58 on Main Street NS were repaired.
- Asphalt grindings from the milling of Valley & Brook were used to solidify the edge of the new pavement on several roads that were paved this year.
- Carley Road had 460' of culvert replaced prior to

paving.

- Bugbee and Greeley Road had 230' of culvert replaced.
- New drainage was put in on School Street North Springfield, Lark Lane and Southridge Street.
- Pet Waste Systems were installed in the downtown area.

We also assisted Parks & Rec with installing two new Memorial Benches on the Toonerville Trail and trucking "ball field" mix for the softball and baseball infields. We again moved TONS of books for the Friends of the Springfield Library Annual Book Sale. The large planters were moved in and out of storage for the Garden Club and we removed debris from their garden clean ups as well as assisted with several tasks in their effort to beautify areas throughout the town.

The South Street sidewalk project construction phase is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2018.

The final phase of the CSO project began in May with Mineral Street and will be completed by Thanksgiving.

The Department of Public Works Personnel respond to many emergency and non-emergency requests from the citizens of Springfield. We try our best to address each and every one in a timely manner and with the professionalism they deserve. As winter approaches please remember to give the snow removal equipment the time and space they need to make the roads safe for all to travel.

I would like to thank the Town Manager and Select Board for their support throughout the year as well as the citizens of Springfield for their thank you cards and calls. They are truly appreciated by the crew. Most of all I would like to thank all the DPW employees for their dedication and professionalism under what are often not ideal conditions.

It is the citizens of Springfield that are our top priority and we welcome your input and constructive criticism on ways we may improve our service.

We can be reached at 886-2208, Monday – Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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SPRINGFIELD SENIOR CENTER

The Springfield Senior Center continues to be a focal point in the community for activities, services and information for people age 50 and over. We are located in the Community Center at 139 Main Street and open weekdays from 8 am to 4 pm. We strive to have something for everyone, from card games to line dancing, strength training, floor & chair yoga, and so much more! There are no membership fees associated with our Center; we strive to keep all programs free so that every member of the community can participate. Please stop by the Center and pick up our monthly bulletin – you will be amazed at all the great programs we offer. You can also hop online to our new website: springfieldseniorcenter.com to discover more information about the activities and events we hold, see what trips are being offered throughout the year and check out the monthly newsletter as well.

The Senior Center was founded on the basis that members take ownership. When we take ownership, we support and promote the Center. The picture shows our Senior of the Year Don Gray, Runner- up Mike Wooton (missing from photo), and Honor Roll members Elizabeth Moulton, Mimi Amsden, and Denis Menard. These members were chosen by their peers for this honor. Our membership votes each year by secret ballot for the member they feel is a good representative of the Center. This is a way to give thanks to members who do so much for the Center.

The Senior Center has continued to grow and thrive as 2017 has progressed. Strength Training classes and Yoga classes continue to be a wonderful success on the monthly schedule. We're continuing to see our numbers increase at each class, which is a representation of how popular and useful the classes are to our community and the members that live here. Along with those classes, Fall Prevention Tai Chi has been added into the Senior Center schedule for this fall due to a large request from the members of the senior center.

Fall Prevention Tai Chi is one of the leading exercises and classes in the United States for the Senior Population. With many people learning to become instructors, especially within the State of Vermont, it is becoming widely known and utilized by many different people. The Springfield Senior Center is working on finding volunteers to become instructors so that

multiple classes can be held throughout the week as it is proving to be a popular event people want to take place in.

The Springfield Senior Center has also been focusing on more fundraising events so that money can be raised to help with our trip subsidies and events at the Senior Center. During the month of June, the Senior Center held a "Jump into June" Fundraising event. With help from many local businesses and community members, the Senior Center was able to raffle off tickets which corresponded with a prize being drawn every day for the month of June. Raising close to \$1000, the Senior Center well exceeded their goal hopes and plan to do the event again in 2018.

For the Senior Center, 2017 was a year to be thankful for all the wonderful members that we have, as there were some pretty big changes. We would also like to extend a big thank you to the Tax Payers as your support also helps to make our Center a place of warmth. Our motto is "Enter as strangers, leave as friends." Thank you to all in the community for being our friends. We look forward to what 2018 has to offer for us, thanks to everyone!

Denis Menard *Chairman*
Linda Wilson *Vice Chairman*
Terri Emerson *Secretary*

Larry Pepin
Keith Eno
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Senior of the Year Don Gray, Runner- up Mike Wooton (missing from photo), and Honor Roll members Elizabeth Moulton, Mimi Amsden, and Denis Menard.

SPRINGFIELD TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

The calendar year has rolled on leaving our recycle center feeling the ill effects of a troubled world economy. The market value of materials has been low, and has recently dropped again. The length and depth of this trend is anyone's guess.

Why?

In the fall of this year representatives of the Chinese government announced restrictions on the import of paper, plastic and textiles. To stay in the game, companies that we deal with had to tighten up on quality and what they can accept, and in turn what we can cannot allow into our bales.

We will need your help with this. In addition to all the stuff we never wanted, we can no longer take flower pots and plant trays, containers that held hazardous products or any black plastic at all. Buckets are also out of the mix, but a limited number may be taken in for reuse; ask the attendant.

A number of people think Vermont's recycle law, act 148, banned all plastic from the landfill, and that we can, and should take anything with a recycle symbol on it. Sorry, but no on both points. The law only covers #1 and #2 bottles and jars. We will continue to take other types of packaging for as long as we can. PACKAGING. Here is where you can help. If in doubt put it into your trash. That would be better than contaminating the good material. The occasional mistake is to be expected, but our crew spends more time than should be necessary picking trash out of the recycle bins, and or good recyclables out of the wrong area.

Again, please, we need your help to make this work. This is true with anything dropped off at the Second Chance Shop as well. Please donate responsibly. I know of a town that has given up on reuse. Textiles are now limited to clean wearable clothes, clean towels and a limited amount of bedding. (No pillows.)

Other reuse options include local thrift stores, SEVCA, and Planet Aid boxes at a number of locations around town.

Mixed paper has dropped in value but not in content. Quality may be more important than ever. Some of what degrades the material is waxy stuff such as milk or juice cartons, plastic or foil lined packaging, paper towels, plates, or cups and gift wrapping. This should all be put into your trash. Please let's not burden the taxpayers of Springfield with the cost of disposing trash that could be managed more responsibly.

The most recent aspect of the recycle law to go into effect provides for food waste. We have contracted with a company called Grow Compost. The service is not cheap; little worthwhile is. Avoiding contamination here is just as important as everywhere else. What they want is food waste only. No trash. It may be a little more work for both you and our crew, but will in time be recognized for its part in helping to sustain the only environment we are ever likely to have. Who knows, someday the children may thank you for your efforts, as do I.

Dan Farrar

Recycle Coordinator

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PARKS, RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

The Springfield Parks and Recreation Department continues to run nearly all of the youth programs for kindergarten through sixth grade from season to season, year to year. We also try to offer programs, events, activities, and facilities for everyone else in the community.

Our total annual departmental budget remained very close to \$300,000 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, as it has for several years now. While this figure represents only 2.7% of the total town budget, we feel like our Springfield families get a good "bang for their buck" from Parks and Rec.

The generosity of the community helps make this possible. We are fortunate to receive tremendous support from local businesses, organizations, and individuals. In the fiscal year 2016-17 we received more help than ever before in sponsorships, donations, and services that allow us to purchase quality youth uniforms and sports equipment, maintain and upgrade facilities, run special events, and give scholarships to families who need them.

In this year's town report, we'd like to focus on this community generosity that benefits our youth.

- The Riverside Park restroom renovation: The Springfield Rotary Club, HB Energy, and Gurney Bros. Construction each contributed greatly with financial support, materials, and labor to complete this much needed project. Citizen Bill Roberson (and his family) donated many hours of skilled labor, and Bibens Home Center, and Sherwin Williams also contributed materials and labor.
- The Springfield Booster Club has become a major partner and supporter of Parks & Rec, donating funding and labor to several joint projects and events that benefit our youth.
- The early childhood community has also joined forces to support us with grant funding for programs and events through Strengthening Families Springfield Cohort and the Springfield Starting Points Group.
- The Kurt Dechen Memorial Fund, Jerry Farnum State Farm Insurance, Kelley Sales and Service, Amerigas (Young's Propane), Ultimate Auto Body, Jake's South St. Market, and Graham and Graham CPA all made very generous contributions to Parks and Recreation programs and events.
- Team Sponsors: The following local businesses sponsored multiple youth sports teams: Ultimate Auto Body, Jake's South St. Market, Springfield Hospital, Alva Waste Management, Suburban Propane, Members Advantage Community Credit Union, and Shaw's Supermarket.
- These other local businesses each sponsored a youth sports team as well: Lawrence and Wheeler, Hillside Auto, James & James Oil, Gurney Bros., Mascoma Savings Bank, Denise E. Photography, HB Energy, Green Mt. Classics, Vianor Tire, Springfield Auto Mart, Claremont Savings Bank, CJ Creations, and Doo Wee Bait Shop.
- Some other notable contributions in 2016-17: SHS student AJ Aldrich achieved his Eagle Scout Award by tear-

Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services (Continued)

ing down and rebuilding one of our youth baseball backstops at Riverside Park. AJ is the fourth member of Troop 252 to gain Eagle Scout status by renovation of a Parks and Recreation facility in recent years. What a great community partnership! (Andrew Czwakiel, Scott Lariviere, and Peter Kendall were the others.)

- Race Director Joe Cerniglia donated funds raised at the Dam Run for the purchase of a lifesaving AED for the Community Center lobby.
- Denise Hunter of Denise E. Photography also continues to produce and donate classy plaques with team photographs to give to all of our team sponsors, to show in their businesses.

As always, the Parks & Rec. Dept. is incredibly indebted to all of our citizens and to our business community who continue to step up as coaches, sponsors, and supporters for all of the children in our seasonal sports programs. Three full time employees cannot run a successful recreational department, it takes the entire community. Regardless of economic difficulties and other challenges that we face together, the Springfield Parks and Recreation Department continues to receive the community support needed to give our youth the opportunities they deserve. For that we thank you all!

Andy Bladyka
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TOWN ATTORNEY

I submit my review of Springfield's significant legal matters for inclusion in the Town Report. I include those matters which are in active litigation, as well as those which may have a potential for future litigation and are appropriate for public disclosure. This report does not include any review of routine matters nor the numerous opinions rendered to the Selectboard and Administration concerning issues that arise during the course of any given year. This report does not address the status of personnel matters.

We are involved in negotiations with the various Unions representing the Town employees. Springfield is a full service town and pays our employees at wage levels competitive with other towns in the Connecticut River Valley. We continue to provide health insurance and other benefits, and all employees contribute towards their health insurance. We have reached agreements with most of the Unions representing the Town, and presently are reducing those agreements to contracts for the next three years.

There is no active litigation concerning environmental sites. However, long term ground water monitoring is in place at a number of locations, and the risk will always exist that either changes will occur in the subsurface flow of contaminants or the state and federal government will impose higher and higher standards requiring affirmative remediation.

Bradford Oil Company remains responsible for the former gas plant, and SRDC is moving forward with the J&L Plant 1 site redevelopment.

The Selectboard has continued with its efforts to protect the public from harm which may come from unsafe buildings. The one property owner that has generated a fair amount of litigation is Donald Bishop regarding his Valley Street and Wall Street properties. In 2016 the Vermont Supreme Court confirmed the Selectboard's determination that the Wall Street property was an unsafe building and the Town had the right to demolish the building and place a lien on the property for those costs. In early 2017 that property was demolished and the Town has been required to file suit against the property owner to collect reimbursement for those costs. We also have pending a claim to collect from the property owner the costs involved in tearing down Mr. Bishop's upstream Valley Street building. We also are waiting a court determination of Mr. Bishop's appeal that the down stream building on Valley Street is also an unsafe building.

The Selectboard has continued to seek to enforce the Town Code in attempting to first give property owners ample time to clean up and make safe their properties, but then only as a last resort for the Town to take action to demolish those buildings and seek reimbursement through the court system. Sadly, this process requires the Town to resort to the courts. The Selectboard does not take these actions lightly, and only proceeds ahead after the Town receives an opinion from a Vermont licensed structural engineer that a particular building is unsafe, and the property owner refuses to make the repairs necessary to make the property safe as certified by a Vermont licensed structural engineer of the property owner's choosing.

If you review my previous annual updates, you will see that I have mentioned the continued unfinished business of the State conveying to the Town the surplus lands from the construction of the Correctional Facility. Those talks again stalled during 2017, with the Corrections Department seeking to hold on to most of the usable land outside of the Correctional Facility as a buffer, and the Town wanting to maximize the usable portion of such land that it receives for industrial development. The delays in receiving this land are not in any way the fault of the Selectboard or Manager. It falls squarely upon State government.

Lastly, the Selectboard has continued to try to address the issues of blight within the community. The Town is now armed with some additional ordinances concerning vacant buildings, and the Board has acted to utilize available funds to acquire the buildings which are unlikely to be restored or removed by private investors.

Stephen S. Ankuda, Esq.

SPRINGFIELD TOWN LIBRARY



Computers in the Children's Library, new games, the stained glass window

The Library enjoyed a year of collaboration, with programs for all ages and major building improvements. Tina and Willis Wood told us about their pilgrimage, walking the Camino trail in Spain. Shackleton's Endurance, trapped in Antarctic ice, brought audiences for talks on a Coast Guard rescue, Braeburn huskies, and a Vermont boat builder. (Jay Whitehair played the banjo, fed us hard tack and let us hold awls, chisels and oakum.) Riverside Middle School made reading Brown Girl Dreaming part of the curriculum—and turned out for movies, discussions and a student presentation at the Great Hall to celebrate Jacqueline Woodson's book. Families crowded into the Library to hear Riverside students describe Abenaki settlement here, hosted by Becca Polk and Judy Dow. We watched the VT PBS film The Opiate Effect and learned from police, Turning Point, and Springfield Medical Systems, what is happening with substance abuse around us. Climate change (Bob Forguite), composting (Southern Windsor RPC) and many nature and science programs for children kept us all learning.

The Library invested in energy efficiency. We replaced outdated boilers with solid workhorses, digitally calibrated. Insulation and wind dams under the roof should prevent roof ice buildup and water entry as well as lowering heating costs. The slate roof received attention as well—critical to shelter the contents inside.

The 21st Century Library—STEM and Technology

The Children's Library has focused on STEM programming (Science Technology Engineering and Math), thanks to the VELL-STEM National Leadership Grant. We were invited to join 23 other Vermont Libraries, forming a peer-training network. "What will happen to a ball that rolls down this ramp?" leads to simple experiments using different balls and measuring how far each travels. Librarians encourage this investigation with picture books and discussion. We helped families play with blocks, Keva planks, straws and connectors to experience engineering and have fun. We added three computers for children as well, encouraging basic skills like coding, making circuits, and playing Minecraft. New games like Scrabble, Heads Up! and Settlers of Catan encourage face to face interaction for all ages.

The Library participated in the Promise Community, working with local groups to make Springfield a place where young children and families thrive. Feedback from public meetings confirmed that the Library is a safe, comfortable place where families can explore new worlds. We hope to build a family room and roll out more free passes to museums, state parks, and the Edgar May Recreation Center, thanks to the work of the Promise Community.

Technology for adults this year included purchase of two PCs with large touch-screens, with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Staying current helps Springfield residents upgrading resumes, keeping accounts, and creating artwork or certificates. The lobby computers are usually busy, with people printing, scanning and faxing with assistance from the main desk. One more technology upgrade: the Friends (FOSTL) bought a new microfilm reader, making the years of the Springfield Reporter stored here far more accessible.

The 24/7 Library at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org

Members use library barcodes to log in, 24/7, to read newspapers, download audio and e-books, and consult reference works. This year we added a second service, RB Digital, which is particularly strong in audio book downloads. People listen on smartphones, computers or tablets—the same places they read eBooks. In addition, we see steady use of the digital (web-based) Springfield Reporter and Rutland Herald. Students and curious adults explore test preparation for high school, college and career with Learning Express, or learn a language with PowerSpeak. Japanese, anyone? We are pleased that the Department of Labor sends people across the street to sign up for courses in Word, Excel, and many other topics with Universal Class.

Reminder

Tell your friends and family, Springfield has a great local library. Every resident has a free library card waiting for them—check out the hours below, and drop in for the tax-supported books, DVDs, services and programs waiting for you.

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REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SPRINGFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is primarily tasked with writing the Town Plan and crafting Springfield Zoning Regulations to implement the Town Plan and meet the needs of its residents.

The PC meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month. All are welcome.

The PC is a Selectboard appointed Commission of nine members. Current membership: Walter Wallace, Chair; Michael Knoras, Vice Chair; Lori Claffee; Richard Filion; Judith Stern; Walter Clark; Amanda Rundle; Chuck Gregory and Char Osterlund. Nonvoting members are Michael Martin and Walter Martone.

At this writing there are no vacancies on the PC.

Actions of the PC in 2016-17 included the following: The Planning Commission concluded the revision of the Town Plan, which the Commission began in May 2015. The Select Board has adopted the Town Plan, and the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission has approved the Plan. The Planning Commission is now holding hearings and discussing amendments to the Zoning Regulations to implement the new Town Plan. The work on the Zoning Regulations should be complete in the Spring of 2018.

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BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) for the Town of Springfield consists of the Justices of the Peace, the Selectboard and the Town Clerk. In addition to administering all elections in the Town of Springfield, this Board serves as the Board of Tax Appeals and Board of Abatement for the Town.

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 began with the Vermont Primary on August 9, 2016 and the General Election and Special Town School District Meeting on November 8, 2016. The Annual Town and Town School District Meeting was held on March 7, 2017 and a Recount of the School Director's race was held on March 15, 2017, all under the direction of the Board of Civil Authority.

During Fiscal Year 2016-2017 the Board of Abatement heard six requests from property owners and the Board of Tax Appeals did not have any requests to consider.

The Town of Springfield is very fortunate to have a large group of people who take the time to serve as Election Officials. It is with great appreciation that we thank them for their professionalism, dedication and efforts during the long hours of an Election Day. A special thank you to the School District for allowing us to use Riverside Middle School Gymnasium as our polling place, the attentive maintenance staff at Riverside Middle School and Riverside Middle School teachers, staff and students for their patience and cooperation during voting days.

Barbara A. Courchesne, *Clerk*
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CEMETERY COMMISSION

Overall the operation of the Town's eight cemeteries has continued to run smoothly during the past year, the full time crew during the operating months of April to November consists of two men. The crew is constantly doing their best to keep up with mowing and trimming in all of the town's cemeteries as well as other general maintenance and burials.

Surveying of new lots in section J of Oakland Cemetery was completed last year, and forty (40) - two grave lots are available in this section. At this time section J is the last open area of Oakland Cemetery with available lots for purchase. The commission is reviewing possible expansion for additional burial lots at the northern end of section J. Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield as 50% of block # 1 of section 5 available for purchase at this time. Block # 1 consists of approximately 20% of section 5, allowing us room for expansion in Pine Grove for several years.

At this time we have a very active and interested Cemetery Commission that is meeting several times per year and working to address some of the issues with building maintenance, tree maintenance and removal as well as overall operation of the town's cemeteries. Along with the Cemetery Sexton and the Public Works Department we are reviewing and addressing some of these issues and will continue to do so in the year to come. Four large pine trees were removed along the border of the Oakland Cemetery and the Assembly of God Church this year, a smaller rotten tree was removed from the back of section J in Oakland and several rotten trees were removed along the first roadway, bank edge in the Summer Hill Cemetery. In addition to the tree removal in Oakland Cemetery the roof was replaced on the Storage Tomb in Oakland with new shingles.

From July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 ten (10) new cemetery lots were sold between the Oakland Cemetery and the Pine Grove Cemetery. Anyone interested in purchasing a cemetery lot in the town's cemeteries can contact cemetery commissioner Scott Page at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield at 802-885-3322.

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SPRINGFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Springfield Energy Committee is made up of the following members: Char Osterlund and David Yesman, co-coordinators; Peter MacGillivray and Walter Martone, selectboard members; Steve Osterlund, Michael Knoras, Melissa Mackenzie and Frank Gould III. In addition, Hallie Whitcomb is an advisor to the committee. The role of the committee is to assist the town with increasing its energy efficiency, and to promote energy conservation and renewable energy projects.

This past year the committee investigated options for LED lighting in municipal buildings. It was decided to direct our seed money to the fire department. This enabled Chief Thompson to collaborate with Efficiency Vermont to get a \$4,500 rebate, and to upgrade lighting in parts of the building. The estimated yearly savings were estimated at \$1,500. In just four months the kWh were reduced by 19%, with an estimated \$750 in savings. The payback period for the LED upgrade was estimated to be 2.4 years, so it looks like we are on our way.

After more than a year of working on the energy chapter for the Town Plan, it was approved and included in the Town Plan dated August 14, 2017. Because of changing legislative standards, however, the energy chapter stated the Town of Springfield's intent to pursue writing a plan that meets the standard for obtaining "substantial deference" from the Public Utility Commission (PUC). In January, the energy committee received a technical assistance grant from South Windsor County Regional Planning Commission to write an energy chapter for the Town Plan that would earn substantial deference. This new energy chapter is a work in progress.

The energy committee hosted a public event with Sun Common and The Heat Squad for folks to learn more about solar and weatherization options. It also met jointly with the Planning Commission to review the Catamount Solar/Springfield Hospital solar project, and provided input during the process.

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SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) is an organization that serves the ten towns in the Southern Windsor County Region, including Springfield. The activities and programs of the SWCRPC are governed by a Board of Commissioners that are appointed by each member town. The primary function of the SWCRPC is to assist member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and to promote cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY17, the dues from member towns contributed about 3% of the SWCRPC's annual budget of \$961,275. The town dues assessment of \$11,716 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon 2010 Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state and other funding sources.

The SWCRPC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping and other planning activities. In FY17, the SWCRPC has provided a significant amount of services to the Town of Springfield including:

- Assisting the Planning Commission and Energy Committee to prepare an "enhanced energy plan" in order to have greater influence in the Public Utility Commission decision making process.
- Assessment and cleanup of Artisan Surfaces, Bryant Grinder, Jones Center, One Hundred River Street, and Jones and Lamson sites.
- Assisted with local emergency planning efforts and economic development initiatives.
- Helped the town to manage infrastructure projects, including the South Street sidewalk improvements and the Toonerville Trail extension project.
- Assisted the Public Works Department with a variety of data collection and transportation planning activities.
- Helped the town to prepare a number of grant applications, including three for the Ecosystem Restoration Program and two for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program.
- Assisted to prepare successful grant applications for the town, such as the ongoing Main Street corridor planning effort and the design and construction of the Toonerville Trail expansion.

We would like to thank town appointed representatives Joe Wilson, Walter Martone and Kristi Morris who have served on the SWCRPC Board and Committees this past year.

Thank you for your continued support of local and regional planning. For more information about the SWCRPC, call us at (802) 674-9201, visit our website at www.swcrpc.org, or look us up on Facebook.

Thomas Kennedy, AICP
Executive Director

SOUTHERN WINDSOR/WINDHAM COUNTIES SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Andover • Athens • Baltimore • Cavendish • Chester • Grafton • Ludlow • Plymouth
Reading • Rockingham • Springfield • Weathersfield • West Windsor • Windsor

www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org

The District was chartered in 1981 and serves fourteen towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Springfield's representative is Forrest Randall; Bob Forguites serves as the Board's treasurer.



Just a reminder...As of July 1, 2016 leaf, yard and clean wood debris was banned from the landfill and haulers were required to offer leaf and yard debris collection (they may charge a fee). Transfer stations also offer collection.

The District applied for and received a grant from Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources to subsidize the cost of backyard composters for participants of backyard composting workshops. The workshops were very popular (254 attendees). More workshops will be held in the spring of 2018. All food scraps will be banned from the landfill in 2020.

Two hundred and fifty-one District residents attended the household hazardous waste (HHW) collections in September 2016 and two hundred and fifty-five attended the May 2017 collections. That's a very small percentage of the 31,280 people in the District. The greatest volume of material that comes in is paint. The District's disposal cost for the four collections is about \$40,000 annually.

Two retailers in Springfield accept unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams during regular business hours and dispose of the paint for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty). Find out what happens to the paint at paintcare.org.



The HHW events in 2018 will be held on Saturdays, May 12 and September 8 at the Springfield Transfer Station. We will have other collections on May 19 and September 15 but the locations have yet to be determined.

The District received a USDA grant to support our work on the Solid Waste Implementation Plan and educational outreach efforts. We took turns attending Selectboard meetings in each of the fourteen District towns to give presentations regarding the Universal Recycling law.

The transfer stations continue to see a rise in the tonnage of batteries that are brought in for recycling. All batteries, including button, coin cell, alkaline, and rechargeable batteries are accepted.

This year, the Ludlow, Rockingham and Springfield transfer stations collected 95 working but unwanted sewing machines to ship overseas with the Sewing Peace program (p4p.org) – a 60% increase over the previous year's total.

"Recycling Resources" is the District's annual 12-page newsletter devoted to local recycling information. It's available now in town offices and libraries.

Mary T. O'Brien
Recycling Coordinator

Thomas Kennedy
District Manager

Ham Gillett
Outreach Coordinator



DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

In the Downtown Design Control Overlay District, also referred to as the Designated Downtown, no structure may be erected, reconstructed, substantially altered, restored, removed, demolished, or changed in use or type of occupancy without review of the plans by the Downtown Design Review Commission (DDRC), which presents its views and advice on the project to the Development Review Board for its consideration in the public hearing project review process.

The DDRC consists of three members and an alternate. The current members of the DDRC are: Richard Filion, Nathan Wardwell and Sabrina Smith.

The role of the DDRC is to review and reports its findings and recommendations to the DRB on projects in which there are substantial alterations, demolition, new or reconstructed

structures. The DDRC meets as needed, i.e., as requests for development projects, requiring DDRC review, come to the Administrative Officer. The hearing before the DDRC is not a public hearing, and the fee is limited to the \$10.00 fee for recording the DDRC decision.

In 2016-17 at its sole hearing the DDRC reviewed and made recommendations to the DRB on the demolition of 5-7 Main Street by the Town of Springfield.

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month, with special meetings as required by the hearing schedule, including hearings “continued to a date certain” to meet the needs of an applicant for timely prosecution of development. The DRB holds public hearing for development, including Conditional Use, Site Plan Review, Subdivision, Variance and Flood Plain development requests and appeals of decisions of the Administrative Officer.

The DRB consists of five members, appointed by the Select Board. Current membership on the DRB is: Stephen Kraft, Chair; Wilbur Horton, Jr., Vice Chair; Joseph Wilson; Lori Claffee, and Karl Riotte. The alternates, who sit for public hearings when a member is not able to attend or has a conflict of interest in the request before the DRB, are Donald Barrett and Walter Clark. At the time this is being written we have no vacancies on the DRB or alternates.

The DRB is a quasi-judiciary body, whose hearings are conducted pursuant to the VT Municipal Administrative Procedures Act and VT Civil Procedures. The DRB takes evidence, both oral and written, and adopts decisions based on findings of fact and conclusions of law. That said, the DRB will entertain presentation and discussion of a proposed project, which is not yet ripe for public hearing, in order to give a potential applicant the opportunity to present an idea for development, discuss it with the DRB, and receive response from the DRB as to the viability of the project within the context of the Town Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

Actions of the DRB in 2016-2017 included the following:

Public Hearings:

- Robert and Patricia Townsend, minor subdivision – SUB.
- Neil Petersen, remove single-wide and replace with manufacture home – FHR
- Douglas Cousineau, fire wood operation with kiln – CU, SPR, AROB.
- Town of Springfield, demolition of 5-7 Main Street – DTDR
- Town of Springfield, repair bridge/culvert – CU, SPR, FHR

SPR – Site Plan Review, CUP – Conditional Use Permit, SUB – Subdivision, FHR – Flood Hazard Review, AROB – Adaptive Re-use of Old Building, DTDR –Downtown Design Review

Discussions: None this year.

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SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of Springfield Regional Development Corporation, thank you to the residents of the Town of Springfield for the continued support of SRDC.

We continue to work closely with local businesses to assist with their needs, including financing and expansion. Congressman Peter Welch was in Springfield for the ribbon cutting at Konrad Prefab at the Robert S. Jones Center last winter. Konrad, and our other tenants in the Jones Center, have continued to show growth. SRDC invested around \$80,000 in improvements to the building this past year, through a loan from the Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA).

Another expansion project worked its way through the permitting process during FY17. The Vermont Packinghouse, which has quickly become an important part of the state’s agriculture economy, is planning roughly \$1 million of improvements to their facility in Precision Park.

SRDC received a \$625,000 loan from VEDA to fund work on the south end of the former Bryant Grinder building. We will be completing roof repairs, as well as constructing an interior wall to separate that area into a self-contained space. The J & L Plant 1 project continues to also move forward. At fiscal year end, we are in the process of facilitating EPA Removals coming to the site to remove soil from the former “grinding swarf” area. We are working with several state agencies and environmental consultants to resolve any outstanding permitting concerns to move forward with demolition in 2019.

We also have taken an option to purchase the former Park Street School, in partnership with former Windsor County Senator Matt Dunne. Our team is working on due diligence and exploring ways to leverage the remarkable gigabit capacity we have in the region (thanks to VTel) for a project in that building.

SRDC assists existing companies in the community, as well as those looking to start a business. This includes facilitating available resources, from training funds to specific financing programs and other incentives to help preserve and grow employment in our region. Our office includes the Small Business Development Center and Procurement Technical Assistance Center, which assists companies to more effectively bid on government contracts, both State and Federal.

We maintain a strong relationship with Tom Yennerell, the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen. Kristi Morris, the Selectboard Chair, sits as an Ex-Officio member of the SRDC Board. SRDC also values our strong partnerships with the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and Springfield On The Move. We are working closely with the Chamber and SOM on a series of promotional videos to market our community as a place to live and work.

To learn more about SRDC, please contact me at 885-3061 or bobf@springfielddevelopment.org. You can also go to our web site www.springfielddevelopment.org or see updates on our Facebook page!

Again, many thanks for your continued support. Working together, we will ensure that “Great Things Happen Here” for many years to come.

Bob Flint
Executive Director

HUMANE SOCIETY



Springfield Humane Society is a private not-for-profit organization serving the town of Springfield. Our animal shelter cares about the animals we serve! We have four community cat rooms where cats can roam freely with other cats. There are walkways along the ceiling, cat towers, and scratching posts, along with all sorts of toys for them. People are welcome to come visit the kitties and there are chairs in each room where people can often be seen playing or just cuddling with a cat. Our dog kennels are state of the art with aromatherapy, music therapy, and sun tubes for natural light – all for stress reduction. We have two large puppy rooms for litters or dogs who don't do well in traditional kennels. We have three fenced in play yards as well!

This year we finished construction on a brand new community room where we hold low cost spay/neuter clinics as well as shelter and private functions. We also have a new intake room for cats, where incoming felines spend two weeks under staff observation looking for signs of illness and getting all their medical needs cared for prior to being placed for adoption in a community room.

This year we took in a total of 450 animals. A total of 176 cats, dogs, kittens and puppies were surrendered by people who could no longer care for them, and 165 more came in as strays. We transferred in a total of 92 animals, primarily dogs and puppies (that are harder to find up here in the northeast) from high kill shelters down south. Nine dogs and nine cats were returned to us.

Adoptions reached a record high – 277 cats, dogs, kittens and pups found their “forever” home this year. Sixty-seven animals who were lost were returned to their homes. We transferred out 29 animals (24 of which were dogs) to other shelters

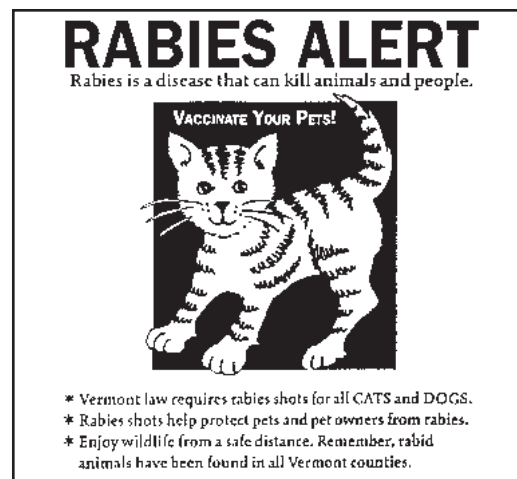
where we felt they'd have a better chance of being adopted for various reasons.

On a sad note – we euthanized 34 dogs and cats this year due to behavioral issues that made them a danger to the public, illness that wasn't responding to even advanced medical care, and more than once strays who were brought to us near death. Our “live release” rate (the number of animals who walk out of the shelter vs. the number who came in) was still 92%, which is much higher than the national average of 85%.

Springfield Humane Society is YOUR humane society! We offer low cost spay/neuter clinics monthly, a pet food bank for those in need, respond to cruelty calls and work closely with law enforcement, help out with behavioral issues, even help with some free dog training when needed! We offer lots of ways to volunteer, including working with the shelter dogs after taking our 2 hour “Intro to Shelter Dogs” course. And don't forget, we have our year round, indoor tag sale, “Wag Sales” open every Friday and Saturday with lots of VERY low cost items for your home!

Don't hesitate to contact us if we can help you and your pets in any way!

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VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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

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

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

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

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

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

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are

proud of the continued progress being made in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

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

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT COMMISSION

This fiscal year was interesting in that there were several significant changes which took place.

In the summer of 2016 we were happy to enjoy the sailplane (glider) contest held in Springfield. This was followed by the aerobatic competition, the ACE camp (aviation career education) program for students 14 to 18 years old. Finally, the airport hosted a glider encampment for the Civil Air Patrol for two weeks.

The historic hangar known as the Quonset saw the removal of an old, leaking office on the side of the hangar being replaced with a new one. It also had a new metal roof put as the old one was also leaking. It is now totally rented and making money for the State.

In September, the State again sponsored a week long school for glider instructors and most were successful in becoming certificated.

We were successful in finally getting taxiway signs for both runways which had been missing for many years. This was partly due to our two temporary state employees, one of whom became a full-time employee in November. Unfortunately, we lost our other temporary person who retired on December 2 in order to take over as the full-time fixed base operator which we have needed for the last four years at least.

Jacobs Engineering has completed their work on the Master Plan and has now started work on aviation easements and will begin tree clearing in 2018.

Guy Rouelle resigned in the spring of 2017 as director of aviation for the Agency of Transportation and started his own consulting business. He has done an outstanding job for the last 7 years and will be missed but is taking over the chair of the newly started VT Airport Managers Association.

Our final big event was that Brian Shepa took over the fixed base operation on June 2, 2017 after several years running the maintenance department. He has the full support of the airport commission and is receiving assistance and support from several areas.

Peter E. MacGillivray
Chair
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EDGAR MAY HEALTH AND RECREATION CENTER

The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is pleased to make this annual report to the residents of Springfield. We are extremely grateful for the continued support to the Center by the citizens of Springfield.

The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center continued its tradition of providing area residents with the opportunities and resources necessary to live an active and healthy lifestyle. The EdgarMay is open 99 hours per week, allowing people the opportunity to exercise and recreate in a number of different settings in either our swimming pools or fitness center, by joining our group exercise classes, our youth or Masters Swim teams, taking swimming lessons, and more. The EdgarMay had more than 78,000 individual visits over the course of 2017.

During our 2017 fiscal year, 318 individuals benefitted from financial support in the form of scholarships to attend and participate in programs at the EdgarMay. The total scholarship dollars awarded in 2017 equaled \$34,124. The EdgarMay continued to provide its scholarship program to cover our Prescription for Exercise Program, fitness classes, Swim Team and swimming lessons. Scholarships are provided based on a sliding fee scale to all income eligible individuals and families. The award amount is based on household income and household size and priority is given to Springfield residents and seniors.

Here are some other highlights from 2017:

In February of 2017 the EdgarMay launched a new, FREE class to help residents get up and moving. Move 2 Improve is a low-impact exercise class aimed at supporting those who would like a basic exercise class to improve balance, strength, and flexibility. This class is held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 11:00 at the Whitcomb Building. This class is FREE and open to the public.

The EdgarMay expanded its exercise class offerings at its Studio Momentum location in downtown Springfield. Studio Momentum offers 31 weekly group exercise classes. These classes bring an average of 1000 visitors per month to downtown Springfield. In addition to these classes, the EdgarMay also offers seven aqua classes per week. In 2017, the EdgarMay continued to offer two classes per week completely FREE to the public. These classes change on a monthly basis to allow area residents the opportunity to try different classes and different times.

The EdgarMay supported the Springfield Booster Club in October of 2017 by hosting a one-day Spin-a-Thon. This fundraiser allowed participants to take part in 5 hours of Spinning to raise money for the Booster Club. Over \$1,000 was raised to support their activities.

On November 23rd the EdgarMay offered its fifth annual Thanksgiving Day 5k. The event was an enormous success with more than 150 runners and walkers burning off some calories on Thanksgiving morning. This annual event draws participants from all over the country coming back to our community for the holiday.

The EdgarMay continued to provide Springfield first grade students with a coupon for a session of FREE swimming lessons at the EdgarMay. This is the seventh year of this commitment and helps to ensure that young Springfield children learn to be safe around water as well as the valuable opportunity to learn a life-long exercise skill. In December of 2017, 98 First Fins Gift Certificates were given to Elm Hill 1st graders.

We are excited to launch a new initiative in 2018 in collaboration with the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. The

STEP Program will Strengthen communities, Transform families, provide Enriching opportunities, and Prepare children. This program will provide youth and families the opportunity to participate in enrichment activities, special events, and trips outside our community. Stay tuned for more information in January of 2018.

The mission of the Health and Recreation Center is to provide area residents with the opportunities and resources necessary to pursue a healthy and active lifestyle. If you have not visited us, we hope you will. For additional information, please visit us at 140 Clinton Street or visit our website, www.myreccenter.org, email info@myreccenter.org, or call us at 885-2568.

Christian Craig
Executive Director

The EdgarMay Health & Recreation Center Foundation, Inc. Profit & Loss

October 2016 through September 2017

	Oct'16 - Sep'17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
1020 - Contributions - Annual Campaign	15,591.10
1060 - Grants	5,114.00
1220 - Other Income	160.00
1300 - Membership Income	341,000.00
1360 - Day Pass Sales	29,340.00
1380 - Corporate Memberships	600.00
1400 - Rental Fees	45,007.00
1405 - Regional Income	5,700.00
1410 - Retail Sales Income	2,344.10
1420 - Youth & Family Programs	2,417.00
1620 - Aquatics Program/Class Income	61,024.21
1660 - Fitness Program/Class Income	67,026.35
1807 - Special Events	3,704.00
1810 - Corporate Fitness	225.00
1950 - Interest Income	294.00
Total Income	569,722.95
Gross Profit	569,722.95
Expense	
2000 - Advertising	5,560.00
2010 - Bad Debt Expense	2,594.50
2030 - Depreciation Expense	54,828.34
2060 - Dues and Subscriptions	2,715.49
2065 - Equipment	5,700.00
2080 - Grant Expense	1,314.04
2085 - Fundraising Expenses	3,141.10
2090 - Insurance	35,812.00
2120 - Maintenance	38,503.30
2140 - Membership Expense	19,022.81
2190 - Miscellaneous	511.20
2195 - Payroll Expenses	309,281.62
2200 - Payroll Taxes	30,979.05
2205 - Simple IRA	966.62
2210 - Postage and Delivery	2,015.31
2220 - Printing and Reproduction	3,159.40
2230 - Professional Development	12,259.47
2240 - Professional Fees	13,242.04
2260 - Program Expense	15,116.07
2265 - Equipment Rental	1,301.66
2280 - Repairs	2,704.20
2310 - Retail Sales Expense	1,418.25
2315 - Supplies	33,283.00
2370 - Travel	2,466.00
2380 - Utilities	120,843.98
2510 - Rent	12,006.00
2511 - Rent - SMCS	12,006.00
9990 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00
Total Expense	807,393.47
Net Ordinary Income	-237,670.51
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
1070 - Endowment	436,344.46
Total Other Income	436,344.46
Net Other Income	436,344.46
Net Income	198,673.95

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

The units at the Whitcomb and Huber Buildings moved from the public housing program to HUD's new RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) program on 10/1/16. This new program will give all the tenants a project based Section 8 voucher, so that their rent remains affordable. It also allows the management at the housing authority to better predict their income for the upcoming year and gives them more flexibility on how the funds can be spent. These two buildings had a higher occupancy rate than normal at 98.02%. The current waiting list shows 30 applicants. The SHA entered into a group net metering agreement with New Energy Equity and is expected to save about 10% of its electric costs going forward.

The Authority also manages 61 Section 8 vouchers. Due to HUD funding cuts, we were only able to use 52 of our 61 allotment for the past year. However, the SHA did use all available HUD Section 8 funding to lease as many families as possible and paid \$305,762.00 to the local landlords for leasing to our Section 8 tenants. Currently, there are 32 families on the waiting list. The waiting period for local residents is about 15 months.

The Maples, the Rural Development project on South Street, shows 27 people on the waiting list. This past year saw an occupancy rate of 96.08 %. Also, during the past year, we continued the process of vinyl floor and carpet replacement in the units, which will continue for the next few years. We also continued with the repainting the exterior of the building and repaved the parking lot. Our future plans include the continued repainting of the building exterior and possible shingling of the roof.

The Mountain View Apartments has been owned by the SHA since 2007. This development had an occupancy rate of 97% this past year and a waiting list of 13 families. HUD considers the property a high performer and will be re-inspected in 2018. The major capital improvements this year consisted of the addition of security cameras and the re-surface of most of the sidewalks.

Westview Terrace Apartments were purchased by the Springfield Housing Unlimited organization in January of 2012. The property had an occupancy rate of 95.28% this past year. These 58 units of family housing are a part of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. They service families that can earn up to 60% of the median income for Windsor County. This project continues to be a valuable asset to the Town by providing people of limited income access to safe, clean, and reasonably priced rental housing. The major capital item in 2016 consisted of new carpeting & flooring in several apartments, repair and painting of a number of the porches.

The Ellis Block is owned by a partnership in which Springfield Housing Unlimited (SHU), the Authority created non-profit, is a co-general partner with Housing Vermont. The Springfield Housing Authority manages the property but has no ownership interest. This past year the nine units were 93.09% occupied.

Ellis Block was officially opened in October of 2011. This property includes a three screen movie theater as well as another source of affordable housing for the downtown area. The movie theater was an important part of the restoration of the Ellis Block building and continues to be a key part in the revitalization of downtown. The current theater operators, Chad and Jessie, have done an outstanding job in making the theater a vital part of the downtown.

On October 14, 2016, the Woolson Block was purchased

by SHU. The building will be co-developed with Housing Vermont. If all goes well, then the plan will be to re-open this building in the early part of 2019. The end results will be the addition of 21 new apartments and 4 refurbished store fronts. When completed, this building will be another key addition to the restoration of downtown.



The Woolson Block 2017

Finally, the public can now access information on the SHA properties and get applications. The website address is www.springfieldhousingauthorityvt.org

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SPRINGFIELD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER

At the Springfield Restorative Justice Center, we see Restorative Justice as an inclusive way of thinking about crime and conflict, rather than a distinct model or system of law. It goes beyond how we think about crime and conflict, to how we think about ourselves collectively as a society, how we respond to crime and how we restore the balance after a crime has been committed. We see crime as harm to individuals and communities, rather than simply a violation of abstract laws against the state.

In Restorative Justice those most directly affected by crime – victims, community members and offenders – are encouraged to play an active role in the justice process. Rather than the current focus on offender punishment, restoration of the emotional and material losses resulting from crime is far more important.

Restorative Justice Practices are becoming increasingly more popular as the guideposts to effective policy, both inside prisons and within the wider community. Current trends in sentencing demonstrate a willingness to create options to incarceration, because prisons are expensive and overcrowded, and in the long term, everyone realizes today, that offenders will eventually return to their original communities. Ensuring that offenders return with a more positive state of mind rather than reinforced criminal ideals, is the responsibility of everyone. When creating a dynamic of respect and restoration, all community members are an integral part of the process from participating in sentencing alternatives to working directly with offenders to assist them on their healing path.

Restorative Justice Practices look for ways to enable offenders to take responsibility for the harm they've done, and to correct their behavior on a deeper and more meaningful level. In this way we are creating a dynamic within the society that restores the health of individuals while maintaining law and order, for the security of the community.

In order for communities to be healthy and high functioning there needs to be authentic displays of happiness, excitement, care, concern, frustration and discomfort, which often lead to higher levels of trust and accountability.

Last year the Springfield Restorative Justice Center employed two full-time and one-part time employee. We receive funding through the Agency of Human Services/Department of Corrections to run the Justice Center. We also receive funding to run a Transitional Housing program with 5 beds spread between Springfield and Chester.

In the last year:

54 clients have successfully completed our Reparative Panel.

94 reentering citizens have received some kind of support from the Justice Center

We are very thankful for the approximately 50 volunteers who graciously offer their time in order to keep the Center running...without them we wouldn't exist.

As always we invite anyone to call or stop by with any ideas or questions. We can be found at 96 Main Street, on the first floor of the Town Offices or reached at 885-8707 or springfieldrjc@vermontel.net.

Wendi Lashua Germain
Executive Director

SPRINGFIELD ON THE MOVE

2017 has been a transitional year for Springfield on Move. We have developed stronger ties with the Chamber of Commerce, the Garden Club, Regional Planning, and Springfield Regional Development Corporation. Collectively we have been working hard to help the Town advance the GPI master plan. SOM has investigated several surface and structured parking scenarios. Springfield has been working with regional planning and has successfully applied for a streetscape plan (called for in the GPI master plan). We will continue to assist the Town's parking consultant in feasibility planning.

In addition, SOM, with students, helped organize a spring downtown clean-up – removing rubbish, cleaning windows and distributing mulch. In preparation for improvements to the Theater Plaza shrubs were removed and replaced with flowers. Additional benches and tables will be installed in the spring / early summer in new locations in the downtown. Using grant funds we will continue to make traffic / pedestrian safety improvements in the Downtown.

Thanks to Paul Kendall and others, we now have seasonal music piped into the downtown. If all goes well renovations to the Woolson Block will begin in the Spring. Lots optimism and expectations for a bright future for Downtown!

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**SPRINGFIELD
SELECTBOARD**



TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
96 Main Street
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**APPLICATION FOR
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> & Lumber |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Design Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence Viewer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenways, Trails, Byways and Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Warden |
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Reason(s) for desiring office: _____

Please state reason(s) you feel make you qualified for the office: _____

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Telephone: 885-2104, Ext. 221*

REPORTS OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

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 13,102 homecare visits to 462 Springfield residents. This included approximately \$391,776 in unreimbursed care to Springfield residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 6,500 home visits to 312 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 2,294 home visits to 64 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 4,000 home visits to 64 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 308 home visits to 22 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.

Springfield'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.

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VALLEY HEALTH CONNECTIONS

Valley Health Connections is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 located at 268 River Street, Springfield, Vermont. We became incorporated in the State of Vermont on January 21, 2000 as Precision Valley Free Clinic. Our mission is to remove barriers and facilitate access to health care for uninsured and underinsured people, as well as to prevent people from becoming uninsured.

Valley Health Connections has always assisted patients with healthcare program enrollment, and since 2013, has been a certified navigator organization providing inperson assistance to eligible individuals and families who wish to enroll through Vermont Health Connect. We also help people transition from Vermont Health Connect to Medicare, assist people with enrollment in Medicare Part D and all of the Medicaid programs and Ladies First. From 7/1/16 to 6/30/17 **we served 677 Springfield residents and provided 869 insurance enrollment assists to these residents; 63 pharmacy vouchers; 237 Charity Care applications, 55 Social Service enrollments. 91% of the Springfield Residents we worked with either became, or remained, comprehensively insured.** Our clinic provided over \$50,000 in free medications through prescription assistance programs and, \$13,845 in dental fees (dentures, crowns, fillings). There is never a charge for our services. We work in close partnership with Springfield Medical Care Systems and the Vermont Coalition of Clinics for the Uninsured.

The staff and Board of Directors of Valley Health Connections wish to thank the people of Springfield for supporting their efforts to improve the health of town residents across the age spectrum.

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SPRINGFIELD SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM

The Springfield Supported Housing Program (SSHP) is a private, non profit agency that helps families and individuals who are homeless or potentially homeless locate and secure permanent, affordable housing, and then provides program participants with up to two years of at home case management to address any issues that led to the housing crisis, and to pursue positive life goals. Case managers provide help with budgeting, landlord-tenant mediation, assistance pursuing employment, education, child care, substance abuse treatment and other services that lead to healthy, productive living. Home visits are made one to three times weekly.

SSHP covers the Springfield Agency of Human Services district and places participants in housing from Windsor to Saxtons River. Each year since its inception in 2006, SSHP has placed on average 59 families and 34 individuals from Springfield in permanent housing with ongoing support services. SSHP has five, two bedroom apartments, a three-bedroom apartment, eight one-bedroom units that provide transitional housing to homeless families and individuals. Stays are typically limited to 90 days and approximately 85% of participants have successfully transitioned into permanent housing.

SSHP also administers a Housing Opportunity Program (HOP) that provides financial assistance for 1st month's rent, security deposit, or back rent. The focus of the HOP program is preventing homelessness, and a case manager assists people who are literally homeless to move into either transitional or permanent housing and then provides ongoing support.

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SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER

The Springfield Family Center provides assistance to the most vulnerable members of our community. We are often the first place people come when they are faced with economic hardship. We offer a welcoming environment, and we provide essential services, as well as information, and referral/ links to other resources.

Our food shelf served over 2,000 families over the past year. Through our membership in the Healthy Harvest Network, donations from local farms and businesses, and the Vermont food bank, we've increased the amount of fresh produce available. Cooking demos, and healthy recipes are provided to help people make healthier choices. This is so important, especially when considering the prevalence of chronic health conditions associated with poor nutrition.

Our daily meal is served Monday through Friday. Over 6,000 meals were served over the past year. As well as a balanced meal, it is an opportunity for people who are often socially isolated to socialize, and learn about events in the community.

Homelessness is an unfortunate reality in our town. The Family Center serves as a day shelter, providing a safe environment, access to shower, laundry, food, computer, phone, and other resources. We connect people to State services, and to other appropriate organizations that can help get them get into stable housing. We also connect many people with health care, and mental health resources.

The Springfield Family Center is a volunteer driven organization. Our daily operations rely on the generosity, and hard work of our volunteers. We currently have only 3 paid employees. Volunteers receive training which often leads to paid employment. Volunteers help in the kitchen, staff the food shelf, reception, warehouse, housekeeping, and maintenance. We have volunteer drivers who pick up donations, and deliver food boxes to the homebound.

The Family Center has faced challenges recently with the loss of State funding. We are no longer receiving funds to help with day shelter expenses, and our worksite training placement contract through the Reach Up program was cut this year with short notice, and no local input. We began a strategic planning process in October with a focus on becoming more of a hub for services, and improving current operations. The town funds we receive are more important than ever in helping us to continue to provide vital assistance to our neighbors.

We are eternally grateful to all of our volunteers, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and individuals that support us in so many ways.

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MEALS & WHEELS OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD, INC.

Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield, Inc. has been serving meals to the elderly since 2000. The program serves the communities of Andover, Baltimore, Chester, Springfield, Weathersfield and parts of Windham. A hot meal is provided Monday through Friday with frozen meals available to those who qualify for weekends and holidays. We also have a cold breakfast option for those who qualify that we deliver along with the noon time meal.

During the past fiscal year, October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017, Meals & Wheels served over 32,000 meals to seniors living in the greater Springfield area and at our congregate meal site.

All this work was done with the help of 2 employees and over 60 volunteers. Over the past year, Meals & Wheels engaged about 75 volunteers who came to us from community programs such as RSVP, the Springfield Schools, Lincoln Street, Mental Health Services and other community members who just want to volunteer out of the spirit of good will. Volunteers serve on our Board, deliver meals, wait on tables, assist in the kitchen, provide entertainment at the congregate meal site and help with fund raising. We strongly believe that our program gives back to our volunteers, as much as they give to the program. We provide an opportunity to be a part of a vital service and a chance for volunteers to connect with others and to become part of the community.

The most important role of our program goes far beyond meeting the nutritional needs of the seniors in the community. For many, the meal delivery volunteer may be the only contact they have for the day and seeing a friendly face can be the highlight of their day. At Meals & Wheels, we do our part in providing a safety net for many isolated seniors in our community.

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WINDSOR COUNTY PARTNERS

Windsor County Partners is in its 5th decade of building healthier communities through youth mentoring. Our community-based PALS (Partner Always Lend Support) program extends across the county. Mentored youth learn life skills, provide community service and participate in cultural and athletic activities. In our surveys, 100% of the young people in our PALS program report that having a mentor has made a difference in their life.

WCP creates partnerships where mentors are matched with a child. Matches are made up with children up to age 12. Since matches are renewed annually, mentored children range in age from 7 – 18. These mentoring partnerships meet for 2 hours per week for at least a year, with many partnerships continuing on for years.

Last year, WCP served and supported 28 community-based partnerships, with children from 9 local towns (including 7 in Springfield). Collectively, these partners spent over 2000 hours together. Our mentees were distributed among 20 schools and 100% of the guidance counselors who have a student in our program report that they would recommend a Windsor County Partner for other students that they work with.

Let's Do Lunch (LDL), our school-based program, serves youth ages 5-18 in the Springfield district. LDL mentors meet with students to do crafts and play games or sports. Financial support from Windsor County helps ensure the well-being of children and their families. For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website www.windsorcountypartners.org or contact us at ProgramsWC@outlook.com 802-674-5101. WCP thanks the voters of Springfield for their support for the children of Windsor County.

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COMMUNITY BAND

The Springfield Community Band was under the direction of Nick Pelton for the 72nd season. This was Nick's seventh year with the band and he has been a great asset to the band. We played 10 concerts; 8 in Springfield, including one Children's concert and one in Walpole, NH and one in Ludlow, VT. Once again the band was invited to play our concerts at the Hartness House Inn. Concerts are Tuesday nights starting in mid-June and continue for eight weeks. This past year, the band was fortunate enough to be able to purchase several pieces of new music. This allows the band to expand our music library and to add modern pieces to our repertoire.

The community band plays a variety of music, from marches, to movie themes, classical to swing and jazz, whimsical to serious. Our members range in age from teens to senior citizens. We are made up completely of volunteers who have a desire to play their instruments in an organized concert band

type setting. Members consist of high school students, current and former band directors and former band students.

In recent years, the band has seen growth in both membership participation and in the size of the audience. It's been wonderful seeing so much enthusiasm both band members and members of the audience.

The Springfield Community Band is open to all musicians in Springfield and the surrounding areas. Anyone interested in joining the band can contact Karen Mather at 886-5478 or email kjbb00@hotmail.com. We do not hold auditions; we are a community band and welcome anyone with the desire to play their instrument.

We thank the town of Springfield for their many years of support.

Karen Mather
Treasurer

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER

Green Mountain RSVP, part of the Corporation for National and Community Service- Senior Corps, is a nationwide program for people age 55 and older who want to contribute to their communities through volunteering. We help local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet community needs.

Your Town's funds are essential for us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Your funding enables us to support Springfield volunteers with recognition and additional liability insurance. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) – Senior Corps.

GMRSVP Volunteers (19) live in Springfield and additional nonresident (26) volunteers serve in Springfield at Meals on Wheels and the Community Meal site, Springfield Hospital and Adult Day, Elm Hill School, Springfield Santa Claus Club, Vermont Adult Learning, and Springfield Humane Society. We also Partner with MOW and the Senior Center for Veteran's Day Lunch, March for Meals event, Volunteer Appreciation events, and Senior of the Year luncheon.

Our motto is Do Good, Feel Good. There are many benefits to volunteering, not only for the volunteer, but for the community as well.

Please contact Corey Mitchell in our Windsor office at (802) 674-4547 with questions or speak to me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 772-7875. Thank-you for your continued support.

Cathy Aliberti
Green Mountain RSVP Director
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THE CURRENT

The Current has been southern Windsor and Windham County's public transit provider since 2003. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the 27 towns we serve. As a private non-profit 501c3, we rely more than ever on local contributions to deliver rides and to provide the required local match for replacement vehicles.

The Current is funded by state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares on some routes, and contributions from our human service partners. We operate bus routes and senior or disabled transportation services via our fleet of 36 buses, vans, and a network of over 50 very dedicated volunteer drivers.



Our operating expenses last year were \$5,164,289. With that we provided 282,102 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 910,711 miles over 50,096 hours.

In Springfield we operate van and volunteer services which last year provided 47,957 rides at a cost of \$936,795. We also operate fixed route bus services which last year provided 7,037 at a cost of \$101,171.

We are requesting a \$12,500 contribution from the Town of Springfield this year. We hope you will once again support us.

We are always seeking your input to improve our services. Please contact me by email (rgagnon@crtransit.org); phone (802) 460-7433 x 201; or visit us at www.crtransit.org to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.

Rebecca Gagnon
General Manager

SENIOR SOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT)

Senior Solutions – Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont – has served the residents of Springfield and the Southeastern Vermont region since 1973. Our main office is located at 38 Pleasant Street in the lower level of the Nolin-Murray Center building. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Many of our services are available regardless of income or assets. However, we target our resources to those older adults with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. Senior Solutions can help caregivers assess their family's needs and options, connect with resources and local programs that meet their needs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for family members.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Vermont is the second oldest state in the country (median age) and within Vermont the highest concentration of elders is in Windsor and Windham counties. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has been largely stagnant for many years. This means that financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. This past year these included grants from the Christopher Reeve Foundation to serve people with paralysis, from Efficiency Vermont to conduct home energy visits and help older adults save money on their electric bills and from the Holt Ames Fund to increase our outreach to vulnerable elders. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. We also receive donations from the public and have established a planned giving program.

We strive to develop new programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year we trained instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and started a new program, aquatics for people with arthritis. We provide financial support to volunteers interested in starting new evidence-based wellness programs.

This is a summary of services provided to Springfield residents in the last year (9-1-16 through 8-30-17).

Information and Assistance: 777 Calls and Office Visits. Our toll-free Senior HelpLine (1-800-642-5119) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan for the future, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also described at www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Medicare Assistance: 333 residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, “boot camps” for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 127 elder residents with in-home case management or other home based services for 1124 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent premature

institutionalization. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: 92 Springfield seniors received 17,648 meals at home and many received congregate meals on Union Street through Springfield Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from funds given by the Town to Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases. 6 Springfield residents received grants.

Transportation: Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Other Services: Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities and home-based mental health services. Senior Solutions has a flexible “Special Help Fund” that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of Springfield.

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SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes and work toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Emergency Services/Crisis Intervention (fuel / utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), VT Health Connect Navigation, Homelessness Prevention, Jobs for Independence, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Springfield we have provided the following services during FY2017:

Weatherization: 30 homes (46 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$135,608

Emergency Heating System Replacements: 16 homes (22 people) received repairs or replacements at a cost of \$34,113

Emergency Home Repair: 7 homes (12 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$20,945

Head Start: 41 families (91 people) received comprehensive early education and family support services with a total value of \$544,050

Micro-Business Development: 3 households (6 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$5,283

Tax Preparation: 6 households (11 people) received services & tax credits totaling \$8,031

VT Health Connect: 7 households (13 people) received assistance to enroll in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$845

Emergency Services: 214 households (479 people) received 751 services valued at \$7,722 (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 110 households (299 people) received 168 assists valued at \$75,342

Housing Assistance: 24 households (48 people) received 26 assists valued at \$34,601

Jobs for Independence Program: 50 people were recruited, screened and referred to enhanced employment services, valued at \$20,084

Thrift Store Vouchers: 90 households (173 people) received goods & services valued at \$7,322

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Springfield for their support.

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SPRINGFIELD TURNING POINT RECOVERY CENTER

The purpose of the Springfield Turning Point Recovery Center is to enhance the spiritual, mental, physical, and social growth of our community affected by any form of addiction. The Center seeks to facilitate recovery of individuals and their families in the Springfield area by providing a volunteer/staff drop-in center, a meeting location, substance free social functions, recovery coaching services, transitional housing, and prevention and resource center.

Turning Point Recovery Center would like to thank the Springfield voters for allowing our services to continue and improve our programs with the money we received from our community of \$9,000. With this money, Turning Point Recovery Center has been able to provide more services to individuals within the Springfield community, by extending financial resources for our transitional housing program, bridging the gap from inpatient treatment programs to recovery, as well as our fundraising events to provide awareness on addiction and recovery.

Our transitional house, which houses seven guests, has been full. With the money the town approved for us to receive, Turning Point Recovery Center has been able to provide ser-

vices for these guests to help achieve and maintain sobriety. As hard as the journey to recovery is for these guests, Turning Point Recovery Center has been able to offer much more needed support with transportation, court services, as well as employment services and access to other resources in our community. The transitional house also received a new washer for the house guests.

Turning Point Recovery Center, staff and volunteers, would like to publicly thank the town of Springfield, Vermont, and its voters for allowing us to update and advocate for the addiction/recovery community. Recovery is possible, with the help of the peer to peer support movement. The services we provide can help save a life.

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WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of southern Windsor and Windham Counties. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windsor County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,700 crisis telephone calls and provided hundreds of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to 638 women, 17 men, and 478 children who had been abused. These figures include 64 survivors and their 32 children from Springfield. In addition, we provided over 200 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout our service area.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Vickie Sterling

Executive Director

Phone: 802-885-2050

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WINDSOR COUNTY REPORT

FY 2018-19 County Budget

The Assistant Judges held the preliminary budget meeting at 5 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. The budget calls for \$439,858 to be raised by taxes, a decrease of \$1,853 from the current FY 17-18 budget. The new budget calls for \$541,025 in total spending, a significant decrease of \$16,709 from the current FY 17-18 budget. The county tax rate decreased slightly, from .0049 to .0048. This is the third straight year it has dropped.

According to the Vermont Department of Taxes, the Equalized Grand List for the entire county grew by \$87,762,000. This is the third year in a row where the value of the grand list has increased markedly. It is now \$9,094,596,000.

Pursuant to Title 24 Sect. 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1, 2018, requiring the tax to be paid in two installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2018.

Courthouse Renovation Bond

2018 marks the fifth year of the \$2 million bond repayment. (The first bond payment was in November 2014). This year, the amount to be billed to the towns will be \$234,896 (\$200,000 principal; \$34,896 interest). This billing is NOT part of the county budget, but a separate assessment. Last summer, the borrowing rate was renegotiated resulting in a savings of several thousand dollars in interest.

Other County News

2017 has been a busy and productive year for the Assistant Judges and Windsor County. Here are some of the happenings in the past year:

With the installation of interior storm windows at the courthouse at 12 The Green in 2015, the county continued to save thousands of dollars in fuel costs.

For the fourth year in a row, the county finished the 2016-2017 fiscal year solidly in the black and continues to roll the surplus into the next budget year.

Judge Terie completed the 40 hour Civil Mediation course at the National Judicial College in Reno, NV. last summer.

The County has established the Windsor County Mediation Center in its building at 62 Pleasant Street and Windsor County Bar members use it for civil mediation.

Lastly, in 2017 we said goodbye to our Building Superintendent Carl Tancreti, who retired and headed west for the winter. We welcomed our new Building Superintendent, Bruce Page.

Jack Anderson and Ellen Terie
Assistant Judges

SPRINGFIELD ART & HISTORICAL SOCIETY



In 2015 the Society ran out of money and was on the verge of closing when it was decided to sell the Miller Art Center building. It was a very difficult decision but there was no choice, there was no money to maintain the building and properly care for the collection.

In our leased space in the Cota & Cota Building, on Route 106 in North Springfield, we have six rooms that are heated and air conditioned, which is

much better for the collection. This space is handicap accessible and has plenty of parking, and we are now able to be open year round, every Saturday, 1 – 4 PM, and other times by appointment. We have a program every month except September, when we have our Annual Yard Sale, and November and December, because of the holidays.

Our High School Intern Program, involving SHS students 13 to 18 years old, is a unique program in the State of Vermont. Students are chosen through an application and interview process to replace graduating seniors. Last year we had eleven eighth graders apply to join the program. Under the guidance of intern coordinators, SAHS curators, and volunteers, the interns not only learn about their hometown's history but they also learn how to handle artifacts and textiles, research topics, and put together displays. Their impressive 2017 display was dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of World War 1 and the Spanish Influenza Epidemic in Springfield.

This \$9,500 Funding Request covers a little less than one-half of our annual expenses; the remainder we raise through memberships, donations, grants, and the Calendar and Yard Sales. We are a completely volunteer group, so every penny received is used to preserve and promote Springfield's history. Hardly a week goes by that someone, local or even as far away as Washington State, does not present us with a new and fascinating piece of Springfield's rich and unique past. We thank the Springfield voters for your past support and look forward to continuing to be the caretakers of our town's history and treasures.

Rosanne "Bunni" Putnam
President

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HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc. (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windham and Windsor counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and emergency services programs.

During FY17, HCRS provided 38,252 hours of services to 737 residents of the Town of Springfield. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Springfield.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

Kelly A. Brown
Executive Assistant
Website: www.hcrs.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 5, 2018 – Monday evening Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Springfield High School Cafeteria

March 6, 2018 – Town Meeting Australian Ballot Voting at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium – Polls will be open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

April 1, 2018 – Dogs must be licensed

April 30, 2018 – Third water/sewer installment due 17/18 year

May 15, 2018 – Final property tax installment due 17/18 tax year

June 30, 2018 – Fourth water/sewer installment due 17/18 year

August 15, 2018 – First property tax installment due 18/19 year

October 31, 2018 – First water/sewer installment due 18/19 year

November 15, 2018 – Second property tax installment due 18/19 year

December 31, 2018 – Second water/sewer installment due 18/19 year

February 15, 2019 – Third property tax installment due 18/19 year

April 30, 2019 – Third water/sewer installment due 18/19 year

May 15, 2019 – Final property tax installment due 18/19 tax year

June 30, 2019 – Fourth water/sewer installment due 18/19 year

STATEMENT OF TAXES – FISCAL YEAR 2016–2017

TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:

	Assessed Value	Grand List (1% of Assessed)	Tax Rate	Total Taxes Assessed and Billed
Real Estate	\$634,323,520	\$6,343,235.20	1.4698	\$ 9,323,287.10
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 17,231,789	\$ 172,317.89	1.4698	\$ 253,272.83
Total Town Taxes				\$ 9,576,559.93
Education		\$6,187,485.34		\$ 7,142,515.00
TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:				\$16,719,074.93
Taxes Accounted For:				
	Current year taxes collected			\$16,280,117.93
	Current year taxes delinquent June 30, 2017			\$ 438,957.00
				\$16,719,074.93

DELINQUENT TAX COMPARISON CHART

TAX YEAR	Due as of 6/30/2017	Due as of 6/30/2016	Due as of 6/30/2015	Due as of 6/30/2014
2011	\$ 282	\$ 634	\$ 1,043	\$ 3,422
2012	\$ 1,932	\$ 2,084	\$ 8,966	\$ 16,301
2013	\$ 4,088	\$ 5,402	\$ 20,777	\$ 83,585
2014	\$ 5,705	\$ 6,047	\$ 68,041	\$413,673
2015	\$ 10,115	\$ 68,540	\$396,686	\$ 0
2016	\$ 80,867	\$457,245	\$ 0	\$ 0
2017	\$438,957	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$541,539	\$539,951	\$495,513	\$516,981

2016-2017 BUDGET TO ACTUALS AT A GLANCE

Revenue Budgeted:	\$11,009,221
Revenue Received:	\$11,366,706
Variance:	\$357,485
Expenditures Budgeted:	\$11,620,072
Expenditures Paid:	\$10,939,412
Variance:	-\$680,660
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues:	\$427,294

TAX ANALYSIS PER HUNDRED ASSESSED TAX DOLLARS

	homestead '17-'18	non-residential '17-'18	homestead '16-'17	non-residential '16-'17	homestead '15-'16	non-residential '15-'16
School	\$1.4817	\$1.3955	\$1.5144	\$1.3895	\$1.5495	\$1.3972
Town & Highway	\$1.4698	\$1.4698	\$1.4163	\$1.4163	\$1.3563	\$1.3563
Special Appropriations	\$0.1286	\$0.1286	\$0.0947	\$0.0947	\$0.0435	\$0.0435
Voted Contracts	\$0.0066	\$0.0066	\$0.0060	\$0.0060	\$0.0060	\$0.0060
County Tax	\$0.0069	\$0.0069	\$0.0073	\$0.0073	\$0.0073	\$0.0073
	<u>\$3.0935</u>	<u>\$3.0073</u>	<u>\$3.0386</u>	<u>\$2.9137</u>	<u>\$2.9625</u>	<u>\$2.8102</u>

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

June 30, 2017

VALUES BY FUND	PARKER	CEMETERY	LIBRARY	CAM/WOOL	STETSON	EUREKA	IMPROV	FD	HUMANE SOC.	TOTAL
6/30/16 INVESTMENT	\$293,989	\$576,258	\$310,784	\$52,792	\$14,701	\$17,434	\$89,417		\$316,715	\$1,672,090
6/30/16 CHECKING	\$938	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
6/30/16 TOTAL BY FUND	\$294,927	\$576,258	\$310,784	\$52,792	\$14,701	\$17,434	\$89,417		\$316,715	\$1,673,027
16/17 REVENUE	\$5,836	\$11,469	\$6,180	\$1,054	\$294	\$348	\$1,786		\$6,197	\$33,163
16/17 EXPENSES										
ACCOUNTING	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
MISC	\$5,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0		\$4,185	\$11,685
OPERATING TRANSFER	\$0	\$7,999	\$4,328	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$12,327
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
MISC-POSTAGE	\$35	\$69	\$37	\$6	\$2	\$2	\$11		\$37	\$200
INVESTMENT FEES	\$1,862	\$3,660	\$1,972	\$337	\$94	\$111	\$570		\$1,974	\$10,580
TOTAL OPER EXPENSES	\$7,397	\$11,728	\$6,337	\$1,343	\$1,095	\$113	\$581		\$6,197	\$34,792
16/17 NET OPERATING	-\$1,561	-\$260	-\$157	-\$289	-\$802	\$235	\$1,205		\$0	-\$1,628
16/17 NON OPERATING										
GAIN/LOSS ON SALE	\$2,714	\$5,341	\$2,875	\$494	\$138	\$163	\$837		\$2,834	\$15,395
CAP GAIN DISTIBS	\$4,693	\$9,219	\$4,969	\$847	\$236	\$280	\$1,435		\$4,988	\$26,667
PRINCIPAL RCPTS	\$0	\$1,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$1,650
PRINCIPAL DISTRIB	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		-\$14,912	-\$14,912
TRUSTEES FEES	-\$450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	-\$450
UNREAL GAIN/LOSS	\$19,648	\$38,667	\$20,826	\$3,554	\$990	\$1,174	\$6,021		\$20,836	\$111,715
NET NON-OPERATING	\$26,606	\$54,877	\$28,670	\$4,896	\$1,363	\$1,617	\$8,292		\$13,745	\$140,066
6/30/17 BALANCE	\$319,033	\$630,875	\$339,297	\$57,399	\$15,262	\$19,286	\$98,915		\$330,460	\$1,810,527
6/30/17 CHECKING	\$1,233	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$1,233
6/30/17 INVESTMENT ACCT	\$317,801	\$630,875	\$339,297	\$57,399	\$15,262	\$19,286	\$98,915		\$330,460	\$1,809,294
6/30/17 DUE TO FUND 1	\$0	-\$1,337	-\$720	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	-\$2,057
6/30/17 BY FUND	\$319,033	\$629,538	\$338,577	\$57,399	\$15,262	\$19,286	\$98,915		\$330,460	\$1,808,470

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SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL 2018-2019

OPERATING BUDGETS	15-16 Expended	16-17 Expended	17-18 Budget	18-19 Budget	Diff. From 17-18
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 749,461	\$ 858,002	\$ 825,561	\$ 1,107,361	\$281,800
FIRE/AMBULANCE	1,256,220	1,345,394	1,398,036	1,407,847	9,811
FIXED	3,363,209	3,351,923	3,247,262	3,502,963	255,701
LIBRARY	457,593	564,575	588,020	532,520	-55,500
PARKS & RECREATION	274,964	280,833	323,014	318,742	-4,272
POLICE	1,721,031	1,713,790	1,938,395	2,022,228	83,833
PUBLIC WORKS	1,752,315	2,140,342	2,747,835	2,569,511	-178,324
REIMB SVCS	144,274	317,841	136,000	136,000	0
SENIOR CTR	53,723	48,864	51,183	52,167	984
TOTAL OPERATING	\$ 9,772,790	\$10,621,565	\$11,255,306	\$11,649,339	\$394,033
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 510,490	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
GRAND TOTAL GROSS APPROPRIATION BUDGET	\$10,283,280	\$10,621,565	\$11,255,306	\$11,649,339	\$394,033

**In the 16-17, 17-18 & 18-19 budget, capital expenses are included in the operating budget*

BUDGET SUMMARY FISCAL 2017-2018

	16-17	17-18	18-19	\$Difference	%Difference
Operating Budget	\$11,019,221	\$11,255,306	\$11,649,339	\$394,033	3.50%
Revenues other than Taxes	\$2,012,850	\$1,958,231	\$2,005,650	\$47,419	2.42%
To be raised by Taxes	\$9,006,371	\$9,297,075	\$9,643,689	\$346,614	3.73%

BUDGETED REVENUES

(other than taxes)

FISCAL 2018 – 2019

	18–19	17–18	16–17	15–16
GENERAL	\$822,500	\$766,000	\$752,000	\$757,000
TOWN CLERK	\$85,050	\$86,700	\$87,750	\$86,630
PUBLIC WORKS	\$577,500	\$594,000	\$614,000	\$611,000
POLICE	\$50,150	\$48,050	\$48,050	\$47,050
FIRE/AMBULANCE	\$403,100	\$395,631	\$443,200	\$443,200
PARKS & RECREATION	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
LIBRARY	\$11,750	\$12,250	\$12,250	\$12,250
REIMBURSEMENTS & OTHER	\$50,600	\$50,600	\$33,000	\$33,000
GRAND TOTALS	\$2,005,650	\$1,958,231	\$1,995,250	\$1,985,130

PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

THE TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE JULY 1, 2018–JUNE 30, 2019 FISCAL YEAR IS:

FIRST QUARTER: AUGUST 15, 2018

SECOND QUARTER: NOVEMBER 15, 2018

THIRD QUARTER: FEBRUARY 15, 2019

FOURTH QUARTER: MAY 15, 2019

ANY PAYMENT NOT RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY THE DUE DATE WILL BE SUBJECT TO A 1% INTEREST CHARGE. ANY 2018–2019 TAX BALANCE UNPAID AFTER MAY 15, 2019, WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY OF 8%.

THE TOWN HALL'S SECOND FLOOR BROWN EXTERIOR DOOR (MAIN ENTRANCE) HAS A MAIL SLOT THAT CAN BE USED AT ANYTIME AFTER HOURS TO DROP OFF PAYMENTS.

REPORTS OF SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In the past fiscal year, the Springfield School District continued to work hard to fulfill our vision of being the catalyst for positive change in the community. In pursuit of this goal, we have worked to incrementally redesign the district in ways that address student need while balancing the ability of the community to afford its schools.

Currently, our district is made up of four schools, three targeted programs, and a collaborative program. From Kindergarten through 2nd grade, students attend Elm Hill Primary School. Grades 3 through 5 are held at Union Street Elementary. Riverside Middle School educates students in grades 6-8. Most students complete their journey with us in grades 9-12 at Springfield High School.

At the moment, we host a single collaborative program, the Occupational Development Program (ODP). The program includes students from multiple districts. ODP is stationed at Springfield High School. This program targets students with developmental disabilities. Its program includes internships, classroom learning, and an apartment program to teach independent living. Its location at Springfield High School allows for a many students to take high school courses while also engaging River Valley Technical Center offerings.

For this program, the district serves as the fiscal agent. In that capacity, we hire and supervise staff as well as develop the program's curriculum. The programs are a joint effort with the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union, Windsor South Supervisory Union, and Two Rivers Supervisory Union. These school unions help develop the goals and budgets of the programs. When they send a student to the program, the collaborative then receives tuition for that student's education.

Our district employed over 320 staff, and we educate 1,324 students from PreK through 12. In addition to our schools and collaborative program, the district also ran the All-4-One program, Early Essential Education, and public PreK. The All-4-One program provided before and after school education and play programming for over a hundred students K-8. The program is funded through a combination of federal grants and fees. Early Essential Education (EEE) identified and serviced PreK students with disabilities. The students we identify are often part of Springfield's public PreK partnerships that are considered a model around the state of Vermont. To service the needs of our PreK population, the district partners with regional PreK businesses to provide publicly funded PreK. We partnered with 18 private state-sanctioned providers, and we serviced 137 students through those partnerships.

At the district level, we have added three new members of our leadership team. Kelly Ryan, the former Director of ODP, became our new Director of Special Services. The former director of the Gateway Behavioral Collaborative, Nancy Weise, became the new principal of Union Street School. Meanwhile, Bindy Hathorn returned to Springfield High School to become the new SHS Principal.

Our district believes in the importance of creating professional growth opportunities for our employees. We particularly believe in having that growth happen as a group in a structured way. During this fiscal year, groups of district employees trained together to: align our allied arts curriculum to national standards, shift our Math practices to reflect expectations of the Common

Core, explore ways to help students suffering from depression and considering suicide, strengthen our pedagogy for our most disabled students, and connect an understanding of students emotional needs to our classroom instruction. These opportunities were delivered by a combination of internal and external trainers.

On the safety front, the district completed a large table-top exercise with regional emergency partners. FEMA, the Springfield Police Department, The Springfield Fire Department, Springfield Public Works, and Vermont State Police all participated in response to a mock chemical spill that required the mass relocation of students. The multi-hour exercise gave the district the opportunity to test our crisis systems.

These highlights are a mere fraction of the important steps that Springfield School District took toward becoming a catalyst for positive community change. As an organization, we will continue to work hard to give our students our best.

Dr. Zach McLaughlin
Superintendent of Schools

DIRECTOR OF FISCAL SERVICES

The annual audit of the financial records of the Springfield School District for the 2016-2017 school year was in its final stages of completion as of the date this narrative was written. Selected pages from that audit appear elsewhere in this Annual Town School District Report. Those pages include a Management Discussion and Analysis which is designed to provide a narrative introduction and overview of the school district's financial activities for the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year. If anyone wishes to review the audit report in its entirety, they may contact me at 885-5141, x14.

The Springfield School District ended the year with a surplus of \$ 197,728 to be applied to the 2018-2019 budget.

Steven Hier
Director of Fiscal Services

ELM HILL

The Elm Hill School educates approximately 260 children in grades K-2. Our average class size is (20) students. During the 2016-17 school year, there were 13 classrooms with approximately 20 students each, 5 for kindergarten, 4 for first grade and 4 for second grade.

Spanish students from SHS visited us on Wednesday afternoons to teach our 2nd graders some Spanish. We truly enjoyed the opportunity children had to learn another language as well as the mentoring relationships this program fostered with high school students.

Our common book - the story we read in every class and each student receives a copy to take home - was *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen, a Caldecott Medal winner. Our specialists put on a performance during our early release day in January about this story of a father and daughter owling on a winter night. This book was chosen because of its relevance to first grade's science standards about patterns in the sky. We had a visit from a trav-

Springfield School District – Elm Hill (Continued)

eling planetarium, Blue Star, who brought us an in-school field trip that built off of our common book, *Owl Moon*. The planetarium held one class at a time and gave students an explanation of the night sky that they could see from their own backyards.

We were very fortunate to be recipients of a generous HOLT grant that was secured through Springfield Medical Center to provide dental cleanings and sealant, regardless of insurance status. We also partnered with the Lions Club and Pediavision for sight screenings.

On our March early release day, teachers organized an Elective Day in which students chose from over 20 activities. It was a huge success. We also had fun with grade level concerts and Art Night. We were visited by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra in April.

The Springfield Schools PTA presented our school with a gift of \$2,500 for the purchase of additional swings at Elm Hill School. We are very grateful for this generosity.

Elm Hill students continue to enjoy various fruits and vegetables five days/week as a part of the grant funded Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program managed by our school nurse.

Our families are very supportive of our school and we average between 90-91% participation in parent conferences. And, in May we held Kindergarten Registration for the class of 2030! 66 families were in attendance.

We always welcome your questions or support at Elm Hill. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 885-5154.

Dr. Christine Pereira
Elm Hill School Principal

UNION STREET SCHOOL

Union Street students have participated in a number of community activities over the past year. Students have learned a great deal about the town of Springfield and the State of Vermont.

Last year's Fifth graders worked with the staff at the new Muckross State Park developing an understanding of the natural resources and history of the land within the park. Students visited the park for two half days each month, and worked on tree identification, identifying animal tracks, and wrote a quest for the Upper Valley Quest Program.

The fourth graders studied Vermont history, and completed their study with a visit to the Calvin Coolidge Homestead. Students toured the site, visiting Coolidge's home, church, and the museum. They had a wonderful time visiting the Plymouth Cheese factory which is also part of the site.

Third graders studied Springfield, past and present. A number of community organization and businesses were invited to the school to teach students about what they do. Students also visited the fire department and other community organizations.

The Vermont Institute of Natural Science partnered with a number of Union Street teachers to enrich the science curriculum with a number of hands on projects. On January 12, 2017 Union Street students and staff had the honor of watching the release of a rehabilitated barred owl at the school.

On July 13, 2017 47 Union Street was finally demolished, improving the view of the front of the school and the neighborhood according to a number of community members. The Parent Teacher Association donated \$2,500.00 to develop a garden at the front of the school. The garden is going to be developed by

the students. Vanessa Stern is in the process of writing a grant for additional funds for the garden.

Teachers and staff at Union Street are continuing to work on improving test scores and student outcomes. Teachers have developed a new behavioral system around the concepts of Responsible, Respectful, and Ready. They have also completed training in Responsive Classroom in the hope that improved student engagement will lead to more time on task in the classroom. Teachers have also continued to work on curriculum development and are currently piloting two different math programs, to determine which program can best meet the learning needs of our students.

We would like to thank the town's people of Springfield for their support of the Springfield School District and for the opportunity to work with the children of Springfield. If you every have questions or would like to visit the school, please call and we would be happy to help.

Nancy Wiese
Principal

RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Riverside administration, teachers and staff continue to focus on our mission of high academic achievement for all students while fostering a welcoming, positive and supportive learning environment, along with teaching and learning that actively engages students.

We welcomed two new professional staff members to the Riverside Middle School community this school year. Not so new face to our district, David Bentley, joined our 6th grade team as the Special educator. He replaced Greg Smist, who worked in many roles in the Springfield School District for over 20 years. Rebecca Osborne joins the RMS staff as our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Teacher.

Riverside Middle School staff is continually looking to improve our programs for the students we serve. We try hard to continually evaluate our programming. Generally speaking, the concept of continuous improvement reflects recognition that improving the effectiveness of our schools and teaching is highly complex/challenging. It involves unexpected challenges, complications, and setbacks, as well as lengthy learning curves, among other unavoidable factors and requires sustained commitment. These ongoing improvements tend to be incremental, rather than rapidly implemented and established. For example, we saw a decline in our SBAC test scores, as did the entire state, but we truly believe that our efforts district-wide, in instruction and literacy, have us headed in the right direction and we will see these scores trending upwards. We, as a building, continue to include students in conversations about their academic growth and showing them and others that they can and will succeed. It is extremely important that our students at the middle level have a positive experience. We believe that making the transition into middle school is one of the most significant steps to insuring a successful middle school experience. This effort deserves time and attention. Hopefully this effort helps parents and students have a greater peace of mind by knowing expectations and process before beginning and providing the foundation for a successful middle school adventure.

We continue to make progress towards the implementation several important aspects of our Continuous Improvement Plan:

- A School Leadership Team, with representatives from each team that focuses on **Literacy/Instruction** and

Springfield School District – Riverside Middle School (Continued)

Behavior.

- The rebuilding of RMS programs through careful and thoughtful budgeting that will rectify our current condition of having outdated materials in classrooms.
- The creation of a standards-based grading system for reporting student progress (in process).
- Continue to enhance and improve our PBIS approach to our school community.

We continue working on our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) approach to improving our disciplinary system and climate. All members of our community are expected to act within the parameters of respect, responsibility and readiness (to learn). We feel confident that this approach has been crucial in creating a serious and positive learning environment.

It is an honor to work with the staff, students, and families that make up the Riverside Middle School community.

Steven G. Cone, *Principal*
Nathan McNaughton, *Assistant Principal*

SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

The 2016-2017 school year started off with a huge championship win by our field hockey team! The last time that we won a championship for field hockey was 30 years ago! Our other athletic teams racked up some individual and team accomplishments as well. Cross country girls were MVL champions with Paige Knight, Kyra peoples and Eva Harris receiving All-MVL honors, and Branden Bryant was All-MVL for the boys. Matt Lachapelle took third in the state for wrestling. Softball first MVL honors went to Cassidy Otis, Lina Geyer and Hannah Crosby. Cassidy also made the North-South All Star game. Coaches Andy Bladyka and Mike Langdon won their 200th career game in their 19th season as SHS Varsity softball coaches. For some of our other teams, the 2016-2017 year was a rebuilding year and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for them!

Academically the year ended with the graduation of 88 students from SHS. The class of 2017 college matriculations totaled 24 different schools. This senior class received over \$200,000.00 in scholarship awards and gave back to the community by volunteering over 4900 community service hours. This figure would have been higher but many of the students stopped submitting their hours as they had completed the graduation requirement. Meg Powers attended the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership conference. Sofia Gulick, Theo Avent, Sam Mirra, Eva Harris, Matt Veysey were all selected as representatives of SHS for Boy's and Girl's State with Sophia Gulick being elected to Girls Nation and Theo Avent being selected as a second alternative to Boys Nation. Kynzie Smith was awarded Congressman Welch's Choice for the Vermont Congressional Art Competition. In February SHS hosted 11 students from Saint Joseph in Le Havre, France for 15 days. Each year the counselors are sent nominations forms looking for the department to recognize our top juniors for their achievement and dedication to academics and community throughout their three years in high school. Some of these awards come in the form of merit-based scholarships and others are simply a recognition for the student's accomplishments while in high school. Last year, 17 of members of our junior class received this honor.

The SHS faculty participated in a variety of professional development opportunities last year ranging from the U Matter training for our nurses, counselors, social workers and SAP counselors that included providing training for a group of our students, math curriculum development facilitated by three of our instructional coaches, Elizabeth Mirra, Patty Kelly and Christine Pereira, while the rest of our high school staff did some training to help them be better informed about trauma and how it affects our students. Several of our staff members elected to participate in an additional professional development opportunity for proficiency based learning and grading. Our staff meets once a week for professional learning communities, where they are developing proficiency scales, looking at student work and collaborating to refine their teaching practices to better meet the needs of our student body. Becky Skrypeck was recognized as the SHS Teacher of the Year, an award that she was nominated for by her peers for her contributions to our school community, her creativity and dedication to making sure that all of her students succeed!

Our staff continues to work hard to provide the best possible education for all of our students and to ensure that they are prepared for post secondary life. We thank the citizens of Springfield for your continued support of our students, staff and programming.

Bindy Hathorn, *Principal*
Jade Costello, *Assistant Principal*

OCCUPATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ODP)

The Occupational Development Program (ODP) is a collaborative high school special education program operating within the Springfield High School (SHS) and following the same guidelines and mission as has been established for the broader, SHS community. As a collaborative, our students are enrolled from the following towns:

Springfield	26
Bellows Falls	0
Ludlow	0
Windsor	4
Chester	4

ODP provides classes for students whose learning needs cannot all be met using the traditional high school curriculum. We meet our students where they are by providing a range of learning opportunities that have been adapted to provide a mix of both functional and traditional academic skills. Depending upon the individual student and his/her needs at any given time, s/he may take classes that focus on more functional (life) skills, or on more traditionally designed academic classes. Regardless of the classes to which our students are assigned, we maintain a focus on helping them address the skills that are outlined in their IEPs. Our students also have multiple opportunities to participate in classes within the general curriculum at SHS and at the River Valley Technical Center. Throughout their time in ODP, we provide ongoing formative and summative assessment to ensure that we are providing an education that is relevant, accessible, and goal-oriented. Finally, our students IEPs include multi-year plans that clearly articulate the modified classes they will take in order to meet their graduations requirements.

Students in the ODP program are supported to develop independent skills. This is done through targeted classes that focus on Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) and Apartment Living

Springfield School District – ODP (Continued)

Skills. In these classes, our students learn how to plan and execute meals, to manage a household budget, basic cleaning and organization, and more. Both in their math classes, and in their Pre-Voc Classes, our students learn the fundamentals of planning and managing a budget, balancing a checkbook, and preparing for the world of work. In their culminating Junior and Senior years, our students participate in On-The-Job-Training classes (OJT) in which they are supported to develop resumes, participate in job interviews, and successfully complete targeted job placements. During these activities, their progress is monitored by faculty, by employers, and by the students themselves.

Transition planning is an integral component of the ODP program. During their senior year, and, as appropriate earlier, our students meet monthly with their transition teams to address concerns related to life after graduation. Representatives from HCRS, Lincoln Street, Voc Rehab, and other relevant agencies come together at these meetings to support each student in addressing their transition goals and to ensure a smooth transition to life after graduation. For some of our students, that means a more traditional graduation timeline around their 18th birthday, while for others their time with us is extended; that team decision is with a tight-knit group looking at the individualized needs of each student.

In order to earn a diploma through the ODP program, a student must complete the following credits:

- Communications (4)
- Pre-Vocational Skills (3)
- Vocational Life Skills (4)
(Can include technical center courses, ODP Home Maintenance, ODP Social Skills, etc.)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (1)
- Basic Shop (½)
- On-The-Job- Training, (1)
- Physical Education (1 ½)
- Health (½)

Visits and tours of ODP are available and encouraged throughout the school year. Please call 885-7906 for more information or for a tour of our program.

Dana Gordon-Macey

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Springfield School District is committed to meeting the needs of all children and youth from the ages of three through twenty-one, or graduation from high school. There is a continuum of services designed to meet the needs of students who are experiencing difficulties making progress in the curriculum. Some students require short term interventions; for others modified curricula, or accommodations meet their needs, and some require specialized instruction designed to meet their individual needs in order to experience success in school. Students who require support services are identified by various means, including “child find” activities which are mandated by federal law, and referrals from parents, teachers, human service agencies and the medical community. Generally, support services fall into one of three broad categories: support services offered under Vermont’s Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), provision of modifications and accommodations in the regular curriculum and school environment, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Special Education services.

Support services - Vermont’s Multi-tiered systems of supports (MTSS)

Schools are committed to helping all children succeed. They have many ways to help children learn and to ensure those who need additional supports are successful. The Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) is one way schools provide those supports. MTSS is a multi-step process of providing instruction and support to promote the academic and behavioral success of all children. Individual children’s progress is monitored and results are used to make decisions about further instruction and intervention.

Modifications and accommodations - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (504 Plan)

Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act guarantees that people with disabilities will not be discriminated against due to those disabilities in their access to their education. Students protected under Section 504 have been identified as having a disability that has a substantial impact on a major life function such as: caring for one’s self, breathing, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, or learning. A 504 Plan is developed to describe the modifications and/or accommodations that are to be provided to the student who meets the criteria to assure access to the general curriculum.

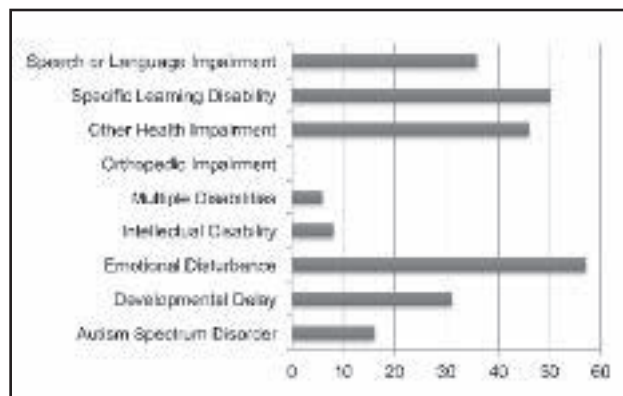
Special Education Services – Individual Education Plans (IEP)

Criteria for eligibility for special education services are defined by state regulations as defined by the federal legislation – Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA). These children have been identified as: a) having a disability b) that adversely effects their education and c) requires specially designed instruction not available in the regular education curriculum.

The Special Education Department works closely with the rest of the district to improve outcomes for our students. The following graphs illustrate the data taken from both the Docusped program used by the district for record keeping and information reported to the Agency of Education on students with disabilities served by our district.

The first chart shows the distribution of students in disabilities for the Child Count turned in Dec. 1 of 2016. Please note that at the time of writing this report, the numbers for the present year have not been calculated, thus the year delay.

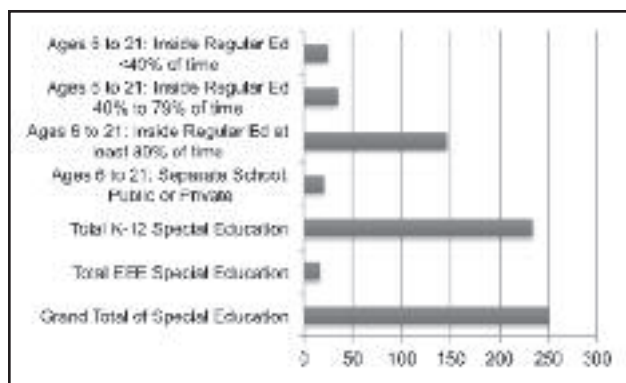
For 2016, the overall number of students receiving Special Education Services, ages 3-21 was 250.



Springfield School District – Student Support Services (Continued)

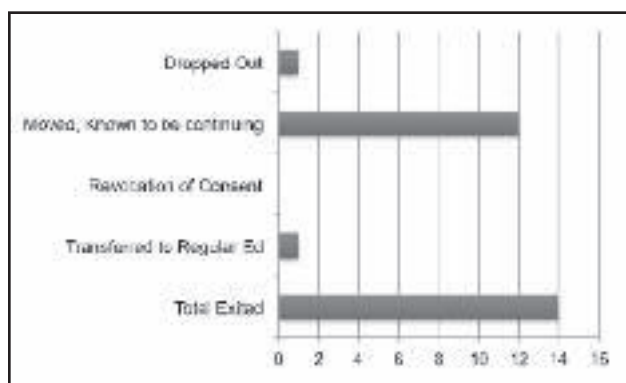
The overall number has been relatively stable. In 2015, it was 237 and in 2014, it was 231. Subsequently, the break-down by category has been relatively stable as well the last three years. A closer examination for 2016 reveals an increase in the category of Emotional Disturbance, which has an increase of 11 students identified in this area.

The next chart shows the various placement options where students are receiving the majority of their education. The target placement for the K-12 population is the Regular Education Classroom 80% or more of the time. Please note that EEE is for children ages 3-5. This program is a voluntary program.



This final chart shows the reasons for students exiting special education.

We continue to work on increasing the number of students who have successfully transferred to Regular Education. This is what the teachers and other staff working in Special Education hope to see, because it means that the skills and methods that they are teaching the children are working and providing them with the tools they need to be successful in the mainstream class with their non-disabled peers.



Kelly Ryan
Director of Special Services



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January 29, 2018

Board of Directors
Springfield Town School District
Springfield, Vermont

We were engaged by the Springfield Town School District, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Springfield Town School District, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017. The statements and notes have been excerpted from the 2017 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2017

(UNAUDITED)

The following management's discussion and analysis of the Springfield Town School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the School District's financial statements.

Financial Statement Overview

The School District's basic financial statements include the following components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also includes required supplementary information which consists of the general fund budgetary comparison schedule and pension information, and other supplementary information which includes combining and other schedules.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include financial information in two differing views: the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. These basic financial statements also include the notes to financial statements that explain in more detail certain information in the financial statements and also provide the user with the accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad view of the School District's operations in a manner that is similar to private businesses. These statements provide both short-term as well as long-term information in regards to the School District's financial position. These financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. This measurement focus takes into account all revenues and expenses associated with the fiscal year regardless of when cash is received or paid. The government-wide financial statements include the following two statements:

The Statement of Net Position – this statement presents all of the government's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference being reported as net position.

The Statement of Activities – this statement presents information that shows how the government's net position changed during the period. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Both of the above mentioned financial statements have separate columns for the two different types of School District activities. The types of activities presented for the School District are:

- *Governmental activities* – The activities in this section are mostly supported by intergovernmental revenues (federal and state grants) and charges for services. Most of the School District's basic services are reported in governmental activities, which direct services, support services, fiscal services, building operations and maintenance, transportation, and program expenses.
- *Business-type activities* – These activities are normally intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and/or charges to external users for goods and/or services. These activities for the School District include the Food Service Program, Occupational Development programs, LEAP and Summer Daze Programs and Summer School Program.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School District, like other local governments uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial related legal requirements. All of the funds of the School District can be classified into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds: All of the basic services provided by the School District are financed through governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported in governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources. They also focus on the balance of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information will be useful in evaluating the government's near-term financing requirements. This approach is known as the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this approach, revenues are recorded when cash is received or when susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when liabilities are incurred and due. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's finances to assist in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the School District.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the

long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. These reconciliations are presented on the page immediately following each governmental fund financial statement.

The School District presents three columns in the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. The School District's two major funds are the general fund and the capital projects fund. All other funds are shown as nonmajor and are combined in the "Other Governmental Funds" column on these statements.

The general fund is the only fund for which the School District legally adopted a budget. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund provides a comparison of the original and final budget and the actual expenditures for the current year.

Proprietary Funds: The School District maintains four proprietary funds, the food service program, occupational development programs, LEAP and Summer Daze programs and summer school program. These funds are used to show activities that operate more like those of commercial enterprises. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. Like the government-wide financial statements, proprietary fund financial statements use the accrual basis of accounting. No reconciliation is needed between the government-wide financial statements for business-type activities and the proprietary fund financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds: These funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the School District. These funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the School District's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds are much like that of proprietary funds. They use the accrual basis of accounting.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Government-Wide and the Fund Financial Statements. The Notes to Financial Statements can be found following the Statement of Changes in Net Position – Fiduciary Funds.

Required Supplementary Information

The basic financial statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information, which includes a Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund, a Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, a Schedule of Contributions and Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

Other Supplementary Information

Other supplementary information follows the required supplementary information. These combining and other schedules provide information in regards to nonmajor funds, capital asset activity and other detailed budgetary information for the general fund.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Our analysis below focuses on the net position, and changes in net position of the School District's governmental and business-type activities. The School District's total net position for governmental activities increased by \$693,872 from \$14,530,900 to \$15,224,772. The School District's total net position for business-type activities increased by \$55,059 from \$478,367 to \$533,426.

Unrestricted net position - the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements - increased for governmental activities to a balance of \$170,507 at the end of this year. Unrestricted net position for business-type activities decreased to a balance of \$265,700.

Table 1
Springfield Town School District
Net Position
June 30,

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	2017	2016 (Restated)	2017	2016
Assets:				
Current Assets	\$ 3,593,262	\$ 3,323,314	\$ 562,795	\$ 499,454
Capital Assets	30,037,057	30,508,316	12,944	25,820
Total Assets	<u>\$ 33,630,319</u>	<u>\$ 33,831,630</u>	<u>\$ 575,739</u>	<u>\$ 525,274</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:				
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	\$ 1,239,540	\$ 725,063	\$ -	\$ -
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 1,239,540</u>	<u>\$ 725,063</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Liabilities:				
Current Liabilities	\$ 2,070,951	\$ 551,046	\$ 34,654	\$ 41,116
Long-term Debt Outstanding	17,498,358	19,282,993	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 19,569,309</u>	<u>\$ 19,834,039</u>	<u>\$ 34,654</u>	<u>\$ 41,116</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Deferred Revenues	\$ 46,874	\$ 153,086	\$ 7,659	\$ 5,791
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	28,904	38,668	-	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 75,778</u>	<u>\$ 191,754</u>	<u>\$ 7,659</u>	<u>\$ 5,791</u>
Net Position:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 13,382,057	\$ 12,568,316	\$ 12,944	\$ 25,820
Restricted	1,672,208	2,686,244	254,782	-
Unrestricted	170,507	(723,660)	265,700	452,547
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 15,224,772</u>	<u>\$ 14,530,900</u>	<u>\$ 533,426</u>	<u>\$ 478,367</u>

Revenues and Expenses

Revenues for the Springfield Town School District's governmental activities decreased by 2.19%, while total expenses decreased by 2.12%. The decrease in revenues was due decreases in all categories except operating grants and contributions. The decrease in expenses was due to decreases in direct services, student services, general administrative services, area administrative services, fiscal services, building operations and maintenance, and interest on long-term debt offset by increases in instructional staff services, on-behalf payments, transportation and program expenses.

Revenues and for the business-type activities decreased by 23.54% while total expenses decreased by 27.91%.

Table 2
Springfield Town School District
Changes in Net Position
For the Years Ended June 30,

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 617,549	\$ 651,666	\$ 506,135	\$ 2,267,791
Operating grants and contributions	3,898,163	3,851,685	1,214,797	-
General Revenues:				
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	26,968,293	27,355,504	-	-
Miscellaneous	393,299	731,995	13,005	-
Total Revenues	31,877,304	32,590,850	1,733,937	2,267,791
Expenses				
Direct services	15,137,767	17,670,897	-	-
Support services:				
Student services	2,547,033	2,996,662	-	-
Instructional staff services	3,015,172	1,390,622	-	-
General administrative services	383,309	431,999	-	-
Area administrative services	1,572,184	1,651,760	-	-
Fiscal services	463,313	493,951	-	-
Building operations and maintenance	2,818,392	3,014,145	-	-
Transportation	1,101,084	851,817	-	-
On-behalf payments	2,856,789	2,564,723	-	-
Program expenses	497,041	-	1,683,878	2,335,824
Interest on long-term debt	786,348	787,444	-	-
Total Expenses	31,178,432	31,854,020	1,683,878	2,335,824
Transfers	(5,000)	(5,000)	5,000	5,000
Change in Net Position	693,872	731,830	55,059	(63,033)
Net Position - July 1, Restated	14,530,900	13,731,561	478,367	564,166
Net Position - June 30	\$ 15,224,772	\$ 14,530,900	\$ 533,426	\$ 478,367

Financial Analysis of the School District's Fund Statements

Governmental funds: The financial reporting focus of the School District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information may be useful in assessing the School District's financial requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's financial position at the end of the year, and the net resources available for spending.

Table 3
Springfield Town School District
Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
June 30,

	2017	2016
Major Funds:		
General Fund:		
Assigned	\$ 1,220,846	\$ 1,023,118
Total General Fund	\$ 1,220,846	\$ 1,023,118
Capital Projects Fund:		
Restricted	\$ 1,127,358	\$ 1,195,345
Total Capital Projects Fund	\$ 1,127,358	\$ 1,195,345
Nonmajor Funds:		
Special Revenue Funds:		
Restricted	\$ 488,850	\$ 442,160
Assigned	55,470	-
Unassigned	(3,842)	(652)
Permanent Funds:		
Nonspendable	55,585	55,585
Restricted	415	385
Unassigned	(6,681)	(7,583)
Total Nonmajor Funds	\$ 589,797	\$ 489,895

The general fund total fund balance increased by \$197,728 from the prior fiscal year. This represents the operating surplus from the 2017 fiscal year budget. The capital projects fund total fund balance decreased by \$67,987 from the prior fiscal year due to the completion of a number of capital projects. The nonmajor funds total fund balance increased by \$99,902 from the prior fiscal year.

Proprietary funds: The School District's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

The food service program had a change in net position of (\$6,628) for the year ended June 30, 2017. The occupational development programs had a change in net position of \$79,039 for the year ended June 30, 2017. The LEAP & Summer Daze programs had a change in net position of (\$13,593) for the year ended June 30, 2017. The summer school program had a change in net position of (\$3,759) for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Budgetary Highlights

The general fund produced a surplus of \$197,728 for the year ended June 30, 2017. Actual revenues exceeded actual expenditures by that amount. Actual costs for salaries and benefits and utilities that were less than budgeted costs were major reasons for this surplus.

Capital Asset and Long-Term Debt Activity

Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2017, the School District capital assets decreased by \$484,135. This increase was due to current year additions of \$679,147 less depreciation expense of \$1,163,282. Refer to Note 3 of Notes to Financial Statements for detailed information.

Table 4
Springfield Town School District
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)
June 30,

	2017	2016
Buildings, building improvements and land improvements	\$ 29,706,273	\$ 30,137,835
Furniture and equipment	343,728	396,301
Total	<u>\$ 30,050,001</u>	<u>\$ 30,534,136</u>

Debt

At June 30, 2017, the School District had \$16,655,000 in a bond payable versus \$17,940,000 in the prior fiscal year. This is the K-5 Consolidation Bond. Other obligations include accrued compensated absences, termination benefits and net pension liability. Refer to Note 4 of the Notes to Financial Statements for detailed information.

Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions

As with many other Vermont schools, the School District has been experiencing a decline in student enrollment. From fiscal year 1992 to fiscal year 2017, K-12 enrollment declined from 1,947 to 1,240, approximately 36.3%. Currently Springfield is mirroring the Vermont trend by experiencing an average drop in enrollment of 1% per year. Under Vermont's education funding system, increases or decreases in enrollment directly affect state revenue for school operations.

The School District passed a bond issue for \$32.8 million in November 2006 to consolidate, upgrade and repair its three elementary schools. Elm Hill and Union Street Schools were renovated and expanded as Phase One of that project. During Phase Two both buildings were further expanded and Park Street was closed as an elementary school. As of fiscal year 2011 the project was considered complete with the reopening of the two schools. Punch list items were completed in fiscal year 2012. There is a balance of \$201,271 in the project at the end of fiscal year 2017.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

A flat or declining trend in the fair market value of property and revenue shortfalls at the State level have and will continue to drive up school tax rates not just in Springfield but in most if not all Vermont towns. These pressures have resulted in very tight budgets the past six years. That trend may continue over the next few years at least.

The State of Vermont used over \$30 million in one-time surplus funds to balance the state Education Fund for the 2018 fiscal year. That will likely cause school property tax rates to increase in fiscal year 2019 when those funds are no longer available.

Health insurance plans for all Vermont school districts changed as of January 1, 2018. The State of Vermont will be "recapturing" from school districts the amount of savings the State estimates based on the school district's previous health insurance costs and a baseline cost-sharing arrangement established by the State. For Springfield that will mean a "recapture" of \$143,926 in fiscal year 2018 and \$77,498 in fiscal year 2019.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Steven Hier, Business Manager, at 885-5133, shier@ssdvt.org, or at 60 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156.

SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business - type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
Direct services	\$ 15,137,767	\$ 617,549	\$ 820,472	\$ -	\$ (13,699,746)	\$ -	\$ (13,699,746)
Support services:							
Student services	2,547,033	-	-	-	(2,547,033)	-	(2,547,033)
Instructional staff services	3,015,172	-	-	-	(3,015,172)	-	(3,015,172)
General administrative services	383,309	-	-	-	(383,309)	-	(383,309)
Area administrative services	1,572,184	-	-	-	(1,572,184)	-	(1,572,184)
Fiscal services	463,313	-	-	-	(463,313)	-	(463,313)
Building operations and maintenance	2,818,392	-	-	-	(2,818,392)	-	(2,818,392)
Transportation	1,101,084	-	220,902	-	(880,182)	-	(880,182)
Program expenses	497,041	-	-	-	(497,041)	-	(497,041)
On-behalf payments	2,856,789	-	2,856,789	-	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	786,348	-	-	-	(786,348)	-	(786,348)
Total governmental activities	31,178,432	617,549	3,898,163	-	(26,662,720)	-	(26,662,720)
Business-type activities:							
Food service	572,585	160,273	398,782	-	-	(13,530)	(13,530)
Occupational Development Programs	687,803	-	766,542	-	-	78,739	78,739
LEAP & Summer Daze	419,731	345,862	49,473	-	-	(24,396)	(24,396)
Summer School	3,759	-	-	-	-	(3,759)	(3,759)
Total business-type activities	1,683,878	506,135	1,214,797	-	-	37,054	37,054
Total government	\$ 32,862,310	\$ 1,123,684	\$ 5,112,960	\$ -	(26,662,720)	37,054	(26,625,666)

STATEMENT A

SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017

ASSETS	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,584,716	\$ 430,839	\$ 3,015,555
Investments	574,465	-	574,465
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	144,253	52,682	196,935
Due from other governments	265,428	330,301	330,301
Deposits receivable	24,400	-	24,400
Inventory	-	14,401	14,401
Total current assets	3,593,262	562,795	4,156,057
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Buildings, building improvements and other assets, net of accumulated depreciation	30,037,057	12,944	30,050,001
Total noncurrent assets	30,037,057	12,944	30,050,001
TOTAL ASSETS	33,630,319	575,739	34,206,058
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,239,540	-	1,239,540
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,239,540	-	1,239,540
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 34,869,859	\$ 575,739	\$ 35,445,598
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 394,660	\$ 32,911	\$ 427,571
Accrued payroll	18,806	1,743	20,549
Accrued interest payable	116,398	-	116,398
Accrued expenses	194,921	-	194,921
Current portion of long-term obligations	1,346,166	-	1,346,166
Total current liabilities	2,070,951	34,654	2,105,605
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:			
Bonds payable	15,370,000	-	15,370,000
Accrued compensated absences	113,738	-	113,738
Termination benefits	48,330	-	48,330
Net pension liability	1,966,290	-	1,966,290
Total noncurrent liabilities	17,498,358	-	17,498,358
TOTAL LIABILITIES	19,569,309	34,654	19,603,963
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred revenue	46,874	7,659	54,533
Deferred inflows related to pensions	28,904	-	28,904
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	75,778	7,659	83,437
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	13,382,057	12,944	13,395,001
Restricted	1,672,208	254,782	1,926,990
Unrestricted	170,507	265,700	436,207
TOTAL NET POSITION	15,224,772	533,426	15,758,198
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	\$ 34,869,859	\$ 575,739	\$ 35,445,598

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STATEMENT B (CONTINUED)
 SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Changes in net position:			
Net (expense) revenue	(26,662,720)	37,054	(26,625,666)
General revenues:			
Grants and contributions not restricted			
to specific programs	26,968,293	-	26,968,293
Miscellaneous	393,299	13,005	406,304
Transfers	(5,000)	5,000	-
Total general revenues and transfers	27,356,592	18,005	27,374,597
Change in net position	693,872	55,059	748,931
NET POSITION - JULY 1, RESTATED	14,530,900	478,367	15,009,267
NET POSITION - JUNE 30	\$ 15,224,772	\$ 533,426	\$ 15,758,198

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STATEMENT C

SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,569,179	\$ 642,766	\$ 372,771	\$ 2,584,716
Investments	-	484,592	89,873	574,465
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	14,415	-	129,838	144,253
Due from other governments	265,428	-	-	265,428
Deposit receivable	24,400	-	-	24,400
Due from other funds	-	-	103,134	103,134
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,873,422	\$ 1,127,358	\$ 695,616	\$ 3,696,396
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 394,525	\$ -	\$ 135	\$ 394,660
Accrued payroll	16,256	-	2,550	18,806
Accrued expenses	194,921	-	-	194,921
Due to other funds	-	-	103,134	103,134
TOTAL LIABILITIES	605,702	-	105,819	711,521
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred revenue	46,874	-	-	46,874
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	46,874	-	-	46,874
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	55,585	55,585
Restricted	-	1,127,358	489,265	1,616,623
Committed	-	-	-	-
Assigned	1,220,846	-	55,470	1,276,316
Unassigned	-	-	(10,523)	(10,523)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,220,846	1,127,358	589,797	2,938,001
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,873,422	\$ 1,127,358	\$ 695,616	\$ 3,696,396

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STATEMENT D

SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017

	Total Governmental Funds
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,938,001
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation	30,037,057
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	1,239,540
Long-term liabilities shown below are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds shown above:	
Accrued interest payable	(116,398)
Bonds payable	(16,655,000)
Accrued compensated absences	(113,738)
Termination benefits	(109,496)
Net pension liability	(1,966,290)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	(28,904)
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 15,224,772</u>

STATEMENT E

SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 26,706,384	\$ 42,600	\$ 2,328,200	\$ 29,077,184
Tuition	617,549	-	1,007	618,556
Interest income	8,239	1,306	-	9,545
Miscellaneous revenues	339,119	50	44,585	383,754
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>27,671,291</u>	<u>43,956</u>	<u>2,373,792</u>	<u>30,089,039</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Direct services	14,029,639	-	-	14,029,639
Support services:				
Student services	2,466,485	-	-	2,466,485
Instructional staff services	691,172	-	2,273,890	2,965,062
General administrative services	383,309	-	-	383,309
Area administrative services	1,524,252	-	-	1,524,252
Fiscal services	463,313	-	-	463,313
Operations and maintenance	2,677,713	4,900	-	2,682,613
Transportation	1,100,228	-	-	1,100,228
On-behalf payments	1,068,524	-	-	1,068,524
Program expenses	497,041	-	-	497,041
Debt service:				
Principal	1,285,000	-	-	1,285,000
Interest	732,287	-	-	732,287
Capital outlay	-	656,643	-	656,643
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>26,918,963</u>	<u>661,543</u>	<u>2,273,890</u>	<u>29,854,396</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>752,328</u>	<u>(617,587)</u>	<u>99,902</u>	<u>234,643</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	549,600	820,052	1,369,652
Transfers (out)	(554,600)	-	(820,052)	(1,374,652)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(554,600)</u>	<u>549,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	197,728	(67,987)	99,902	229,643
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED	1,023,118	1,195,345	489,895	2,708,358
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 1,220,846</u>	<u>\$ 1,127,358</u>	<u>\$ 589,797</u>	<u>\$ 2,938,001</u>

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	Business-type Activities				
	Enterprise Funds				
	Food Service	Occupational Dev Programs	LEAP & Summer Daze	Summer School	Totals
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 179,130	\$ 147,117	\$ 86,978	\$ 17,614	\$ 430,839
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	52,682	-	-	-	52,682
Due from other governments	31,384	-	33,489	-	64,873
Inventory	14,401	-	-	-	14,401
Due from other funds	-	-	202,100	-	202,100
Total current assets	<u>277,597</u>	<u>147,117</u>	<u>322,567</u>	<u>17,614</u>	<u>764,895</u>
Noncurrent assets:					
Capital assets:					
Furniture and equipment	344,406	-	-	-	344,406
Less: accumulated depreciation	(331,462)	-	-	-	(331,462)
Total noncurrent assets	<u>12,944</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,944</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 290,541</u>	<u>\$ 147,117</u>	<u>\$ 322,567</u>	<u>\$ 17,614</u>	<u>\$ 777,839</u>
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 24,500	\$ 36	\$ 8,375	\$ -	\$ 32,911
Accrued payroll	-	1,743	-	-	1,743
Due to other funds	202,100	-	-	-	202,100
Total current liabilities	<u>226,600</u>	<u>1,779</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,754</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>226,600</u>	<u>1,779</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,754</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred revenue	7,659	-	-	-	7,659
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>7,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,659</u>
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	12,944	-	-	-	12,944
Restricted	52,682	-	202,100	-	254,782
Unrestricted	(9,344)	145,338	112,092	17,614	265,700
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>56,282</u>	<u>145,338</u>	<u>314,192</u>	<u>17,614</u>	<u>533,426</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 290,541</u>	<u>\$ 147,117</u>	<u>\$ 322,567</u>	<u>\$ 17,614</u>	<u>\$ 777,839</u>

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STATEMENT F

SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement D) \$ 229,643

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities
(Statement B) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities
report depreciation expense allocated to those expenditures over the life of the assets:

Capital asset acquisitions	679,147
Depreciation expense	(1,150,406)
	<u>(471,259)</u>

Deferred outflows of resources are a consumption of net position by the
government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are
not reported in the funds

514,477

Repayment of long-term debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental
funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of
Net Position

1,285,000

Deferred inflows of resources are an acquisition of net position by the
government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are
not reported in the funds

9,764

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use
of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in
governmental funds:

Accrued interest payable	(54,061)
Accrued compensated absences	(24,562)
Termination benefits	6,510
Net pension liability	(801,640)
	<u>(873,753)</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B) \$ 693,872

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SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT H

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Business-type Activities				Totals
	Enterprise Funds				
	Food Service	Occupational Dev Programs	LEAP & Summer Daze	Summer School	
OPERATING REVENUES					
Intergovernmental	\$ 398,782	\$ 766,542	\$ 49,473	\$ -	\$ 1,214,797
Charges for services	160,273	-	345,862	-	506,135
Miscellaneous	1,785	300	10,803	-	12,888
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	560,840	766,842	406,138	-	1,733,820
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries	-	469,075	261,052	3,500	733,627
Benefits	-	186,406	53,125	259	239,790
Contract services	264,014	5,300	9,500	-	278,814
Repairs and maintenance	1,313	-	1,601	-	2,914
Supplies and food	246,640	2,189	38,928	-	287,757
Travel	-	1,922	16,596	-	18,518
Rentals	-	20,460	-	-	20,460
Utilities	-	915	1,004	-	1,919
Equipment & maintenance	2,012	1,536	28,703	-	32,251
Depreciation	12,876	-	-	-	12,876
Other	45,730	-	9,222	-	54,952
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	572,585	687,803	419,731	3,759	1,683,878
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(11,745)	79,039	(13,593)	(3,759)	49,942
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Interest Income	117	-	-	-	117
Transfers in	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	5,117	-	-	-	5,117
CHANGES IN NET POSITION	(6,628)	79,039	(13,593)	(3,759)	55,059
NET POSITION - JULY 1	62,910	66,299	327,785	21,373	478,367
NET POSITION - JUNE 30	\$ 56,282	\$ 145,338	\$ 314,192	\$ 17,614	\$ 533,426

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SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT I

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Business-type Activities				Totals
	Enterprise Funds				
	Food Service	Occupational Dev Programs	LEAP & Summer Daze	Summer School	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Receipts from customers	\$ 179,253	\$ 300	\$ 356,665	\$ -	\$ 536,218
Intergovernmental receipts	454,713	766,542	81,213	-	1,302,468
Internal activity - receipts (payments) from/to other funds	75,630	-	(75,630)	-	-
Payments to suppliers	(554,834)	(686,024)	(420,687)	(3,759)	(1,665,304)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	154,762	80,818	(58,439)	(3,759)	173,382
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Interest income	117	-	-	-	117
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	117	-	-	-	117
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Transfers in (out)	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	159,879	80,818	(58,439)	(3,759)	178,499
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JULY 1	19,251	66,299	145,417	21,373	252,340
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JUNE 30	\$ 179,130	\$ 147,117	\$ 86,978	\$ 17,614	\$ 430,839
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Operating income (loss)	\$ (11,745)	\$ 79,039	\$ (13,593)	\$ (3,759)	\$ 49,942
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:					
Depreciation expense	12,876	-	-	-	12,876
Changes in operating assets, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:					
(Increase) decrease in due accounts receivable	15,327	-	-	-	15,327
(Increase) decrease in due from other governments	55,931	-	31,740	-	87,671
(Increase) decrease in inventory	4,925	-	-	-	4,925
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	-	-	(75,630)	-	(75,630)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(50)	36	(956)	-	(970)
(Decrease) increase in accrued payroll	-	1,743	-	-	1,743
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenue	1,868	-	-	-	1,868
(Decrease) increase in due to other funds	75,630	-	-	-	75,630
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 154,762	\$ 80,818	\$ (58,439)	\$ (3,759)	\$ 173,382

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SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	Private-Purpose Funds						Agency Funds
	Young Family Scholarship	Brooks Scholarship Fund	Kedroff Memorial Scholarship	Wood Scholarship Fund	LaFountain Scholarship Fund	Cass Scholarship Fund	Student Activities
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 17,831	\$ 5,253	\$ 4,342	\$ 13,128	\$ 1,680	\$ 91,849
Investments	-	44,241	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 62,072</u>	<u>\$ 5,253</u>	<u>\$ 4,342</u>	<u>\$ 13,128</u>	<u>\$ 1,680</u>	<u>\$ 91,849</u>
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
NET POSITION							
Restricted - held in trust	\$ -	\$ 62,072	\$ 5,253	\$ 4,342	\$ 13,128	\$ 1,680	\$ 91,849
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 62,072</u>	<u>\$ 5,253</u>	<u>\$ 4,342</u>	<u>\$ 13,128</u>	<u>\$ 1,680</u>	<u>\$ 91,849</u>

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SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION – FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Private-Purpose Funds					
	Young Family Scholarship	Brooks Scholarship Fund	Kedroff Memorial Scholarship	Wood Scholarship Fund	LaFountain Scholarship Fund	Cass Scholarship Fund
ADDITIONS						
Contributions						
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 840
Total contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>840</u>
Investment earnings:						
Income earned	-	191	-	16	41	-
Total additions	<u>-</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>840</u>
DEDUCTIONS						
Scholarship awards	2,000	1,000	500	1,000	500	-
Total deductions	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(2,000)	(809)	(500)	(984)	(459)	840
NET POSITION - JULY 1	2,000	62,881	5,753	5,326	13,587	840
NET POSITION - JUNE 30	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 62,072</u>	<u>\$ 5,253</u>	<u>\$ 4,342</u>	<u>\$ 13,128</u>	<u>\$ 1,680</u>

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SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The School District operates under the authority of the Vermont education laws. The School District provides services to the Town of Springfield.

The School District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

The School District's combined financial statements include all accounts and all operations of the School District. We have determined that the School District has no component units as described in GASB Statement No. 14 and amended by GASB Statements No. 39 and No. 61.

Implementation of New Accounting Standards

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the following statements of financial accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board became effective:

Statement No. 73, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68". The objective of the Statement is to improve financial reporting by instituting a single framework for the presentation of information about pensions, thereby expanding the comparability of pension-related information reported by state and local governments. Management has determined that this Statement is not applicable.

Statement No. 74, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans". The objective of the Statement is to improve the disclosure of information about benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB) included in financial statements of state and local governments. This Statement will improve financial reporting through enhanced note disclosures and schedules of required supplementary information that will be presented by OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet specified criteria. Management has determined the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

Statement No. 77, "Tax Abatement Disclosures". The objective of the Statement is to improve disclosure of information about the nature and magnitude of tax abatements, making these transactions more transparent to financial statement users. As such, users will be better equipped to understand (1) how tax abatements affect a

SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

government's future ability to raise resources and meet its financial obligations and (2) the impact those abatements have on a government's financial position and economic condition. Management has determined that this Statement is not applicable.

Statement No. 80, "Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units". The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The additional criterion does not apply to component units included in the financial reporting entity pursuant to the provisions of Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units. Management has determined the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

Statement No. 81, "Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements". The objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. Split-interest agreements are a type of giving agreement used by donors to provide resources to two or more beneficiaries, including governments. Split-interest agreements can be created through trusts or other legally enforceable agreements with characteristics that are equivalent to split-interest agreements in which a donor transfers resources to an intermediary to hold and administer for the benefit of a government and at least one other beneficiary. Examples of these types of agreements include charitable lead trusts, charitable remainder trusts, and life-interests in real estate. As such, this Statement requires that a government that receives resources pursuant to an irrevocable split-interest agreement recognize assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at the inception of the agreement. Management has determined the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

Statement No. 82, "Pension Issues". The objective of this Statement is to address certain issues that have been raised with respect to Statements No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, and No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68. Specifically, this Statement addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. Management has determined the impact of this Statement is not material to the financial statements.

SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The School District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the School District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the School District's major funds).

Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as governmental or business-type. The School District's food service program, occupational development programs, LEAP and Summer Daze programs and summer school programs are categorized as business-type activities. All other activities of the School District are categorized as governmental.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns are (a) presented on a consolidated basis by column, and (b) are reported on a full accrual, economic resources basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The School District's net position is reported in three parts – net investment in capital assets; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. The School District first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the School District's functions (instruction, administration, etc.). The functions are also supported by general government revenues (certain intergovernmental revenues, charges for services, miscellaneous revenues, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function or a business-type activity. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants. For the most part, the interfund activity has been eliminated from these government-wide financial statements.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (assessments, certain intergovernmental revenues and interest income, etc.).

The School District does not allocate indirect costs. All costs are charged directly to the corresponding departments.

The government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the School District as an entity and the change in the School District's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement Focus - Basic Financial Statements & Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the School District are reported in the individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund balances, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements. The following fund types are used by the School District:

1. Governmental Funds:

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the School District:

Major Funds

- The General Fund is the general operating fund of the School District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Nonmajor Funds

- Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.
- Permanent Funds are used to account for assets held by the School District that are legally restricted and unless otherwise specified, only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that benefit the School District or its citizenry.

2. Proprietary Funds

The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

sector. Operating revenues include charges for services, intergovernmental reimbursements and other miscellaneous fees which are a direct result of the proprietary activity. Non-operating revenues are any revenues which are generated outside of the general proprietary activity, i.e. interest income. The following is a description of the proprietary funds of the School District:

- a. Enterprise Funds are required to be used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity (a) is financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of net revenues, (b) has third party requirements that the cost of providing services, including capital costs, be recovered with fees and charges or (c) established fees and charges based on a pricing policy designed to recover similar costs.

3. Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support the School District's programs. The reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and is reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds. Component units that are fiduciary in nature have been excluded from these financial statements.

The School District's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type (private-purpose and agency). Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide financial statements.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in the governmental activity category. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB Statement No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenses of either the fund category or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The nonmajor funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

2. Modified Accrual

The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

Budget

The School District's policy is to adopt an annual budget for operations. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 24, *Accounting and Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance*, payments made by the State of Vermont to the Vermont State Retirement System for teachers and certain other school employees are reported as offsetting revenues and expenditures of the general fund.

Revenues per budgetary basis	\$ 26,602,767
Add: On-behalf payments	1,068,524
Total GAAP basis	<u>\$ 27,671,291</u>
Expenditures per budgetary basis	\$ 26,405,039
Add: On-behalf basis	1,068,524
Total GAAP basis	<u>\$ 27,473,563</u>

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The following procedures are followed in establishing budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The School District board approves a preliminary budget by early January for the following fiscal year beginning July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. The preliminary budget is shared with the Town.
3. The school budgets are approved by the residents of the Town.

Deposits and Investments

The School District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

It is the School District's policy to value investments at fair value. None of the School District's investments are reported at amortized cost. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased are considered to be a cash equivalent. The School District Treasurer is authorized by State Statutes to invest all excess funds in the following:

- Obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities.
- Certificates of deposits and other evidences of deposits at banks, savings and loan associations, and credit School Districts.
- Repurchase agreements
- Money market mutual funds

The Springfield Town School District has no formal investment policy but instead follows the State of Vermont Statutes.

Receivables

Receivables include amounts due from governmental agencies and local businesses. All receivables are current and therefore due within one year. Receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts and revenues net of uncollectibles. Allowances are reported when accounts are proven to be uncollectible. Allowances for uncollectible accounts netted with accounts receivable were \$527,236 for the year ended June 30, 2017. The allowance for uncollectible accounts is estimated to be \$0 as of June 30, 2017.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Inventories

Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption and are valued at cost which approximates market, using the first-in-first-out (FIFO) method. The costs of inventories are recorded as expenditures when used (consumption method). Inventory of the food service fund consists of supplies and food.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds". While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the governmental-wide financial statements. Any residual balances outstanding between governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the governmental-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

Transactions Between Funds

Legally authorized transfers are treated as interfund transfers and are included in the results of operations of both Governmental and Proprietary Funds.

Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives.

The assets are valued at historical cost when available and estimated historical cost where actual invoices or budgetary data was unavailable. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. All retirements have been recorded by eliminating the net carrying values.

Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	20 - 50 years
Machinery and equipment	3 - 50 years
Vehicles	3 - 25 years

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JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Long-term Obligations

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources is reported as liabilities in government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of a bond payable, accrued compensated absences, termination benefits and net pension liability.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest reported as expenditures. The accounting for the proprietary funds is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS) and the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) Plans and additions to/deductions from the VSTRS and VMERS Plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the VSTRS and VMERS Plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Unrestricted net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or restricted net position.

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JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Balance

In the fund financial statements, fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in the funds can be spent. Fund balance is reported in five components – nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Nonspendable – This includes amounts that cannot be spent either because they are not in spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – This includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed – This includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the inhabitants of the School District. The inhabitants of the School District through School Board meetings are the highest level of decision-making authority of the School District. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through a School District meeting vote.

Assigned – This includes amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. The authority for assigning fund balance is expressed by the School Board.

Unassigned – This includes all other spendable amounts. The general fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. Other governmental funds besides the general fund can only report a negative unassigned fund balance amount.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, the School District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the School District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the School Board meeting vote has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

The School District has adopted a set of financial policies to guide the financial operation of the School District. Included in the policies are guidelines for accumulating

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

and maintaining an operating position in certain budgeted governmental funds such that annual expenditures shall not exceed annual resources, including fund balances. Other funds shall be fully self-supporting to the extent that the fund balance or retained earnings of each fund shall be zero or greater.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position and/or balance sheet will at times report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School District currently has one type of item, deferred outflows related to pensions. This item is reported in the statement of net position.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and/or balance sheet will at times report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Deferred revenue qualifies for reporting in this category. This item is reported in both the statements of net position and governmental funds balance sheet. Deferred inflows related to pensions also qualifies for reporting in this category as well. This item is reported only in the statement of net position. All items in this category are deferred and recognized as inflows of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Program Revenues

Program revenues include all directly related income items applicable to a particular program (charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; operating or capital grants and contributions, including special assessments).

Operating/Non-Operating Proprietary Fund Revenues

Operating revenues consist mainly of direct revenue sources and/or charges for services applicable to that fund's ongoing operations. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Encumbrance Accounting

Encumbrances are not liabilities and, therefore, are not recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. For budgetary purposes, appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. The School District does not utilize encumbrance accounting for its general fund.

Use of Estimates

During the preparation of the School District's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and disclosure of contingent items as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits:

The School District's investment policies, which follow state statutes, authorize the School District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities, other states and Canada, provided such securities are rated within the three highest grades by an approved rating service of the State of Vermont, corporate stocks and bonds within statutory limits, financial institutions, mutual funds and repurchase agreements. These investment policies apply to all School District funds.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution, the School District will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The School District does not have a policy covering custodial credit risk.

At June 30, 2017, the School District's cash balance of \$3,149,638 was comprised of bank deposits of \$4,272,303. This entire amount was either fully insured by federal depository insurance and consequently was not exposed to custodial credit risk or was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution in the School District's name.

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NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Account Type	Bank Balance
Checking accounts	\$ 91,849
Repurchase agreement	4,001,197
Money market accounts	179,257
	<u>\$ 4,272,303</u>

Investments:

Custodial credit risk for investments is that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. Currently, the School District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk for investments.

At June 03, 2017, the School District had the following investment and maturity:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Not Applicable	Less than 1 Year	1 - 5 Years	Over 5 Years
Certificates of deposit	\$ 618,706	\$ -	\$ 618,706	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 618,706</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 618,706</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Of the School District's investments of \$618,706, \$250,000 was fully insured by federal depository insurance and consequently was not exposed to custodial credit risk and the remainder of \$368,706 was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution in the School District's name.

	June 30, 2017
	<u>Total</u>
Cash equivalents measured at the net asset value (NAV)	
Money market fund	179,257
Total cash equivalents measured at the NAV	<u>\$ 179,257</u>

The fair value of money market mutual funds that are measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) is calculated as of June 30, 2017 in a manner consistent with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's measurement principles for investment companies.

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NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit risk – Statutes for the State of Vermont authorize the School District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities, other states and Canada, provided such securities are rated within the three highest grades by an approved rating service of the State of Vermont, corporate stocks and bonds within statutory limits, financial institutions, mutual funds and repurchase agreements. The School District does not have an investment policy on credit risk. Generally, the School District invests excess funds in savings accounts and various insured certificates of deposit.

Interest rate risk – is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from fluctuations in interest rates.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2017:

	Balance 7/1/16	Additions	Disposals	Balance 6/30/17
<u>Governmental activities:</u>				
Depreciated assets:				
Land improvements	\$ 335,074	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 335,074
Buildings	10,389,500	46,122	-	10,435,622
Building improvements	35,383,998	610,521	-	35,994,519
Vehicles	127,548	-	-	127,548
Furniture and equipment	2,046,834	22,504	-	2,069,338
	<u>48,282,954</u>	<u>679,147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,962,101</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	(17,774,638)	(1,150,406)	-	(18,925,044)
	<u>30,508,316</u>	<u>(471,259)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,037,057</u>
Net governmental capital assets	\$ 30,508,316	\$ (471,259)	\$ -	\$ 30,037,057
<u>Business-type activities:</u>				
Depreciated assets:				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 344,406	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 344,406
	<u>344,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>344,406</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	(318,586)	(12,876)	-	(331,462)
Net business-type capital assets	<u>\$ 25,820</u>	<u>\$ (12,876)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,944</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

<u>Current year depreciation:</u>	
Direct services	\$ 812,677
S.S. - students	87,343
S.S. - staff	50,110
S.S. - area administration	47,932
Operations & maintenance	151,488
Transportation	856
Total governmental activities depreciation	<u>1,150,406</u>
Food service	12,876
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,163,282</u>

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT

A summary of long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2017 is as follows:

	Balance, 7/1/16	Additions	Deletions	Balance, 6/30/17	Current Year Portion
Bond payable	\$ 17,940,000	\$ -	\$ (1,285,000)	\$ 16,655,000	\$ 1,285,000
Accrued compensated absences	89,176	24,562	-	113,738	-
Termination benefits	116,006	51,500	(58,010)	109,496	61,166
Net pension liability	1,164,650	801,640	-	1,966,290	-
Total	<u>\$ 19,309,832</u>	<u>\$ 877,702</u>	<u>\$ (1,343,010)</u>	<u>\$ 18,844,524</u>	<u>\$ 1,346,166</u>

The following is a description of the outstanding bond payable:

\$17,940,000, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank 2015 Series 5 Refunding Bond due in principal installments of \$1,285,000 through November of 2019 and then \$1,280,000 through November of 2029. Interest ranging from 1.22% to 4.23% payable semi-annually through November of 2029, with savings allocations ranging from \$14,618 to \$56,738 rebated through November of 2029.

\$ 16,655,000

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

The following is a summary of outstanding bond principal and interest requirements for the fiscal years ending June 30:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
2018	\$ 1,285,000	\$ 690,206	\$ 1,975,206
2019	1,285,000	644,123	1,929,123
2020	1,285,000	595,771	1,880,771
2021	1,280,000	502,855	1,782,855
2022	1,280,000	450,018	1,730,018
2023-2027	6,400,000	1,443,612	7,843,612
2028-2032	3,840,000	197,198	4,037,198
	<u>\$ 16,655,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,523,783</u>	<u>\$ 21,178,783</u>

NOTE 5 - TERMINATION BENEFITS

In accordance with the Agreement between the Springfield Board of School Directors and the Springfield Teachers Association in effect during the period of September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017, there is a retirement benefit established for eligible teachers with at least 20 years of service and who are enrolled in the School District's 403(b) plan. The School District has agreed to contribute a stipend of \$14,500 to the employee's 403(b) plan (or a similar qualified retirement account), to be paid in three equal annual installments beginning on July 1 of the year of retirement. This stipend is in addition to any accrued leave otherwise payable upon retirement.

The School District records a liability at the government-wide level upon application by the employees to participate in the Program. The liability at June 30, 2017 was \$109,496. The future liability is as follows:

Year Ending June 30:	
2018	\$ 61,166
2019	33,831
2020	14,499
Total payments	<u>\$ 109,496</u>

In the governmental fund financial statements, expense is not recognized until employees actually terminate employment.

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NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE

The School District entered into an operating lease with Canon Solutions America, Inc. for the lease of 17 copiers on December 11 2013. On August 5, 2015 an addendum was added for additional items increasing the lease payments by \$826 per month for the remainder of the lease. On August 9, 2016 an addendum was added for an additional item increasing the lease by \$826. The total amount due is \$214,906 to be paid in monthly installments over four years. The following is a schedule of future minimum payments under this lease:

Year Ending	
June 30:	
2018	\$ 32,962
Total lease payments	<u>\$ 32,962</u>

The School District entered into a lease agreement with Southview Housing, LP for the lease of space used for Springfield High School from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The total amount due is \$5,520 for FY 2017.

NOTE 7 - NONSPENDABLE FUND BALANCES

At June 30, 2017, the School District had the following nonspendable fund balances:

Nonmajor permanent funds (see Schedule J)	<u>\$ 55,585</u>
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NOTE 8 - RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

At June 30, 2017, the School District had the following restricted fund balances:

Capital projects funds (see Schedule F)	\$ 1,127,358
Nonmajor special revenue funds (See Schedule E)	488,850
Nonmajor permanent funds (see Schedule J)	<u>415</u>
	<u>\$ 1,616,623</u>

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NOTE 9 - ASSIGNED FUND BALANCES

At June 30, 2017, the School District had the following assigned fund balances:

General fund:	
Reserved for future operations	\$ 1,220,846
Nonmajor special revenue funds (See Schedule E)	<u>55,470</u>
	<u>\$ 1,276,316</u>

NOTE 10 - DEFICIT NET POSITION

At June 30, 2017, the School District had the following deficit net position:

Nonmajor special revenue funds:	
Health education	<u>\$ 3,842</u>

NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Plan Description

All of the teachers employed by the School District participate in the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System ("VSTRS"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation, covering nearly all public day school and nonsectarian private School District teachers and administrators as well as teachers in schools and teacher training institutions within and supported by the State of Vermont that are controlled by the State Board of Education. Membership in the system for those covered classes is a condition of employment. During the year ended June 30, 2016 (the most recent period available), the retirement system consisted of 288 participating employers.

The plan was established effective July 1, 1947, and is governed by *Title 16, V.S.A. Chapter 55*. Subsequent Vermont state legislation, *Act 74*, which became effective on July 1, 2010, contained numerous changes to the plan benefits available to current and future members, as well as a change in access to health care coverage after retirement, resulting from a multi-party agreement to provide sustainability of quality pension and retiree health benefits for Vermont teachers.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the retirement System for its members and their beneficiaries is

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NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of six members. They are the Secretary of Education (ex-officio); the State Treasurer (ex-officio), the Commissioner of Financial Regulation (ex-officio); two members and one alternate elected by active members of the System under rules adopted by the Board; and one retired member and one alternate elected by the board of directors of Association of Retired Teachers of Vermont. The Chair is elected by the Board and acts as executive officer of the Board.

All assets are held in a single trust and are available to pay retirement benefits to all members. Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service. The Vermont State Agency of Administration issues a publicly available Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the VSTRS. That report may be viewed on the State's Department of Finance & Management website at: http://finance.vermont.gov/reports_and_publications/cafr.

Benefits Provided

The VSTRS provides retirement, and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, health care and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. There are two levels of contributions and benefits in the System: Group A - for public school teachers employed within the State of Vermont prior to July 1, 1981 and elected to remain in Group A; and Group C - for public school teachers employed within the State of Vermont on or after July 1, 1990. Group C also includes those teachers hired prior to July 1, 1990 and were in Group B on July 1, 1990. When Act 74 became effective on June 30, 2010, Group C was further bifurcated into Groups #1 and #2. Group #1 contains members who were at least 57 years of age or had at least 25 years of service, and Group #2 contains members who were less than 57 years of age and had less than 25 years of service.

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Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service, and are summarized below:

VSTRS	Group A	Group C - Group # 1	Group C - Group # 2
Normal service retirement eligibility (no reduction)	Age 60 or 30 years of service	Age 62 or with 30 years of service	Age 65 or when the sum of age and service equals 90
Average Final Compensation (AFC)	Highest 3 consecutive years, including unused annual leave, sick leave, and bonus/incentives	Highest 3 consecutive years, excluding all payments for anything other than service actually performed	Highest 3 consecutive years, excluding all payments for anything other than service actually performed
Benefit formula - normal service retirement	1.67% x creditable service x AFC	1.25% x service prior to 6/30/90 x AFC + 1.67% x service after 7/1/90 x AFC	1.25% x service prior to 6/30/90 x AFC + 1.67% x service after 7/1/90 x AFC, 2.0% after attaining 20 years
Maximum Benefit Payable	100% of AFC	53.34% of AFC	60% of AFC
Post-Retirement COLA	Full CPI, up to a maximum of 5% after 12 months of retirement; minimum of 1%	50% CPI, up to a maximum of 5% after 12 months of retirement or with 30 years; minimum of 1% of service	50% CPI, up to a maximum of 5%, minimum of 1% after 12 months of normal retirement or age 65
Early Retirement Eligibility	Age 55 with 5 years of service	Age 55 with 5 years of service	Age 55 with 5 years of service
Early Retirement Reduction	Actuarial reduction	6% per year from age 62	Actuarial reduction

Other post-employment benefits are available to all plan members include the following:

VSTRS	Group A	Group C - Group # 1	Group C - Group # 2
Medical Benefits	Health subsidy based on member's service credit	Health subsidy based on member's service credit	Health subsidy based on member's service credit
Dental	Members pays full premium	Members pays full premium	Members pays full premium

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Contributions

VSTRS is a cost-sharing public employee retirement system with one exception: all risks and costs are not shared by the School District but are the liability of the State of Vermont. VSTRS is funded through State and employee contributions and trust fund investment earnings; and the School District has no legal obligation for paying benefits. Required contributions to the System are made by the State of Vermont based upon a valuation report prepared by the System's actuary, which varies by plan group. The Vermont State Teachers Retirement System estimates the contributions on behalf of the School District's employees included in the teacher's retirement plan which approximates \$1,068,524 or 11.59% of total payroll for employees covered under the plan.

Employee contribution rates by plan group follow:

VSTRS	Group A	Group C – Group # 1	Group C – Group # 2
Employee Contributions	5.5% of gross salary	5.0% of gross salary with 5 or more years of service as of 7/1/14; 6.0% of gross salary if less than 5 years of service as of 7/1/14	5.0% of gross salary with 5 or more years of service as of 7/1/14; 6.0% of gross salary if less than 5 years of service as of 7/1/14

Employee contributions totaled \$490,036 during the year and were paid by the School District to the State of Vermont. The School District has no other liability under the plan. The School District's total payroll for all employees covered under this plan was \$9,219,364 for the year ended June 30, 2017. Beginning in 2016, school districts that pay for teachers with federal dollars are required to include costs of pensions in the federal grant, lowering the liability for the State.

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Plan Description

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. The plan was established effective July 1, 1975, and is governed by *Title 24, V.S.A. Chapter 125*. It is designed for school districts and other municipal employees that work on a regular basis and also includes

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employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution's operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system. Employees of the School other than Teachers are eligible to participate in the VMERS providing they work on a regular basis for not less than 30 hours a week and for not less than 1,040 hours for the school year.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the Retirement System for its members and their beneficiaries is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. They are the State Treasurer, two employee representatives elected by the membership of the system, and two employer representatives—one elected by the governing bodies of participating employers of the system, and one selected by the Governor from a list of four nominees. The list of four nominees is jointly submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Schools and the Vermont School Boards Association.

All assets are held in a single trust and are available to pay retirement benefits to all members. Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service. VMERS does not issue stand-alone financial reports, but instead are included as part of the State of Vermont's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR may be viewed on the State's Department of Finance & Management website at: http://finance.vermont.gov/reports_and_publications/cafr.

Benefits Provided

The pension plan is divided into four membership groups:

- Group A – general employees whose legislative bodies have not elected to become a member of Group B or Group C
- Groups B & C – general employees whose legislative bodies have elected to become members of Group B or Group C
- Group D – sworn police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel

The School District participates in Groups A and B. Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service, and are summarized below:

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VMERS	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Normal service retirement eligibility	Age 65 with 5 years of service, or age 55 with 35 years of service	Age 62 with 5 years of service, or age 55 with 30 years of service	Age 55 with 5 years of service	Age 55 with 5 years of service
Average Final Compensation (AFC)	Highest 5 consecutive years	Highest 3 consecutive years	Highest 3 consecutive years	Highest 2 consecutive years
Benefit formula – normal service Retirement (no reduction)	1.4% x creditable service x AFC	1.7% x creditable service x AFC + 1.4% x Group A service x AFC	2.5% x creditable service x AFC + previous service; 1.4% x Group A service x AFC; 1.7% x Group B x AFC	2.5% x creditable service x AFC + previous service; 1.4% x Group A service x AFC; 1.7% x Group B x AFC; 2.5% x Group C service x AFC
Maximum Benefit Payable	60% of AFC	60% of AFC	50% of AFC	50% of AFC
Post-Retirement COLA	50% of CPI, up to 2% per year	50% of CPI, up to 3% per year	50% of CPI, up to 3% per year	50% of CPI, up to 3% per year
Early Retirement Eligibility	Age 55 with 5 years of service	Age 55 with 5 years of service	N/A	Age 50 with 20 years of service
Early Retirement Reduction	6% per year from age 65 **	6% per year from age 62 **	N/A	No reduction

** - A special early retirement factor of 3% per year only for municipal police officers who have attained age 60

Members of all groups may qualify for vested deferred allowance, disability allowances and death benefit allowance subject to meeting various eligibility requirements. Benefits are based on AFC and service.

Contributions

Title 24 VSA Chapter 125 of Vermont Statutes grants the authority to the Retirement Board to annually review the amount of municipalities' contributions as recommended by the actuary of the retirement system in order to achieve and preserve

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the financial integrity of the fund, and to certify the rates of contributions payable by employers. The Board of Trustees also certifies the rates of contribution payable by employees. Contribution rates for each group are as follows:

VMERS	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Employee Contributions	2.5% of gross salary	4.875% of gross salary	10.0% of gross salary	11.35% of gross salary
Employer Contributions	4.0% of gross salary	5.5% of gross salary	7.25% of gross salary	9.85% of gross salary

Employee contributions are withheld pre-income tax by the School District and are remitted to the State of Vermont. Such withholdings for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 totaled \$211,377, \$203,640 and \$185,269, respectively. The School District contributed \$240,070, \$232,210 and \$211,166 for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. The School District's total payroll for the year ended June 30, 2017 for all employees covered under this plan was \$4,401,794.

Pension Liabilities

VSTRS Plan

The State is a nonemployer contributor and is required by statute to make all actuarially determined employer contributions on behalf of member employers. Therefore, these employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined in GASB No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer to VSTRS. Since the School District does not contribute directly to VSTRS, no net pension liability was recorded at June 30, 2017. The State's portion of the collective net pension liability that was associated with the School District was as follows:

District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ -
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	19,527,338
Total	<u>\$ 19,527,338</u>

The State of Vermont's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District is equal to the collective net pension liability, actuarially measured as of June 30, 2016, multiplied by the School District's proportionate share

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percentage. The School District's proportionate share percentage was based on its reported salaries to the total reported salaries for all participating employers. At June 30, 2016, the School District's proportion was 1.4918% which was a decrease of 0.0333% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

VMERS Plan

At June 30, 2017, the School District reported a liability of \$3,213,105 for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities for each plan. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liabilities used to calculate the net pension liabilities was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liabilities were based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to each pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating towns, actuarially determined.

At June 30, 2016, the School District's proportion for VMERS was 1.52785% which was an increase of 0.0172% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015 for VMERS.

Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the School District recognized total pension expense \$1,788,265 and revenue of \$1,788,265 for support provided by the State of Vermont for the VSTRS plan. In the same period, the School District recognized pension expense of \$518,375 for the VMERS plan. At June 30, 2017, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	VSTRS		VMERS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,393	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	-	-	315,780	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	-	637,566	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	-	5,730	28,904
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	-	-	240,071	-
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,239,540	\$ 28,904

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\$240,071 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Plan year ended June 30:	VSTRS	VMERS
2017	\$ -	\$ 250,892
2018	-	250,892
2019	-	358,776
2020	-	110,005
2021	-	-
Thereafter	-	-

Significant Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2016 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2015 rolled forward to June 30, 2016 using the actuarial assumptions outlined below. These assumptions were selected on the basis of the experience study that was performed for the five-year period ending June 30, 2014:

Investment Rate of Return: For both plans, 7.95% per annum.

Inflation: The separately stated assumptions for investment return, salary increases and cost of living adjustments for both plans are consistent with an expected annual inflation rate of 3.00% to 3.25% per year.

Salary Increases: Representative values of the assumed annual rates of future salary increases for the VSTRS plan are as follows:

Age	Annual Rate of Salary Increase
25	8.15%
30	6.84%
35	5.97%
40	5.29%
45	4.80%
50	4.46%
55	4.22%
60	4.12%
64	4.12%

NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Salary increases for the VMERS plan are 5.00% per year, including inflation.

Deaths After Retirement: The VSTRS plan used the RP-2000 Mortality Tables projected to 2029 using Scale BB for terminated vested members and beneficiaries and retirees; the RP-2000 Disabled Life Table with projection to 2020 using Scale AA for disabled retirees. The tables used contain a margin to reflect anticipated mortality improvement after the valuation date.

Mortality rates for active participants in the VMERS plan for Groups A, B, C and D were based on the RP-2000 Tables for Employees and Healthy Annuitants projected 10 years from the valuation date with Scale BB. Groups A, B, and C with a 60% Blue Collar and 40% White Collar adjustment and Group D with a 100% Blue Collar adjustment. The post-retirement mortality assumption was chosen to recognize improved longevity experience after the valuation date.

Spouse's Age: For both plans, husbands are assumed to be three years older than their wives.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments: For the VSTRS plan, adjustments are assumed to occur on January 1 following one year of retirement at the rate of 3% per annum for Group A members and 1.5% per annum for Group C members (beginning at age 62 for Group C members who elect reduced early retirement).

Cost-of-Living adjustments to benefits of terminated vested and retired participants were assumed to occur at the rate of 1.5% per annum for Group A members and 1.8% per annum for members of Groups B, C and D of the VMERS plan.

Actuarial Cost Method: For both plans is the Entry Age Normal – Level Percentage of Pay.

For the VSTRS plan, the *asset valuation method* used equals the preliminary asset value plus 20% of the difference between the market and preliminary asset values. The preliminary asset value is equal to the previous year's asset value (for valuation purposes) adjusted for contributions less benefit payments and expenses and expected investment income. If necessary, a further adjustment is made to ensure that the valuation assets are within 20% of the market value.

A smoothing *asset valuation method* was used for funding purposes in the VMERS plan, under which the value of assets for actuarial purposes equals market value less a five-year phase-in of the differences between actual and assumed investment return. Then value of assets for actuarial purposes may not differ from the market value of assets by more than 20%.

NOTE 11 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

The *long-term expected rate of return* on both plan investments was determined using best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) developed for each major asset class using an econometric model that forecasts a variety of economic environments and then calculates asset class returns based on functional relationships between the economic variable and the asset classes. These best estimate ranges were combined to produce forecasts of the short, intermediate, and longer term horizons by weighting the expected future nominal rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The various time horizons in the forecast are intended to capture more recent economic and capital market conditions as well as other plausible environments that could develop in the future over economic cycles.

Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity	8.54%
Fixed Income	2.36%
Alternative	8.35%
Multi-strategy	4.90%

Nominal long-term expected rates of return for these asset classes are equal to the sum of the above expected long-term real rates and the expected long-term inflation rate of 3.0%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.95% for the VSTRS plan and the VMERS plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will continue to be made in accordance with the current funding policy. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current System members. The assumed discount rate has been determined in accordance with the method prescribed by GASB 68.

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Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.95% for both the VSTRS and VMERS plans, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.95%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.95%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
<u>VSTRS:</u>			
Discount rate	6.95%	7.95%	8.95%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>VMERS:</u>			
Discount rate	6.95%	7.95%	8.95%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,264,238	\$ 1,966,290	\$ 879,526

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The schedule of employer allocations and schedule of pension amounts by employer are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The schedules present amounts that are elements of the financial statements of the VSTRS and VMERS or their participating employers. VSTRS and VMERS do not issue stand-alone financial reports, but instead are included as part of the State of Vermont's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR can be viewed on the State's Department of Finance & Management website at: [http://finance.vermont.gov/reports and publications/cafr](http://finance.vermont.gov/reports_and_publications/cafr)

NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and injuries to employees. The School District maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

significant uninsured losses to the School District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

In addition, the School District is a member of Vermont School Boards' Association Insurance Trust, Inc. (VSBIT) Medical Benefits Program. VSBIT is a nonprofit corporation formed in 1978 to provide insurance and risk management programs for Vermont School Districts and is owned by the participating districts.

To provide health insurance coverage, VSBIT has established a self-funded fully insured program in conjunction with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. A portion of member contributions is used to purchase reinsurance and to fund a reserve required by the reinsurance. The pooling agreement does not permit the pool to make additional assessments to its members.

The School District is self-insured for dental insurance coverage for its employees, and accounts for and finances its uninsured risks of loss in the General Fund. The School District established this coverage for its employees on July 1, 2002. Claim expenditures are reported when paid and claim liabilities are not reported for the School District. However, there is a liability in the General Fund of \$181,753 as a reserve against future claim payments on behalf of employees. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, a total of \$228,479 was paid out in claims and federal fees, while \$239,859 was received for premiums and COBRA/other fees.

NOTE 13 - CONTINGENCIES

With regard to pending legal claims or any unasserted claims, it is not feasible at this time to predict or determine their outcome. Management believes, however, that settlement amounts, if any, will not have a material adverse effect on the School District's financial position.

The School District participates in various intergovernmental grant programs which may be subject to future program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. Accordingly, the School District's compliance with applicable grant requirement may be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of any liabilities arising from the disallowance of expenditures or ineligibility of grant revenues cannot be determined at this time.

NOTE 14 - RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Springfield Town School District provides services to the following schools: Springfield High School, Riverside Middle School, Union Street School and Elm Hill

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NOTE 14 - RELATED ORGANIZATIONS (CONTINUED)

School. Each School has an ongoing financial responsibility to the School District as defined in GASB 14, paragraph 71.

NOTE 15 - COMPARATIVE DATA/RECLASSIFICATIONS

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in selected sections of the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the School District's financial position and operations. Also, certain amounts presented in the prior year's data have been reclassified to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

NOTE 16 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The School District entered into a lease agreement with Southview Housing, LP for the lease of space used for Springfield High School from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The total amount due is \$5,664 for FY 2018, payable at the rate of \$472 per month.

The School District entered into a lease agreement with Springfield Auto Mart, Inc. through Ally Bank Lease Trust for a 2017 GMC Terrain, for a 35 monthly payments of \$370, starting on September 11, 2017.

The School District entered into an addendum to the current operating lease with Canon Solutions America, Inc. on August 9, 2016, increasing the lease by \$4,100.

NOTE 17 - RESTATEMENT

The beginning net position of both the governmental and business-type activities were restated as of July 1, 2016 because of reclassifications of funds. Private Purpose Trust Funds in the amount of \$44,743 were reclassified as Governmental Funds, and \$22,766 were reclassified from business-type to governmental activities. The resulting restatement increased the net position for governmental activities from \$14,463,391 to \$14,530,900 and decreased the net position for business-type activities from \$501,133 to \$478,367.

Required Supplementary Information

Required supplementary information includes financial information and disclosures that are required by the Government Accounting Standards Board but are not considered a part of the basic financial statements. Such information includes:

- Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 1,023,118	\$ 1,023,118	\$ 1,023,118	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Intergovernmental:				
State/Town support	21,163,930	21,163,930	21,169,604	5,674
Other	4,342,014	4,342,014	4,468,256	126,242
Tuition	684,207	684,207	617,549	(66,658)
Interest income	7,000	7,000	8,239	1,239
Miscellaneous	140,500	140,500	339,119	198,619
Amounts Available for Appropriation	27,360,769	27,360,769	27,625,885	265,116
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Direct services	13,942,904	14,261,336	14,029,639	231,697
Support services:				
Student services	2,890,439	2,527,400	2,466,485	60,915
Instructional staff services	700,412	699,368	691,172	8,196
General administrative services	392,798	399,682	383,309	16,373
Area administrative services	1,541,721	1,526,056	1,524,252	1,804
Fiscal services	464,375	466,614	463,313	3,301
Building operations and maintenance	2,816,801	2,750,918	2,677,713	73,205
Transportation	961,879	1,116,057	1,100,228	15,829
Debt service:				
Principal	1,285,000	1,285,000	1,285,000	-
Interest	748,048	732,287	732,287	-
Food service	520,018	524,677	497,041	27,636
Transfers to other funds	579,600	554,600	554,600	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	26,843,995	26,843,995	26,405,039	438,956
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 516,774	\$ 516,774	\$ 1,220,846	\$ 704,072
Utilization of assigned fund balance	\$ 506,344	\$ 506,344	\$ -	\$ (506,344)

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Springfield School District's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) is \$ 30,436,739. This will be voted upon in two parts. The voters of Springfield will vote on an article for \$ 29,518,263. The remaining \$ 918,476 will be voted upon as part of the separate regional vote for the River Valley Technical Center budget.

There are five pages included in this Town Report which present information about the FY19 Proposed School Budget.

The Enrollment Projections page shows that a net decrease of sixteen students is anticipated. The K-12 population will decrease by 22 while the preschool program enrollment will increase by 6.

The Summary page shows a few key informational items. The FY19 Proposed Budget represents a \$ 419,314 increase which is a 1.4% increase over the current year. This compares to a 3.8% increase in FY18. The Residential School Property Tax Rate will increase by 8.2 cents. This will be the first time in four years that this rate has increased. The Non-Residential rate, which is fixed by the state and will not change with local spending decisions, will increase by 9.27 cents.

The Expenditures page breaks down the FY19 budget into general categories. The \$ 419,314 increase is primarily due to three items – negotiated salary increases, rising cost of the Summer School Program for special education students, and

the net addition of 1.33 staff positions. Negotiated salary increases range from 1.8% for teachers and administrators to 2.5% for support staff. Some 4.67 total staff positions were eliminated by this budget and another 6 positions were added. These shifts in staffing were made primarily to increase the District's support for student behavior at Elm Hill and Union Street schools. This represents a net increase of 1.33 staff positions. Despite this increase, total staff reductions over the last five budgets amounts to just over 42 positions.

The Revenues page provides detail on the various revenue sources that fund the school budget. The increase in Education Spending Revenue (which impacts the local tax rates) is \$ 300,544. Despite small increases in the school budget (1.4%) and per pupil spending (1.7%), the residential tax rate is up 5.5%. This is due to a funding shortfall at the state level which caused the state to raise local property tax levels. Tax revenue only funds 30% of the school budget. Two thirds of Springfield households pay their property taxes based on their income, not their property value, and will be paying a maximum of 2.84% of income in school property taxes which is a 3% increase over the 2.76% paid this year.

The Three Year Comparison page provides some historical information and is presented in a format required by the State.

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

	Grade Level	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	FY18 Projected	FY18 Actual	FY19 Projected	Change
	PRE-K	146	133	145	136	142	6
	K	95	99	92	87	89	
	1	81	90	94	85	81	
	2	81	78	86	86	82	
TOTAL	K-2	257	267	272	258	252	-6
	3	112	86	79	73	87	
	4	91	110	85	83	73	
	5	73	92	108	114	82	
TOTAL	3-5	276	288	272	270	242	-28
	6	84	71	92	92	115	
	7	90	86	71	76	93	
	8	109	89	85	88	76	
TOTAL	6-8	283	246	248	256	284	28
	9	117	144	120	122	120	
	10	118	99	124	115	101	
	11	101	104	92	73	99	
	12	98	92	97	94	68	
TOTAL	9-12	434	439	433	404	388	-16
TOTAL	K-12	1250	1240	1225	1188	1166	-22
TOTAL	PRE K-12	1396	1373	1370	1324	1308	-16

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

CATEGORY	FY18 AS VOTED	FY18 CURRENT	FY19 PROPOSED	DOLLAR CHANGE	% CHG
Operating Budget	\$27,420,460	\$27,422,266	\$27,938,414	\$516,148	1.9%
Capital Budget	\$529,500	\$527,694	\$469,150	-\$58,544	-11.1%
Grants	\$2,220,500	\$2,067,465	\$2,029,175	-\$38,290	-1.9%
Total Budget	\$30,170,460	\$30,017,425	\$30,436,739	\$419,314	1.4%
Est. Non-Tax Revenue	\$21,240,180	\$21,128,297	\$21,011,784	-\$116,513	-0.6%
Est. Tax Revenue (before Income Sensitivity)	\$8,930,280	\$8,889,128	\$9,424,955	\$535,827	6.0%
Est. Residential Tax Rate	\$1.4933	\$1.4817	\$1.5637	\$0.0820	5.5%
Est. Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$1.4091	\$1.3955	\$1.4882	\$0.0927	6.6%

The Springfield School District has been audited for the 2017 fiscal year. Selected pages from that audit appear in this Town Report. The entire audit is over 100 pages long. The audit is available for review at the School District Central Office at 60 Park Street.

Springfield voters have established five Reserve Funds. These funds may only be used for the specific defined purpose of the fund. The balances at 6/30/17 are as follows:

HDEC Facilities Reserve Fund	\$429,707
Vehicle Reserve Fund	\$40,542
Capital Projects Reserve Fund	\$10,142
Roofing Reserve Fund	\$4,202
Energy Reserve Fund	\$200,000

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET
EXPENDITURES**

BUILDING or DEPARTMENT	FY18 CURRENT	FY19 REQUESTED	DOLLAR CHANGE	%AGE CHANGE
Elm Hill	\$2,449,886	\$2,663,086	\$213,200	8.7%
Union	\$2,452,978	\$2,551,005	\$98,027	4.0%
Riverside	\$2,679,275	\$2,712,524	\$33,249	1.2%
High School	\$4,107,262	\$4,109,178	\$1,916	0.0%
Special Education	\$7,100,919	\$7,227,930	\$127,011	1.8%
Plant	\$2,715,429	\$2,689,356	-\$26,073	-1.0%
Capital Plan	\$527,694	\$469,150	-\$58,544	-11.1%
Central Offices	\$1,061,187	\$1,210,611	\$149,424	14.1%
Debt Service	\$1,975,208	\$1,929,124	-\$46,084	-2.3%
District Wide Services	\$1,930,108	\$1,927,124	-\$2,984	-0.2%
RVTC Obligation	\$950,014	\$918,476	-\$31,538	-3.3%
Grants*	\$2,067,465	\$2,029,175	-\$38,290	-1.9%
GRAND TOTAL	\$30,017,425	\$30,436,739	\$419,314	1.4%

VOTED ARTICLES:

Local Article	\$29,518,263
RVTC Obligation	\$918,476
Total	\$30,436,739

*This is the actual amount of grants received for the year. When the FY18 budget was passed, \$2,220,500 was the estimated number for grants.

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FY19 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUES

Revenue Source	ACTUAL FY16	ACTUAL FY17	ANTICIPATED FY18	ESTIMATED FY19	Difference
TOTAL BUDGET (adj. for actual grants)	\$28,865,440	\$29,068,009	\$30,017,425	\$30,436,739	\$419,314 1.4%
LESS OTHER REVENUES					
State Aid - Special Education	\$2,967,251	\$3,628,963	\$4,242,450	\$4,319,872	\$77,422
State Aid - Pupil Transportation	\$213,231	\$220,902	\$204,678	\$215,000	\$10,322
State Reimbursements - Driver Ed.	\$8,815	\$8,873	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
State and Federal Grants	\$1,979,234	\$2,224,014	\$2,067,465	\$2,029,175	-\$38,290
Tuitions (K-12)	\$649,730	\$617,549	\$607,806	\$580,000	-\$27,806
Tuitions (Special Education)	\$43,998	\$49,600	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$0
Interest Income	\$7,686	\$8,239	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Rentals	\$74,961	\$17,918	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
Athletic Gate Receipts	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Revenues from RVTC	\$361,589	\$363,799	\$365,066	\$361,000	-\$4,066
Revenues from HDEC	\$75,022	\$75,751	\$76,042	\$77,000	\$958
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$43,240	\$32,168	\$60,000	\$40,000	-\$20,000
Indirect Costs from Grants	\$40,140	\$39,151	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
State Recapture of Health Insurance Savings	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$77,498	-\$77,498
Prior Year Surplus or Deficit	\$511,835	\$506,344	\$516,774	\$714,502	\$197,728
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$6,979,232	\$7,795,771	\$8,262,781	\$8,381,551	\$118,770
RVTC State Aid Flow Thru	\$508,470	\$558,401	\$576,369	\$557,235	-\$19,134
Education Spending Revenue	\$21,152,471	\$20,948,702	\$21,178,275	\$21,497,953	\$319,678
TOTAL	\$21,660,941	\$21,507,103	\$21,754,644	\$22,055,188	\$300,544
Estimated Equalized Pupils	1331.78	1325.17	1314.4	1309.26	-0.39%
Education Spending Per Pupil	\$16,265	\$16,230	\$16,560	\$16,846	1.72%
Common Level of Appraisal	109.86%	110.47%	110.00%	109.46%	-0.54%
Estimated Residential School Tax Rate*	\$15.4950	\$1.5144	\$1.4817	\$1.5637	
Change from prior year	-\$0.0003	-\$0.0351	-\$0.0327	\$0.0820	
Percentage Change	0.0%	-2.2%	-2.2%	5.5%	
Estimated Non-Residential School Tax Rate*	1.3972	1.3895	1.3955	\$1.4882	
Change from prior year	\$0.0184	-\$0.0077	\$0.0060	\$0.0927	
Percentage Change	1.3%	-0.5%	0.4%	6.6%	
Income Sensitivity - Maximum Percentge of Income to be paid in School Property Tax	3.4%	3.0%	2.76%	2.84%	

ASSUMPTIONS:

December 15 Equalized Pupil Count
 December 1 Tax Commissioners recommended yield of \$9,842
 December 1 Tax Commissioners recommended Non Residential Tax Rate of \$1.629
 December 1 Tax Commissioners recommended Income Yield of \$11,862
 December 26 CLA of 109.46%

District: Springfield County: Windsor		T193 Springfield		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$9,842 of spending per equalized pupil
				9,842	1.00
				11,862	Income dollar equivalent yield per household income
Expenditures		FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$28,742,934	\$28,909,582	\$30,170,460	\$30,436,739
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$28,742,934	\$28,909,582	\$30,170,460	\$30,436,739
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$28,742,934	\$28,909,582	\$30,170,460	\$30,436,739
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$7,081,993	\$7,402,479	\$8,408,162	\$8,381,551
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$7,081,993	\$7,402,479	\$8,408,162	\$8,381,551
14.	Education Spending	\$21,660,941	\$21,507,103	\$21,762,298	\$22,055,188
15.	Equalized Pupils	1,331.78	1,325.17	1,314.18	1,309.26
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$16,264.65	\$16,229.69	\$16,559.60	\$16,845.54
17.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$722.05	\$711.86	\$697.39	\$691
18.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equpup)	\$17.36	\$18.66	\$27.94	\$66
19.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
23.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	<i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equpup)	-	-	\$18.26	\$10
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$17,103	Allowable growth	threshold = \$17,386	threshold = \$17,816
26.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$17,103.00	\$16,466.48	\$17,386.00	\$17,816.00
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,265	\$16,230	\$16,560	\$16,845.54
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	171.949%	167.299%	162.988%	171.160%
		based on \$9,285	based on \$9,701	based on yield \$10,160	based on yield \$9,842
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$16,845.54 ÷ (\$9,842.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1.7023	\$1.6730	\$1.6299	\$1.7116
		based on \$0.99	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Springfield equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.71)	\$1.7023	\$1.6730	\$1.6299	\$1.7116
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	109.86%	110.47%	110.00%	109.46%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.7116 / 109.46%)	\$1.5495	\$1.5144	\$1.4817	\$1.5637
		based on \$0.99	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$16,845.54 ÷ \$11,862) x 2.00%]	3.10%	2.99%	2.76%	2.84%
		based on 1.80%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.84%)	3.10%	2.99%	2.76%	2.84%
		based on 1.80%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%
36.		-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,842 for every \$100 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,862 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.629. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

SUMMARY OF THE WARRANT FOR MARCH 6, 2017 AND MARCH 7, 2017 ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District were notified and warned to meet at the Springfield High School Cafeteria in said Town on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. (7:30 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted by ballot, following which all articles to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2017, were discussed, and then adjourned to the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) on March 7, 2017, to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot.

ARTICLE 1: Town Officers and Town School District Officers were elected by Australian Ballot as shown on the listing in front of this report.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to receive and act on reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to authorize a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to authorize the Town to pay each Selectperson the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to appropriate the sum of ELEVEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND SEVEN and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$11,255,307.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend such grant monies, gifts, or bequests which may be received by the Town of Springfield in accordance with the terms of said grants, gifts, or bequests.

ARTICLE 7: Although this vote was affirmative, it did not meet the participation requirements as set forth by the current Charter to allow authorization of the Town to propose to the General Assembly of the State of Vermont an Amendment to the Town Charter as set forth in 24 V.S.A. Appendix Chapter 149 by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the comprehensive revision and amendment to the Town Charter signed by the Selectboard on December 27, 2016; the text of said Amendment to be as is filed with the town clerk and as presented at the Public Hearings warned and held by the Selectboard on

January 30, 2017 and February 6, 2017, all as required pursuant to the provisions of 17 V.S.A. Chapter 55 and the Town Charter; said text subject to revision as made by the Selectboard as a result of the Public Hearings consistent with 17 V.S.A. 2645 (complete text of amendment is posted in voting booths).

ARTICLE 8: Voted to authorize the Town of Springfield to establish a fund for the purpose of covering the costs of implementing the current and future plans for the revitalization and redevelopment of the Town of Springfield, with emphasis on the downtown; including, but not limited to, assistance for the following tasks: seeking qualified private investors, completing specific action strategies for the redevelopment of underutilized buildings/market analysis, preparing applications and pursuing the creation of tax incentive districts and development districts, obtaining private and public funding for revitalization, writing grants, supporting non-governmental partners, preparing engineering specifications/construction drawings for the demolition of certain buildings/sites and redevelopment of certain transportation corridors, and the general marketing of the Town; said Fund to be known as the Springfield Revitalization Fund.

ARTICLE 9: Voted to authorize the Town of Springfield to appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) for the Springfield Revitalization Fund for the purposes set forth therein.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to authorize the Town of Springfield to expand the use of the Unsafe Building Reserve Fund to also allow the use of the funds therein for defraying the cost of repairs, demolition, abatement and enforcement expenses and costs under the School Zone Blight Ordinance (2016-1), the Vacant Building Ordinance (2016-2), the general nuisance provisions of the town code or any other means to reduce blight.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to authorize the Town to appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) for repaving, road construction, gravel road improvements, and ancillary professional services for the projects specified in the Road Surface Management System Report dated March 2015.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to authorize the Springfield Town School District to authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money to meet the requirements of the Town

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School District for the ensuing year, and also authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Board of School Directors, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes rated to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 13: Voted to authorize the Springfield Town School District to approve a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town School District Moderator for the ensuing year, the funds for which are included in the school budget.

ARTICLE 14: Voted to authorize the Springfield Town School District to approve the payment to each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving in that office, the funds for which are included in the school budget.

ARTICLE 15: Voted to authorize the Springfield Town School District to approve the school board to spend TWENTY NINE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY SIX and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$29,220,446.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,551.00 per pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.9 % higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 16: Voted to authorize the Springfield Town School District to authorize the Board of School Directors to enter into a ten (10) year lease for the Southview School with the Springfield Community Players.

ARTICLE 17: Voted to authorize the Town to appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) to the Springfield Community Band for eight (8) concerts.

ARTICLE 18: Voted to authorize the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Springfield in responding to the emergency needs of the community and to provide all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need.

ARTICLE 19: Voted to authorize the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$63,500.00) to help support the high-quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH? Care is provided regardless of ability to pay.

ARTICLE 20: Voted to authorize the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home.

ARTICLE 21: Voted to authorize the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to help support the Valley Health Connections (formerly Precision Valley Free Clinic) to help the uninsured access health care.

ARTICLE 22: Voted to authorize the Town of Springfield to appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) for the support of the Current operated by Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Springfield.

ARTICLE 23: Voted to authorize the Town of Springfield to appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,300.00) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Springfield through volunteer service.

ARTICLE 24: Voted to authorize the Town of Springfield to appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of Greater Springfield that provides daily hot & cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield.

ARTICLE 25: Voted to authorize the Town of Springfield to appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to the children of Windsor County.

ARTICLE 26: Voted to authorize the Town to appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to the Springfield Supported Housing to assist families and individuals find permanent housing and provide in home case management services for 6 months to two years after placement.

ARTICLE 27: Voted to authorize the Town to appropriate the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger, homelessness and related social-service needs in the community.

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- ARTICLE 28:** Voted to authorize the Town of Springfield to appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town.
- ARTICLE 29:** Voted to authorize the Town of Springfield to appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,500.00) to the Springfield Art and Historical Society to assist in preserving, maintaining, and displaying, for the public, the history and art of the Town of Springfield, Vermont.
- ARTICLE 30:** Voted to authorize the Town of Springfield to appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Turning Point Recovery Center Drop-In Center and Transition House to help with the everyday cost of providing recovery services and housing for men and that are in recovery from alcohol, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders.
- ARTICLE 31:** Voted to authorize the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
- ARTICLE 32:** Voted to do any other business that can legally be done under this Warning.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Town Clerk's Office by February 4, 2018. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 24, 2018.

REGISTER TO VOTE: Election Day voter registration law went into effect January 1, 2017. You may register to vote on Election Day at the polls and then proceed to vote on that day. You may also register to vote any time in person at the town clerk's office 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the March 6, 2018 Town and Town School District Meeting is the close of the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 5, 2018. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the Town Clerk's Office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the Town Clerk's Office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you and mail or deliver it back to the Town Clerk's Office before Election Day or bring to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, you can request by the close of the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 5, 2018 to have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, explain the situation to your Town Clerk and ask that your name be added to the checklist today.

- If the Town Clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a Superior Court Judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail, you must provide a valid Vermont photo identification, or a copy of a government issued document with your current address, before you vote for the first time.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two Election Officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your Town Clerk or any Election Official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Accuvote Ballots

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- State name and, if asked, street address to the Election Official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the Election Official.
- An Election Official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one" or "Vote for not more than two," etc.

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot(s) into the vote tabulating machine.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

Barbara A. Courchesne
Town Clerk
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Springfield, Vermont 05156
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WARRANT
MARCH 5, 2018 AND MARCH 6, 2018
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Springfield High School Cafeteria in said Town on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. (7:30 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted by ballot, following which all articles to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 6, 2018, will be discussed, and then to adjourn to the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) on March 6, 2018, to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year:

Cemetery Commissioner	Selectmen
First Constable	Town Agent
Library Trustees	Town Moderator
Lister	Town School District Moderator
School Directors	Trustee of Public Funds

ARTICLE 2: To receive and act on reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town Moderator for the ensuing year? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to pay each Selectperson the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ELEVEN MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$11,649,339.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend such grant monies, gifts, or bequests which may be received by the Town of Springfield in accordance with the terms of said grants, gifts, or bequests?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100

DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) for repaving, road construction, gravel road improvements, and ancillary professional services for the projects specified in the Road Surface Management System Report dated March 2015? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the School Board, to borrow money to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year, and also authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the School Board, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes rated to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town School District Moderator for the ensuing year, the funds for which are included in the school budget? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the payment to each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving in that office, the funds for which are included in the school budget? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend TWENTY NINE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THREE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$29,518,263.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,846.00 per pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.7 % higher than spending for the current year. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to the Springfield Community Band for eight (8) concerts? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

Warrant (continued)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Springfield in responding to the emergency needs of the community and to provide all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$63,500.00) to help support the high-quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH? Care is provided regardless of ability to pay. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to help support the Valley Health Connections (formerly Precision Valley Free Clinic) to help the uninsured access health care? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) for the support of the Current operated by Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Springfield? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Springfield through volunteer service? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of Greater Springfield that provides daily hot & cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to the children of Windsor County? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to the Springfield Supported Housing to assist families and individuals find permanent housing and provide in home case management services for 6 months to two years after placement? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger, homelessness and related social-service needs in the community? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,500.00) to the Springfield Art and Historical Society to assist in preserving, maintaining, and displaying, for the public, the history and art of the Town of Springfield, Vermont? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Turning Point Recovery Center Drop-In Center and Transition House to help with the everyday cost of providing recovery services and housing for men and that are in recovery from alcohol, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders? (By Australian

Warrant (continued)

Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 27: To do any other business that can legally be done under this Warning.

Dated this 29th day of
January, 2018
at Springfield,
County of Windsor
and State of Vermont.

Kristi C. Morris, Chair
Peter E. MacGillivray
Michael E. Martin
Walter E. Martone
Stephanie N. Thompson
*Board of Selectmen
Town of Springfield*

Dated this 29th day of
January, 2018
at Springfield,
County of Windsor
and State of Vermont.

Edward Caron, Chair
Jeanice Garfield
Michael Griffin
Stephen Karaffa
Laura Ryan
*Board of School Directors
Springfield School District*

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

The River Valley Technical Center School District was formed on July 1, 2007, and is in its eleventh year as one of three independent technical center school districts in the State of Vermont.

The River Valley Technical Center (RVTC) is a co-location partner within the Howard Dean Education Center. RVTC offers twelve technical education programs to high school juniors and seniors: Advanced Manufacturing, Audio Video Production, Business and Financial Services, Carpentry, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Engineering, Horticulture and Natural Resources, Health Careers, Human Services, Industrial Trades, and Information Technology. RVTC also offers Integrated Pre Technical Studies and Pre Technical Foundations programs for sophomores and freshmen, with a total enrollment of approximately three hundred fifty students in all program offerings.

Member school districts include Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Black River Union High School District #39, Green Mountain Union High School District #35, and Springfield School District. Students from Fall Mountain Regional High School are also served by the River Valley Technical Center. Voters of these member districts will have the opportunity to vote on the FY 2019 River Valley Technical Center Budget by Australian ballot at their town meetings on March 6, 2018. The Annual Report of the district is available to all voters by contacting the River Valley Technical Center at 802-885-8300, 307 South Street, Springfield, VT 05156 and on our website for download at www.RVTC.org

Scott D. Farr
Superintendent/Director

WARNING

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Black River Union High School District #39, Green Mountain Union High School District #35, and Springfield School District)

ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet in room B118 at the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 7:00 PM, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

Warning – River Valley Tech (continued)

The business to be transacted to include:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for a two-year term

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Clerk for a term of two years

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Treasurer for a term of two years

ARTICLE 4: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.

ARTICLE 5: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.

ARTICLE 7: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to Tuesday, March 6, 2018 on which date the voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following article by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 6, 2018

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, seven hundred forty-eight thousand, five hundred seventy-three dollars (\$2,748,573) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the aforementioned Australian ballot article on Thursday, March 1, 2018, in room B118 at the Howard Dean Education Center, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2018-2019 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC Superintendent/Director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices, high schools of the member districts, at rvtc.org or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

Robert Flint, Chair

David Clark, *Vice Chair*

Andrew Pennell, *Board Secretary/Clerk*

Andrew Collins

James Rumrill

Alison DesLauriers

Angela Benson-Ciufo

Jeanice Garfield

Susan Tomberg

Jeff Mobus, *Clerk, River Valley Technical Center School District*

Voting Locations and Hours

Springfield School District

Riverside Middle School

8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The River Valley Technical Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, marital/civil union status or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the River Valley Technical Center's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 or other state or federal non-discrimination laws or regulations is directed to contact:

Derek Williams

Assistant Director of Adult & Technical Education,

River Valley Technical Center

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802-885-8300

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT 05156**



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
& BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

February 21, 2018

Board of Selectmen and
Tom Yennerell, Town Manager
Town of Springfield
96 Main Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Dear Selectboard and Town Manager,

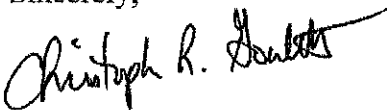
I am writing to address the status of the fiscal year June 30, 2017 audit.

There has been additional time necessary for us to review all the journal entries recorded after receiving the adjusted trial balance, as well as reconciling all the fund balance activity pertaining to Restricted funds, Committed funds, Assigned and Unassigned funds. We have spent a considerable amount of time helping the Finance Department Head in reconciling these accounts, however, additional time is necessary in order to complete the financial statements so that they are accurate, concise and include all required disclosures.

We don't anticipate any material or significant findings pertaining to this audit. We hope to have our audit report on the 2017 financial statements finalized as soon as possible.

We appreciate working with the Town of Springfield and your staff and look forward to assisting them in the future.

Sincerely,



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For the Firm

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Once the 2017 Town Audit has been completed by the auditors, A.M. Peisch & Company, LLP., notice of its availability will be published in The Reporter, on the Town's Website and on the Town's Facebook page.

The Audit will be viewable on the Town's Website at <http://www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com/>

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