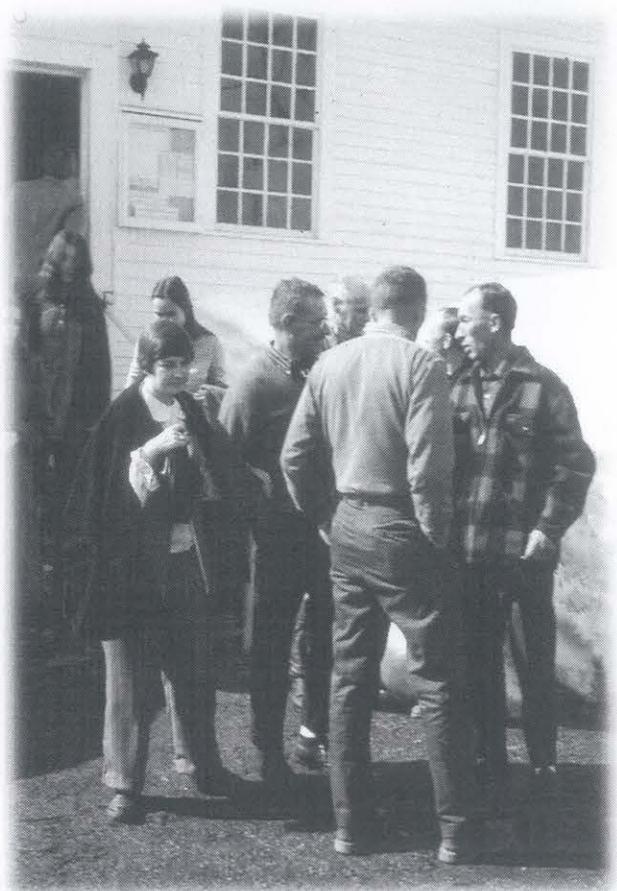
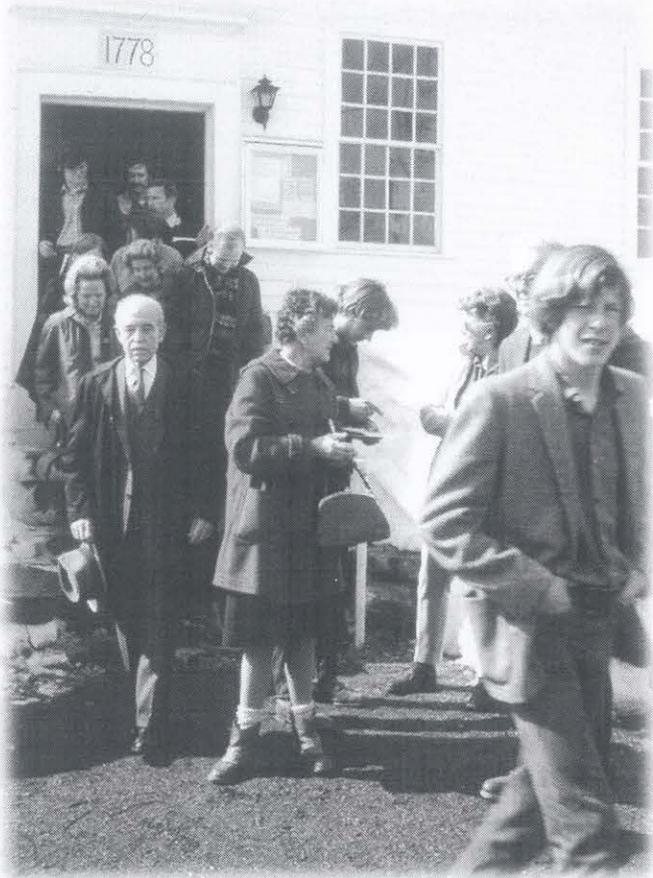


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TOWN OF MARLBORO

P.O. Box E, 510 South Road, Marlboro, Vermont 05344

Population 1078 (2010 Census)

685 registered voters

Meeting Times and Town Officer Hours

Auditors:	Meets at the Town Office at the Auditors' discretion
Board of Listers:	Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Town Office)
Conservation Commission:	2 nd Monday at 6:30 p.m. (Town Office)
Development Review Board:	3 rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Town Office when Warned)
Hogback Preservation Commission:	2 nd Monday, Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Nov. 5p.m. (Town Office)
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company:	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Firehouse)
Planning Commission:	2 nd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. (Town Office)
School Board:	1 st Monday at 6 p.m. (Elementary School)
Select Board:	2 nd and 4 th Thursdays at 5 p.m. (Town Office)
Town Clerk:	9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs. 254-2181
Treasurer:	10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs.

Zoning

For information on permits contact Mary Sargent at 257-4227

In Case of Fire or Emergency dial 911

Town Telephone Numbers

Town Office.....	254-2181
Town Office Fax.....	257-2447
Town Garage Answering Machine...	257-0252
Animal Control Officer.....	348-7479
Constable.....	254-3344
Vermont State Police...911 or (802)	722-4600

Marlboro Elementary School.....	254-2668
Marlboro Post Office.....	254-4400

Tree Warden

Pieter Van Loon.....	254-3872
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For Burn Permits Call:

David Elliot.....	464-8626
Allan McLane.....	579-7987
Pieter van Loon.....	254-3872

Websites

Town.....	http://marlborovt.us
School.....	http://marlboroschool.net

Cover Art

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Taxes

Property tax bills are mailed in mid-August. The tax due date is set at Town Meeting and appears on the tax bills. The final Grand List is filed in July using values as of April 1st.

**PRE-TOWN MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018
AT 6PM IN THE TOWN OFFICE**

TOWN MEETING MARCH 6th 2018 AT 9 A.M. IN THE TOWN HOUSE

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
ELECTED OFFICERS**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Steven John	2018
Town Clerk	Forrest Holzapfel	2020
Treasurer	Linda Peters	2019
Select Board	Pieter van Loon	2018
	Patti Smith	2019
	Tyler Gibbons	2020
Listers	Evan Wyse	2018
	Forrest Holzapfel	2019
	Eric Matt	2020
Auditors	Gail MacArthur	2018
	Andy Reichsman	2019
	S. Rose Watson	2020
Constable	Clarence Boston	2018
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Linda Peters	2019
Grand Juror	Robert Anderson	2018
Town Agent	Robert Anderson	2018
Trustee of Public Funds	Linda Peters	2019
Justices of the Peace	David Holzapfel	2019
	Linda Peters	2019
	T. Hunter Wilson	2019
	Andy Reichsman	2019
	Marcia Hamilton	2019
School Directors	Douglas Korb	2018
	Lauren Poster	2018
	David Holzapfel	2018
	Celena Romo	2019
	Dan MacArthur	2020

Town of Marlboro
Money Paid to Elected Officials-2017

Select Board:	\$1,000.00 per Board Member	\$ 3,000.00
Town Clerk:	Annual Salary	\$ 33,439.32
Town Treasurer:	Annual Salary	\$ 41,104.10
Listers:	E.W. 33.37 F.H. & E.M. 23.81	\$ 10,426.37
Auditors:	17.34	\$ 1,712.33
Constable:	Annual Salary	\$ 212.04

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT - APPOINTED OFFICERS

Animal Control Officer: Margret Tiffany, Patricia DeAngelo

Assistant Treasurer: Andrea Howe (appointed by Treasurer)

Assistant Town Clerks: Evan Wyse (appointed by Town Clerk)

Conservation Commission: Ashley Bies (Chair), Adam Gebb, Dante Corsano, Michael Purcell, Pieter Van Loon, Jaime Tanner

Development Review Board: Steven John (Chair), Jean Boardman (Clerk), Tony Gordon, Brent Seabrook, Gail MacArthur
Alternates: Bennett Grout, Matthew Tell

E-911 Coordinator and Town Communication Coordinator: Allan McLane

Emergency Management Director: Mike Andreotta

Energy Coordinator: Erika Korb

Fire Wardens: Allan McLane and Pieter van Loon

Green-Up Day Coordinator: Carie Kowalski

Health Officer: Susanne Shapiro

Hogback Preservation Commission: Michael Purcell (Chair), Christine Colella, Edward Metcalfe, David Elliott, Malcome Moore, Sarah Grant

Housing Rehabilitation Committee: Patricia Webster and T. Hunter Wilson

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, and Wood: Robert Anderson

Planning Commission: Matthew Tell (Chair), Edith Mas (Clerk), Bennett Grout, Tim Segar, Patti Smith, Staley McDermet, Donald Sherefkin

Rescue Inc. Trustee: Mike Andreotta

Road Foreman & Fire Cheif: David Elliott

Select Board Assitant: Marcia Hamilton

Senior Solutions: Lucy Gratwick

Tree Warden: Pieter van Loon

Weigher of Coal: Hugh Whitney

Windham Regional Commissioners: Edith Mas

Windham Solid Waste District Representatives: Tony Gordon and Stillman Vonderhorst

Zoning Administrator: Mary Sargent

MARLBORO ORGANIZATIONS

Marlboro Alliance – MarlboroAlliance@gmsil.com*****
Francie Marbury, President 464-5169 Polli Moryl, Treasurer

Marlboro Cares – 258-3030 *****
Jennifer Mazur, President 254-9747 Beth McDermet, Treasurer

The Marlboro Meeting House *****
Lynette Hamilton, Moderator 257-0091
Marcia Hamilton, Clerk 464-5470
Marcia Hamilton, Treasurer 464-5470

The Marlboro Park Association mpa.southpond@gmail.com*****
Carol Brook de-Bock, Kate Morgan
Co-Presidents

Marlboro Center Park Committee *****
P'tricia Wyse, Chair 257-8065

Ames Hill-Marlboro Community Center, Inc. *****
Catharine Hamilton, President Paul Butler, Treasurer
Megan Littlehales, Vice President Jenny Altshuler, Historian & Clerk
Linda Rice, Vice President Hanna Thurber, Secretary

Marlboro College 257-4333 *****
Kevin Quigley, President Ken Schneck, Dean of Students

Marlboro Community Fair *****
marlborofair@gmail.com

Marlboro Music School and Festival *****
Festival Phone Number 254-2394 (Only while in session)

Marlboro Meeting House School *****
Patti Donnelly, Director 257-9929 School Phone Number 257-0801

Marlboro Historical Society *****
Forrest Holzapfel, President 257-9929 Augusta Bartlett, House Chair
Donald Sherefkin, Vice President

**TOWN WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING – MARCH 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing by Australian ballot the officers listed in Article 3 and voting on the Zoning Regulations Revisions in Article 4.

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.
- Article 2. To act upon the Auditors' Report.
- Article 3. To elect all town officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting. Select Board, one three-year term; Lister, one three-year term; Auditor, one three-year term; Constable, one one-year term; Grand Juror, one one-year term; Town Agent, one one-year term;
- Article 4. Shall the voters of the town of Marlboro approve by Australian ballot the Zoning Regulations Revisions as accepted by the Marlboro Select Board. The entire text of said revisions is on file with the Town Clerk and posted on the Town Website at marlborovt.us.
- Article 5. To see if the town will set Friday, October 6, 2018 as the due date for property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.
- Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$275,000.00 for the General Fund.
- Article 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$360,000 for town highways, summer and winter maintenance.
- Article 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$10,000.00 to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to help defray operating expenses.
- Article 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$12,380.76 to Rescue, Inc. for services.
- Article 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$1,500.00 to Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. for services.
- Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$1,000.00 to Grace Cottage Hospital.

- Article 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$50.00 for the support of Green Up Vermont to provide services to residents of the town.
- Article 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend up to \$3,000.00 to support the production of the *Marlboro Mixer* newsletter.
- Article 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$500 to help the American Red Cross Green Mountain in support of their mission and the work they do in Marlboro and the State of Vermont.
- Article 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$3,234.00 for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to residents of the town.
- Article 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$9,929.00 for the following social service agencies:

Brattleboro Area Hospice, Inc.....	\$ 250.00
The Current.....	\$ 250.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry.....	\$ 500.00
Gathering Place for Adult Day Services.....	\$ 500.00
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center.....	\$ 230.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont...	\$1,050.00
Marlboro Cares.....	\$ 400.00
Senior Solutions.....	\$ 400.00
Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc.....	\$ 970.00
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH.....	\$3,179.00
Women's Freedom Center.....	\$1,200.00
Youth Services.....	\$1,000.00

- Article 17. To see if the town will adopt the following advisory resolution:

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal:

Now, therefore be it resolved:

1. That the registered voters of the Town urge the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including, but not limited to, oil or gas pipelines;

- b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents;
2. That, the voters of the Town ask that the Town do its part by committing to efforts such as, but not limited to:
- a. Protecting town lands from future fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any oil or gas pipelines crossing town lands;
 - b. Weatherizing town buildings and schools where needed to make them as energy efficient as possible;
 - c. Installing roof-top solar on town and school buildings, where it is appropriate to do so;
 - d. Phasing out the use of fossil fuels to heat town buildings;
 - e. Fostering infrastructure to support low carbon forms of transport, including biking and walking, ride shares and public transportation;;
 - f. Giving renewable energy options priority when renovating Town buildings;
 - g. Phasing out fossil fuel powered town vehicles and replacing them with renewable energy powered vehicles.

And in furtherance of this resolution let the Town Clerk send copies of it with a record of the voting and certified with the official seal of the Town to the governor and lieutenant governor.

Article 18. To see if the voters of the Town will authorize the town to borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenue.

Article 19. To discuss any other nonbinding business.

Pieter van Loon, Chair

Patti Smith, Vice Chair

Tyler Gibbons, Member

Select Board Budget
Town of Marlboro, VT

	2016	2017	2017	2018
Administrative Expenses:	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Taxes and Assessments:	15,194.00	16,250.00	14,838.00	15,400.00
Fees and Salaries	138,058.20	143,000.00	142,800.00	147,084.00
Social Security	12,020.75	13,500.00	12,998.99	14,000.00
Insurance and Bonding	21,468.45	28,198.75	28,198.75	30,530.00
Printing	801.94	1,200.00	1,366.50	1,400.00
Postage	1,946.50	2,000.00	2,540.28	2,500.00
Office Supplies	2,443.49	3,500.00	1,410.88	2,000.00
Legal Expense	733.75	5,000.00	785.59	5,000.00
Solid Waste	14,034.72	12,810.20	12,810.22	14,000.00
Recycling Services*				7,500.00
Recycling Center Maintenance	573.50	1,200.00	729.59	0.00
Cemetery Maintenance	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Planning and Consevation Comm.	630.93	900.00	393.90	1,560.00
Animal Control	383.64	500.00	383.87	500.00
Mutual Aid Assessment	16,063.00	16,063.00	16,313.00	16,336.00
Insurance	39,176.87	32,964.48	33,225.15	34,000.00
Computer	5,624.34	5,800.00	3,936.53	5,000.00
Constable	210.00	218.00	218.00	225.00
Meeting Reimbursements	828.35	1,200.00	695.00	120.00
Mileage Reimbursements	914.86	1,000.00	995.73	1,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	2,028.49	2,500.00	1,882.60	2,500.00
	274,635.78	290,804.43	279,522.58	303,655.00
Marlboro Center Park	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
TO/PO-Post Office Maintenance	25.45	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Windham County Sherrifs Dept.	7,553.00	7,800.00	7,644.00	7,800.00
Emergency Management	4,046.00	5,210.00	5,210.00	6,000.00
SUBTOTAL	286,260.23	309,014.43	292,576.58	317,655.00
Highway Department	368,991.81	360,000.00	391,831.29	360,000.00
SUBTOTAL	655,252.04	669,014.43	684,407.87	677,655.00
Separately Warned Requests:				
Town House Preservation		10,000.00	1,095.31	0.00
Recycling Services* (see above)		7,500.00	1,835.45	0.00
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Compan	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Rescue Inc.	12,019.64	12,197.52	12,197.57	12,380.76
Deerfield Valley Rescue	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Grace Cottage Hospital	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Marlboro Mixer Newsletter	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Amercian Red Cross	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
SeVEDS	3,234.00	3,234.00	3,234.00	3,234.00
Total of Separately Warned Requests:				
Social Service Organizations:	31,303.64	48,981.52	34,412.33	31,664.76
Brattleboro Area Hospice, Inc.	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
The Current	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Gathering Place for Adult Day Se	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Green Mountain RSVP	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00
Health Care & Rehabilitation Ser	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
Marlboro Cares	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Senior Solutions	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Southeastern VT Community Acti	970.00	970.00	970.00	970.00
Visiting Nurses Association and F	3,179.00	3,179.00	3,179.00	3,179.00
Women's Freedom Center	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
SUBTOTAL	9,929.00	9,929.00	9,929.00	9,929.00
	696,484.68	727,924.95	728,749.20	719,248.76

AUDITORS

Contact us at MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com

We conducted our work according to 24 V.S.A. 1681-1684, which requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of town and school district. To the best of our knowledge, the following reflects a true and accurate picture of the town's business for the year ending December 31, 2017.

For those of you who want to save paper, the Town Report will be posted on the Town Web-site for viewing prior to Town Meeting. We will still have plenty of printed copies available at the Town Office.

We are still requesting that all Town Organizations and Offices establish an email account for your organization. We are spending too much time trying to track down the email of whoever is in charge of an organization and often the report is delayed. Having an organization email provides a single point of contact for your organization and consistency when members change. It can easily be done through a gmail account. Once you have created an email account for your organization, please email it to us - MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com

Please send any changes of Municipal Meeting times and information relating to Marlboro Organizations to the auditors at the above email address. If we do not hear from you we will assume your information from the last Town Report has not changed.

Rose Watson

Gail MacArthur

Andy Reichsman

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET-2017

Assets:	2016	2017
General Fund:	\$ 141,199.20	\$ 194,739.25
Equipment Account:	\$ 87,204.42	\$ 142,865.22
Delinquent Tax Bills:	\$ 191,385.38	\$ 148,911.76
Liabilities:		
Tax Levy due to School and State:	\$ 101,899.56	\$ 105,058.39
Excess of Assets over Liabilities:	\$317,889.44	\$ 381,457.84

Town of Marlboro- ACT 68-2017**FY 2017 Education Funding Cash Flow for Municipality**

In 2017, the amount raised for ACT 68 was \$2,017,770.38

School 11/30/2017	\$ 1,908,171.56
School 02/08/2018	\$ 105,058.39
Municipal Treasury	\$ 4,540.43

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS: NONE

2017 DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF 12/31/2017

2003 OQUISANTI, MARK

2004 OQUISANTI, MARK

2005 OQUISANTI, MARK

2006 OQUISANTI, MARK

2007 GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
OQUISANTI, MARK
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2008 GABRIELSON. WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
OQUISANTI, MARK
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2009 GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
OQUISANTI, MARK
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2010 GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
MILLS KEVIN B. AND DENISE STEVENS
OQUISANTI, MARK
PALMER, KENNETH
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2011 GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
MILLS KEVIN B. AND DENISE STEVENS
OQUISANTI, MARK
PALMER, KENNETH
ROGERS MARY ANN
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2012 GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
OQUISANTI, MARK
PALMER, KENNETH
ROGERS MARY ANN
ZARGO, ALAN AND JANET

2013 BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.
GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL
KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
OQUISANTI, MARK
ROGERS MARY ANN
PALMER, KENNETH
ROGERS MARY ANN

2014 BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.
GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL
KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
MESSIER DOREEN Estate of
MILLS KEVIN B. AND DENISE STEVENS
PALMER, KENNETH
TURNER JESSICA
ROGERS MARY ANN
ROGERS MARY ANN
TURNER JESSICA
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2015 BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.
BROOKS CHARLES AND PATRICIA
COLE JEFFREY & LESLIE
GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
MESSIER DOREEN Estate of
OQUISANTI, MARK
PALMER, KENNETH
ROGERS MARY ANN
SMITH TODD H.
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2016 BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.
 BROOKS CHARLES AND PATRICIA
 GLOVER CYNTHIA D.
 KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL
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 MURROW CHARLES CASEY
 OQUISANTI, MARK
 PALMER, KENNETH
 POWLING ROBERT L.
 ROGERS MARY ANN
 SELLECK ROBERT E/O
 TURNER JESSICA
 TURNER JESSICA
 ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2017 BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.
 BROOKS CHARLES AND PATRICIA
 COHEN ALLEN
 COLE JEFFREY & LESLIE
 DOMINIQUE BRIAN
 GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
 GARLITZ KEITH & WENDY
 KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL
 KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
 LAVIN EDWARD J. E/O
 MARTIS JAMES N.
 MESSIER DOREEN Estate of
 MILLS KEVIN B. AND DENISE STEVENS
 MURROW CHARLES CASEY
 PALMER, KENNETH
 POWLING ROBERT L.
 RACINE MADONNA & TIMOTHY
 RACINE TIMOTHY J. & MADONNA L.
 ROGERS MARY ANN
 SCHMITTER MARK & CHARLENE
 SELLECK ROBERT E/O
 SMITH TODD H.
 ST. JEAN JAMES
 STARKWEATHER PETER
 STEPANSKI ANTHONY & JANE
 ZARGO ALAN & JANET

**TOWN OF MARLBORO
TREASURER'S REPORT OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

From Town Report 2016	
Outstanding, or in the Collectors Hands 12/31/16	\$191,385.89
Referred to the Collector for 2017- 11/20/2017	\$187,915.36
Transmitted by Collector to Treasurer in 2017	\$230,389.49
Outstanding, or in the Collectors Hands 12/31/2017	\$148,911.76
Outstanding per Delinquent Tax Collector	\$148,911.76
Balance in Delinquent Tax Collector Checking account	\$539.08

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT SUMMARY: 2017**

	STARTING BALANCE:		\$87,204.42
	<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>EXPENSE:</u>	
2003 FORD PICKUP 350	12,215.10	4,405.34	
2006 FORD XL PICKUP 450	5,310.00	3,338.58	
2003 FREIGHTLINER FL-80	70.00	1,360.45	
2008 STERLING DUMP TRUCK	780.00	17,049.37	
2009 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	27,442.50	10,928.84	
2010 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	35,405.02	17,859.34	
2011 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	21,395.00	10,419.58	
CAT LOADER	1,782.00	2,544.80	
JOHN DEERE GRADER	26,940.00	5,637.28	
JOHN DEERE BACKHOE	12,027.00	3,510.36	
GARAGE	0.00	13,462.19	
MISC.	95.07	241.06	
DIESEL	4,874.63	30,571.52	
LOAN--TO GENERAL FUND	82,000.00	82,000.00	
FROM EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT	0.00	0.00	
SUB-TOTALS:	<u>230,336.32</u>	<u>203,328.71</u>	
VEHICLE FUEL ADJUSTMENT:	+	-	28,653.19
TO INVESTED FUNDS		-	0.00
FROM INVESTED FUNDS		-	0.00
	0.00		
		+	<u>\$142,865.22</u>
INVESTED FUNDS FROM EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT:			
	0.00		
BALANCE OF INVESTED FUNDS:			
TOTAL CASH IN BANK:		+	<u>\$142,865.22</u>

**Town of Marlboro
Income & Expense
As of December 31, 2017**

	Dec 31, 17	
	Debit	Credit
1110 · Community Bank N.A.	194,739.25	
1115 · TD Bank-Checking		
1120 · Merchants Bank-Money Market		
1125 · MFS-Savings		
2000 · Accounts Payable		
2025 · Collected Fees Payable		728.00
2100 · Payroll Taxes Payable		
2110 · Void Payroll Checks- Net		
2125 · VT Retirements Payable		
2135 · HSA Payable		
2210 · Education Spending Payable		
2300 · Short Term Notes		396,000.00
3000 · Opening Balance Equity		55,743.77
3015 · Prior Year Equity Balance	157,901.57	
4105 · Property Tax Revenue		2,485,802.32
4106 · Prior Year Current		37,408.95
4120 · Delinquent Taxes & Interest		254,847.34
4210 · Warrant Charge & Fee		18,351.49
4405 · Civil Fees		2,066.59
4408 · Current Use/Hold Harmless		47,474.00
4410 · Emergency Management		13,994.97
4420 · Highways		247,709.33
4425 · Pilot Payment		79.14
4440 · Property Tax Adjustment		11,305.40
4445 · Reappraisal		6,299.00
4465 · Lister education grant		270.00
4815 · Fees and Licenses		11,363.00
4820 · Rental Income		24,999.96
4880 · Zoning Fees		4,705.00
4885 · Interest Income		83.48
4920 · Miscellaneous Income		2,013.05
4925 · Town House Restoration Project		1,500.00
5000 · GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	315.00	
5010 · Animal Control	383.37	
5030 · Ballot Clerk	215.00	
5050 · Copier	77.98	
5060 · Cemetery Maintenance	3,000.00	
5070 · Computer Expense	3,996.53	
5080 · Continuing Education	675.00	
5100 · Insurance & Bonding	27,721.00	
5110 · Legal Expenses	785.59	
5120 · Meetings	695.00	
5130 · Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.01	
5160 · Mutual Aid Assessment	16,313.00	
5170 · Outside Contract	550.00	
5180 · Property Tax Overpayment	34,174.24	
5201 · Salaries & Wages	178,616.94	
5240 · Health Insurance	33,225.15	
5320 · Postage	2,540.28	
5325 · P O Box Rent	206.00	
5340 · Office Supplies	1,506.26	
5360 · Printing	1,366.50	
5380 · Public Officers Liability	477.75	
5390 · Recycling Center Maintenance	3,063.30	
5395 · Solid Waste	12,810.22	
5410 · Taxes & Assessments	14,838.00	
5412 · Town Park	200.00	
5415 · Zoning & Planning	124.72	
5420 · Miscellaneous	1,739.62	
5520 · Fire Alarm	1,168.26	
5540 · Insurance-Building	6,445.00	
5560 · Plowing, Mowing	1,475.00	
5580 · Repairs & Maintenance	8,223.36	
5610 · Electric	565.70	
5640 · Heating Fuel	1,667.70	
5660 · Telephone/Internet	2,884.27	
5800 · Town House Restoration	1,595.31	
6060 · Bridge Work	154,845.00	
6080 · Culverts & Ditch Work	143.56	
6150 · Equipment Rental	187.50	

**Town of Marlboro
Income & Expense
As of December 31, 2017**

	Dec 31, 17	
	Debit	Credit
6220 · General Liability Insurance	3,218.00	
6240 · Gravel Purchase	63,816.16	
6270 · Office Supplies/ Computer	149.99	
6280 · Outside Contract	120.00	
6301 · Salaries & Wages	162,368.65	
6340 · Health Insurance	47,520.47	
6345 · Health Savings Account		
6350 · Life Insurance	930.00	
6351 · Retirement	6,403.12	
6490 · Road Signs	1,908.43	
6502 · Liquid Calcium	7,934.35	
6510 · Salt Purchase	12,443.10	
6550 · Uniforms	3,877.23	
6680 · Winter Sand	53,442.74	
6605 · Pager Costs	214.80	
6610 · Propane	304.02	
6620 · Telephone Expense	350.24	
6630 · RERP Drill	150.00	
6645 · Miscellaneous Reimbursement	2,717.01	
6650 · Quartley Stipend	1,000.00	
6661 · Generator	590.00	
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	3,634.28	
6700 · SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	8,281.00	
6820 · GSR Equipment Use	92,732.00	
6860 · WR-Plowing	23,402.00	
6880 · WR-Sanding	22,252.50	
7010 · Marlboro Volunteer Fire Dept.	10,000.00	
7015 · Rescue, Inc.	12,197.57	
7020 · American Red Cross	500.00	
7025 · Deerfield Valley Rescue	1,500.00	
7030 · Grace Cottage Hospital	1,000.00	
7035 · Green Up Vermont	50.00	
7040 · Marlboro Mixer Newsletter	3,000.00	
7045 · Southeastern VT Eco. Developmen	3,234.00	
7310 · Brattleboro Area Hospice	250.00	
7315 · Southeastern Vermont Transit In	250.00	
7325 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	
7330 · Gathering Place	500.00	
7335 · Green Mt. RSVP Ctr.	230.00	
7340 · Health Care & Rehab. Services	1,050.00	
7345 · Marlboro Cares	400.00	
7350 · SEVCA	970.00	
7355 · Senior Solutions	400.00	
7360 · Visiting Nurses Assn. & Hospice	3,179.00	
7365 · Womens Freedom Center	1,200.00	
7370 · Youth Services	1,000.00	
7400 · Transfer between Accounts		
7500 · SHORT TERM DEBT	151,677.08	
8500 · EDUCATION SPENDING	2,010,071.12	
9020 · FICA Expense	27,367.99	
TOTAL	<u>3,622,744.79</u>	<u>3,622,744.79</u>

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Town of Marlboro
Previous Year Comparison
January - December 2017

	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>
INCOME		
4100 · TAX REVENUE		
4105 · Property Tax Revenue	2,485,802.32	2,329,563.96
4106 · Prior Year Current	37,408.95	170,344.18
4120 · Delinquent Taxes & Interest	254,847.34	121,434.14
4210 · Warrant Charge & Fee	18,351.49	8,524.29
Total 4100 · TAX REVENUE	<u>2,796,410.10</u>	<u>2,629,866.57</u>
4400 · STATE REVENUE		
4405 · Civil Fees	2,066.59	785.38
4408 · Current Use/Hold Harmless	47,474.00	44,034.00
4410 · Emergency Management	13,994.97	16,725.75
4420 · Highways	247,709.33	121,696.89
4421 · Local Roads Grant	0.00	35,488.71
4425 · Pilot Payment	79.14	2,474.61
4440 · Property Tax Adjustment	11,305.40	11,880.98
4445 · Reappraisal	6,299.00	6,298.50
4465 · Lister education grant	270.00	0.00
Total 4400 · STATE REVENUE	<u>329,198.43</u>	<u>239,384.82</u>
4422 · Paving Reimbursement		175,000.00
4800 · OTHER REVENUE		
4815 · Fees and Licenses	11,363.00	12,774.25
4820 · Rental Income	24,999.96 *1	14,083.29
4880 · Zoning Fees	4,705.00	3,025.00
4885 · Interest Income	83.48	408.27
4920 · Miscellaneous Income	2,013.05	2,942.89
Total 4800 · OTHER REVENUE	<u>43,164.49</u>	<u>33,233.70</u>
4925 · Town House Restoration Project	1,500.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>3,170,273.02</u>	<u>3,077,485.09</u>

*1 INCOME/Rental Nat'l Grid \$12,000.00

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Town of Marlboro
Previous Year Comparison
January - December 2017

EXPENSE	Jan - Dec 17	Jan - Dec 16
5000 · GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES		
5010 · Animal Control	383.37	383.64
5030 · Ballot Clerk	215.00	350.00
5050 · Copier	77.98	0.00
5060 · Cemetery Maintenance	3,000.00	1,500.00
5070 · Computer Expense	3,996.53	4,666.59
5080 · Continuing Education	675.00	728.50
5100 · Insurance & Bonding	27,721.00	20,990.70
5110 · Legal Expenses	785.59	733.75
5120 · Meetings	695.00	828.35
5130 · Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.01	914.86
5160 · Mutual Aid Assessment	16,313.00	16,063.00
5170 · Outside Contract	550.00	957.75
5180 · Property Tax Overpayment	31,088.24	22,489.45
5500 · PLANT OPERATION EXPENDITURES		
5520 · Fire Alarm	1,168.26	225.00
5540 · Insurance-Building	6,445.00	6,011.90
5560 · Plowing, Mowing	1,475.00	881.00
5580 · Repairs & Maintenance	8,223.36	2,117.52
5600 · Utilities		
5610 · Electric	565.70	227.19
5640 · Heating Fuel	1,667.70	2,918.65
5660 · Telephone/Internet	2,884.27	1,727.48
Total 5600 · Utilities	5,117.67	4,873.32
5800 · Town House Restoration	1,595.31	0.00
Total 5500 · PLANT OPERATION EXPENDITURES	24,024.60	14,108.74
5200 · PAYROLL-ADMINISTRATIVE		
5201 · Salaries & Wages	178,616.94	148,484.61
5240 · Health Insurance	33,225.15	38,520.24
Total 5200 · PAYROLL-ADMINISTRATIVE	211,842.09	187,004.85
5320 · Postage	2,540.28	1,946.50
5325 · P O Box Rent	206.00	204.00
5340 · Office Supplies	1,506.26	2,443.49
5360 · Printing	1,366.50	801.94
5380 · Public Officers Liability	477.75	477.75
5390 · Recycling Center Maintenance	3,063.30	573.50
5395 · Solid Waste	12,810.22	14,034.72
5410 · Taxes & Assessments	14,838.00	15,194.00
5412 · Town Park	200.00	0.00
5415 · Zoning & Planning	124.72	630.93
5420 · Miscellaneous	1,739.62	1,153.80
5000 · GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES - Other	315.00	369.01
Total 5000 · GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	361,555.06	309,549.82

Town of Marlboro
Previous Year Comparison
January - December 2017

	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>
6000 · HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES		
6060 · Bridge Work	154,845.00	4,511.96
6070 · Black Top Patch	0.00	66.96
6080 · Culverts & Ditch Work	143.56	4,502.90
6150 · Equipment Rental	187.50	400.00
6220 · General Liability Insurance	3,218.00	2,999.69
6240 · Gravel Purchase	63,816.16	47,995.50
6260 · Miscellaneous	0.00	952.40
6270 · Office Supplies/ Computer	149.99	0.00
6280 · Outside Contract	120.00	450.00
6300 · PAYROLL-HIGHWAY		
6301 · Salaries & Wages	162,368.65	155,183.67
6340 · Health Insurance	47,520.47	48,907.90
6350 · Life Insurance	930.00	929.40
6351 · Retirement	6,403.12	6,144.26
Total 6300 · PAYROLL-HIGHWAY	<u>217,222.24</u>	<u>211,165.23</u>
6480 · Resurfacing	0.00	226,948.73
6490 · Road Signs	1,908.43	375.60
6502 · Liquid Calcium	7,934.35	4,920.00
6510 · Salt Purchase	12,443.10	10,630.73
6550 · Uniforms	3,877.23	3,527.09
6680 · Winter Sand	53,442.74	54,061.80
Total 6000 · HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE	<u>519,308.30</u>	<u>573,508.59</u>
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	3,634.28 *2	0.00
6800 · EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT		
6820 · GSR Equipment Use	92,732.00	78,163.50
6860 · WR-Plowing	23,402.00	8,805.00
6880 · WR-Sanding	22,252.50	28,605.00
Total 6800 · EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT	<u>138,386.50</u>	<u>115,573.50</u>

***2 DISCREPANCIES/ Reconciliation**

Returned Checks $\$618.00+2979.28=3,597.28$

Returned check fees **\$36.00**

Deposit error/Overpayment **\$1.00**

TOTAL Discrep. Cleared by year end \$3,634.28

Town of Marlboro
Previous Year Comparison
January - December 2017

	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>
6600 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
6605 · Pager Costs	214.80	0.00
6610 · Propane	304.02	427.92
6620 · Telephone Expense	350.24	1,255.05
6630 · RERP Drill	150.00	0.00
6645 · Miscellaneous Reimbursement	2,717.01	710.90
6650 · Quartley Stipend	1,000.00	2,300.00
6661 · Generator	590.00	299.51
Total 6600 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	<u>5,326.07</u>	<u>4,993.38</u>
6700 · SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	8,281.00	7,553.00
7000 · SERVICE AGENCY GRANTS		
7010 · Marlboro Volunteer Fire Dept.	10,000.00	10,000.00
7015 · Rescue, Inc.	12,197.57	12,019.62
7020 · American Red Cross	500.00	500.00
7025 · Deerfield Valley Rescue	1,500.00	1,500.00
7030 · Grace Cottage Hospital	1,000.00	1,000.00
7035 · Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00
7040 · Marlboro Mixer Newsletter	3,000.00	3,000.00
7045 · Southeastern VT Eco. Developmen	3,234.00	3,234.00
Total 7000 · SERVICE AGENCY GRANTS	<u>31,481.57</u>	<u>31,303.62</u>
7300 · SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS		
7310 · Brattleboro Area Hospice	250.00	250.00
7315 · Southeastern Vermont Transit In	250.00	250.00
7325 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	500.00
7330 · Gathering Place	500.00	500.00
7335 · Green Mt. RSVP Ctr.	230.00	230.00
7340 · Health Care & Rehab. Services	1,050.00	1,050.00
7345 · Marlboro Cares	400.00	400.00
7350 · SEVCA	970.00	970.00
7355 · Senior Solutions	400.00	400.00
7360 · Visiting Nurses Assn. & Hospice	3,179.00	3,179.00
7365 · Womens Freedom Center	1,200.00	1,200.00
7370 · Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 7300 · SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS	<u>9,929.00</u>	<u>9,929.00</u>
7400 · Transfer between Accounts	-80,000.00	0.00
7500 · SHORT TERM DEBT	193,677.08	246,999.58
8500 · EDUCATION SPENDING	2,010,071.12	2,032,781.49
9020 · FICA Expense	27,367.99	24,780.37
Total Expense	<u><u>3,229,017.97</u></u>	<u><u>3,356,972.35</u></u>
Net Income	<u><u>-58,744.95</u></u>	<u><u>-279,487.26</u></u>

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
TAXES VOTED, ASSESSED, AND COLLECTED---2017**

Grand List (Real Property)	\$1,505,544.00
Homestead Tax Rate: \$ 2.0949	
Non Residential Tax Rate: \$ 1.6536	
Taxes Voted:	
General Fund	275,000.00
Highways	360,000.00
Separately Warned Requests	39741.57
Social Service Organizations	9,929.00
 Total Taxes Voted for Town:	 694,670.57
 School District	 2,013,229.95
 Total Tax Liability	 2,707,900.52
 Current Use-Hold Harmless	 -47,474.00
Property Tax Adjustment	-
TOTAL TAX LIABILITY	2,660,426.52
 Tax Bill Prepared	 2,620,118.75
Taxes Received by Treasurer	2,432,203.38
From Collector	149,977.47
Total 2017 Tax Bills in Hands of Collector	37,937.90

THE MARY WHITE HINCKLEY BEQUEST

The income from this bequest was distributed in January 2017, in equal amount of \$21.77 to each:

The Historical Society of Marlboro
 The Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company
 The Marlboro Meeting House
 Marlboro (School) Parents & Friends
 The Marlboro Town Park

KINGS CEMETERY FUND

	2016	2017
In Savings Accounts at Beginning of Year:	\$46,681.05	\$46,750.40
Deposit	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Interest	\$ 114.35	\$ 114.09
Withdrawn	\$ (1,245.00)	\$ 1,115.00
In Savings Accounts at End of Year:	\$46,750.40	\$ 45,749.49

HOGBACK PRESERVATION FUND

Balance in Money Market on 12/31/16 Community Bank NA	\$ 12,744.67
Deposits	\$ 4,012.18
Interest	\$ 3.12
Expenses	\$ (2,624.08)
Balance in Money Market on 12/31/17	\$ 14,135.89

CD Matured on 06/29/2017 inn the amount of \$4012.18.

2 Year CD to Mature 06/29/2018

3 Year CD to Mature 06/29/2019

4 Year CD to Mature 06/29/2020

5 Year CD to Mature 06/29/2021

AMES HILL – MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER (a.k.a. South Pond)

AMES HILL – MARLBORO COMMUNITY CENTER (AHMCC)
 PO Box 2124, West Brattleboro, VT 05303
ahmcc1938@gmail.com

The AHMCC is dedicated to keeping South Pond beautiful and pristine.

The AHMCC has existed for over 75 years now. All of the pond's shores are protected through a conservation agreement with the Vermont Land Trust. In 2002, the AHMCC added almost all of its acreage to the Land Trust agreement, excluding a small parcel out by Cowpath 40, so that the land will be protected and undeveloped for perpetuity. We recently purchased and conserved an additional 207 acres so that we now have a total of just over 615 acres. The new protected parcel includes the ponds inlet and wetlands. Thank you to all that contributed to this effort.

The AHMCC owns all three beaches. One of the beaches is used by members of the AHMCC, another is leased to the Marlboro Music Festival and the third is leased to the Marlboro Park Association. There are two seasonal cabins that are rented for the summer months only. All three beaches are private and for members only. This is, in part, to protect the area from over-use. Founders and past members of our organization have gone to great lengths to protect it for past, present and future generations. Current members strive to continue this mission, the first and primary focus being, "to promote and further the conservation and preservation of the natural resources and ecology of the Marlboro – Ames Hill forest areas as a natural sanctuary for wildlife". Certificate holders and a Board of Directors within the organization govern and guide our stewardship of the water and the land.

South Pond is the beautiful, perfect place it is today due to the dedication and hard work of many people. Please be mindful of the AHMCC mission while you are there and help us preserve the Pond and its surroundings.

Current Executive Board: Catharine Hamilton, Pres. / Paul Butler, Tres. / Jessica Thurber, Asst. Tres. / Hanna Thurber, Sec. / Megan Littlehales & Linda Rice, co-VP

Submitted by
 Catharine Hamilton, President AHMCC
 802-254-2501

MARLBORO BOARD OF LISTERS

As of January 1, 2018, our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for 2017, as determined by the State of Vermont, is **97.82%**, **down from 100.44%** in 2016 (100.87% in 2015). The minimal decrease is because the CLA is a three year average, and as the market has stayed level, the CLA is level as well. Our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD measures equity among all taxpayers) for 2017 is **13.49%**, **up from 13.37%** in 2016 (11.17% in 2015). A COD of 15% or less is considered acceptable by nationally held standards.

In 2017, we started a town-wide reappraisal of all properties. We began property inspections in early June 2017 and as of early January 2018, we are ahead of schedule & the process has been working well. We will

continue thru the spring and new values will be assigned for every property for Tax Year 2018. Comparing actual Marlboro property sales from the last three years against our 2008 appraised values shows that our appraised values are very close to the sale prices. However, in the interest of equity among taxpayers, as suggested by the State, many adjustments will be made to land and building values based on data collected. Therefore, all properties will have some change in value.

The year of 2017 saw 39 transfers of property, 2 more than in 2016. 16 of the transfers were “Arms-Length Sales” with a variety of properties trading hands: single family dwellings, camps, open land parcels, and 1 commercial property.

New construction continues at a steady pace around town with numerous sheds, porches, and garages, while there are also 9 new houses being built (in some state of completion). We inspected buildings and land at 33 different properties for a net increase of \$478,300 to the Grand List for 2017. When we lodged our 2017 Grand List, the Town value was \$150,376,000 (after all adjustments for Equipment, Veterans, Current Use & Contracts). The 2 tax rates of 2017 (Tax Year 2018) are set at \$2.0949 for Homestead Property and \$1.9696 for Non-Residential Property.

Please remember that **Full Time Residents** of Vermont need to annually file Vermont Form HS-122 (Homestead Declaration & Property Tax Adjustment Claim) in order to receive help in defraying their Marlboro Property Tax Bill. Vermont Form HI-144 (Household Income) is needed along with HS-122 to determine your eligibility. DUE DATE: April 15, 2018 (Claims allowed up to October 15, 2018 but late filing penalties apply).

Give the Office a call at 254-2181 or email us at marlborolisters@gmail.com if you have questions. As always, we welcome questions, concerns, or curiosity about land or buildings in town, so feel free to contact us or stop into the office.

Marlboro Listers: Evan Wyse, Forrest Holzapfel, Eric Matt

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The DRB has a set schedule of regular monthly meetings/hearings on the third Tuesday of the month. Permit applications requiring a hearing should be submitted to the Zoning Officer at least twenty-one days prior to a hearing date.

The following Permit applications were approved by the DRB during 2017:

Thorin MacArthur (Gary MacArthur), PO Box 415, Marlboro VT 05344; Change of Use: Convert existing primitive camp to single family residence, located on a 44 acre parcel with existing single family residence.

Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, 600 Liberty Highway, Putnam, CT 02620; Variance: Install stairs on end of new dam/dock, within setback from MacArthur Rd. Original dam was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene, replaced in compliance with State specifications.

Megan and Allen Warner, 1530 Higley Hill Road, Wilmington, VT 05363; Site Plan Review: Amendment to approve site plan for construction of single family dwelling on undeveloped parcel.

J&S Enterprises (Jason Petrelli & Sara Jasinski), PO Box 1510, Wilmington, VT 05363; Change of Use: Construct four studio apartments in the Skyline Restaurant building, which also contains a nano-brewery and restaurant. This is the final stage of the Change of Use project begun with Permit #16-10CH, already approved under the Town of Marlboro Zoning Bylaw.

Marlboro School District, PO Box D, Marlboro, VT 05344; Variance: Install a silo for wood pellets on a poured concrete slab. Height of proposed silo is 27 feet; maximum height allowed for accessory structures is 25 feet under the Town of Marlboro Zoning Bylaw.

Whetstone Cider Works (Jason and Lauren MacArthur & Dan and Gail MacArthur), PO Box 512, Marlboro, VT 05344; Conditional Use: Convert an existing woodworking shop to a hard cider facility with underground wastewater storage tanks.

Jill Lepore and Tim Leek, 36 Garfield Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; Variance: Remove the sunroom structure on the south end, construct a covered porch on the north end, and replace the existing 14x24 addition with a new 24x24 addition on the west side of the existing house, all within the setback from Levi Howard Road.

Marlboro College (Matthew Barone), PO Box A, Marlboro, VT 05344; Variance: Install a sign at the driveway entrance identifying Marlboro College Graduate School Admissions Office, within the setback from South Road as well as the setback from the property line.

The following Permit applications were denied by the DRB during 2017:

Mark & Megan Littlehales, PO Box 148, Marlboro, VT 05344; Variance: Construct two-bay garage with storage shed, within setback from MacArthur Road.

Nate Harvey & Keely Eastley, PO Box 118, Marlboro, VT 05344; Variance: Extend roof of existing garage to cover one (1) additional car, within setback from North Pond Road.

The Members of the DRB are: Steven John, Chairman, Jean Boardman, Clerk, Tony Gordon, Brent Seabrook and Gail MacArthur. Alternates to the Board are: Bennett Grout and Matthew Tell. Julia von Ranson is Administrative Assistant.

If you have an interest in serving on the Development Review Board, please apply by letter to the Marlboro Selectboard.

Jean H. Boardman Clerk, DR

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The past 12 months started with a number of ice storms that had drivers finding themselves sliding on Rt 9 and other key arteries in Marlboro. If we look back in time we see some videos that on Facebook showing drivers parked on Rt 9 while they are skating on the black ice. At the same time, social media including

Facebook and Twitter are being used extensively to update Marlboro residents and guests on the status of the roads throughout Vermont. A side discussion between Marlboro EM and VTrans showed that VT511 was not keeping road conditions updated during storm activity and was unreliable.

The High-Water Sensor project continues this year. The two initial sensors that were installed survived the storm at the end of October with only minor repairs necessary. There were lessons to be learned regarding the sensor build (magnetic sensors and reed switches will be used) and the flashing red alarm and alarm siren will not be placed in a NEMA-3 container but a less expensive 4" pvc pipe solution will be deployed.

The Vermont Dept of Emergency Management is now separate from the Dept of Homeland Security, but continues as reporting up to the Dept of Public Safety in its governance structure.

Grant funding for Marlboro's Emergency Management was renewed for the State's 2018 fiscal year, but it does end on May 31, 2018. At that point funding will be under the Town of Marlboro fiscal policy.

Three public meetings were held in 2017, but there was an issue with attendance. Suggestions to improve attendance include increasing the time between notice and the actual meeting in order to allow residents opportunity to re-arrange their schedule accordingly.

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Day marked its 47th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency. Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Our East Montpelier coordinator reports "Green Up Day is an excellent teachable moment for our children." Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover sixteen percent of the operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and the services of two part-time employees.

Mark your calendar: May 5, 2018 Green Up Day, 48 years of tradition!

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

HOGBACK PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2016 pretty much started like 2016 ended w/proposed hikes New Year's Eve and then a New Year's Day Hike on 2017. Of course last winter was nothing like the one we seem to be having now. Various snow shoe and ski activities were canceled and concerns over inappropriate snowmobile use never materialized. Marlboro college students have used the MA (Management area) as a source for ecology papers and can be seen on the Hogback website. Valuable lessons include a noticeable reduction of the Hay Scented Fern where ESH cuts have used a "mat" approach. In addition to the annual MES Day and 9 different activities, Marlboro Elementary School Junior High students requested permission to harvest a number of saplings from The Great White Way ESH project for their annual bench building project, and use the opportunity to educate the students about both the harvesting and ESH project. The small mammal report and bird banding has helped demonstrate the importance & usefulness of the MA. As a result of work done last fall, 9 of the 12 bird species named by Audubon Vermont as being "high priority for protection" were found on Hogback. To that end a working group, made up of members from the HPC and HMCA, continues to develop a plan to investigate a Biodiversity Study to create a baseline for use in future management decisions. With spring came plans and activities based around trail maintenance, final trail development, and other activities to explore the changes that new seasonal growth and associated animal activity brings. Additional conversations were had regarding the status of older buildings in the MA. The approach, that the old ski area apparatus and structures provide their own version of time past, does not mean that these attractive nuisances should be ignored or exist unconsidered. The First Aid building is believed to be unsalvageable at this point. The Benedict Cottage may have some physical use by the HMCA/HPC. The Castle was approved by the HPC for stabilization and use as a seasonal weather retreat. The Quonset Hut is on the list for debris removal and possible stabilization as a weather retreat.

Membership on various boards has continued to be problematic. A couple of HPC members have stepped down resulting in new members, Sarah Grant, Malcolm Moore, and Bob Anderson stepping in to fill the voids. The HMCA continues to look for active participants willing to help out w/a host a varied interest projects. Participants can choose to participate as helpers or even planners. Sign up for the newsletter and keep an eye out for special activities, trail or project days, etc... New energy is greatly appreciated. During the course of the year members of both the HPC & HMCA attended seminars offered by state and local agencies/committees, including "Recreation in Town Forests", "Managing the People in Town Forests", and a regional "Conservation Commission" summit. The HMCA hosted a presentation of "The Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont" at Memorial Hall in Wilmington and Hogback was prominently featured, as well as memorabilia specific to the Hogback Ski Area. Additionally, "Hogback/MA displays" were set up at the Marlboro Fair and Marlboro "Community Engagement Fair". The Hogback Facebook page continues to gather likes and the website continues to be the source for information and updates on all things Hogback.

In addition to ESH volunteer work days, special projects included clearing and trimming work around the lower Bishop Cellar Hole, and the Black Friday Ski Trail Clearing Day after Thanksgiving. Regular trail work has included clearing deadfall, trimming back brush, finishing opening up the Cross Mountain Trail, installing signposts, map brochure boxes on kiosks, investigate possible new routes/trails, etc...

All in all, a busy productive season, ending w/a New Year's Eve hike, followed by a New Year's day one the next. With more participation, we could do even more.

HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE
Halifax-Marlboro-Whitingham

The Housing Rehabilitation Committee, a consortium of our three towns, continues to distribute funds in low-interest loans to income-eligible residents for a variety of rehabilitation projects, ranging from septic and well installations, heating, and roofing, to plumbing and electrical repairs and upgrade. We are currently serving 14 clients, six from Halifax, four from Marlboro, and four from Whitingham, with current loans amounting to \$139,983.00 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$187,726.00

Our Committee is one of the few in Vermont that remain active and self-sufficient in the administration of funds recycling from repaid loans. The Committee has funds to lend and invites the residents of our three towns who may have a necessary rehabilitation project to apply to see if they meet eligibility guidelines. Please contact us through any of the Committee members listed below. Applications are also available from the three Town Clerks.

Andy Rice, Chair

Andy Rice, Chair 257-7982

Al Dacey 257-5879

Don McKinley 368-2376

T. Hunter Wilson 464-5129

Patty Webster 464-8153

Linda Donaghue 368-2313

MARLBORO ALLIANCE

As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, The Marlboro Alliance mission is to support, nurture and enrich the Marlboro community. The Alliance is an umbrella organization for other town organizations such as Marlboro Cares, Marlboro Fair, Marlboro Mixer, and, most recently, the Marlboro Town Library. The Alliance raises funds to provide direct grants to individuals as well as to provide funds to organizations providing services to the Marlboro Community.

In 2017, the process of making Community Grants was fine tuned. Marlboro residents who are seeking funding for a project that is within the scope of the Alliance mission can submit an application to the Finance Committee which then reviews it and brings it to the full Alliance board for consideration. The application form can be found at <http://www.marlboroalliance.com>

Alliance sponsored events include the annual scholarship appeal, January Thaw Book Swap, Town Meeting Potluck, and the Summer Sale. With your support of our events and fundraising efforts, the Alliance was able to give approximately \$3800 to organizations and individuals supporting the Marlboro community, such as the Summer Library Program, the Hogback Nature Museum, and a project entitled "Peoples, Places, and the History of Stories in Brattleboro, VT." In collaboration with the Historical Society the Alliance supported the printing and sales of the new Marlboro Cookbook. \$4875 was given out for scholarships for school age and college students.

We start 2018 with a board of directors dedicated to continuing the efforts of supporting the Marlboro community. Our directors are: Gussie Bartlett, Lucy Gratwick, Michelle Holzapfel, Gail MacArthur, Francie Marbury (President), Edie Mas, Jennifer Mazur, Meg McCarthy, Carla Meskill (Secretary), Polli Moryl (Treasurer), Lauren Poster, and Felicia Tober. We are looking forward to renewing

our commitment and clarifying our mission at a retreat facilitated by Amanda Mehegan, a Marlboro MBA student, on February 3.

The Marlboro Alliance may be reached by US postal mail at:
Marlboro Alliance, PO Box 165, Marlboro, VT, 05344

You may also contact The Marlboro Alliance with email:
MarlboroAlliance@gmail.com

And the web at:
<http://www.marlboroalliance.com/>

MARLBORO CARES

Marlboro Cares is a non-profit, volunteer organization providing no-cost, non-emergency assistance to Marlboro residents. We have a nine-member volunteer board of directors and a pool of 55 wonderful volunteers.

Access to our services is via our call-forwarding telephone service (258-3030), which is monitored daily. Marlboro Cares was very active in 2017. We answered 159 calls and assisted 39 different residents for non-emergency assistance, such as transportation, errands, information, companionship, and simple chores. Referrals were given to needed social services and for in-home care givers, equipment, and for handyman-type chores. 27 of our volunteers provided 394 rides to residents this year, driving over 4,690 miles. Regular check-ins and visits for our elder residents are provided, as requested. Our volunteer cooks were busier than ever this year. Meal Trains and meals were provided to 11 residents and their families following surgery, an illness, or the birth of a child. We thank the over 45 volunteers who cooked and delivered over 90 meals, often more than one and to more than one recipient.

Our Senior Lunches continue to be popular social events. Over 50 different residents participated in 2017, many of them regularly. The monthly lunches take place at Marlboro College at 11:30 on the first Friday of the month for a donation of \$3.00. These are fun gatherings, at which delicious food and good conversation abound. There is usually an invited speaker or musical group to entertain and enlighten us at each lunch. Our thanks to the wonderful speakers/musicians, who donated their time in 2017: Carol Hendrickson and the Cookbook team, Bob Engel, Lucy Gratwick and Celena Romo, Singcrony, Kate Ratcliff, and Andrea Matthews. A special thanks also to Benjamin Newcomb, former director of Food Services at Marlboro College, who was always welcoming and wonderful.

The lunch dates for the remainder of 2017-2018 academic year are April 6th and May 4th. All Marlboro seniors are welcome, with transportation provided on request. Due to the growing popularity, reservations are necessary to insure that there will be enough food and chairs. Please call 258-3030 to let us know you plan to attend by the Monday evening before the lunch. Also, we ask that if you make a reservation and find you cannot attend, please call us so that your place may be given to someone on the Waiting List.

Marlboro Cares provided Memorial gifts to honor our 10 citizens and 2 former citizens who died this past year. Five new babies were welcomed to town with a gift certificate to Carters. In December, we delivered

Holiday Baskets to a record 24 of our most senior residents or to those who were suffering a serious illness. If we over-looked anyone, please let us know.

Marlboro Cares continued its annual lecture series in the Spring with “The Dentist and the Fall Guy.” Joe Prignano spoke about caring for our teeth as we age and Bobby Maynard provided information about a Fall Prevention Program, offered by the Deerfield Valley Rescue and open to Marlboro Citizens. The Strong Living Exercise Group and Tai Chi classes, both begun with Marlboro Cares support, are ongoing. Marlboro Cares has a regular information article in the Mixer.

Marlboro Cares is a member of the Marlboro Alliance, which is our Federal non-profit umbrella organization. Marlboro Cares is represented on the Board of Directors of the Alliance and on the Emergency Shelter and Marlboro Assistance Fund committees. We are also affiliated with the regional Windham County Cares Network and are associated with Senior Solutions (formerly the Council on Aging). Our funding comes from a Senior Solutions Transportation grant, as well as grants from Marlboro Town Meeting and the Marlboro Alliance. We are also thankful for the generous tax-deductible donations received this year from residents and their families.

The Board of Directors would like to publicly thank our dedicated volunteers. In addition to the board of directors, they are: Bob Anderson, Ann Bartlett, Laura Berkowitz, Fred Bisbee, Jean Boardman, Jeff & Michelle Bower, Michael Boylen, Barbara and Bruce Cole, Ellen Dudley, Lucy Gratwick, Mary Greene, Forrest Holzapfel, Michelle Holzapfel, Andra Horton, Andrea Howe, Jill Hulme, Carol Ann & Peter Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, Susan Kunhardt, Gail MacArthur, Francie Marbury, Edie Mas, Andrea Matthews, Joe Mazur, Staley McDermet, Malcolm Moore, Susan O’Hara, Linda Peters, Bradley and Lauren Poster, Didi Prignano, Kate Ratcliff, Kelly Salasin, Mary Sargent, Celia Segar, Ede Thomas, Peggy Tiffany, Felicia & Jim Tober, Nancy Waring, Cherie Watson, Kent Webster, and T. Wilson. Many other community members kindly made a meal for someone this year. If you would like to volunteer for Marlboro Cares, please speak to any Board member below or call our answer line at 258-3030.

Marlboro Cares extends its deep gratitude and appreciation to Emiy Kunreuther and Julianne Mills for their service on the Board of Marlboro Cares. The Board also extends a huge Thank You to Annie Bartlett, who served as our first and finest medical consultant for a number of years. Current Board members are: Nancy Anderson, Augusta Bartlett, Carol Hendrickson, Jennifer Mazur (President), Beth McDermet (Treasurer), Carla Meskill, Joe Prignano, Patty Webster, and Nora Wilson (Secretary). We welcome Susan Kunhardt as our new medical consultant. The telephone number for our assistance, to volunteer, to attend a lunch or for questions is 258-3030. Leave a message and someone will return your call within 24 hours.

MARLBORO MIXER TOWN NEWSLETTER

The Marlboro Mixer is a free bimonthly newsletter for the town of Marlboro that acts as a calendar for local meetings and events; lists classifieds and services; provides information about town and school officials work; shares non-fiction pieces about local ecology, agriculture, history, and people profiles. Residents are encouraged to contribute pieces of writing and service listings to “The Mixer”.

The newsletter is mailed to all Marlboro town residents free of charge and is also available in email form. The newsletter is available at the Town Office and the Marlboro College Bookstore, as well. Funding for

this publication is provided by the town of Marlboro. A budget is available on request.

To subscribe to the Mixer or send a submission, please write to:
 Meg McCarthy, PO Box 1768, Brattleboro, VT 05302
meg@megmccarthy.com

MARLBORO FAIR

Thank you to everyone who helped put on The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, the 2017 Marlboro Community Fair. And what a brilliant day it was! With a near-record 540 people in attendance, temperatures in the mid-70s, a stage full of music and a lively game field, it was a day to remember.

Mike Clough from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum delighted and entertained with hawks, owls, reptiles, and bunnies, and stories about how all of these share our natural environment.

The Tea Tent was hopping all afternoon, with jam and cream and pots of steaming black tea creating a casual elegance next to the Community Tent, where copies of the new Marlboro Cookbook were delighting passersby. In the Arts and Crafts Tent there was a wonderful array of items that townspeople had knitted, crocheted, hooked, pieced, sewn, painted, drawn, and made from wood.

Over in the Garden Tent, there were many entries this year for spirit beverages and preserves, and some extravagant flower arrangements reminding us that summer still has some bounty to share. The fruit and vegetable entries were dominated by tomatoes large and small, and some perfectly on-season apples. The baking contest saw over a dozen entries, including a wonderful braided chocolate bread which carried away first prize.

The College, the Meetinghouse School, and Javed Chuadrhi kept us all going throughout the day with delicious Fair Fare. We cooled off with ice cream from the Junior High. A small group of volunteers sold cold beverages which raised over \$300 in donations for Alice Dricker. The corn roast brought late summer back onto our plates. Arlene Hanson, Lucy Gratwick, and Dan MacArthur were brilliant panelists on the 'Wait! Wait! Tell Me!' Marlboro quiz show.

Thanks also to everyone who stayed to help us clean up the Muster Field afterward! It is a wonderful demonstration of community that folks are willing every year to give of their time to help this event be successful.

Financially, the Fair made money this year, which is an unusual occurrence for the recent past. Your generosity is what keeps the Fair going each year!

The other thing that keeps the Fair going is the committed efforts of a fun group of people. We operate on the principle of many hands making light work, so we're always looking for individuals to take even a small part in the project. If you'd like to be a member of the Fair committee, which is the ONLY committee in town which takes 8 months off AND has a reputation for excellent dinner selections, let us know!

2017 Marlboro Fair Financials

\$3,616.19 TOTAL EXPENSES

\$67.00	Cash Donations
\$470.00	MAAC for Comm Tent and student entrance fees
\$2,375.00	Gate receipts (540 Fairgoers through the gate)
\$199.50	Bake Sale
\$343.00	Tea Tent
\$147.00	Raffle Fred's Adirondack chair
\$340.00	Javed's food
\$20.00	Whetstone Cider Works
\$109.00	Button sales
\$150.00	Donation from Marlboro College
\$4,220.50	TOTAL INCOME

\$604.31 NET GAIN

MARLBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thank you to all the Trustees whose generous donation of time carries our Historical Society forward, and thank you to all townspeople who participate in our programs and offer financial support through dues & donations. We can't continue our work without you ! Our purpose is to preserve Marlboro history and promote its understanding, through summer programs and through the objects and documents at the Newton House museum. Please visit our website at digitalmarlboro.omeka.net to enjoy some of the 1,200 photographs from our archives.

Our 2017 summer program began with the Ice Cream Social on July 1st, and a good crowd showed up for conversation under the sugar maples with great homemade ice cream by Donald Sherefkin and Jean Boardman.

On July 8th Forrest Holzapfel led an historic house tour of two 19th century houses, on North Pond Road and on Alexander Road, where we saw a blend of ancient and modern.

On July 15th T. Hunter Wilson guided a group along the Old County Road (off Butterfield Road), where we viewed some cellar holes and continued on to visit a heron rookery with a few active nests.

On July 20th the Annual Meeting was held at the Town House with local geologist and documentary filmmaker Roger Haydock giving the audience an incredible slide talk about the geologic history of Vermont and specifically our area. His concise, clear explanations of the geologic forces at play enhanced everyone's understanding of why our land is what it is today. We thanked retiring Trustee Liz Vick for her years of service to the Historical Society and note, with gratitude for years of support, the passing of Honorary Trustee Fran Nevins. Forrest Holzapfel also announced he is stepping down as President after 9 years, but will remain on the board.

On July 22nd Marcia Hamilton led a group on a walk to the Goodspeed family cellar hole off Grant Road. While exploring the old cellar hole and other foundations, stone walls and beautiful woods, Marcia detailed the genealogy of the Goodspeed family and their connection to town.

Near the northern end of Lower Dover Road are the faint remains of a soapstone quarry that dates back to the early 1800's and was owned by the Worden family. On August 5th Forrest Holzapfel led a group out to the quarry and the long spine of rock that early Vermonters called chalk stone.

Augusta Bartlett brought a group to the Phelps Cemetery on August 12th, with its tall white marble stones. This beautiful family cemetery was originally placed in an open field about 1830, and is now deep in the woods.

And lastly, on August 26th orchardist Clarence Boston toured a group through the restored orchard at Sally White's off South Road. After an easy walk from Newton House, Clarence discussed varieties of apples and their history in this area, as well as showing us the elegance of a well pruned apple tree.

We will continue these excellent walks to new venues in the coming summer, and encourage townspeople to share their knowledge of historical locations in Marlboro with us.

It was also a busy summer at our headquarters as we replaced the roof on Newton House, and upgraded the very old electrical service panel in the cellar, and contracted with Long View Forestry to combat the Japanese knotweed infestation on the property.

Trustees: Jim Tober, Jean Boardman, Marcia Hamilton, Malcolm Moore, & Staley McDermet

House Chairperson and Honorary Trustee: Gussie Bartlett Treasurer : Jill Golden

Archivist: Dan Dennis Vice President: Donald Sherefkin President: Forrest Holzapfel

Honorary Trustees: Esther Fielding, Richard Hamilton, and Polly Wilson

MARLBORO MEETING HOUSE

During 2017 there were three memorial services, meditation sessions, yoga classes, dance classes, sign making and card making projects, all conducted by members of the public. The Marlboro Alliance hosted the Town Meeting potluck lunch and the Annual Summer Sale. The Alliance also used the restroom for the book swap and volunteer appreciation breakfast.

The building has been used for 44 years as the home of Meeting House School. The school hosted the annual Mud Fling in February.

During the year a new furnace was installed to replace the almost 50-year old furnace that developed a crack in the heat exchanger. We have plans to resume repair and maintenance of some of the 25 large windows.

Religious services were held on 10 Sundays in the summer and one day each in October, November, December and at Easter. Our popular pastor, Michael J. Mario, brings not only a good message but great music on guitar and other instruments. His music and voice are well suited to the tastes of his audience and the relaxed atmosphere brings enjoyment to all.

The contact person for all uses of the building, or for the use of chairs and tables, is Marcia Hamilton. (m8rcia@gmail.com; 802 490-0347) Marcia Hamilton, Clerk, Treasurer

MARLBORO PLANNING COMMISSION

This year the public review and comment on the Zoning ByLaws for the Planning Commission was completed on October 26th , when the draft was forwarded to the Select Board for review. A total of five Public Hearings were held by the Planning Commission. After review and comment by the Select Board, a final public hearing was held on November 30th. The Select Board then agreed to bring the final version of the town's proposed Zoning ByLaw provisions to public vote. Copies of the proposed ByLaw were sent to neighboring towns.

Thanks to all for the great participation and comments in these meetings. There were many useful suggestions made, and many resulted in changes to the original draft. Residents of Marlboro were contacted in a number of ways, through Public postings, the Marlboro Mixer, Front Porch Forum, and individual mailings. The proposed Revised Zoning Regulations document is currently on the Town's website, at the Town Office, and it will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Town Meeting day. The Planning Commission urges everyone to review the ByLaws and summary of revisions.

This coming year the Planning Commission will be reviewing the current Subdivision Regulations, and preparing to revise the current Town Plan. Edie Mas currently represents Marlboro at the Windham Planning Commission meetings, and has been active in committee work, regional workshops, and review of other Town Plans. Bennett Grout serves as an alternate on the Development Review Board.

The Planning Commission welcomes all to any of our meetings, held on the second Tuesdays at 5 pm in the Town offices.

It also has an email address, marlboroplanning@gmail.com, and welcomes any questions or comments.

Planning Commission

Matt Tell, Chair	Staley McDermet, Vice-Chair	Edie Mas, Secretary
Patti Smith	Bennett Grout	Tim Segar
		Don Sherefkin

THE MARLBORO SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Marlboro School Association's purpose is to enrich the education of our town's current and future elementary students by establishing a permanent source of additional funding "beyond that which can fairly and reasonably be raised through local and state taxes" for Marlboro Elementary School equipment, projects and programs. Normally, only the Association's income is distributed, though we also consider donations for specific projects. Gifts to the 501(c)(3) Association are tax deductible, as allowed by law.

The Marlboro School Association raised \$13,270 from our 22nd annual appeal. Since we were founded in 1994 *we have provided over \$107,000 to support the children at the Marlboro Elementary School.* Thank you for making this possible!

We want to thank all of the town members, grandparents, and Marlboro School Alumni who have contributed to this year's appeal, which has raised \$12,935 to date. Your tax-deductible contribution can be

sent to PO Box 213—*there's still time to contribute!*—and your donation will be recognized in the next annual appeal.

Last year the Association provided funding for construction of the Compost Center (aka the “Compost Palace”) and Field Research.

This year, we plan to provide funding for yoga mats, the Kidwind program, a chicken coop for the Primary Class(!), vises for Junior High tech class, and Field Research.

We'd like to thank Kate Purdie for her many years of service as Association Secretary, and welcome Francie Marbury as her replacement!

If you are interested in serving on our board or would like more information regarding the Marlboro School Association, please contact one of the current board members.

Jen Carr, Bruce Cole, Sara Kazemi, Wayne Kermenski, Douglas Korb, Francie Marbury, Lauren Poster, Kate Purdie, Judy Robinson, Adrian Segar

MARLBORO SELECT BOARD

Tyler Gibbons was reelected to another three-year term. The Board, with Pieter van Loon, Patti Smith and Tyler Gibbons, elected Pieter van Loon, Chair and Patti Smith, Vice-Chair in March, 2017.

The Board spent considerable time and research to determine the options open to Marlboro residents for recycling. Windham Solid Waste Management District closed the Materials Recovery Facility. The recycling center was moved to a less obvious location off Route 9 and contracted with TAM Waste Management to haul the materials.

The Board agreed to the formation of a collaborative with the Towns of Guilford and Halifax to identify and implement ecological restoration projects along the Green River in these towns. The collaborative is an effort being led by the Windham Regional Commission and has been funded through a grant from High Meadows Associates. The Board and Emily Davis, staff member of Windham Regional Commission, identified individuals with certain expertise in Marlboro who would be able to help.

The Select Board held the final hearing on the proposed Zoning Regulations revisions. The Board accepted the revisions with no further changes and recommended it be put before voters by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day.

The public is always welcome to attend Select Board meetings and we value your input. There is always a ten minute period for unscheduled open public comment at the beginning of every meeting. You may contact the Select Board by email at marlboroselectboard@gmail.com or by post at Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344.

Marlboro Select Board: Pieter van Loon, Chair; Patti Smith, Vice Chair; Tyler Gibbons

MEETING HOUSE SCHOOL

Meeting House School, located in the Marlboro Meeting House Church, is a non-profit preschool program established by a Marlboro parent and teacher in 1973 for children in the Marlboro area. The school operates during the school year from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. One day a week the school also offers an Aftercare Program that runs from 12:30 to 3:00.

Director and head teacher Patti Donnelly and assistant teacher Gemma Ollis do an amazing job of designing and implementing an age-appropriate and activity-based curriculum for the preschool. The school fosters positive social interactions among children and presents themes which are relevant to the children's experiences, such as apple picking and making applesauce in the fall, festivals of light and gift making and giving in December, and sugaring and planting seeds in the spring. Outdoor play, walks, sledding and exploration are part of everyday fun! With the help of Lucia Kloster, our whole foods cook, the Meeting House School provides a healthy snack and a hot lunch every day. The children enjoy helping by cutting up veggies, setting the table and washing their own dishes. We are fortunate to have Wendy Spiro join us once a week to share songs and music with the children. The Bookmobile comes twice a month.

This year there are 17 children ages 3-5 enrolled at the Meeting House School. Ten are Marlboro residents, two live in Brattleboro, one from Jacksonville, one from Wilmington, and three live in Halifax. All but two of these families received Collaborative Funds, tax money from the Vermont Department of Education that is distributed to early childhood programs through local school districts. The Collaborative program pays for 10 hours of preschool per week for families who apply for it in the spring for the following fall. The Meeting House School Board and parents hold fundraisers throughout the year in order to meet expenses and to provide partial scholarships for families who need tuition assistance.

This year, Meeting House School hired Carol Brooke-deBock as Administrative Director. She ensures that the school is up-to-date with all certifications, requirements and programs, manages the school's payroll and finances, and maintains records and paperwork, amongst other tasks. She has been an excellent addition to the school and has helped to make operations run more smoothly.

Meeting House School also sponsors a free playgroup for infants and toddlers accompanied by a parent or guardian. Playgroup is open from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday mornings in the school classroom. All are welcome! Contact Kate Milliken for more information: k8milliken@gmail.com

The Meeting House School Trustees are: Lauren MacArthur and Kirstin Edelglass (Co-Presidents), Jesse Einermann and Julie Sweethill (Treasurers), Mae Star Salinsky, Jamie Schilling, Julie Etter, Kate Milliken and Corinna Inman.

The Meeting House School Board voted recently to close Meeting House School as of June, 2018 in support of the opening of a public preschool program at Marlboro Elementary School. The new program will provide more hours for preschool students and a number of other benefits including mentorship from older students and ready access to more resources (such as counselors, special educators, use of the school library, etc.).

Meeting House School held two main fundraisers this year: the burger stand at the Marlboro Fair and the Mudfling on Saturday, March 3. All money raised will fund operations at Meeting House for the remainder of the year and will also support the new public preschool program at MES and costs associated with starting the program, including a scholarship fund for students who live in neighboring towns. The Marlboro Mudfling, a longstanding town tradition, will continue in future years to support the public preschool program.

The school is grateful to the Meeting House Church for sharing their beautiful space on the first floor and to all the townspeople who have supported Meeting House School fundraisers so generously. Finally, a huge thanks to the staff, Board and parents for their tireless, dedicated, and inspiring work that has made our wonderful little preschool a success! It is bittersweet to close the doors of this beloved school that has been so lovingly supported by the community.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The year 2017 was a non-election year, which allowed us time to streamline our work procedures, such as fixing redundancies in the Land Record Index and dog license database. Evan Wyse continues as Assistant Town Clerk, and he records the variety of documents that arrive into the Land Records. The Land Record books have been filling fast, with about 225 documents processed for recording in the Land Records, equalling over 885 pages. Fees received for the year were over \$15,000. The Index to the Land Records back to 2013 is now available to search using a small laptop computer called a Chromebook. So the Index is digital, but for our small town, keeping the record books on paper is the best fit for now.

The year 2017 saw an election law change, with same day voter registration coming into effect on the first of January. Eligible residents are now able to register to vote on any day, up to and including election day. We held the Town Meeting Election on March 7th, and a Special School District Election on November 7th.

The number of dogs licensed in 2017 was 197. Thank you to the owners who responded to our by-mail renewal system. **Please license your dog if it is unregistered.** A current rabies certificate, signed by your dog's veterinarian, is required in order to be issued a license. A dog displaying a current Marlboro dog tag is easy to return to its owner should it be found running loose by calling the Town Clerk or Animal Control Officer. All people approaching a licensed animal knows that it has been vaccinated against rabies, which is a great help to everyone when your animal is found roaming, as dogs can do from time to time.

In Marlboro Vital Statistics this year, 4 babies were born throughout town. There were 8 marriages and 10 deaths. Please see the Vital Records elsewhere in the Town Report for specifics.

I continue to enjoy helping the people of Marlboro and the general public with a wide range of issues related to town information and our records.

Forrest Holzapfel, Marlboro Town Clerk

**MARLBORO VITAL RECORDS
2017**

BIRTHS

Date	Name	Parents
January 10, 2017	Margaret Georgeanne Kirk-Jager	Kayla E. Jager Jeremy I. Kirk
January 31, 2017	Naysah Betty May	Amanda M. Forrett Jonathan M. May
April 6, 2017	Olson Johannes Briggs	Corinna A. Inman Travis R. Briggs
June 22, 2017	Sadie Steele Storrs	V. Claire Rabun Storrs Benjamin S. Storrs

DEATHS

Date	Name	Residence
March 3, 2017	Winiefred Mae Lemmon	Marlboro
March 5, 2017	Harold Franklin Whitney	Marlboro
March 31, 2017	Shirley Pearson Clark	Brattleboro
April, 2017	Janice R Knapp	Marlboro
April 15, 2017	Marion Ruth Matt	Marlboro
June 2, 2017	Frederick Gerald Nutting	Marlboro
June 30, 2017	David Theron Balch	Marlboro
July 6, 2017	Mallory O. Lake	Marlboro
August 27, 2017	Ruth C. White	Marlboro
September 16, 2017	Sheila Ruth Balch	Marlboro

MARRIAGES

Date	Names	Residence
February 19, 2017	Hanson Wu Isobel Brill Rountree	Taiwan Marlboro
February 27, 2017	Kayla Elizabeth Jager Jeremy Ian Kirk	Marlboro Marlboro
July 24, 2017	Lori Michelle Robillard Katherine Ann Singer	California California
August 13, 2017	Caitlin Marie Tunney Daniel Wilson	Massachusetts Massachusetts
August 19, 2017	Amanda Jean Whitney Nathan Charles Daniels	Marlboro Marlboro
September 16, 2017	Morgan Jane Roberts Patrick Shane Lawton	New Hampshire New Hampshire
November 6, 2017	Michael Carey Monaghan Kelvin Xao Min Fong	New Jersey New Jersey
December 22, 2017	Timothy Allen Vest Kimberly Cheryl Sabin	Texas Texas

MARLBORO TOWN WEBSITE

<http://marlborovt.us>.

The Select Board policy regarding the purpose of the Town Website states it is to provide information about Town government, services, and attractions.

The select board designates the Town Website the official website of the Town at the first select board meeting after Town Meeting. The Open Meeting Law was revised by the Legislature effective July 1, 2016.

The Open Meeting Law provides that “[a]ll meetings of a public body are declared to be open to the public at all times, except as provided in section 313 of this title [on executive sessions].”

1 V.S.A. § 312(a). The intent of the law is to create transparency in government by requiring advance public notice and an opportunity for public participation in governmental decisions. The law is found in 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314.

Agendas must be posted 48 hours in advance of a regular meeting and 24 hours in advance of a special meeting in the following ways: physically posted in or near the municipal office; (2) physically posted in at least two other public places in town that have been designated for posting; (3) posted electronically to a website, if one exists, that is maintained or has been designated as the official website. 1 V.S.A. § 312(d).

Five calendar days after the meeting minutes must be available for inspection and copying and must be posted to a website that is maintained or has been designated as the official website. 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(2)

The Town Website is a comprehensive resource for the municipal directory, boards and commissions, minutes, calendars, agendas and documents. Many forms are available under List of Documents. Please contact Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk, regarding forms and procedures relating to elections, zoning applications, marriage licenses, and vital records.

Marcia Hamilton, Content Manager
m8rcia@gmail.com

MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, Inc. (MVFC)

Marlboro Volunteer Firefighters answered 141 calls this year, up from last year. We welcomed three new members this year. We also said good by to one. Allan McLane has served with us for the last 44 years, working his way up from fire fighter to capton on the department. He has also held other jobs like the communication officer and Forest fire warden to help out the town. He has gone above and beyond the call of "A fire fighter" and we will miss all that he has contributed to the department, and town. We wish him the best in all of his new adventures. We hope he enjoys his retirement. Thanks for everything.

2017 calls went as follows:

Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	17
Alarm Sounding.....	41
Structure Fire.....	02
Chimney Fire.....	02
Car fire.....	02
Pole and/or Wires Down.....	08
Service Call/Good Intent Call.....	17
Mutual Aid Given.....	08
Medical Calls.....	40
Outside fire.....	02
Hazardous condition.....	02

I would like to thank all the Firefighters and their families for all their time and everything they do to help their neighbors. The roster stands as follows:

David Elliott C1*	Jesse Hamilton	Adam Katrick*
Raif Southworth C2	Will Lowell	Joseph Prignano
Allan McLane *	Allison Turner RC1*	Devoe Prignano
Lisa Hecht 03*	Daniel GarciaGalili RC2 *	*Trained medical respon
Jason MacArthur 01	Thorin MacArthur*	
Tony Gordon	Morgan Broadfoot*	

We are always looking for volunteers for both EMS and fire. Even if you don't think you have the time, you might be surprised at how much you can help out with just a little bit of training. Feel free to give me a call 464-8626 or e-mail me, and I would be glad to answer questions about what being a volunteer entails. Fire Drills are second and fourth Wednesdays and Medical Drills are the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm everyone is welcome to come by and see what we are doing!

David W. Elliott
 Fire Chief
 marlborovtfirechief@gmail.com
 802-464-8626

MARLBORO ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The following permits were acted upon in 2017:

New Single Family Dwelling: 3
 New Accessory Structure: 11
 Addition to Existing Structure: 11
 Land Division: 0
 Boundary Line Adjustment: 0
 Change of Use: 2
 Conditional Use: 1
 Variance: 7
 Site Plan Amendment: 1
 Signs: 1
 Other: 1

Whether you are planning to build a new structure or to make minor alterations to an existing building, you should contact the Town Office to see if a permit is required. The Zoning Administrator must act on every permit within 30 days of receipt of a *complete* application; once the permit is approved there is a 15-day posting period during which it may be appealed. Only after all this has been completed is the permit in effect, and the applicant allowed to begin construction. **IT IS ADVISABLE TO APPLY FOR PERMITS AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE YOU WANT TO START A PROJECT.** There is a penalty for failing to obtain a valid permit before work begins on any project.

It is important to remember that the Zoning Regulations are voted on by Residents to maintain the quality of life in our Town, not to annoy you, the homeowner. Every effort is made to apply these Regulations fairly and equitably to each application submitted, to ensure that we are all playing by the same rules. If you have any questions, please contact the Zoning Administrator, who is here to help and guide you through the permitting process. If you have suggestions for improving these Regulations, the Planning Commission welcomes input from the public at their regular meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.

Mary Sargent

OFFICERS WHOSE SERVICES WERE NOT REQUESTED OR WHO DID NOT SUBMIT A REPORT

Animal Control Officer, Conservation Commission, Constable, E-911 Coordinator, Fire Wardens, Health Officer, Inspector of Wood, Marlboro Center Park, Marlboro Energy Committee, Town Communication Coordinator, Tree Warden, Town Agent, Grand Juror, Weigher of Coal.

BRATTLEBORO AREA HOSPICE

191 Canal Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301 (802) 257-0775 www.brattleborohospice.org

Brattleboro Area Hospice provides non-medical, volunteer-staffed programs for dying and grieving community members. We develop, train, place and support volunteers. We provide education and outreach to increase our community's understanding of and ability to cope with the issues of death and dying.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is dedicated to the belief that each of us can offer companionship and support to those around us who are dying or grieving. Our volunteers provide wide-ranging support to clients and their families regardless of whether a patient resides at home, is in a hospital, a long-term care facility or some other location. Hospice volunteers organize and participate in round-the-clock vigils when end of life is close and family can't be present. We offer bereavement support groups creating a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support and gaining insight into the grieving process. We publish a bereavement newsletter SEASONS, offer one-on-one grief counseling, and conduct an Annual Service of Remembrance at our Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park.

This year we began an Advance Care Planning initiative, Taking Steps Brattleboro, with the goal to achieve a significant increase in the numbers of people in the Brattleboro area who have completed the Advance Care planning process. Brattleboro Area Hospice now also offers trained volunteers to help people through the process of developing and registering advance directives.

One hundred percent of our funding is local—we receive no money from state, federal or insurance sources. All of our services are offered free of charge. We are happy to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors, and grateful for the community's support. Your financial support helps to make this possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 4 Marlboro residents. Three Marlboro residents served as volunteers. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at www.brattleborohospice.org

Andrea Livermore Director of Development and Community Outreach

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 Marlboro we operate van and volunteer services which last year provided 876 rides at a cost of \$17,745. We are requesting a \$250 contribution from the Town of Marlboro 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.

Sincerely, Rebecca Gagnon

DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

The mission of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry (DVFP) is to see that no one in the area goes needlessly hungry, or lacks the basics for personal care. We provide, as well as our resources permit, food and other items to all who ask for assistance. We do not turn anyone away. We serve the towns of Wilmington, Dover, Halifax, Marlboro, Readsboro, Searsburg, Whitingham and Jacksonville. The DVFP relies on donations of food items, the financial support of local churches, towns, organizations and individuals, plus an annual membership drive to make sure our shelves are never empty. As always, the local Merchant Community is always very generous in providing support for our fundraising endeavors. The DVFP is a 501 (c) (3) organization and a member of the Vermont Foodbank.

In 2017 we served up to 100 families with about 200 clients each month. Since our communities have always “paid it forward” and keep the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry on their giving list, we continue to be prepared and able to accommodate all the identified needs of our neighbors. It truly is a testament to the conscious and deliberate support of so many with hearts full of grace and souls generated by love. This strong financial support from many donors, as well as our organized fundraisers, has allowed us to ensure that every month’s distribution includes fresh meats, eggs, yogurt, cheese, bread and produce, along with the staples we have always provided.

The DVFP wishes to thank our many dedicated volunteers who help unload the delivery truck, shelve the food, assist with our monthly distribution process and other tasks too many to mention. We could not do it without them all, and request that the readers of our Annual Report consider adding your name to our volunteer list so that we can complete our tasks quickly with many hands. We are also grateful to the many local school children who come to help sort food and also hold food drives in their schools to help us keep the shelves full. It is heartwarming to see ones so young who are so enthusiastic to selflessly help others. Volunteer activities can foster enormous leadership skills.

Please continue to spread the word about the help available from the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. There is no need for anyone to go hungry. Our distributions are on the third Saturday morning of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 and the preceding Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. All that is required to receive help is to come to the Food Pantry on one of these dates and register; there is no income verification involved. You can come just once if you experience an unusual emergency, or every month for as long as is needed.

We also encourage everyone who is able to join as a Member that supports the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. For only \$20 annually you can be a supporting member of the DVFP and help us reach our goals. Registration and online Paypal payments are possible at our website deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org. The Board meets monthly on the Thursday preceding the third Saturday of the month at 7 Church Street in

Wilmington. New Volunteers are welcome and we can always use more. To express a need for our services or to volunteer, call the DVFP at 464-0148, or contact us via our website.

On behalf of the many neighbors we currently serve, and may serve in the near future, thank you for your continued support of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry.

Respectfully submitted, Evon Mack, for the Board of Directors of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community.

This year brings us many new developments and challenges. DVR has been operating out of the squad house located at the juncture of Route 100 south and Route 9 since 1976. We owned our building, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center owned the land. It became apparent that with SVMC vision for the expansion of the Deerfield Valley Health Center on the existing property that DVR needed to find a new expanded central site. DVR closed on 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington location in November. We did some fund raising for the down payment and over the next several years will continue to raise the money for this new location.

The new facility will provide DVR with updated ambulance bays, more space for training, and more office space. This will enable the team to continue to adapt and enhance our services to meet the changing health care needs of the community.

The core of our agency is made up of approximately 20 volunteers, three full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 912 calls in 2017 of which 22 were in the town of Marlboro.

Although we frequently work closely with the Fire department, we are a completely independent organization. We would like to thank Marlboro Fire Department, Marlboro Highway Department and Marlboro First Responders for all the help they give us throughout the year. We have enjoyed Marlboro First Responders joining DVR for training on the third Monday night of each month. It has been great training with this very dedicated group and look forward to working with all the new Emergency Medical Responders providers. They are a very important part of the emergency care team.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued personal support from the community. The annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. If you have not sent in your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards our new building. DVR is always looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of others. Potential members can sign up for our ride along program @ dvrescue.org. Anyone interested in joining this vital community service can contact our office at 464-5557 or stop by for a visit at our new location 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area.

Respectfully submitted,
Deerfield Valley Rescue, Board of Directors

FRONT PORCH FORUM

Local Talk on Front Porch Forum

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. More than half of Vermont households participate with hundreds more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors, organize local projects, share crime reports, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 11 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>

As one of our FPF members posted to her neighbors yesterday:

"Town Meeting is coming. Attend selectboard meetings. Be informed. Participate."

We couldn't agree more, and we're here to help!

Thank you and best wishes in the New Year. -Michael

Michael Wood-Lewis, co-founder, FrontPorchForum.com, 802-540-0069

Helping neighbors connect and build community.

THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities residents of the Windham County region including bordering New Hampshire and Massachusetts communities since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro with a satellite location opening soon in the Deerfield Valley area. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. The Gathering Place is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- Nursing oversight
- Access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- Daily exercise program
- Recreation and social activities
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)
- Outreach services
- Companionship
- Special events
- Access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments There are many different ways that program participants may pay for their services.
- Private pay refers to those participants who pay The Gathering Place's stated fee.
- TGP offers scholarships for those who exhibit financial need, to help cover the cost of attendance. For those program participants whose income falls within TGP's Sliding Fee Scale range, an adjusted fee is

calculated according to the scale.

- Vermont Medicaid
- Dementia and Respite Grants
- American Parkinson's Disease Association

In the last Fiscal Year TGP provided services to **159** families. The services included:

49852 hours of service 41365 hours of planned activities 25104 breakfasts, lunches and snacks

23061 hours of exercise per year

The following represents an approximation of services provided to **Marlboro** residents:

941 hours of service 780 hours of planned activities 474 breakfasts, lunches and snacks 435 hours of exercise per year

As part of our fundraising program, we ask local towns for financial support so that we can continue to provide an excellent program and stand ready to meet the future demand for our services, including the ability to fund our income sensitive sliding fee scale for those folks that need our support. The Gathering Place is asking for your help and is requesting funding in the amount of **\$500.00**.

Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to your response. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely, Mary Fredette Executive Director

GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL
Grace Cottage Family Health and Hospital

"The care at Grace Cottage is incredible – very top shelf, and the range of services that you offer is just amazing. When I moved to this area, I heard from friends and neighbors that Grace Cottage is a 'Gem in the Woods,' and now, after my many personal experiences with your many services, I know that it's true." Rich Downing, Williamsville, VT

Grace Cottage Hospital has served the health care needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for almost 70 years. In 2017, we received national acclaim as a "Top 20 Critical Access Hospital for Patient Satisfaction", out of 1,339 such hospitals in the U.S. Grace Cottage was the only hospital in New England to receive this award, given by the National Rural Health Association.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for the convenience of those who choose to use Grace Cottage for their primary care, as over 7,000 residents of Windham County currently do. Primary care for your family includes physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, podiatry, and mental health services; many of our providers are accepting new patients.

Grace Cottage's **Community Health Team** offers valuable, **free** services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, diabetes coaching, short-term mental health and substance abuse assessment, help with applying for health insurance, and connecting to community resources for food, fuel, and housing assistance.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** continues to offer exceptional care to both hospital patients and outpatients with sixteen physical, occupational, and speech therapists on staff. New services include lymphedema therapy and pediatric rehabilitation.

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments.

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness and encourages area residents and visitors to take advantage of our low-cost or free classes and events. Weekly classes such as yoga and Strong Bones are held in the beautiful and serene **Community Wellness Center**. Various support groups are held throughout the year; more information is at www.gracecottage.org

Messenger Valley Pharmacy, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment with expert advice. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter items, gifts and cards are also available.

FY 2017, by the numbers:

21,805:	Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health
3,992:	Patient days in hospital
2,835:	Emergency Dept. visits
5,893:	Outpatient Rehab visits
2,196:	Diagnostic Imaging visits
4,126:	Community Health Team visits
55,557:	Prescriptions filled
3,427:	Visits to Wellness classes and events
2,537:	Individual donations to Grace Cottage

Private donations and town appropriations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support.** You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(C)3 organization.

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP

Green Mountain RSVP, (GMRSVP) 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. Volunteers donate their skills and knowledge, and provide meaningful services to programs and nonprofits in the local area. Our motto is Do Good, Feel Good – we know that there are many benefits to volunteering for both the community and the volunteer.

Green Mountain RSVP helps local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet vital community needs. Our goal is to ensure that volunteers contribute their time and talents to programs that have a positive impact on the quality of life in Windham County. They address community concerns that are vital for our senior population and their neighbors they include: supporting Healthy Futures and Aging in Place through food pantry support, meal delivery, and transportation. In wellness programs we offer 11 Bone Builder classes throughout Windham County serving over 500 seniors around Southern Vermont.

Volunteers in Marlboro have served hours at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, The Gathering Place, served as tutors and mentors in local elementary schools, and served as companions to elders. Other volunteers assist by leading Bone Builder Classes, assisted residents with tax preparation, and supported numerous other community priorities throughout Windham County. GMRSVP volunteers from Windham County generously donated over 14,596 hours of service last year at 40 local nonprofits. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Windham County in the upcoming year.

You are welcome to contact Steve Ovenden in our Windham office (Brattleboro) at (802) 254-7515 or speak to me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 772-7875. Thank-you for your continued support.

Respectfully, Cathy Aliberti Green Mountain RSVP Director
160 Benmont Ave, Suite 90 Bennington, VT 05201

RESCUE INC

Rescue Inc continues to be a leader in EMS delivery, during the last year our staff of seventy-five dedicated EMTs, advanced EMTs, Paramedics and specialized rescue technicians answered more than 5000 calls, providing critical care level treatment to our residents, medical standby for our fire and law enforcement partners, wilderness search, water rescue and supported industry with confined space rescue. Our training staff has educated community members, teachers and students as well as doctors and nurses in the art of CPR and first aid.

As an industry leader we understand the evolving needs of our communities and patients. We understand that our health care delivery system is changing every day and know that the community needs high quality emergency services more than ever. High quality emergency medicine is our mission and are proud to serve the communities where we live. Everyday our staff responds in moment's notice to countless heart attacks, strokes, car accidents and falls. Every day our Board Certified Critical Care Paramedics treat the sickest members of our communities, providing the critical link between our local hospitals and lifesaving treatment in Dartmouth, Springfield or Boston. Every day our training department teaches CPR to someone for the first time and trains the next generation of first responders.

Many of you read about the mental health and addiction crisis in our region, our staff experience it firsthand every day. We see the self-destruction and despair, we know the patients and families. In the last year our system has had to expand at times to meet the demand, treating more than a dozen overdoses in a single shift.

We join our communities in mourning for victims of violence and disaster. As first responders we ask that you acknowledge the sacrifice of the men and woman across this country and around the world that have responded to these horrific events. As an agency we continue to prepare by upgrading equipment and training. We continue to plan for these horrific events and stand ready to respond to these disasters.

We are committed to providing the highest quality EMS and rescue services available. It is truly an honor to serve our friends and neighbors. Thank you!

SENIOR SOLUTIONS

(COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTER VERMONT)

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont – has served the residents of Marlboro and the Southeastern Vermont region since 1973. Our main office is located at 38 Pleasant Street in 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 seek receive 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 Marlboro residents in the last year (9-1-16 through 8-30-17).

Information and Assistance: 46 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: 28 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 2 elder residents with in-home case management or other home based services 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: 5 Marlboro seniors received 693 meals at home and many received congregate meals from the Gibson Aiken Center through Marlboro 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.

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 opportunity to serve the people of Marlboro.
Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Regional Update

Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) is an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) that grew from a 2008 grassroots effort, initiated by BDCC, to reverse the economic decline of the Windham Region and plan for the economic impacts from the closure of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. In 2014, after years of regional input, education and data gathering, SeVEDS submitted the Windham Region’s federally recognized 5 year S.M.A.R.T. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The implementation of this strategic action plan for growing our economy has been nationally and internationally recognized and the State of Vermont’s Agency of Commerce and Community is modeling their “Vibrant Regional Hubs”, one of their five economic growth strategies, on the work we all have been collaborating on across the Windham Region and Southern Vermont.

SeVEDS board members and BDCC staff have been meeting regularly with municipal boards and officials throughout the Windham Region since 2012. This has been a tremendous experience for us and a great opportunity for towns to learn more about the progress of the regional economic development efforts underway. Those efforts include: the expansion of rural economic and workforce development networks through the Southern Vermont Economy Project, the growth of our regional paid college internship program and of Fast Tracks to Success, our high school career awareness program, as well as support and programming for entrepreneurs and small businesses through INSTIG8, the Southern Vermont Business Accelerator and the creation of the award winning green building and services Ecovation Hub. This past year alone, 180 Windham County high school Sophomores participated in the Sophomore Summit, 200 Windham County high school students participated in Fast Tracks visits to local employers, 23 interns

placed were placed in paid internships with Windham Region businesses, and 35 young adults earned post-secondary credentials and obtained jobs at Grace Cottage, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, GS Precision and The Hermitage.

In 2018 SeVEDS, will partner with the Bennington Regional Commission to complete the first ever, Southern Vermont CEDS encompassing the Southern Vermont Economic Zone, a region designated by the Vermont Legislature in 2015 as having significant economic development needs. This Zone CEDS development will serve as the five year renewal and expansion of the existing Windham Region CEDS due in 2019. Over the next 18 months stakeholders across Southern Vermont will be invited to data presentations, discussions analyzing trends and conditions, and to refine the long term economic goals and objectives of Southern Vermont into 2024. Ongoing participation in the planning process from community leaders, municipalities, businesses and town residents has enabled our progress in implementing programs and aid to overcome our very real demographic and economic challenges.

For more information on SeVEDS visit <http://brattleborodevelopment.com/> or www.seveds.com

BDCC/SeVEDS Annual Report: <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/fy17-bdcc-seveds-annual-report/>

BDCC/SeVEDS Newsletter Sign-up: <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/join-mailing-list/>

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/ceds-overview/>

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 move 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, Family Services / Crisis Resolution (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Homelessness Prevention, Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Income Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

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

Weatherization: 3 homes (6 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$23,209

Emergency Heating System Replacement: 1 home (1 person) received a heating system repair or replacement at a cost of \$2,803

Emergency Home Repair: 1 home (2 people) received services to address health and Safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$14,391

Family Services: 4 households (9 people) received 15 services valued at \$144 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel / Utility Assistance: 2 households (2 people) received 2 assists valued at \$2,047

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 Marlboro for their support.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director

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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.

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Marlboro is currently represented by Edith Mas and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard bylaw assistance; natural resources including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by us.

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 24 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We coordinated the formation of the Green River Watershed Alliance, which builds off of the successful Saxtons River Collaborative, with funding through the High Meadows Fund. We're

leading two renewable energy grant programs. One provides assistance to schools and other public buildings to install modern wood-fueled heating systems. The other provides grants for renewable energy development. We've helped towns apply for grants to conduct road erosion inventories, and to do work to reduce road erosion. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$2,443. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2018, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Transfer Station: WSWMD offers a regional drop-off center for landfill materials; recyclables; organics; construction & demolition debris; scrap metal; white goods; electronics; and year-round collection of certain hazardous waste such as paint products, batteries, and used motor oil. WSWMD Board of Supervisors voted to limit use of the transfer station to residents and businesses from member communities only and require the purchase of an access sticker.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 4th year of operation and is the 2nd largest facility in Vermont. In 2017, WSWMD composted approximately 1,600 tons of organic materials. WSWMD's "Brattlegrow" Compost is distributed through 4 retail distributors. In addition, WSWMD donates compost for town projects, school, and community gardens.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): WSWMD MRF closed in July 2017, but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold. Eight towns continue to utilize the District's recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities. Towns contract with private haulers to provide recycling services. Currently, WSWMD Supervisors are considering future uses of the MRF building and some of the equipment is being sold.

Trucking: WSWMD retained one staff member with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Solar Array: WSWMD signed a 20-year lease at \$102,000/year with Sky Solar Holdings to develop a 5 mega-watt solar array on the District's closed landfill in Brattleboro. The project will be the largest group net metering project in the state, and has contracted for 20 years with 9 towns, 5 school districts, and 3 institutions. The project will provide significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished year-end FY 2016/2017 with a deficit of \$73,653. However, since closing the MRF in July, WSWMD has been favorable to its budget for the first five months of FY 2018.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) Mandated by Vermont Agency of Natural Resources:
Re-TRAC Reporting: WSWMD tracked tonnages of recyclables collected under the District's collection services for member towns.

SWIP Annual Requirements: Towns/solid waste entities are required to implement state materials management policies and meet a set of standards, deliverables, and Universal Recycling requirements.

WSWMD is responsible for managing SWIP requirements. Highlights from 2017 include:

- Free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion, was offered to over 150 businesses in 19 member communities;
 - Conducted 8 free workshops for residents and businesses to promote food scrap diversion through back yard composting and transfer station drop-off;
 - Implemented a multi-media public outreach campaign; and
- Provide event recycling containers to 15 public/private events

Programs:

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: WSWMD held 3 household hazardous waste collection events, as mandated by VT ANR Materials Management Plan. Collections were held in the Towns of Brattleboro, Dover, and Wilmington, with 215 households from 19 towns participating! Total cost for the events including advertising, site setup fee, disposal costs, and staffing was approximately \$30,000. This year the Board of Supervisors voted to implement a \$5.00/household fee to participate in the event. In addition, WSWMD obtained signed agreements with the Rutland County Solid Waste District and the City of Keene, which allows residents, and conditionally exempt generators, to use their year-round and seasonal hazardous waste depots for a fee. This means there is year-round access to a hazardous waste depot if you cannot wait for one of our collection events.

Event Recycling: WSWMD owns 20 event-sorting stations that are available to towns, businesses, residents and institutions for use at fairs, festival, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help make events “Zero Waste.” This year WSWMD was contracted to provide waste diversion and recycling services at Strolling of the Heifers, and recycled 60% of all waste generated.

Grants:

Backyard Compost Bin Grant: WSWMD was awarded a grant to promote backyard composting and food scrap drop-off at transfer stations. Eight free workshops were held promoting food scrap diversion and attendees were able to purchase backyard compost bins for \$19.95.

Business Outreach: WSWMD was awarded a grant to provide each transfer station with food scrap collection totes or bear-proof dumpsters, signage, and transfer station attendant training. To date, all of the transfer station attendants have received training for organics collection. Currently, the grant is being revised to accommodate each Town’s food scrap collection needs. Only four of the District’s transfer station towns have requested totes or bear-proof dumpsters.

Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion: Sky Solar Holdings, in conjunction with WSWMD, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Windham Regional Commission Clean Energy Development Fund to conduct a feasibility study for development of an organics pre-processing center and anaerobic digester at WSWMD in Brattleboro.

Sincerely, Robert L. Spencer Executive Director

WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Keith D. Clark, Sheriff PO Box 266, Newfane VT 05345 Tel: (802) 365-4942 Fax: (802) 365-4945

Marlboro Report

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided an augmented police service to the people of Marlboro FY2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) in the amount of \$7644, or approximately 156 hours of service

for the year. Our office was able to provide 236.5 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to 223 calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY17, we issued a total of 148 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$16620.80 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 44 warnings were issued and 223 calls for service were answered.

Incidents Qty

Accident - damage 1 Assist - Agency 1 Assist - Motorist 2 Traffic Hazard 1 Traffic Stop 213 VIN verification 5 Grand Total 223

As many have noticed, our deputies have been equipped with body worn cameras. Each deputy has been equipped with this technology to provide them with an investigatory tool, while ensuring the accountability of the activities our agency is involved in. We've continued to maintain our fleet of cruisers by replacing two vehicles with 2017 Ford Interceptor Sedans.

It is with joy, and sadness, that we report the conclusion of our Electronic Monitoring pilot program, as of June 30th, 2017. We successfully and effectively demonstrated a way to operate an actively monitored system, which resulted in a cost savings of \$300,000 in incarceration expenses over the life of the project. The pilot program was merged into the state's Department of Corrections, where we hope they realize the same successes that we did.

As in year's past, we provide several programs to the citizens of Windham County. These programs are provided by leveraging grant funds and other sources of funding, and are not charged to the contracted towns or villages. These programs include Click It or Ticket, Are You Okay?, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, Work Zone Safety Enforcement, Toys for Kids, and snow mobile patrols. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications. It is the continued support of Marlboro and other towns which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

Updated 11/27/17

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Marlboro and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365- 4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted, Sheriff Keith D. Clark

WINDHAM & WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

Homeownership Center

The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 24 homeowners in 2017 with home repair projects.

One-to-one Counseling helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training and credit counseling. In 2017, 79 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

The **Shared Equity Program** provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions. 135 homes are in the shared equity program.

Rental Housing Development Program-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2017, WWHT began renovation of a historic apartment building and broke ground on 18 new apartments in Putney, as well as breaking ground on 22 micro-apartments for the homeless in Brattleboro.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 707 rental apartments with over 1,074 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.w-wht.org

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

Statement of Services And
Report to the Town of Marlboro

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and Southern Windsor 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 Windham 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 7 survivors and their 5 children from Marlboro. In addition, we provided over 200 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout Windham County.

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.

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Services was established in 1972. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and development for young people and families in Windham County Communities. We assist over 1,000 children, youth and families annually. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Our broad array of program services include:

- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law
- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Career development focused groups and one-on-one mentoring for high school students with behavioral and learning disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention for youth and adults
- Supervised visitation and Child Advocacy services
- Counseling services for young adults including Assessment, Intervention and Recover

This year, we respectfully request \$1,000 from the Town of Marlboro to help fund our agency's services. We served five residents from Marlboro during Fiscal Year 2017 and remain available to provide services in the future. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call 802-257-0361 or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin Executive Director *Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures*

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Town School District of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:10 A.M. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

(The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 6th, from 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing by Australian Ballot the officers listed in Article 2.)

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one (1) year.

Article 2: To elect -

One (1) School Director for a three-year term ending 2021.

Two (2) School Directors for one-year terms ending 2019.

Article 3: To compensate the Directors of the Marlboro School District \$500 each.

Article 4: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Article 5: "Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District approve the school board to expend \$2,614,368.00 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 \$17,369 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.2% higher than spending for the current year.

Article 6: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

Article 7: To transact any other legal business that may come before the Meeting.

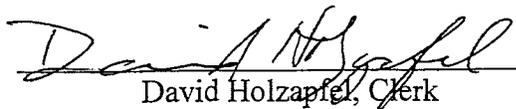
Dated at Marlboro, Vermont this 8th day of January 2018.



Douglas Korb, Chair



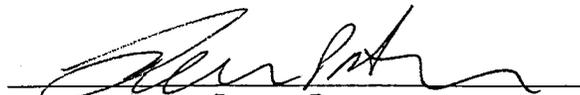
Celena Romo, Vice Chair



David Holzapfel, Clerk



Dan MacArthur



Lauren Poster

Marlboro School District Budget

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	FY-2017 Adopted	FY-2017 Actual	FY-2018 Adopted	FY-2019 Proposed	FY18/FY19 % change	FN
<u>INCOME</u>						
LOCAL REVENUE						
Tuition Income	22,050	24,920	24,920	12,460		
Interest Income	300	725	1,500	700		
Food Service	16,000	15,268	18,000	18,000		
Contributions	700	30	700	0		
Building Use	600	691	600	600		
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	39,650	41,634	45,720	31,760	-30.53%	
STATE REVENUE						
Education Spending Revenue	2,126,635	2,126,162	2,253,415	2,343,030	3.98%	
Career Center Payment on Behalf of District	20,694	21,167	26,386	28,171	6.76%	
Small Schools Support Grant	110,371	116,622	109,468	113,770	3.93%	
State Aid for Transportation	43,542	10,745	43,542	33,111	-23.96%	
Sp Ed Mainstream Block Grant	47,011	47,011				
Sp Ed Expenditures Reimb.-Intensive	241,082	243,585				
Sp Ed Reimbursement-Extraordinary	0	96,997				
Sp Ed State Placed Reimbursement	0	20,468				
Essential Early Education	8,012	8,012				
Child Nutrition Grant	700	0				
TOTAL STATE REVENUE	2,598,047	2,690,769	2,432,811	2,518,082	3.51%	
FEDERAL REVENUE						
Title One Revenue	33,890	33,890	42,000	0		1
TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE	33,890	33,890	42,000	0	-100.00%	
OTHER REVENUE						
Sub-Grant Revenue Thru WCSU	40,000	39,420	41,000	36,000		
Miscellaneous Local Income	0	2,400	0	0		
Medicaid Reimbursement	23,334	12,889	22,893	28,526		
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	63,334	54,709	63,893	64,526	0.99%	
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	2,734,921	2,821,002	2,584,424	2,614,368	1.16%	

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	FY-2017 Adopted	FY-2017 Actual	FY-2018 Adopted	FY-2019 Proposed	FY18/FY19 % change	FN
<u>EXPENSE</u>						
INSTRUCTION ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH						
Teacher Salaries	381,782	397,178	397,182	426,554	7.40%	
Additional Instruction	128,808	143,423	140,532	111,971	-20.32%	
Assistants	55,125	18,758	0	18,375		
Substitute Teachers	10,500	10,900	7,000	7,000	0.00%	
Health Insurance	127,335	122,128	121,225	146,729	21.04%	
FICA Expense	44,080	42,619	41,671	43,138	3.52%	
Workers Compensation Insurance	4,262	8,822	4,128	9,000	118.02%	
Continuing Education	5,700	3,593	5,000	5,000	0.00%	
WCSU Purchased Services	10,305	10,342	10,184	10,553	3.62%	
Artist in Residence	500	90	500	500	0.00%	
Regular Programs	3,950	3,061	5,550	5,550	0.00%	
Jr. High Programs	2,300	2,300	2,600	2,600	0.00%	
Early Education Initiative	34,012	28,172	34,958	9,801	-71.96%	2
Supplies	10,750	9,583	11,250	15,400	36.89%	3
Books & Periodicals	1,700	1,365	1,700	2,000	17.65%	
Furniture & Computers	6,600	5,369	6,600	6,300	-4.55%	
Musical Instruments	600	500	600	600	0.00%	
Memberships	300	0	300	300	0.00%	
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	828,609	808,203	790,980	821,371	3.84%	
HIGH SCHOOL TUITION	729,309	694,144	845,903	721,987	-14.65%	
SPECIAL ED PROGRAMS						
Special Education Program Expenses	355,083	424,872	238,695	355,800	49.06%	
Supervisory Union Assessment	181,292	181,292	0	0		
TOTAL SPECIAL ED PROGRAMS	536,375	606,164	238,695	355,800	49.06%	
ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION						
EEE SU Assessment	8,229	8,229	0	0		
TOTAL ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION	8,229	8,229	0	0		
GUIDANCE PROGRAM						
Salaries	28,984	28,720	29,184	30,059	3.00%	
Health Insurance	2,500	0	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
Guidance FICA Expense	2,217	2,197	2,233	2,300	3.00%	
Professional Development	300	120	300	300	0.00%	
Supplies	100	100	100	100	0.00%	
Books & Periodicals	100	0	100	100	0.00%	
TOTAL GUIDANCE PROGRAM	34,201	31,137	34,417	35,359	2.74%	
HEALTH PROGRAM						
Salary	6,033	5,569	6,155	5,768	-6.29%	
FICA Expense	462	426	471	441	-6.37%	
Continuing Education	0	390	0	500		
Supplies	500	503	500	500	0.00%	
TOTAL HEALTH PROGRAM	6,995	6,888	7,126	7,209	1.16%	

	FY-2017 Adopted	FY-2017 Actual	FY-2018 Adopted	FY-2019 Proposed	FY18/FY19 % change	FN
LIBRARY SERVICES						
Salaries	54,151	54,107	57,320	64,826	13.09%	
Health Insurance	13,591	18,431	17,748	19,986	12.61%	
FICA Expense	4,104	4,139	4,385	4,959	13.09%	
Continuing Education	0	1,055	0	0		
Supplies	300	318	300	300	0.00%	
Computer Subscriptions, Databases	1,100	2,006	1,100	600	-45.45%	
Books	2,500	2,262	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	75,746	82,318	83,353	93,171	11.78%	
BOARD OF ED. SERVICES						
Salaries	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
FICA Expense	230	191	230	230	0.00%	
Board Development & Memberships	1,700	1,768	1,700	2,904	70.82%	
TOTAL BOARD OF ED. SERVICES	4,430	4,459	4,430	5,634	27.18%	
SUPERINTENDENT OFFICES SERVICES						
Supervisory Union Management	69,707	70,919	75,457	73,587	-2.48%	
TOTAL SUPERINTENDENT OFFICES	69,707	70,919	75,457	73,587	-2.48%	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
Salaries	120,700	120,981	121,394	118,832	-2.11%	
Health Insurance	28,742	33,143	34,791	36,171	3.97%	
FICA Expense	9,234	9,255	9,287	9,091	-2.11%	
Benefits	500	482	2,958	3,332	12.64%	
Professional Development	500	1,082	500	4,000	700.00%	
Action Plan	1,000	740	1,000	0	-100.00%	
Postage	700	508	700	700	0.00%	
Advertising	200	1,319	200	200	0.00%	
Travel	300	80	300	300	0.00%	
Fingerprinting	250	206	250	1,250	400.00%	
Supplies	500	218	500	500	0.00%	
Equipment	0	0	0	2,140		
Membership	400	767	400	800	100.00%	
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	163,026	168,781	172,280	177,316	2.92%	

Marlboro School District Budget

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	FY-2017 Adopted	FY-2017 Actual	FY-2018 Adopted	FY-2019 Proposed	FY18/FY19 % change	FN
FISCAL SERVICES						
Salaries	11,559	11,559	11,790	12,144	3.00%	
FICA Expense	884	884	902	929	2.99%	
Other Services	2,400	1,956	2,400	2,400	0.00%	
Audit	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.00%	
Interest on Line of Credit	600	0	600	600	0.00%	
Postage	400	262	500	500	0.00%	
Mileage	100	100	100	100	0.00%	
Supplies	350	339	350	350	0.00%	
Software	350	388	350	350	0.00%	
Office Equipment	0	0	0	1,200		
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	23,643	22,488	23,992	25,573	6.59%	
PLANT, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE						
Salaries	34,579	35,671	35,280	36,335	2.99%	
Health Insurance	8,643	9,029	9,029	7,584	-16.00%	
FICA Expense	2,645	1,406	2,699	2,780	3.00%	
Employee Benefits	0	0	1,764	2,044	15.87%	
Consultants	525	1,675	290	290	0.00%	
Plowing, Mowing	1,350	976	1,350	1,350	0.00%	
Repair & Maintenance Plant	20,000	26,439	20,000	20,000	0.00%	
Instrument Asset Maintenance	400	145	400	400	0.00%	
Water Testing	900	742	900	900	0.00%	
Fire Alarm Services	700	748	700	750	7.14%	
Computer Repairs	1,000	0	1,000	500	-50.00%	
Property Insurance	6,000	4,736	6,000	5,000	-16.67%	
Internet/Telephone Service	3,000	3,448	3,000	6,000	100.00%	
PO Box Rent	140	144	140	140	0.00%	
Supplies	8,000	10,012	11,000	11,000	0.00%	
Electricity	10,000	7,590	10,000	8,000	-20.00%	
Heating Fuel	18,000	8,317	16,000	12,000	-25.00%	
Machinery Leases	2,700	2,947	2,900	3,000	3.45%	
Furniture & Fixtures	500	303	500	500	0.00%	
Equipment Purchases	4,200	3,489	4,200	6,700	59.52%	
TOTAL PLANT, OPERATION & MAINT.	123,282	117,817	127,152	125,273	-1.48%	
TRANSPORTATION						
Salaries	25,304	39,462	31,607	34,983	10.68%	
FICA Expense	1,936	0	2,418	2,676	10.67%	
Bus Repair & Maintenance	9,213	7,219	7,500	7,500	0.00%	
Drivers' Physicals & Clinics	1,000	1,366	1,000	1,000	0.00%	
Insurance on Buses	0	728	0	0		
Supplies	100	331	100	100	0.00%	
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	5,500	4,339	5,500	5,500	0.00%	
Mileage Reimbursement	300	303	300	300	0.00%	
Less: Co-curricular Activities Expense	0	-3,265	0	0		
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	43,353	50,483	48,425	52,059	7.50%	
FOOD SERVICES						
Personnel	33,112	41,913	46,237	35,356		
Supervisory Union Purchased Service	3,270	3,270	3,538	4,615		
Supplies & Equipment	42,000	37,614	42,000	42,000		
TOTAL FOOD SERVICES	78,382	82,797	91,775	81,971	-10.68%	

	FY-2017 Adopted	FY-2017 Actual	FY-2018 Adopted	FY-2019 Proposed	FY18/FY19 % change	FN
COMMUNITY SERVICES						
After School Program	9,634	6,213	14,441	13,558		
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	9,634	6,213	14,441	13,558	-6.11%	
LONG TERM DEBT						
Bus Loan -Principal & Interest	0	0	12,000	12,500		
Wood Boiler - Principal & interest	0	0	12,000	12,000		
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	0	0	24,000	24,500	2.08%	
OTHER EXPENDITURES						
Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund	0	48,000	0	0		
Transfer to Future Tuition Fund	0	30,000	0	0		
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES	0	78,000	0	0		
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSE	2,734,921	2,839,040	2,582,426	2,614,368	1.24%	

FY2016-2017 Deficit (18,037)

Beginning General Fund Balance 7/1/16	79,478
Actual Revenue Fiscal Year 2016-2017	2,821,002
Less: Actual Expenditures Fiscal Year 2016-2017	2,839,040
Ending General Fund Balance 6/30/16	61,440

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 We no longer qualify to receive Title I Revenue.
- 2 Addition of public preschool reduces the need for Act 166 universal preschool funds.
- 3 Additional supplies for preschool start-up.

Marlboro School District
ACCOUNT ACTIVITY BY FUND JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/16	\$79,478
Revenue Year End June 30, 2017	2,821,002
Transfer FY16 surplus to Capital Improvement Fund	(48,000)
Transfer FY16 surplus to Future Tuition Reserve Fund	(30,000)
Less: Expenditures Year End June 30, 2017	(2,761,040)
June 30, 2017 General Fund Balance	<u><u>\$61,440</u></u>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/16	\$83,267
Revenue Year End June 30, 2017	0
1/12/17 Transfer from General Fund -Surplus FY 2016	48,000
Less: Expenditures Year End June 30, 2017	0
June 31, 2017 Capital Improvement Fund Balance	<u><u>\$131,267</u></u>

TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/16	\$6,572
Revenue Year End June 30, 2017	0
Less: Expenditures Year End June 30, 2017	0
Less: Transfer to General Fund For Purchase of New Bus	0
June 31, 2017 Transportation Reserve Fund Balance	<u><u>\$6,572</u></u>

FUTURE TUITION RESERVE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/16	\$13,306
Revenue Year End June 30, 2017	0
1/12/17 Transfer from General Fund -Surplus FY 2016	30,000
Less: Expenditures Year End June 30, 2017	0
June 31, 2017 Future Tuition Fund Balance	<u><u>\$43,306</u></u>

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/16	\$821
Closed Account- Transfer Balance to General Fund	(821)
June 31, 2017 After School Fund Balance	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

JH CLASS ACCOUNT

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/16	\$11,527
Revenue Year End June 30, 2017	30,028
Less: Expenditures Year End June 30, 2017	(35,542)
June 31, 2017 JH Account Balance	<u><u>\$6,013</u></u>

SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

Brambleboro Savings & Loan 3 year 2/2016 Bluebird Bus Loan \$35,000
Brambleboro Savings & Loan Line of Credit for Beginning Wood Heat Project \$180,000.

MARLBORO SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Marlboro School District (MSD) enrollment as of January 19, 2018

Marlboro School District	
Class	Enrollment
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1	10
Grade 2	9
Grade 3	5
Grade 4	10
Grade 5	9
Grade 6	8
Grade 7	9
Grade 8	9

High School Choice Enrollment		
Class	Public	Private
Grade 9	5	7
Grade 10	6	4
Grade 11	9	1
Grade 12	11	7

	Enrollment
Preschool Collaborative	10

Total Enrollment	136
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Marlboro School District - K-8 Enrollment History	2008	2013	2018
	85	96	76

Marlboro School District's enrollment continues to be stable in a time when most schools are seeing significant declines. I contribute this stability to the excellent reputation of our school and our caring and supportive town.

Our board worked tirelessly for over two years to provide a structure that met Act 46 compliance. It paid off and Marlboro School started off the year with the Agency of Education's acceptance of our Act 46 proposal to remain our own district. Even though there may have been times of uncertainty, I believe the process has helped us focus on what is important and how we can continue to provide a progressive education for our children.

Starting in the 18-19 school year, MSD will provide public preschool for the first time. The intention is a play- and nature-based program that supports the social and emotional needs of our students. Families will have the opportunity to send their 3-year olds four half days per week and 4-year olds five full days at no charge. The addition of preschool will have minimal impact on the budget, and provides more resources and services to our preschool age students. We thank the Meeting House School for providing their expertise and energy during this transition.

Many of our teachers returned for the 2017-2018 school year. Kindergarten is led by Ellen Martyn. Pam Maile is the Primary teacher serving our grade 1 and 2 students. North EL, grades 3 and 4, is taught by Erica Morse. As a one-year placement for Pamela Burke, Emily Walsh is teaching 5th and 6th grade in South EL. Tim Hayes and Rachel Boyden continue in the Junior High.

Our rich offering of Specials continues with library, integrated technology, art, classroom music, band, strings, physical education, Rhythms, and poetry. New to the Specials team is Soren Pelz-Walsh, who is our new physical education teacher. He has brought excellent energy and passion for getting children moving and playing together.

Marlboro School's Continuous Improvement Plan has three focuses this year. The first is to adopt a local common assessment system to improve math instruction and student achievement. Our second focus is to create writing benchmarks that align throughout the grades. Last, the staff is reviewing the latest research on student motivation in order to support student's personal development, which is one of our learning realms. This work began last summer and continues during staff meetings and weekly common planning time.

At the end of this school year Marlboro will say goodbye to two talented, dedicated, and inspiring teachers. Ellen Martyn will retire after 25 years in Kindergarten, welcoming children to the Marlboro School and nurturing their curiosity and love of learning. Whether studying the human body or the life cycle of a plant, or the similarities and differences between versions of fairy tales, her students have had hands on, indelible learning experiences. Thanks to Ellen, Forest Kindergarten provides a place for children to explore, solve problems, and develop critical social skills. Ellen was key to the development of the Marlboro Realms of Learning and the graduation portfolio process. She has been the gatekeeper for our youngest students making sure they are known and appreciated by the whole school community. As the initiator of Fall Fiesta and a co-leader of All School Sing, Ellen has built community (and musicality!) throughout the school. Ellen has always been a cheerleader for the staff, encouraging us to play and laugh together.

For more than 20 years Christine Moyer has been an educator at Marlboro School. Christine has always had a behind-the-scenes role - at least that's what many might think. However, if your child ever received academic, behavioral, and/or emotional support from Christine, you know that she was central to your child's education. She has worked with students of all ages and abilities. Not only has she supported learning to read, write, and do math, she has helped them learn how to learn. She provided the scaffolding so that these students can be successful and confident in the regular classroom. When a child has unique challenges, it's essential to understand their needs and to communicate that to other educators. Christine has always gone above and beyond to do that. Christine's quiet work has made a great difference!

Christine and Ellen will be greatly missed. We thank them and wish them all the best as they take on new adventures.

We continue to benefit greatly from our relationship with Marlboro College. We greatly appreciate the use of the Whittemore Theater and the soccer fields. The college also provides us work-study students who act as classroom assistants and college students often volunteer as Big Sisters and Big Brothers. We are grateful for this relationship with the college.

Thank you for all the support you give to our wonderful small school.

MARLBORO SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This has been a very full and exciting year for our School District! At the end of June our longtime and beloved principal, Francie Marbury, retired after fourteen years. We are very fortunate to have hired Wayne Kermenski as our new principal. Mr. Kermenski has a long career in public education, starting out as a public high school environmental science teacher and then moving into curriculum-building, and administrative roles. The board welcomes him into the Marlboro Elementary School community and commends Mr. Kermenski's work in his first half of the 2017-2018 school year!

The Marlboro School Board is presenting a budget for the 2018-2019 school year which is up 1.2 percent in overall spending from the previous year. Because of a number of factors, the board anticipates that this budget will increase the Education tax rate this coming year¹. A 3 percent decrease in the town of Marlboro's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), from 1.00 to .97, and a loss of Title 1 funding (estimated to be \$42,000) are the major reasons for this increased estimate. The board compliments the administration on their work to help contain total spending per student and minimize the increase to the budget.

After many years of deliberation and conversation with the Marlboro School Board, the Marlboro Meeting House School Board has voted to cease operations at the end of the 2018 school year. The Marlboro School Board and Administration have worked closely with the Meeting House School Board to transition the town from a private preschool to a public one, which we believe will serve more children in the community through increased hours and better access to early childhood intervention. While programming decisions have not been solidified at the time of this writing, we anticipate the program will allow for 3- and 4-year-olds, as well as the opportunity for the tuitioning in of out-of-town students. The program will launch in the fall of 2018 and all estimated costs are included in this budget. The board compliments the administration for their work on developing a new program while maintaining only a minimal impact on overall school spending.

A new boiler system has been installed using a Windham Wood Heat Initiative (WWHI) grant that the voters of Marlboro included in last year's budget. The proposed budget reflects the estimate of that annual payment as well as an anticipated reduction in consumption costs.

Much of the board's work this past year was navigating the new Act 49 legislation (which amended Act 46 – and allowed for new formations under the law). The State Board of Education

¹ The Education Tax Rate is based on a statewide formula that takes into account the school's spending, the number of equalized pupils, the statewide property tax rate, and the town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). The result is a 2.77 increase per equalized pupil.

approved Marlboro's plan to remain an existing district within the Windham Central Supervisory Union, maintain its own governance, and vote on its own budget as a preK – 8 school with high school choice. That plan was then brought to the voters of Marlboro in November, 2017 and was overwhelmingly approved. The 217 page plan is available for review on the Marlboro School Board page on MarlboroSchool.net, or at the town office. The school board thanks the Marlboro School Association for its grant to hire a consultant to assist the board in its compiling of the Act 49 Action Plan. We also thank the consultant, Stephen Dale, who helped navigate that complex and demanding approval process.

Sincerely,

The Marlboro School Board

Douglas Korb, Chair
Celena Romo, Vice Chair
David Holzapfel, Clerk
Dan MacArthur
Lauren Poster

WINDHAM CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
Superintendent's Letter 2018

The Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) is growing and changing. The citizens of Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, and Townshend voted in 2016 to become one school district. This vote created the West River Modified Unified Union Education District (West River MUUED). This district also includes Windham students in grades 7-12. The citizens of Dover and Wardsboro voted in 2016 to create one school district as well, the River Valleys Unified School District (RVUSD). The citizens of Marlboro voted in 2016 to create a stand alone school district under the ACT 49 model. As of this writing, both Windham and Stratton are preparing proposals under ACT 46 to be reviewed by the State Board of Education in consideration of the ACT 46 Statewide plan.

The WCSU is in year two of building a forward thinking team to lead the next generation of high quality student learning. Our Superintendent, Business Manager, and Director of Curriculum are in their second years and are joined by a new Director of Special Education. We welcomed three new principals to our experienced instructional leaders. Our teaching professionals have been engaged in targeted professional development, deepening their knowledge and building on their existing capacity to create effective student learning opportunities. The entire WCSU team is engaged in student improvement and success.

The WCSU is a partner in three statewide initiatives that will help provide valuable information about how to allocate resources, develop professional acumen, and make strategic long-term instructional decisions.

I encourage everyone to participate in the information sessions for current budgets. I also encourage you to attend the board meetings of the new districts and participate in the creation of our new governance structures. I am confident that the leadership of the individual school boards, the WCSU board, our principals, and the teachers and staff of the WCSU are ready to embrace the challenge of the future.

Thank you for supporting our schools.

William Anton, WCSU Superintendent of Schools

Marlboro Elementary School July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017
Marlboro Town Treasurer Accounting

Balances as of 6/30/2017

Capitol Improvement Account:	*	\$	131,346.10
Future Tuition Account:	**		\$43,321.05
General Fund Checking Account:			\$14,708.23
TOTAL			\$189,375.38

The three accounts listed above are kept in one checking account at BS&L

General Fund Balance Check:

6/30/16-Balance	\$17,426.88
Income	3,976,625.12
Expenses	3,979,343.77
6/30/17 Balance	14,708.23

Separate accounts from the General Fund:

	Income:	Expense:	
Capitol Asset Account			\$ 85.10
(Transferred From General Account)	\$ 1,200,000.00		\$ 1,200,000.00
Interest Income:	\$ 1,534.35		\$ 1,201,619.45
Transferred to General Account:		\$ 1,201,619.45	\$ -

Cash Reserve for Future School Bus Purchases:		\$	6,591.82
Interest	\$ 6.58	\$	6,598.40

Student Account (JR High)		\$	11,324.05
Income	\$ 29,593.57	\$	40,917.62
Expense		35719.08	\$ 5,198.54
Interest	\$ 6.66	\$	5,205.20

MASP Marlboro After School :		\$	821.39
Closed account and transferred to General Fund	\$ 821.39		
		\$	-

*Transferred \$ 48,000.00 from General Fund per School Board on 1/18/2017

**Transferred \$ 30,000.00 from General Fund per School Board on 1/18/2017

June 19, 2017 -The school opened a \$600,000.00 Line of Credit
in Lieu of Taxes with Brattleboro Savings and Loan

District: **Marlboro**
County: **Windham**

T120
Windham Central

Property dollar equivalent yield
9,842

Homestead tax rate per \$9,842 of spending per equalized pupil
1.00

11,862

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

Expenditures		FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,697,899	\$2,734,921	\$2,582,426	\$2,614,368	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,697,899	\$2,734,921	\$2,582,426	\$2,614,368	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$2,697,899	\$2,734,921	\$2,582,426	\$2,614,368	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$558,581	\$587,592	\$302,625	\$243,167	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$558,581	\$587,592	\$302,625	\$243,167	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$2,139,318	\$2,147,329	\$2,279,801	\$2,371,201	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	133.19	128.77	135.10	136.52	15.
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$16,062.15	\$16,675.69	\$16,874.91	\$17,368.89	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	\$18.69	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$17,103	Allowable growth	threshold = \$17,386	threshold = \$17,816	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$17,103.00	\$16,234.02	\$17,386.00	\$17,816.00	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,062	\$16,795	\$16,875	\$17,368.89	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	169.808% based on \$9,285	173.122% based on \$9,701	166.092% based on yield \$10,160	176.477% based on yield \$9,842	28.
Prorating the local tax rate						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$17,368.89 + (\$9,842.00 / \$1,000))]	\$1.6811 based on \$0.99	\$1.7312 based on \$1.00	\$1.6609 based on \$1.00	\$1.7648 based on \$1.00	29.
30.	Percent of Marlboro equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.76)	\$1.6811	\$1.7312	\$1.6609	\$1.7648	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	97.06%	100.87%	100.44%	97.82%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.7648 / 97.82%)	\$1.7320 based on \$0.99	\$1.7163 based on \$1.00	\$1.6536 based on \$1.00	\$1.8041 based on \$1.00	33.
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>						
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$17,368.89 + \$11,862) x 2.00%]	3.06% based on 1.80%	3.09% based on 2.00%	2.81% based on 2.00%	2.93% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.93%)	3.06% based on 1.80%	3.09% based on 2.00%	2.81% based on 2.00%	2.93% based on 2.00%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.
37.		-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,842 for every \$1.00 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%.

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Windham Central Supervisory Union
Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget

	FY 17 Budget	FY 17 Actual (unaudited)	FY 18 Adopted Budget	FY 19 Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-
REVENUES						
Interest Income	\$ 200	\$ 1,364	\$ 200	\$ 500	\$ 300	150%
Erate Income	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0%
	\$ 6,200	\$ 7,364	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,500	\$ 300	150%
ASSESSMENTS						
DOVER	\$ 83,008	\$ 83,008	\$ 85,518	\$ 82,453	\$ (3,065)	-3.6%
JAMAICA	\$ 62,806	\$ 62,807	\$ 61,304	\$ 60,620	\$ (684)	-1.1%
MARLBORO	\$ 70,919	\$ 70,919	\$ 75,457	\$ 73,587	\$ (1,870)	-2.5%
NEWBROOK	\$ 138,356	\$ 138,356	\$ 145,596	\$ 158,623	\$ 13,027	8.9%
STRATTON	\$ 10,923	\$ 11,022	\$ 11,494	\$ 18,186	\$ 6,692	58.2%
TOWNSHEND	\$ 75,550	\$ 75,551	\$ 78,545	\$ 84,868	\$ 6,323	8.1%
WARDSBORO	\$ 52,794	\$ 52,794	\$ 50,767	\$ 44,455	\$ (6,312)	-12.4%
WINDHAM	\$ 17,294	\$ 17,295	\$ 18,199	\$ 22,227	\$ 4,028	22.1%
LELAND AND GRAY	\$ 289,455	\$ 337,203	\$ 345,645	\$ 334,683	\$ (10,962)	-3.2%
	\$ 801,105	\$ 848,955	\$ 872,525	\$ 879,703	\$ 7,178	0.82%

Account Description	FY17 Adopted Budget	FY 17 Actual (unaudited)	FY18 Proposed Budget	FY 19 Proposed Budget	\$	% Variance +/-	
SU Superintendent	\$ 214,000	\$199,000	\$ 122,500	\$ 127,476	\$ 4,976	4%	1.00
SU Directors of Curriculum/Tech/F	\$ 77,431	\$41,949	\$ 44,430	\$ 58,880	\$ 14,450	33%	0.54
SU Admin Assistant Salary	\$ 41,700	\$41,880	\$ 41,840	\$ 39,429	\$ (2,411)	-6%	0.80
SU Health	\$ 64,273	\$61,278	\$ 47,657	\$ 49,366	\$ 1,709	4%	
SU Dental	\$ 3,982	\$3,982	\$ 2,612	\$ 4,070	\$ 1,458	56%	
SU FICA	\$ 25,485	\$20,874	\$ 15,971	\$ 17,272	\$ 1,301	8%	
SU Life/Disab Insurance	\$ 1,110	\$902	\$ 1,110	\$ 902	\$ (208)	-19%	
SU Municipal Retirement	\$ 7,618	\$6,856	\$ 4,472	\$ 2,851	\$ (1,621)	-36%	
SU Workers Comp	\$ 3,331	\$1,852	\$ 2,088	\$ 2,000	\$ (88)	-4%	
SU Unemployment	\$ 1,050	\$1,050	\$ 1,728	\$ 1,713	\$ (15)	-1%	
SU Professional Services	\$ 6,000	(\$8,597)	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (1,000)	-17%	
SU Information System Services	\$ 22,500	\$26,693	\$ 25,500	\$ 27,000	\$ 1,500	6%	
SU Curriculum Dev	\$ -	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	
SU Professional Development	\$ 8,000	\$3,822	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 4,000	50%	
SU Legal Services	\$ -	\$84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	
SU Insurance Bond & Prof Liability	\$ 8,000	\$5,160	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Telephone/Internet	\$ 7,000	\$8,470	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 1,500	21%	
SU Postage	\$ 3,500	\$2,252	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Advertising	\$ 3,000	\$467	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Travel	\$ 6,000	\$11,024	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	33%	
SU Conference Expense	\$ 4,500	\$5,326	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$8,715	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 500	14%	
SU Equipment	\$ 3,000	\$4,210	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,400	\$5,244	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	11%	
SU Miscellaneous	\$ 100	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	
SU Audit Services	\$ 7,000	\$7,250	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0%	
Subtotal of - SU Admin	\$ 526,480	\$459,743	\$ 373,908	\$ 402,458	\$ 28,550	7.6%	2.34
Business Salary	\$ 132,577	\$189,502	\$ 280,961	\$ 255,067	\$ (25,894)	-9%	4.05
Business Human Resources Salar	\$ 29,500	\$29,890	\$ 49,725	\$ 53,457	\$ 3,732	8%	1.00
Business Health	\$ 51,331	\$57,313	\$ 75,522	\$ 79,040	\$ 3,518	5%	
Business Dental	\$ 3,084	\$2,950	\$ 3,815	\$ 3,815	\$ -	0%	
Business FICA	\$ 12,399	\$16,048	\$ 25,297	\$ 23,602	\$ (1,695)	-7%	
Business Office Life/Disa	\$ 1,538	\$388	\$ 1,323	\$ 926	\$ (397)	-30%	
Business Municipal Retirement	\$ 8,914	\$9,652	\$ 18,188	\$ 16,969	\$ (1,219)	-7%	
Business Workers Comp	\$ 1,621	\$819	\$ 3,307	\$ 2,500	\$ (807)	-24%	
Business Unemployment	\$ 1,312	\$1,312	\$ 2,880	\$ 2,880	\$ -	0%	
Business Equipment Repair	\$ 800	\$0	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	0%	
Business Professional Dev	\$ 3,300	\$3,241	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ -	0%	
Business Travel	\$ -	\$0	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0%	
Business Conference Expenses	\$ -	\$366	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%	
Business Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$3,813	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,800	\$ 300	9%	
Business Equipment	\$ 3,000	\$2,777	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%	
Bank Fees	\$ 1,800	\$0	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ -	0%	
					\$ -	0%	

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Windham Central Supervisory Union
Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget

	FY 17 Budget	FY 17 Actual (unaudited)	FY 18 Adopted Budget	FY 19 Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-	
Subtotal - Business	\$ 254,676	\$318,071	\$ 477,418	\$ 454,956	\$ (22,462)	-4.7%	5.05
Property Services - Custodial	\$ 3,250	\$4,615	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,990	\$ 990	25%	0.10
Property Serv Maint & Repair	\$ 1,500	\$450	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%	
Building Rent	\$ 14,800	\$14,800	\$ 14,800	\$ 14,800	\$ -	0%	
Building Electric	\$ 2,400	\$4,153	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,100	46%	
Building Fuel Oil	\$ 4,200	\$1,958	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,500	\$ (700)	-17%	
Building Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0%	
					\$ -	0%	
Subtotal of - Operation & Maintenance	\$ 26,150	\$25,976	\$ 27,400	\$ 28,790	\$ 1,390	5.1%	0.10
Total Superintendent/Business Office	\$ 807,306	\$803,790	\$ 878,726	\$ 886,203	\$ 7,477	0.85%	7.49
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (1)	\$ 52,529	\$ (1)	\$ -	\$ 1		

FY 19 Proposed Windham Central Supervisory Union Budget

WCSU Expense Budget Components:	FY17 Adopted Budget	FY 17 Actual (unaudited)	FY18 Budget	FY 19 Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-	Board Reviewed/ Approved
Superintendent/Business Office Budget-3 Pages	\$ 807,304	\$ 803,790	\$ 878,726	\$ 886,203	7,477	0.85%	11-15-2017 Approved
Special Education K-12/EEE Budget - 4 Pages	\$ 4,002,399	\$ 3,482,497	\$ 4,223,370	\$ 4,944,327	720,957	17.07%	11-15-2017 Approved
Agency Fund Budget-3 Pages	\$ 1,111,670	\$ 1,182,566	\$ 1,302,229	\$ 1,359,833	57,604	4.42%	11-15-2017 Reviewed
Grant Budget- 2 Page Summary	\$ 1,998,608	\$ 1,987,070	\$ 1,952,872	\$ 1,888,572	(64,300)	-3.29%	11-15-2017 Reviewed
Total WCSU Proposed Budget	\$ 7,919,981	\$ 7,455,923	\$ 8,357,197	\$ 9,078,935	\$ 721,738	8.6%	

Special Education Budget Teacher/Related Service and Direct Bill

Expense Allocation Basis: Teacher FTE based on IEP Service requirements
 FY2019 Proposed Budget Based on Service Plan

School	K-12			K-6	7-12	K-12	Admin Alloc(Includes Psych) Ratio %
	SLP FTE	PT FTE	OT FTE				
Dover	0.22	0.05	0	0.67	0	0.94	7.18%
Jamaica	0.34	0.05	0.04	0.52	0	0.95	7.26%
Marlboro	0.29	0.09	0.04	1.00	0	1.42	10.85%
NewBrook	0.70	0.09	0.14	1.82	0	2.75	21.01%
Stratton	0.00	0	0.04	0	0	0.06	0.46%
Townshend	0.33	0.14	0.25	1.00	0	1.72	13.14%
Wardsboro	0.10	0.05	0.07	0.25	0	0.47	3.59%
Windham	0.04	0	0.04	0.18	0	0.26	1.99%
Leland & Gray UHS	0.88	0.14	0.25	4.00	4.00	5.27	34.53%
Total FTE Per Position	2.90	0.61	0.87	5.44	4	13.84	100.00%

Avg Student Per Caseload		29.66	14.23	32.18	16.18	15
Student Count	89	14	28	88	60	
Special Ed by IEP	\$ 310,258	\$ 77,501	\$ 171,058	\$ 531,347	\$ 411,249	\$ 1,501,413

School	K-6			7-12			Admin Expense	Total Alloc. Expense	Para, Tuition, Tra nsp	Direct Bill	Outside Casemgt	Total Expenses
	SLP Expense	PT Expense	OT Expense	Instruction Expense	Instruction Expense	Admin Expense						
Dover	\$ 23,537	\$ 6,353	\$ -	\$ 65,442	\$ -	\$ 22,486	\$ 117,817	\$ 93,887	\$ 14,406	\$ 226,110		
Jamaica	\$ 36,375	\$ 6,353	\$ 7,865	\$ 50,791	\$ -	\$ 22,725	\$ 124,108	\$ 145,036	\$ 7,203	\$ 276,347		
Marlboro	\$ 31,026	\$ 11,435	\$ 7,865	\$ 97,674	\$ -	\$ 33,968	\$ 181,968	\$ 672,446	\$ 25,210	\$ 879,624		
NewBrook	\$ 74,890	\$ 11,435	\$ 27,527	\$ 177,767	\$ -	\$ 65,784	\$ 357,402	\$ 457,148	\$ 7,203	\$ 821,753		
Stratton	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,435	\$ 9,300	\$ 83,017	\$ -	\$ 92,317		
Townshend	\$ 35,305	\$ 17,787	\$ 49,155	\$ 97,674	\$ -	\$ 41,145	\$ 241,066	\$ 313,910	\$ 14,406	\$ 569,382		
Wardsboro	\$ 10,699	\$ 6,353	\$ 13,763	\$ 24,419	\$ -	\$ 11,243	\$ 66,476	\$ 271,827	\$ 10,804	\$ 349,107		
Windham	\$ 4,279	\$ -	\$ 7,865	\$ 17,581	\$ -	\$ 6,220	\$ 35,945	\$ 13,314	\$ -	\$ 49,259		
Leland & Gray UHS *	\$ 94,147	\$ 17,787	\$ 49,155	\$ -	\$ 411,249	\$ 126,066	\$ 698,404	\$ 960,416	\$ 21,609	\$ 1,680,429		
Total Expense Allocation	\$ 310,258	\$ 77,501	\$ 171,058	\$ 531,347	\$ 411,249	\$ 331,072	\$ 1,832,485	\$ 3,011,001	\$ 100,841	\$ 4,944,327		
Avg Cost per Student	\$ 3,486	\$ 22,161	\$ 11,081	\$ 3,526	\$ 5,171					\$ 24,477		
Total Service Plan Count	202											

* This budget does not include IDEAB Revenue and Expense

FY 19 Combined
Special Education Budget Teacher/Related Service and Direct Bill

Act 148 "An act relating to special education" Governor signed on 5/31/2016
Payment of Special Education Funding to Supervisory Unions

Revenues	FY17 Actual (unaudited)	FY18 Adopted Budget	FY19 Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-
State Block Grant	\$ 382,215	\$ 378,451	\$ 378,451	\$ -	0.00%
Extraordinary Rev-Combined	\$ 99,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Extraordinary Rev-Dover	\$ -	\$ 2,165	\$ -	\$ (2,165)	-100.00%
Extraordinary Rev-Jamaica	\$ 2,503	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,503)	-100.00%
Extraordinary Rev-Marlboro	\$ 43,380	\$ 88,508	\$ 45,128	\$ (43,380)	-100.00%
Extraordinary Rev-NewBrook	\$ -	\$ 146,557	\$ 146,557	\$ -	0.00%
Extraordinary Rev-Townshend	\$ -	\$ 20,855	\$ 20,855	\$ -	0.00%
Extraordinary Rev-Wardsboro	\$ 93,210	\$ 96,228	\$ 3,018	\$ (3,018)	-3.24%
Extraordinary Rev-LGUHS	\$ 32,089	\$ 120,858	\$ 88,769	\$ (42,089)	-130.24%
State Placed Rev-Wardsboro	\$ 65,016	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (65,016)	-100.00%
State Placed Rev-Marlboro	\$ -	\$ 66,010	\$ -	\$ (66,010)	-100.00%
State Placed Rev-LGUHS	\$ 1,489,216	\$ 1,900,091	\$ 2,083,407	\$ 183,316	12.31%
Intensive Reimbursement Pro.	\$ 2,036,122	\$ 2,451,889	\$ 3,000,874	\$ 544,755	26.76%
Total Revenue	\$ 3,181,422	\$ 4,223,371	\$ 4,944,327	\$ 720,956	22.66%

Expenses	FY17 Actual (unaudited)	FY18 Adopted Budget	FY19 Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-
DOVER	\$ 377,239	\$ 418,031	\$ 226,110	\$ (191,921)	-45.91%
JAMAICA	\$ 142,118	\$ 254,056	\$ 276,347	\$ 22,291	8.77%
MARLBORO	\$ 520,491	\$ 612,552	\$ 879,624	\$ 267,072	43.60%
NEWBROOK	\$ 322,540	\$ 458,513	\$ 821,783	\$ 363,240	79.22%
STRATTON	\$ 70,931	\$ 95,408	\$ 92,317	\$ (3,091)	-3.24%
TOWNSHEND	\$ 261,182	\$ 416,903	\$ 569,382	\$ 152,479	36.57%
WARDSBORO	\$ 306,300	\$ 467,553	\$ 349,107	\$ (118,446)	-25.33%
WINDHAM	\$ 23,717	\$ 26,267	\$ 49,259	\$ 22,992	87.53%
LELAND AND GRAY	\$ 1,411,716	\$ 1,474,087	\$ 1,680,429	\$ 206,342	14.00%
Total Expenses	\$ 3,436,234	\$ 4,223,370	\$ 4,944,327	\$ 720,957	20.71%

	% of Total Special Ed	% of Block Grant	% of local Match	Less Xord	Less SPS	Total Formula Eligible Cost	55%	45%	10% extra
DOVER	4.57%	17.307	11,538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 197,265	\$ 108,495	\$ 88,769	\$ -
JAMAICA	5.59%	21.152	14,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 241,093	\$ 132,601	\$ 108,492	\$ -
MARLBORO	17.79%	67.329	44,886	\$ 98,342	\$ -	\$ 669,067	\$ 367,987	\$ 301,080	\$ 9,834
NEWBROOK	16.62%	62.899	41,933	\$ 162,841	\$ -	\$ 554,080	\$ 304,744	\$ 249,336	\$ 16,284
STRATTON	1.87%	7.066	4,711	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,540	\$ 44,297	\$ 36,243	\$ -
TOWNSHEND	11.52%	43.582	29,055	\$ 23,172	\$ -	\$ 473,573	\$ 260,465	\$ 213,108	\$ 2,317
WARDSBORO	7.06%	26.722	17,814	\$ 106,920	\$ -	\$ 197,651	\$ 108,708	\$ 88,943	\$ 10,692
WINDHAM	1.00%	3.770	2,514	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,975	\$ 23,636	\$ 19,339	\$ -
LELAND AND GRAY	33.99%	128.624	85,749	\$ 134,287	\$ -	\$ 1,331,768	\$ 732,472	\$ 595,296	\$ 13,479
Total	100.00%	378,451	252,301	\$ 525,562	\$ -	\$ 3,788,013	\$ 2,083,407	\$ 1,704,606	\$ 52,556

Revenues minus expenses	(254,812)	\$ 1	\$ -	(66,011)	-6601100%
FY 19 Extraordinary Rev/Exp Breakout					
Town	Expense	Less 50,000	Exp over 50K	90% Revenue	10% Due
NewBrook	\$ 262,841	\$ (100,000)	\$ 162,841	\$ 146,557	\$ 16,284
Townshend	\$ 123,172	\$ (100,000)	\$ 23,172	\$ 20,855	\$ 2,317
Marlboro	\$ 298,342	\$ (200,000)	\$ 98,342	\$ 88,508	\$ 9,834
Wardsboro	\$ 156,920	\$ (50,000)	\$ 106,920	\$ 96,228	\$ 10,692
LGUHS	\$ 334,287	\$ (200,000)	\$ 134,287	\$ 120,858	\$ 13,429
Total	\$ 1,175,562	\$ (650,000)	\$ 525,562	\$ 473,006	\$ 52,556

NOTE: Districts that employ a part-time para will have additional costs on their local budget.
Expense Allocation Basis: Teacher FTE based on IEP Service requirements

FY 19 Proposed Early Essential Education Budget

	FY 17 Budget	FY 17 Actual	FY 18 Approved Budget	FY19 Budget	\$\$ Variance	% Variance
Revenues						
EEE Block Grant	\$ -		\$ 69,682	\$ 69,682	\$ -	0%
IDEAB EEE ages 3-6	\$ -		\$ 4,068	\$ 4,401	\$ 333	8%
IDEAB ages 3-22	\$ -		\$ 12,852	\$ 18,594	\$ 5,742	45%
ASSESSMENTS						
					\$ -	
Dover	\$ 9,632	\$ 9,632	\$ -	\$ 783	\$ 783	0%
Jamaica	\$ 6,452	\$ 6,452	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Marlboro	\$ 8,229	\$ 8,229	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
NewBrook	\$ 14,214	\$ 14,214	\$ -	\$ 15,584	\$ 15,584	0%
Stratton	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,122	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Townshend	\$ 7,762	\$ 7,762	\$ -	\$ 56,565	\$ 56,565	0%
Wardsboro	\$ 5,424	\$ 5,424	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Windham	\$ 1,777	\$ 1,777	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
	\$ 54,612	\$ 54,612	\$ 86,602	\$ 165,609	\$ 79,007	91%

	FY 17 Budget	FY 17 Actual	FY 18 Approved Budget	FY19 Budget	\$\$ Variance	% Variance
Expenses						
EEE Teacher Salary	\$ 24,406	\$ 27,416	\$ 54,566	\$ 50,154	\$ (4,412)	-8%
EEE Salary/Benefit Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,364	\$ -	\$ (1,364)	-100%
EEE Health	\$ 5,504	\$ 4,636	\$ 7,592	\$ 14,403	\$ 6,811	90%
EEE Dental	\$ -	\$ 233	\$ 382	\$ 374	\$ (8)	-2%
EEE FICA	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,018	\$ 4,279	\$ 3,837	\$ (442)	-10%
EEE Life/Disability Ins	\$ 118	\$ 94	\$ 213	\$ 191	\$ (22)	-10%
EEE Workers Comp	\$ 333	\$ 295	\$ 559	\$ 502	\$ (57)	-10%
EEE Unemployment	\$ 628	\$ 488	\$ 576	\$ 692	\$ 116	20%
EEE Purchased Service	\$ 5,000	\$ 428	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ (500)	-20%
EEE Teacher Professional Dev	\$ 1,200	\$ 701	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,550	\$ 350	29%
EEE- Office/Therapy Room Rent	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 720	\$ (180)	-20%
EEE Travel	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,968	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	33%
EEE Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,276	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,300	\$ (200)	-13%
EEE Equipment	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,185	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,000	\$ (200)	-17%
Subtotal of EEE Program	\$ 46,339	\$ 41,638	\$ 78,331	\$ 78,723	\$ 392	0.5%
EEE OT Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,271	\$ 7,672	\$ (599)	-7%
EEE OT Health Benefits	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 791	\$ 791	0%
EEE OTDental Benefits	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 69	\$ 69	0%
EEE OTFica	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 587	\$ 587	0%
EEE OT Life / Disability Ins	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 29	\$ 29	0%
EEE OTRetirement	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 422	\$ 422	0%
Subtotal of EEE OT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,271	\$ 9,570	\$ 1,299	16%
EEE PT Salary	\$ -	\$ 876		\$ 4,552	\$ 4,552	0%
EEE PTFICA	\$ -	\$ 67		\$ 348	\$ 348	0%
EEE PT Services-Life/Disability Ins	\$ -	\$ 2		\$ 17	\$ 17	0%
EEE PTRetirement	\$ -	\$ 44		\$ 250	\$ 250	0%
EEE PT services unemployment	\$ -	\$ 18		\$ -	\$ -	0%
Subtotal of EEE PT	\$ -	\$ 1,007	\$ -	\$ 5,167	\$ 5,167	0%

	FY 17 Budget	FY 17 Actual	FY 18 Approved Budget	FY19 Budget	\$\$ Variance	% Variance
Dover Spec Ed EEE Transportation	-	3,953.81	\$0.00	\$783.00	\$783.00	0%
Subtotal of EEE Dover	-	3,953.81	-	783	783.00	-
Special Ed EEE Newbrook	-	2,206.43	\$0.00	7,609	\$7,609.14	0%
Special Ed EEE Newbrook	-	98.95	\$0.00	582	\$582.10	0%
Special Ed EEE Newbrook	-	51.74	\$0.00	346	\$346.00	0%
Special Ed EEE Newbrook	-	1,261.31			\$0.00	0%
Special Ed EEE Newbrook	-		\$0.00	7,047	\$7,047.00	0%
Subtotal of EEE NewBrook	-	3,618.43	\$0.00	15,584	\$15,584.24	0%
Special Education Townshend Tuition	-	-	\$0.00	40,482	\$40,482.00	0%
Special Education Townshend Transport Salary	-	-	\$0.00	6,480	\$6,480.00	0%
Special Education Townshend	-	-	\$0.00	720	\$720.00	0%
Special Education Townshend	-	-	\$0.00	551	\$550.80	0%
Special Education Townshend	-	-	\$0.00	692	\$692.00	0%
Special Education Townshend	-	-	\$0.00	7,640	\$7,640.00	0%
Subtotal of EEE Townshend	-	-	-	56,565	56,564.80	-
Total Expense	\$ 46,339	\$ 46,263	\$ 86,602	\$ 165,609	\$ 79,007	91%
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 8,273	\$ 8,349	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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FY 19 WCSU Proposed Assessment Chart

	FY 18	FY 19	FY 19	% of Assessment	W/O Business
	ADM as of 11/16/16	ADM as of 11/9/17	Excluding DOV+MES		Excluding DOV+MES
Dover	102	93	0	11%	0%
Jamaica	64	60	60	7%	9%
Marlboro	90	83	0	10%	0%
NewBrook	152	157	157	19%	23%
Stratton School District	12	18	18	2%	3%
Townshend	82	84	84	10%	13%
Wardsboro	53	44	44	5%	7%
Windham School District	19	22	22	3%	3%
LGUHS School District	311	284	284	34%	42%
	885	845.00	669.00	100%	100%

	FY 18	FY 19	\$\$ Variance	% Variance
Dover	\$ 85,518	\$ 82,453	(3,065)	-3.58%
Jamaica	\$ 61,304	\$ 60,620	(684)	-1.12%
Marlboro	\$ 75,457	\$ 73,587	(1,870)	-2.48%
NewBrook	\$ 145,596	\$ 158,623	13,027	8.95%
Stratton School District	\$ 11,494	\$ 18,186	6,692	58.22%
Townshend	\$ 78,545	\$ 84,868	6,323	8.05%
Wardsboro	\$ 50,767	\$ 44,455	(6,312)	-12.43%
Windham School District	\$ 18,199	\$ 22,227	4,028	22.14%
LGUHS School District	\$ 345,644	\$ 334,683	(10,961)	-3.17%
	\$ 872,524	\$ 879,703	\$ 7,179	

\$ 6,500 Int/Erate
 \$ 886,203 Total obligation

\$ 886,203
 (6,500) Interest
 (82,786) Payroll cost
 (47,747) Direct LGUHS

 749,170 Dover/Marlboro Basis
 73,587 Marlboro Assessment

 82,453 Dover Assessment
 593,130
\$ 82,786 Payroll cost
 675,916 All other district cost basis
 \$ 47,747 Direct LGUHS added to LGUHS only

	FY 18	FY 19	\$ Var	%Var
Salary	\$ 539,456	\$ 534,308	\$ (5,148)	-0.95%
Health/Denta	\$ 129,606	\$ 136,290	\$ 6,684	5.16%
Payroll Benet	\$ 77,164	\$ 72,415	\$ (4,749)	-6.15%
GOE*	\$ 133,300	\$ 143,990	\$ 10,690	8.02%
	\$ 879,526	\$ 887,003	\$ 7,477	0.85%

*General Operating Expenses

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MARCH 7, 2017**

Moderator Steven John called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. and read out the warning:

The legal voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

He noted that the polls will be open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing by Australian ballot the officers listed in Article 3.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for a one year term.

Steven John nominated by David Holzapfel of Route 9, seconded by David Elliott of Higley Hill Road.

Moved by Sharon Tappan of Adams Brook Road and seconded by Carol Brooke-deBock of North Pond Road that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast a single ballot.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Steven John elected as Moderator for a one year term.

Steven John explains that Roberts' Rules of Order is the guiding procedure for the meeting, limit to 2 minutes speaking time and the person making the motion gets to speak first. Amendments to articles procedure: moderator decides if amendment is germane to article. If seconded, debate on amendment, then vote. The Moderator also appointed Justice of the Peace T Hunter Wilson as parliamentarian.

Any non-voters asked to show hands.

Article 2. To act upon the Auditors' Report.

So moved Gail MacArthur of MacArthur Road, seconded by Clarence Boston of Town Hill Road.

Discussion followed: Douglas Korb of South Road brought handouts for inclusion in the town report from the Act 46 study committee and alternative structure committee, also presented by Lauren Poster of Moss Hollow Road and Dan MacArthur of MacArthur Road.

Auditor Gail MacArthur detailed the few issues with the report and laments the omission of the above.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Auditors' Report accepted.

~ Motion made to move to School District meeting ~

Moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by Gail MacArthur to recess the meeting in order to convene the School District Meeting at 9:15 am

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

~ Town Meeting reconvened at 1:31 pm ~

Motion made by Eugen Bernhard of Lower Dover to suspend the rules to allow a proposal to the meeting.

All in favor of taking up the proposal now, so voted by unanimous voice vote.

A resolution of the meeting:

“We, the voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont, proudly support the civil rights of all people without regard to their race, religion, gender or economic status.”

So moved by T Hunter Wilson, seconded by Dan MacArthur.

Proposed amendment to the language by Suzanne Whitehouse of South Road:

“We, the voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont, proudly support the civil rights of all people without regard to their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, disability, age, or education level.”

Discussion of the amendment.

Jess Weitz of Route 9 calls the question to close discussion on the amendment.

So voted by unanimous voice vote. Debate on the amendment is closed.

Now we vote on the amendment as stated above. So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Question regarding including immigrant status. Discussion.

Clarence Boston calls the question to end debate, Keely Eastley of North Pond Road seconded.

So voted by unanimous voice vote to end debate.

Vote on proposed resolution as amended.

So voted by unanimous voice vote, one abstention.

Article 3. To elect all town officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting: Select Board, one three-year term; Town Clerk, one three-year term; Lister, one three-year term; Auditor, one three-year term; Constable, one one-year term; Grand Juror, one one-year term; Town Agent, one one-year term.

At the invitation of the Moderator the candidates present were identified: Tyler Gibbons for Select Board, Forrest Holzapfel for Town Clerk, Eric Matt for Lister, S. Rose Watson for Auditor, Clarence E. Boston for Constable, Robert Anderson for Grand Juror & Town Agent.

Article 4. To see if the town will set Friday, October 6, 2017 as the due date for property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.

So moved by Douglas Korb of South Road and seconded by David Holzapfel of Route 9.

No discussion.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Friday, October 6, 2017 set as due date for property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$275,000 for the General Fund.

So moved by T Hunter Wilson of Butterfield Road and seconded by Jonathan Morse of Church Hollow Road. Select Board members Tyler Gibbons, Pieter van Loon, and Patti Smith take the dais.

Discussion followed with the Select Board outlining the general budget:

- Pieter van Loon talked about the bump up in the town budget for this year, and said the board is weighing whether the increases should be made as steps every couple of years or as a general curve.
- Gail MacArthur of MacArthur Road had a budget question from page 7 of the town report.
- Keely Eastley of North Pond Road asked about the Delinquent Taxes and how we can recover the money owed to the Town. Linda Peters, the Delinquent Tax Collector, said the policy is being reviewed by lawyers before we can proceed to tax sales.
- Jason MacArthur of MacArthur Road asked about how the structure of the budget for the coming years.
- Haley Elisha of South Road asked about insurance and bonding and the increase in the budget. Treasurer Linda Peters said the amount is as put forth by VLCT, the municipal insurer.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

\$275,000 voted for the General Fund.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$360,000 for town highways, summer and winter maintenance.

So moved by Clarence Boston of Town Hill Road and seconded by Dan MacArthur of MacArthur Road.

Discussion followed:

- Pieter van Loon said the budget is being affected by the current wild weather changes and that recently there have been many more ice storms and ice events, and the increased budget amount is needed to keep up with the demands of the winters as they have been recently.
- Pat DeAngelo of Town Hill Road said she thought the road crew is amazing, to applause

Motion made by Robert Elliott of Higley Hill Road to add \$50,000 to the budget for the paving of Higley Hill Road, seconded by Keely Eastley.

Discussion followed:

- Road Foreman David Elliott spoke to the fact that Higley Hill is the most traveled road in Marlboro, and that 1.9 miles would be the distance needed to be paved.
- Moderator Steven John said we can add the money to the budget, but cannot tell the Select Board how to use that extra money. The rough figure for paving is \$80,000 per mile. State funding for paving is on a rotation which we receive about once every six years, and we just repaved South Road last summer.
- Clarence Boston of Town Hill Road spoke about the GPS units the public is using which is routing them over Higley Hill Road as a shortcut to the Mount Snow area and increasing traffic.
- Andy Reichsman of Cowpath 40 asked what the \$50,000 would do, and David Elliott responded that the money could be put in a fund so that the paving cost would be spread over more time.
- Brent Seabrook of Lower Dover Road spoke about the increased speed on the road if it was paved.
- Nancy Anderson of Route 9 thinks a capital reserve fund should be made as a separate article, not lumped ambiguously in the budget.
- T Hunter Wilson said the Select Board has the authority to pave or not pave.
- Celena Romo of Route 9 said we should continue this discussion since paving can be a benefit for the town to help with the economic growth in the area.
- Jen Carr of Ames Hill Road called the question, seconded by Jason MacArthur.

Motion to close discussion on amendment.

Vote on amendment to increase the budget to \$410,000.

Amendment defeated by unanimous voice vote.

Return to original Article language.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

\$360,000 voted for town highways, summer and winter maintenance.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and expend up to \$7,500 for recycling services for the period July 1 through December 31.

So moved by Anthony Gordon of North Pond Road and seconded by Pieter van Loon.

Discussion followed:

- Tyler Gibbons spoke to the article, as Windham Solid Waste Management District will no longer be servicing the roll off recycling bins from Marlboro as of June 30, 2017. The Select Board is proposing a 6 month trial to have a private hauler remove our recyclables, and to move the bins away from their current location on Route 9. One possible location is at the Town Garage, and by moving them, we should reduce the abuses of the recycling services and reduce costs to the town.
- Haley Elisha asked about the WSWMD dues regularly in the budget, and Anthony Gordon, the towns WSWMD representative, explained. The fee helps keep the transfer station open and functioning.
- The trial period being discussed has many unanswerable questions. The town will own two of the current recycling bins at the end of June 2017. 30% of what ends up in the bins is trash. Tyler noted that crushing all boxes and cans would be a significant savings to the town especially if we own the bins, and are paying for the hauling.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

\$7,500 voted for recycling services for the period July 1 through December 31.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$10,000 to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to help defray operating expenses.

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by Jen Carr.

Discussion followed: Steven John thanked the MVFC to applause from those assembled. Jess Weitz of Route 9 asked what tasks were involved in being a volunteer, answered by Fire Chief David Elliott.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

\$10,000 voted to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to help defray operating expenses.

Article 9. To see if the Town of Marlboro will renew the property tax exemption to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company for a period of five years, beginning March 7, 2017.

So moved Clarence Boston and seconded by Nancy Anderson.

No discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The property tax exemption is voted for the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company for a period of five years, beginning March 7, 2017.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$12,957.57 to Rescue, Inc. for services.

So moved by Nancy Anderson and seconded by Clarence Boston.

No discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
\$12,957.57 voted to Rescue, Inc. for services.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$1,500.00 to Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. for services.

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by Nancy Anderson.

No discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

\$1,500 voted to Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. for services.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$1,000 to Grace Cottage Hospital.

So moved by T Hunter Wilson and seconded by Nancy Anderson .

No discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
\$1,000 voted to Grace Cottage Hospital.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$50 for the support of Green Up Vermont to provide services to residents of the town.

So moved by Jonathan Morse and seconded by Nancy Anderson.

Discussion followed: David Elliott said the Road Crew would really like to see marks on the map showing parts of the road that have been greened up, to save them a lot of time in retrieving the bags.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
\$50 voted for the support of Green Up Vermont.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend up to \$3,000 to support the production of the *Marlboro Mixer* newsletter.

So moved by Jonathan Morse and seconded by Nancy Anderson.

Small discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

\$3,000 voted to Marlboro Mixer newsletter.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$500 to help the American Red Cross, Green Mountain in support of their mission and the work they do in Marlboro and the State of Vermont.

So moved by T Hunter Wilson and seconded by Allison Turner of Fisher Cat Lane.

Discussion followed: Allison Turner spoke to the American Red Cross policy of not taking blood from gay men for fear of HIV, although statistics don't prove that this is to be the case.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Two abstentions.

\$500 voted to help the American Red Cross, Green Mountain.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,234 for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to residents of the Town.

So moved by Pieter van Loon and seconded by Andrea Matthews of Jenne Road.

Discussion followed.

- Kristin Mehalick of SeVEDS spoke to the article and their work, including outreach to schools that they are doing about the future of the workforce in this area and what jobs will be opening up in the workforce as well as other areas of support for the economy and area businesses.
- Jonathan Morse, Carol Ann Johnson of South Road, Mike Andreotta of Route 9, Jean Boardman of South Road, Clarence Boston, Tyler Gibbons & Pat DeAngelo asked questions and made statements. Kristin of SeVEDS answered questions. T Hunter Wilson asked that a report be published in future Marlboro town reports.

Rachel Boyden of Lucier Road called the question, seconded by Andy Reichsman of Cowpath 40.

Motion passed by voice vote with some dissention.

\$3,234 voted for the purpose of supporting Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) activities.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$9,929 for the following social service agencies:

Brattleboro Area Hospice Inc.	\$ 250.00
The Current	\$ 250.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
Gathering Place for Adult Day Services	\$ 500.00
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center	\$ 230.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont	\$1,050.00
Marlboro Cares	\$ 400.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 400.00
Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc.	\$ 970.00
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH	\$3,179.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$1,200.00
Youth Services	\$1,000.00

So moved T Hunter Wilson and seconded Linda Peters.

No discussion followed.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

\$9,929 voted for the social service agencies listed above.

Article 18. To see if the Town will create a Town House Restoration Fund and appropriate \$10,000 for Phase I of the Town House Restoration.

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by Pieter van Loon.

Discussion:

- David Holzapfel spoke regarding Phase I and the things which need immediate attention to maintain the Town House in advance of its 200th birthday in 2022. Funds were granted from the Marlboro Alliance to reconstruct the front stairs in Fall 2016, and to provide new electrical outlets around the building.
- Pieter van Loon admitted that the Town House maintenance has been deferred recently.
- Jess Weitz spoke about the possibility of a small town lending library, which is in the genesis stage.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

The Town of Marlboro will create a Town House Restoration Fund and appropriate \$10,000 for Phase I of the Town House Restoration.

Article 19. To see if the Town of Marlboro will vote to proclaim the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in place of Columbus Day.

So moved by Eugen Bernhard and seconded by Lucy Gratwick of Lyman Hill Road.

Discussion:

- Tyler Gibbons spoke to the article. The State of Vermont designated Indigenous People's Day in place of Columbus Day for one year only, and this furthers the sentiment.

So voted by unanimous voice vote, 1 abstention.

The Town of Marlboro will proclaim the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in place of Columbus Day.

Article 20. To see if the voters of the Town of Marlboro will authorize the town to borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenue.

So moved by Jean Boardman and seconded by Clarence Boston.

No discussion.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

The Town of Marlboro will authorize the town to borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenue.

Article 21. To discuss any other nonbinding business.

- Clarence Boston asked for the sense of the meeting, to advise the Select Board to contact our legislators to request that Town Meeting be a paid holiday in the State of Vermont. Seconded by Jonathan Morse.

No discussion.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

- Tyler Gibbons discussed the end of DSL connectivity in the next 5 to 10 years, and how the Connectivity Committee is taking on the issue. The technology is changing continually, but the committee is trying to be braced for the upcoming changes. More discussion of fiberoptic technology. Enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and help out.
- Jonathan Morse asked about the possibility of changing the location of town meeting.
- Jess Weitz spoke about the emergence of a small town lending library, and asked that the library survey be filled out by as many people as possible to get a feeling for townspeople's desire for a library.
- **Moved to adjourn by Clarence Boston, seconded by Eric Matt at 4:06 p.m.**

Subject to additions and revisions presented which may come up after the posting date, according to law.

Respectfully Submitted,

Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk
Tyler Gibbons, Chair of Select Board
Linda T. Peters, Treasurer & Justice of the Peace

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
~ MINUTES ~
SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 7, 2017

Moderator Steven John called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM and read out the warning:

The legal voters of the Town School District of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 9:10 AM to consider and act upon the following Articles:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a one year term.

Steven John nominated by David Holzapfel and seconded by Clarence Boston.

So moved by Lucy Gratwick and seconded by Susan Kundhart that the nominations be closed, and that the Clerk cast a single ballot.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Steven John elected Moderator for a one-year term.

**Article 2: To elect : One (1) School Director for a three-year term ending 2020.
Two (2) School Directors for one-year terms ending 2018.**

Steven John noted the polls will be open on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017 from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing the above School Director positions by Australian Ballot.

Discussion: question about the procedure of the ballot and who is being elected.

Article 3: To compensate the Directors of the Marlboro School District \$500 each.

So moved by Gail MacArthur and seconded by Sharon Tappan.

No discussion followed.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Compensation for School Board members set at \$500/year each.

The School Directors Douglas Korb (Chair), Celena Romo (Vice Chair), Carol Ann Johnson, Dan MacArthur, & Lauren Poster take the dais.

Article 4: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

So moved by T Hunter Wilson and seconded by Andrea Howe.

Discussion: none, except a round of standing applause for the board.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

School Directors are authorized to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Article 5: “Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District approve the school board to expend \$2,582,426 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 \$16,901 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1% higher than spending for the current year.

So moved by Gail MacArthur and seconded by T Hunter Wilson.

Discussion followed:

- Douglas Korb pointed to line 33 on page 70 of the Town Report, showing the projected tax rate of \$1.67, which is the lowest tax rate in 4 years; on page 60, Douglas explained that the board worked with Bus Coordinator Andrea Howe to purchase a new school bus; the new wood boiler is also a significant line item which will move the school over from the antiquated oil boiler to a new wood pellet boiler; he also reported that high school student numbers are up this year.
- Judy Robinson of South Road, wanted to know about the 55% decrease in the Sp Ed budget; Celena Romo explained it is a result of a difference in the way the supervisory union details such costs; Andrew Richardson of South Road, had questions regarding the new boiler costs, which Dan MacArthur explained, along with mention of Windham Wood Heat Initiative grant and assistance; Kate Morgan of Cowpath 40 wanted to know why there were changes in the high school budget, and Lauren Poster and Douglas Korb explained the demographic changes; a wood pellet boiler question came from Edie Thomas of Ames Hill Rd, and Dan MacArthur explained the boiler has a self-feeding auger and \$800 has been budgeted for maintenance; Liz Vick of Stark Rd wanted to know if the number of students is more or less than last year and Celena Romo said it appears to be staying between 78 - 84 students at Marlboro School; Lauren MacArthur of MacArthur Road wanted to know about the \$0 in the budget for assistants, with the board responding that in the new school year, there will be special ed paraprofessionals but not general assistants to the teachers; a standing ovation for Marlboro School Principal Francie Marbury of Lower Dover Road who will retire at the end of this year and for Wayne Kermenski of Indian Pipe Road who has been hired as the new principal for the coming school year.

Discussion ended.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

The voters of the Marlboro School District approved the school board to expend \$2,582,426 for the ensuing fiscal year.

Article 6: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

So moved by Brent Seabrook and seconded by Jonathan Morse.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

School Directors are authorized to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

Article 7: To transact any other legal business that may come before the Meeting.

Discussion of Special School District Meeting

Motion made by Clarence Boston & seconded by T Hunter Wilson to adjourn the School District Annual Meeting.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

School Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk
Douglas Korb, Chair School Directors
Linda Peters, Justice of the Peace & Treasurer

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
~ MINUTES ~
SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING - MARCH 7, 2017

Moderator Steven John called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and read out the warning:

The legal voters of the Marlboro Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Marlboro Town Hall in said Town of Marlboro on March 7, 2017, between the hours of **10:00 AM**, at which time the polls will open, and **7:00 PM**, at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

Article I: Shall the Town of Marlboro School District, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in a proposed new unified school district, join with the school districts of Wardsboro and Dover, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed new unified school district, for the purpose of forming the River Valleys Unified School District as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

The Unified District shall be formed and the terms hereby voted shall become effective on the date this article is approved by a majority vote of the electorate of at least two "necessary" districts of the Forming Districts and said votes become final per 16 V.S.A. 706g, provided that votes approving this article shall not become effective unless and until the voters of other Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) town school districts (Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend, and Windham) vote to approve formation of a unified district and said vote becomes final thereby forming a Supervisory Union with two Unified Districts (a "Side by Side").

(a) Grades. The River Valleys Unified School District will offer pre-kindergarten through grade six (6) education to all students in the unified school district and will pay tuition for students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) pursuant to Vermont statutes.

If the Marlboro Town School District votes to approve the Unified School District and the District is established, then the Marlboro Elementary School will cease operating school for grades seven (7) and eight (8) on June 30, 2019.

(b) Board of School Directors. A town school district's representation on the unified district board will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears to the aggregate population of the Unified District. Initial Board composition will be based upon the year 2010 Federal Census and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. The Board is authorized to reapportion the Board, including increasing or decreasing the number of school directors. However, at no time will a town school district have less than one board member on the Board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

(c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of forming districts; assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the forming districts; acquire, maintain, and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in the Final Report. The

complete provisions of Articles 7, 8 and 15 regarding special funds, indebtedness, real and personal property and continuity of school buildings are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.

(d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

Discussion:

- Tyler Gibbons of MacArthur Road clarified that the above question is to be voted by Australian Ballot in the Town Office.
- Sharon Tappan of Adams Brook Road, asked if voting No buys us time? Lauren Poster of Moss Hollow Road answered there were two sub-committees of the Act 46 study group and the alternative structure group. Voting No would allow us time to see what is our best way forward.
- Celena Romo of Route 9 clarified that voting No would negate any tax relief incentive provided by the State.
- Haley Elisha of South Road had a question about the small school grant. The Board states we should keep our small schools grant since we have been identified as geographically isolated.
- Suzanne Whitehouse of South Road asked if voting Yes would automatically close the Junior High, and the answer is yes.
- Tyler Gibbons rebutted to Sharon Tappan's question earlier, stating we have one year to re-enter the merger, which we would be able to join, but without the tax incentive from the State. Celena Romo said that Wardsboro and Dover are likely to continue ahead with the merger. We are the only K-8 structure in the district according to Douglas Korb of South Road.
- Erik von Ranson of Ames Hill Road posed a question about the timeline, and the Board acknowledged that the exact timeline is not clear but Lauren Poster is confident that there would be time to make the necessary adjustments to flow with the legislation. There are consultants who the board can turn to for help in getting support with all the details.
- Keely Eastley of North Pond Road asked about the tax rate incentive, Celena Romo answered but how the three towns' merged budget would work is not clear.
- Rachel Boyden of Lucier Rd said her students in the Junior High would like it to remain but had many questions about the expanded educational opportunities that might be available to them.
- Casey Deane of MacArthur Road spoke to former Junior High students, and read his son's account of the education he got at Marlboro Elementary School.
- Peter Mauss of Cowpath 40 asked Steven John what a Yes vote might mean, as the information is so opaque. Steven said that the town is going to need to make changes no matter what, but how that will play out is going to be difficult to predict, but this is a necessary juncture because of legislation.
- Steven John briefly stepped down as Moderator. Contingencies were discussed for what might happen in the future.
- Celena Romo spoke about her experiences as a board member and spoke to the question that Peter Mauss asked above.

- Jen Carr of Ames Hill Road wondered about the tax savings, and Douglas Korb spoke to the few small savings that some districts are seeing.
- Andrew Richardson of South Road, commented that to base the quality of education on money alone is dangerous, and if schools in the area have very different educational opportunities from Marlboro? The Board spoke broadly about the other schools.
- Carol Ann Johnson of South Road spoke about the programing in other area schools and the mutual admiration between the potentially merged schools of Wardsboro, Dover & Marlboro.
- Charlene Morse of Church Hollow Road spoke about the budgeting issue with the unknown cost of the Junior High students being educated elsewhere and our lack of control over what those costs might be. Lauren Poster stated that it is just not clear what the future budget will be, so it is dangerous to make any assumptions.
- Act 46 Study Committee members Dan MacArthur & Celena Romo stated that the individuality for each of the three schools involved is important to all three towns.
- Julia von Ranson of Ames Hill Road said if we vote Yes, we won't be having this discussion here next year.

Further comments by:

Judy Robinson, South Road

T. Hunter Wilson, Butterfield Road

Ani Schaeffer, Woods Road

Jean Boardman, South Road

Amy van Loon, Lucier Road

Lauren MacArthur, MacArthur Road

Catharine Hamilton, Ames Hill Road

Aidan Salasin-Deane, MacArthur Road (not a registered voter) noted differences between Marlboro School and Brattleboro Union High School.

Kate Morgan, Cowpath 40

Richard Dror, Piney Brook Way

Jess Weitz, Route 9

Gail MacArthur, MacArthur Road

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Motion made by Clarence Boston to suspend the discussion for Emily Long, our State Representative, to speak. Seconded by Brent Seabrook.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Emily Long takes the dais at 11:24 am and spoke to the following points:

- Details from Montpelier: there is much hesitation in Montpelier as federal funding for ALL agencies is unknown, and very little legislation has been passed.
- The legislature defeated the measure put forth by the Governor to level fund education. She serves on the Education Committee, and detailed some of the issues under discussion including funding, not raising property tax, and the inequity throughout the state schools because of lack of money.

- Windham County is the highest spending county in the state on education costs. Education spending is difficult to contain, and as the number of pupils statewide declines, the costs are not reducing. Affordability is a big issue to be grappled with.
- Property Tax issue, 66% of owners pay on their income right now, Emily spoke to the reliability of property tax versus income tax as means of paying for education. Revenue is not keeping up with spending. The State budget has been balanced every year, however.
- Discussion of including pre-K under the education agencies overall. Statewide there are not enough daycares for working families.
- Support of bill that limits powers of local law enforcement against the federal profiling of immigrants
- Marijuana legalization, how to support local producers to do this the “Vermont way” but the pressure is all around us in surrounding states of Massachusetts and Maine as well as Canada to legalize.
- Local voice in impeachment of Trump. Further discussion.
- Question to Emily from Robin MacArthur of MacArthur Road regarding our chances of being granted an alternative structure for the school. Emily applauded the board and community for our engagement on Act 46. She said that modifications are in the works and the many proposals should hopefully allow for alternatives, especially for very rural schools. Act 46 is not going away. Flexible Pathways legislation and performance standards.
- Applause for Emily Long 12:22 pm

**Motion made and seconded to adjourn for lunch and suspend the meeting until reconvened at 1:25 pm**

**So voted by unanimous voice vote.**

**Reconvened at 1:26 pm, Moderator urges discussion limited to unheard aspects of Act 46.**

- Lucy Gratwick of Lyman Hill Road, who is on the Act 46 Study Committee, spoke that this is an opportunity to move the school forward, and regardless of the outcome of the vote.
- Steve Giard of Hughes Road, spoke about the formation of Marlboro Elementary School in 1954 from the one room schoolhouses, and how one size does not fit all, and we all pay taxes and questioned how much more can we absorb in taxes.

Motion made by T Hunter Wilson & seconded by Jean Boardman to adjourn the Special School District Meeting.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

***Special School Meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk, Douglas Korb, Chair School Directors

Linda Peters, Justice of the Peace & Treasurer

# LIST OF SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE TO MARLBORO RESIDENTS

## **Senior Solutions – Senior Help-Line 1-800-642-5119**

- The Senior Help-Line is a toll-free information and assistance resource for people aged 60 and older.
- Professional staff members can answer your questions and put you in touch with the resources you need to stay at home safely and comfortably.
- Meals on Wheels is available for persons unable to prepare a meal due to health or other reasons.
- Case Managers provide in-depth consultation with seniors, their families, and their caregivers to help identify and take advantage of programs to support their well-being and independence.
- Support Services are available to assist with questions about paying for prescription drugs, food, heating costs, home care services, legal services, health insurance, or respite care.
- Transportation issues can be assessed and solutions can be found.

## **Marlboro Cares Assistance Line – 258-3030**

- A local non-emergency phone service for Marlboro Residents in need of assistance.
- Messages can be left by someone needing a ride to an appointment, a prescription picked up, a simple handyman task performed, and errand run, or a referral to other agencies.
- Staff monitor the phone once a day and find volunteers to provide assistance.

## **Vermont 2-1-1**

- An information and referral program of the United Ways of Vermont – just dial 2-1-1.
- Helps to solve problems and links callers throughout Vermont with governmental programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources.
- More than 3,500 services are listed in the 2-1-1 database.

## **The Current – 888-869-6287**

- Funded by Federal and State monies.
- Will provide free transportation for Medicaid recipients or anyone over 60. Up to one ride per week.
- Medical rides only. Need 48 hours advanced notice.
- Serves Marlboro.

## **The MOOver – 464-8487**

- Funded by Federal and State monies; Serves Marlboro along Route 9.
- The trademark buses sport a Holstein motif. The MOOver is free.
- They provide year-round deviated fixed route and demand-response services. Deviations are available up to 1/4 of a mile upon request at least 24 hours advance. To request a deviation call us at (802) 464-8487.

## **Front Porch Forum -- [FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com).**

- Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state.

As of August 2017, Gordon “Bummy” Turner, Sr. has mowed the roadsides of Marlboro for the last 49 years. Current Road Crew member Jesse Hamilton calculated that Bummy’s work comes to about 1,180 days mowing (over 3 years) using his 1947 tractor with sickle-bar and approximately 5,900 gallons of gas (at 5 gallons per day). Bummy has mowed over 19,175 miles, which is getting close to the circumference of the earth!!! Huge thanks to Bummy, for his dedication and attention to detail on our roadsides !!

*IN MEMORIAM*

This Town Report is dedicated to Volitia Elliott of Higley Hill Road who was born in Marlboro on September 28, 1935, the daughter of Harold and Alice Whitney. Volitia served the Town for 30 years in a number of positions: Treasurer, Trustee of Public Monies, and as a School Board member. She will be remembered for her warm sense of humor and her care with the finances of the town. Volitia passed away on January 15, 2018.