

# TOWN OF BRANDON ANNUAL REPORT FY 2016-2017

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The Great American Solar Eclipse party, top left. Photo by Lee Kahrs

HarvestFest, top right. Photo by Lee Kahrs

Kick-off to Summer Brandon Carnival, bottom. Photo by William Mills

## DEDICATION

### DICK & DEBBIE KIRBY

The Select Board dedicates the 2017 Town of Brandon Annual Report to Dick and Debbie Kirby, a special couple who exemplify the best qualities of service to others.

Dick spent his summers in Rochester as a youth and recalls roller skating in the Brandon Town Hall. Following his Army service to our country in the Korean War, he settled in Brandon for good. He began his career with Central Vermont Public Service (now Green Mountain Power) in 1953 and was in charge of a crew of three who kept the power on. In those days in Brandon, if your lights went out, you didn't call an office in Rutland, you called the Kirbys at home. Dick retired from CVPS in 1991 and has since been creating metalwork both practical and artistic. He is often seen around town lending a hand wherever it is needed, including daily relief staffing the Artists Guild, helping the Chamber and Friends of Town Hall, his coffee group in the afternoons, and his celebrated "Sick, Lame, and Lazy Club".

Debbie came to Brandon from Lake Dunmore for high school and met Dick her senior year. They went to Debbie's senior ball together in 1955 and were married that September. The Kirbys built their first home on Forest Dale Road in 1956 and built and moved to their present well-kept home next door in 1969. Debbie worked for the Clinical



Photo credit: Rutland Herald

Psychology Publishing Company here in Brandon from 1969 to 1987 and from the late 1980s to 1993 and has served as the coordinator of the Brandon Food Shelf. Debbie was elected to and served on the Brandon Select Board in 1977. For a number of years, she and Dick kept a flock of Angora goats, who provided mohair for the yarn she spun. A regular presence at the Brandon Farmers Market, her warm mohair-lined mittens and other woolen products are must-have items for fashionable Brandonians, and she has donated many a pair to the Brandon Mitten Tree.

In raising their four children, Robin, Carrie, Suzanne, and Scott, they have done the things that parents do (little league, cub scouts, ski patrol, among others). They attend the Brandon Congregational Church.

Role models for us all, the Kirbys are the kind of people who look for ways to be helpful to others and give of themselves cheerfully. The Brandon Select Board is indeed pleased to convey the gratitude and respect of the people of Brandon to Dick and Debbie Kirby by dedicating this town report to them.

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## TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

The rules that govern Town Meeting are designed to transact the public business efficiently while giving everyone the opportunity to speak his or her mind. *Robert's Rules* are the foundation, but even they are modified by State Statute, tradition, and the standing rules adopted by previous Town Meetings. Perhaps even more important is the informal rule that through it all we retain our sense of humor and civility, for the person you attack tonight you will inevitably meet in the grocery store tomorrow!

Like the Australian Ballot, you must be a registered voter of Brandon to fully participate in Town Meeting. While everyone who is interested is invited to observe the meeting, only registered voters may speak without special permission; only voters may actually vote on any question. The job of the Moderator is to keep the discussion focused and to help the people operate within the rules. If you are not quite sure how to make a motion, just ask and the Moderator will guide you through the process. From time to time, the Moderator may have to rule on other issues - most of which relate to the question of germaneness.

Remember the acid test for any motion: Could someone not here have expected that the motion would be offered? If the answer is clearly "yes," it's probably germane, and if not, you may have a problem. If you make sure that your remarks or motions do not unreasonably stray from the subject, purpose, or funding method of the original warning, you should be well within the rules.

### Three final points to remember:

1. To maintain order, all comments, questions, and rebuttals must be addressed to the chair - even when the urge to respond directly to the previous speaker is close to overwhelming.
2. Our standing practice is to allow a follow-up to every question, to give the original questioner a chance to clarify or comment on the response.
3. Even moderators can be overruled. If you think that a bad ruling has been made, make a point of order and the full assembly will decide on the question.

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## MY VOTER PAGE AND ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Last year, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online in 2016. For the November General Election, nearly 6,500 Vermonters requested an absentee ballot through the My Voter Page. By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

TOWN OF BRANDON  
WARNING FOR EVENING MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Brandon, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square, Brandon, VT on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to transact the following business:

1. Take appropriate action on the reports of officers as they appear in the Town Report.
2. To hear a presentation by the Select Board of its recommended budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. This budget and appropriations will be voted by Australian Ballot on March 6, 2017 at the Brandon Town Hall, Basement Meeting Room, 1 Conant Square, Brandon, VT.
3. To hear a presentation by the Select Board regarding the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the cost of making infrastructure improvements within approximately 1,300 feet of Park Street extending westerly from its intersection with Marble Street, namely, water and sewer line replacement, stormwater collection and treatment upgrades, and highway modifications, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid. Meeting was separately warned per VSA 24 §1756. These general obligation bonds will be voted by Australian ballot on March 6, 2018 at the Brandon Town Hall, Basement Meeting Room, 1 Conant Square, Brandon, VT.
4. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will vote to exempt the buildings and property belonging to the Stephen A Douglas Birthplace Community Center, Inc located at 4 Grove Street (parcel ID 0079-0004) from **education property tax** for a period of five (5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A § 3840?
5. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will vote to exempt the buildings and property belonging to the Stephen A Douglas Birthplace Community Center, Inc located at 4 Grove Street (parcel ID 0079-0004) from **municipal property tax** for a period of five (5) years in accordance with the exemption clause for charitable and fraternal organizations as set forth in 32 V.S.A § 3840?
6. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will authorize the Select Board to spend unbudgeted, unanticipated income received by the Town so long as the expenditure of such funds will not create a deficit?
7. To transact any other business proper to be done when met.
8. Adjourn.

TOWN OF BRANDON  
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT  
FOR MARCH 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Brandon, Vermont are further notified and warned to meet at the Brandon Town Hall, Basement Meeting Room, 1 Conant Square, Brandon, VT on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to vote by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

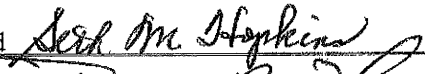


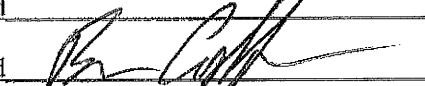
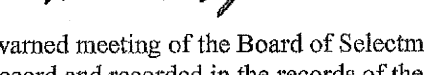
1. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Moderator .....	One for one-year term
Selectman.....	One for three-year term
Selectman.....	Two for one-year term
Trustee of Public Funds.....	One for three-year term
Town Agent.....	One for one-year term
Town Grand Juror.....	One for one-year term
Library Trustee.....	One for two-year term
2. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate the sum of Three Million, One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty-Five Dollars (\$3,138,185) for the FY 2018-2019 budget year, of which the sum of Two Million, Five Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand and Forty-Five Dollars (\$2,578,045) is to be raised by property taxes?
3. To see if the voters of Town of Brandon will appropriate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for road paving projects identified by the Public Works Director, to be raised by property taxes?



4. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will authorize the Select Board to re-allocate \$10,000 appropriated for the defunct Brandon Boys and Girls Club at the March 2016 Town Meeting to the General Fund?
5. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$3,500 for ARC-Rutland Area, serving citizens with developmental and intellectual disabilities, to be raised by property taxes?
6. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$1,000 for the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce, to be raised by property taxes?
7. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$20,735 for the Brandon Area Rescue Squad, to be raised by property taxes?
8. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$92,000 for the Brandon Free Public Library, to be raised by property taxes?
9. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$6,000 for the Brandon Independence Day Celebration Committee, to be raised by property taxes?
10. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$13,500 for Brandon Senior Citizens Center, Inc, to be raised by property taxes?
11. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$550 for RSVP & The Volunteer Center, to be raised by property taxes?
12. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$10,200 for the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, to be raised by property taxes?
13. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$750 for Rutland County Humane Society, to be raised by property taxes?
14. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$6,624 for Rutland Mental Health Services, to be raised by property taxes?
15. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$2,400 for Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, to be raised by property taxes?
16. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will appropriate \$2,500 for the Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace Community Center, Inc, to be raised by property taxes?
17. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Brandon in an amount not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making infrastructure improvements within approximately 1,300 feet of Park Street extending westerly from its intersection with Marble Street, namely, water and sewer line replacement, stormwater collection and treatment upgrades, and highway modifications, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000)?

Select Board  
Signed and Certified January 23, 2018

Seth Hopkins	Signed <u></u>
Douglas Bailey	Signed <u></u>
Devon Fuller	Signed <u></u>
Tracy Wyman	Signed <u></u>
Brian Coolidge	Signed <u></u>

Adopted and approved at a duly warned meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brandon called, noticed and held on January 23, 2018. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Brandon on January 24, 2018.

## TOWN OF BRANDON DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### SELECT BOARD

The epic rain and Neshobe River flooding the first of July (the first day of fiscal year 2018) revealed a stark contrast. On Newton Road, residents again suffered extensive damage to their homes, as did the Town to its public infrastructure. There was a cost in property, time, and peace of mind. But on Center Street, the downtown was entirely spared, thanks to the nick-of-time completion of the overflow culvert. Merchants were open for business as usual, the Town Office was untouched, and Vermont's major north-south corridor on our side of the state, U.S. Route 7, continued carrying commerce, emergency vehicles, and other traffic without interruption. There is a lesson to be drawn.

In our report for 2015, the Select Board recommended the town borrow nearly \$500,000 to finance our portion (25%) of the cost of the downtown overflow culvert. The voters gave their endorsement, federal funding of more than \$1.5 million was delivered, and the project was skillfully completed by a qualified local contractor, Markowski Excavating of Pittsford. A number of Brandon public servants deserve credit, from former Selectman Ethan Swift who conceived and spearheaded the project following Tropical Storm Irene in 2011; to Town Manager David Atherton and Public Works Director Daryl Burlett who secured funding and then additional funding and ably administered the project; to the voters of the town, who had the foresight to raise our own taxes to build something to protect our village for decades to come.

But where does that leave the people who make their homes on Newton Road? It leaves them choosing the path they believe is best for their particular situation. The town rebuilt and re-opened the road in short order. The Select Board listened to residents' concerns expressed at their front doors and at Select Board meetings during the summer. State water resources engineers designed, and we approved construction of, a "flood bench" to prevent some of the debris making its way further downstream to the neighborhood. How much will this help? Time will tell. The Select Board drafted a resolution of support and, along with the Town Manager, contacted state officials to respond. The Town Manager organized a public meeting and has since been guiding a number of Newton Road families through the hazard mitigation buyout process. Some are further along than others, and some have chosen not to apply at this time as they work to secure their homesites against future flood events, which are a certainty.

In 2017, we've seen golden shovels breaking ground for the truly transformative Route 7 reconstruction through the village, a project decades in planning. We've seen the 1% local option tax revenue exceed estimates, providing a ready reserve for capital expenses that will not have to come from property taxes. (See Treasurer's accounting elsewhere in this book of reports.) The Town has again conducted a tax sale to beat down the delinquent tax rolls, and has sold unused town-owned parcels to return them to the tax rolls. We've established a fund balance policy for financial stability and begun a thorough rewriting of the town's personnel policy. We've entered into tax stabilization agreements with two light-industrial employers who are improving properties that could have become vacant. We've completed the first phases of a stormwater plan which will help us to comply with state runoff regulations as well as enable us to obtain funding for reconstruction of hydrologically-connected roads. Park Street is one that has been identified.

The lesson to be drawn is that long-term planning brings long-term benefits. None of us particularly likes to pay taxes. We can look at the town budget from one year to the next and become frustrated. The health insurance increase in particular continues to vex, as we strive to craft balanced and cost-efficient budgets for the Town each year. The Town Manager is to be commended for changing our insurance provider this year, which offset some of that increase. But if we look at the overall path we are on as a community, we will see that we are making forward strides; we are planning for the long term rather than being reactive; and perhaps most importantly, we are doing this by consensus: we are doing this together.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Hopkins, Chair; Doug Bailey, Vice-Chair; Devon Fuller, Clerk; Tracy Wyman; Brian Coolidge

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### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The start of Fiscal year 2018 showed us the importance of the downtown overflow culvert which was put to the test on July 1st with a 4+ inch rainfall. The culvert successfully saved the downtown area from the flood waters. However, Newton Road was not as lucky. We sustained much infrastructure damage to the roadway and many homeowners were left with much debris. We were able to react immediately and get the road rebuilt with larger culverts and create a storage area at the former Tubbs lot for river debris. We have been moving forward in the FEMA buyout process for homeowners in the floodplain on Newton Road and hope to continue our flood mitigation efforts.

The Route 7 Segment Six project started with a Groundbreaking Ceremony on July 31 and proceeded with water/sewer line replacement on Carver and Union Streets as well as installation of two of the four storm water structures on Rossiter and Franklin Streets. We are looking forward to the completion of Segments B and F in 2018 and the start of Segments E, A and Bridge 114. We appreciate your patience and support throughout this project and look forward to an "Even Better Brandon."

We have been able to put a handful of Town owned properties back on the tax rolls. Some of these were recent acquisitions through tax sale while others were ones the Town has owned for many years.

A few of the other projects we were able to complete this year were the Champlain Street Pump Station upgrade, completion of a storm water master plan, the start of stone line ditching on gravel roads, paving of North Street and Furnace Road. Bridge 114 and Churchill Road Bridge have both gone out for bid.

We were awarded a grant of \$308,000 for storm water mitigation on Park Street. This is the start of a complete rebuild that includes new water/sewer line and paving. Tentative completion date is spring 2019.

As I closed this report last year I stated that we have made many positive steps forward... we intend to make it happen again in the coming year.

Sincerely, David J. Atherton, Town Manager

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### BRANDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Law enforcement as a profession is increasingly becoming more difficult to attract officers to meet the demands of the job. Higher wages and benefits, along with better retirements are continual struggles all departments in Vermont face. This past year we lost two officers. One who relocated out of state and another who took a position with Vermont State Police. We have been very fortunate to hire new recruit Nicholas Stewart of Goshen, leaving us with one officer vacancy. Nick has just completed his 16 weeks of training at the Vermont Police Academy, and is now receiving his post basic certifications. Nick will be on patrol beginning mid-December and is looking forward to becoming a member of the community. We are also in the process of training Officer Ronald Taylor as a level II (part time) officer. Taylor has completed his training at the academy and is now participating in core classes in order to gain his level II non provisional certification. Officer Taylor is a full time student at Castleton University studying forensic psychology. Getting back to full staff allows better coverage hours, less mandatory overtime of officers and less burn out.

We have been responsible with our budgeted funds over the years which has allowed us to replace needed equipment, upgrade technology, and put the department in a position of working with safe equipment for the next few years without looking for increases for operational expenses. We will continue to participate in Governor's Highway Safety Programs which allow us to replace equipment used for highway safety and increases highway safety visibility for DUI enforcement and occupant protection enforcement. Brandon Police also perform car seat safety inspections. These inspections are at no cost to the vehicle owner and require an appointment to schedule an inspection.

We all have seen an increase in the construction of the Route 7 Segment Six construction project this past year. We urge all people who travel through our town, especially those who routinely pass through construction areas to pay close attention to signs and workers in the roadway. Traffic patterns change with different needs of the project so it is imperative for everyone's safety to pay close attention while driving. We continue to observe drivers who are distracted while driving using cell phones, texting, and parking in areas that are restricted to do so. These violations impact everyone negatively and we ask everyone to adhere to signage that is in place for everyone's safety.

As of December 2017 the police department has handled 3670 calls for service. The department conducted 684 traffic stops resulting in 556 warnings and 256 tickets. The Brandon Police Department also made 156 arrests. We responded to 36 mental health calls, 44 drug related calls, 68 alcohol related calls, and 55 responses to 911 hang up calls. Officers while out on foot patrol also conducted 1121 property watches of business and residential properties.

As the Chief of Police, I and all of the officers of the Brandon Police Department recognize that it is a privilege to work in our community. We are all members of this community and have a stake in the efforts to help our town thrive and attract new residents and businesses. We will continue to partner with schools, the Recreation Department, and civic organizations and provide services that benefit our community as a whole. As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully, Chief Christopher Brickell

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Last year with the completion of the 2.3 million dollar overflow culvert across Route 7 came a storm on July 1st to test the culvert. The culvert performed exactly as the design called for. Although, Newton Road was lost during that storm. Starting on July 5<sup>th</sup> Newton Road was rebuilt. A basin was put in at the head of Newton road to collect the stone from the Neshobe River to prevent future blockage of the river. Along with Newton Road, North Street and Furnace Road in Forest Dale were resurfaced.

The Route 7, Segment 6 project started. This will be approximately 30 months of construction over 1.2 miles of Route 7. This is a 28 million dollar locally managed municipal assistance bureau project. We are currently in redesign of Park Street water and sewer and storm drain along with resurfacing. Projected construction is for 2019.

Also this year, Bridge 114 located on Route 7 downtown has gone out to bid for repair. Construction is scheduled to begin the first of June. Churchill Road Bridge is also scheduled to go out to bid for this construction season. This year there will be new side walk construction on Union Street from Church Street towards the Neshobe River.

Respectfully submitted, Daryl Burlett

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## ZONING / RENTAL / HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

This was an active year in the Zoning Department with the position having been combined and includes Zoning, Rental, and Health as one position. This report is intended to give a brief overview of the activities for the year for the three combined positions during the fiscal year 2016-2017. (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017)

### Zoning Department

The following statistics shown below is a listing of all permits issued during the fiscal year. All things considered it was a busy year for Zoning.

• Applications Approved	74
• Applications Denied	1
• Applications Withdrawn	2
• DRB Appeal Hearing	0
• DRB Conditional Use Approval	4
• DRB Variance Approved	3
• DRB Variance Denied	1
• DRB Local Act 250 Approval	0

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the citizens and future business owners that no land development or construction may be undertaken within the Town of Brandon without first obtaining a land use permit and to thank all those who submitted applications. Permits are required for most new business as well as new signage for any business. As always, I will be happy to assist anyone with the permit process and requirements.

**Rental:** The Town of Brandon Rental Housing Code states that a rental inspection and issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy is required for all non-owner occupied dwelling facilities and for all owner-occupied housing facilities wherein two or more rooms are rented. A new Certificate of Occupancy should be requested whenever there is a change of tenants. 132 inspections and/or re-inspections were completed during the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Annually, during the month of January, each dwelling unit owner must submit a Statement of Compliance on a form supplied by the Town of Brandon to the property owner which must be signed by the tenant. Also, an annual \$25 per unit fee which must be submitted with the yearly Compliance Request forms. Total annual per unit fees of \$10,450 were collected during this fiscal year.

**Health:** On the health front, there have been a few issues with dumping and accumulation of household garbage. Improperly stored and an accumulation of garbage and waste can affect others in the area by attracting rodents and other vermin creating an unhealthful situation.

Health care providers are required to report to the Town Health Officer within 24 hours the name, age, and address of any person who has been bitten by an animal that could be subject to rabies. The Health Officer must determine the animal's rabies vaccination status and will require that the animal be confined and observed for 10 days to determine whether the animal is healthy.

The State Health Department continues testing mosquitoes in our swamp areas for EEE and West Nile Virus. Remember the best defense against these diseases is to reduce exposure to mosquitoes when they are most active and to use repellants, ones that contain DEET are the most effective.

Please feel free to contact me at 247-3635, Ext. 202, or email [ascheck@townofbrandon.com](mailto:ascheck@townofbrandon.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted, Anna Scheck, Zoning/Rental/Health/Codes

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#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As Economic Development Officer, I continue to work closely with the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Downtown Brandon, the Economic Development Board, the Vermont District Office of the US Small Business Association, the Rutland Economic Development Corporation, Vermont Economic Development Authority and local realtors and landlords to make sure that every potential business is welcomed into our community.

Brandon is fortunate to have the support of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. Our recent renewal of our participation in their Designated Downtown program has made available tax credit programs for improvements within our downtown core. Coupled with our own tax stabilization, the leveraging of private and public funding to increase investment within the town creates more economic opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me about any help you may need for your business or with any leads and ideas you might have for potential businesses.

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Respectfully submitted, Bill Moore, Economic Development Officer

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#### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The Assessor's office processed 145 property transfers from April 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017. Grievance hearings were held in June 2017 with 20 grievances heard resulting in minor adjustments. Currently we have approximately 105 building permits to inspect in the spring of 2018. Presently there are approximately 55 properties enrolled in current use (land use program), with over four million dollars in exemptions. Our state reimbursement was \$41,127.00.

There are 35 Veterans' exemptions at \$40,000 each totaling \$1,400,000 with the Town picking up the education tax on \$30,000 for each exemption.

The Town re-appraisal account is presently at \$211,702.00 including interest. The Town yearly receives a check from the State for approximately \$18,000 plus, which automatically goes into a re-appraisal account, plus what the Town applies in the budget of \$5,000. Since the last re-appraisal was done in 2008, be advised Brandon will be having a complete town wide re-appraisal effective July 2018-2020. Please cooperate with the appraisers and make our job easier. Any questions you may call 802-247-3635 ext. 214.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Assessor's - NEMRC - Dolores Furnari, Administrative Assistant

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#### VITAL STATISTICS

	2017	2016	2015	2014
BIRTHS	54	36	44	38
DEATHS	43	51	44	38
CIVIL MARRIAGES	39	35	35	39

Due to the Town's liability exposure and the possible use of information fraudulently, the Vermont Department of Health has recommended against printing names in the Vital Statistics section of the Town Report. The Brandon Town Clerk's Office concurs with this policy.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### Recreation Participant Numbers

Little Otter Youth Wrestling	39
Snow Bowl Ski Lessons	15
Spring Baseball/Softball	179
Summer Baseball/Softball	22
Summer Cornhole League	48
Field Hockey Camp	5
Swim Lessons @ Brandon Inn	23
Swim Lessons @ Autumn Mt. Winery	22
Pre-Season Football Camp	19
Pre-Season Soccer Camp	13
Youth Cross-Country Running	18
Fall Soccer	115
Middle School Football (7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	25
Flag Football (5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	25
Flag Football (3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	14
NFL Flag Football (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)	19
Youth Basketball	125
Adult Basketball	29
Brandon/Blueberry Hill Ski Club	6
Boot Camp	7
Brandon Dance w/Middlebury College	9
Youth Theatre (Junie B)	11
Winter Cornhole League	24
OCY OV Basketball Clinic	12

### New Programs

7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lacrosse	18
Brandon Rec Fall Cheerleading	11
Brandon Rec Winter Cheerleading	16
Awesome Afternoons	52
Odyssey of the Mind	10

**"Rested" Programs:** Adult 3 on 3 League, Youth 3 on 3 League, Lego Club, Hip-hop Dance Summer Camp, Summer Wrestling Camp, Glass Fusion, Clay Club, Kids Can Cook

### Special Events

Brandon Kick-off to Summer Carnival with the **Brandon Area Toy Project**  
 Eclipse Viewing Party with the **Brandon Free Public Library**  
 Winter Carnival with **Neshobe PTO, National Bank of Middlebury**  
 Neshobe Talent Show with the **Neshobe PTO**  
 MLB Pitch Hit Run with **Major League Baseball**  
 Safety Day with **Neshobe PTO, Fire Department, Brandon Area Rescue Squad and OMYA**  
 Independence Day Family Games with **Brandon Independence Day Celebration Committee**  
 Rockin' with The Rec with **SOAR after school program**  
 British Soccer Camp  
 Harvest Fest with **Neshobe PTO and Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce**  
 Spooksville with **Brandon Area Toy Project**  
 Breakfast with Santa with **Neshobe PTO**  
 Pancakes and a Movie with **Brandon Area Toy Project**  
 4 Bus Trips (2 Celtics Trips, Red Sox, Boston Flower Show)  
 Killington Valley Masters Games with area rec departments  
 Flagship Cinema Booklets

**General Programming:** Program numbers have remained steady or climbed, with our spring baseball and softball numbers increasing to 179, due to our friends from the Whiting/Leicester/Sudbury communities moving on to the Recreation Department. Field maintenance and improvement costs will mean the introduction of a non-resident fee starting in Spring of 2018. Thanks to some fundraising efforts spearheaded by Greg Bernhardt, middle school lacrosse is back in the 05733 and will expand to grades 5/6 this spring. This summer we launched the "Awesome Afternoons" summer camps as a way to help Neshobe SOAR and Leicester Alive participants have all day, week-long fun during the month of July. This collaborative

approach, working with the principals, RNESU staff and the Pittsford Recreation Department is providing a service that many parents in our communities have been seeking; an affordable, accessible summer option that is local, safe and fun. Three cheers for the first lady of cheerleading, **Sara Whitney**, wife of Football Commissioner **Duke**. She has resurrected our youth cheerleading program. Starting in the fall with 11 football cheerleaders and continuing on with 16 winter basketball participants, this marks an auspicious start to yet another feeder system for Otter Valley varsity programs. AND our Odyssey of the Mind team won the Vermont Div. III State Championship in balsa and represented the state in the World Finals in May at the University of Michigan.

**Special Events:** WOW. There was some fun had in Brandon this year. Not sure where to start. The Great American Solar Eclipse party with Molly Kennedy and the Brandon Free Public Library drew hundreds to Estabrook Park for solar glasses, music, food and amazement. The second year of collaborating with the PTO and BACC to make Harvest Fest a more robust Estabrook based event. The ever present Brandon Area Toy project collaborations were numerous (Spooksville, Pancakes and a Movie) but the largest and most successful with the BATP, hands down, was the four-day Kick-off to Summer Brandon Carnival. What a phenomenal first year. From fun-runs to concerts, to food and rides, this was a great get together that could not have happened without a community effort. So many sponsors and volunteers helped make this an unmitigated success. BUT, without the vision of the BATP executive director, Colleen Wright, this does not happen in Brandon. She is a great example of how one person can add so much value to a community. Next time you see her, thank her for being one of those people. If there is a special event you would like to see happen in Brandon, come see your Recreation Director! The expansion of our bus trip collaboration with Pittsford and Middlebury departments has its genesis in conversations with community folks that were interested in specific shows or teams.

**Infrastructure:** Our successes at Estabrook highlight the increasingly important role that park is playing in our community's recreation plans. The construction of the bridge, addition of electrical circuits and conversion of the hayfield into a parking area has opened up this 13+ acres to larger events such as the Carnival, Eclipse Party and the larger Harvest Fest. This summer we have plans for other weekend events to supplement the weekday softball, t-ball, cornhole and pick-up soccer. Ideas such as bocce and volleyball courts are easy and relatively low cost to install. Playground improvements, tennis court repair, and creation of a performance stage are ideas that will require capital campaigns, replete with grant writing, multiple fundraisers and donor development. All will hinge upon responding to the community's needs; What do you want to do at Estabrook? The formation of a parks committee as well as the creation of a trails committee will garner the majority of the infrastructure focus for the Recreation Department over the next two years.

Creating more indoor programs in the beautifully restored Brandon Town Hall in the winter will see a family karaoke night, cult movie night, Sunday afternoon family movie and a winter concert series to supplement the amazing programming the Friends of the Town Hall bring during their May – December season. Again, if there is something people would like to see, contact your Recreation Director!

**Volunteers and Sponsors:** Without volunteers and sponsors, our Recreation Department would cease to exist. Local businesses continue to provide support through team sponsorship and donations of cash, goods and services. Volunteer coaches provide hundreds of hours of youth instruction, guidance and support.

The Recreation Department phone number is (802) 247-3635 X 213 and my e-mail address is [bmoore@townofbrandon.com](mailto:bmoore@townofbrandon.com) The website is: <http://townofbrandon.com/departments/recreation-department/>. Feedback is a critical component of being responsive to our town's needs. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any ideas, complaints or compliments you have about our programming.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Moore, Recreation Director

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#### DOG LICENSES 2016-2017

TYPE	# SOLD	FEE	TOTAL
NEUTERED	395	\$4.00	\$1,580.00
UN-NEUTERED	47	\$8.00	\$ 376.00
NEUTERED AFTER 10/1	6	\$2.00	\$ 12.00
UN-NEUTERED AFTER 10/1	0		
KENNEL/SPECIAL	2	\$30.00	\$ 60.00
LATE FEES			\$ 192.00
TOTAL PAID TO TOWN			\$2,220.00



## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

2017 has been a year of transition for the Brandon Planning Commission. At this time, the Commission is made up of four energetic members, Lisa Rovi, Ethan Nelson, William Mills and myself. We have one vacancy and are eager to fill this position. Please consider helping in planning for the future of our town! Send your letter of interest to David Atherton, Town Manager for review and selection by the Select Board.

Our goal has been to revise and update the current Brandon Town Plan and Brandon Land Use Ordinances. The updates will include the new legislation on Energy and Agriculture and the areas where these documents do not reflect or align with the practices of Brandon today. We have made draft revisions to the Agricultural Ordinance and the Signage Ordinance. In 2018 we plan on working on the new requirements for Energy Efficiency mandates, Solar Standards for Act 174, Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Park permits and tax issues, and Conditional Uses such as Accessory Structures and Off-street parking. Our hope is to update the Town Plan and Land Use Ordinances so that they are a planning and marketing tool for Brandon, in addition to its judicial and legislative requirements.

We welcome your input. Please contact anyone of us if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Zak Jerome, Chair

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## **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

The Brandon Development Review Board (DRB) is a five-member, quasi-judicial volunteer board whose members are appointed by the Brandon Select Board. The sole purpose of the DRB is to interpret and apply the Brandon Land Use Ordinance, which is written and revised by the Brandon Planning Commission and approved by the Select Board. The DRB hears appeals and grants variances, conditional uses and setback waivers in accordance with the Brandon Land Use Ordinance (BLUO). The DRB is also charged with reviewing sections 6 (municipal impacts), 7 (school impacts), and 10 (compatibility with the Town Plan) of the Act 250 review process. All DRB hearings are publicly warned 15 days in advance in "The Reporter" and posted on the town bulletin boards. The DRB usually meets the fourth Wednesdays of the month, as needed. Location varies so check the town website for official hearing and meeting notices.

Development Review Board Members are: Samantha Stone, Chair; John Peterson, Vice Chair; Robert Clark; Tom Bohler, Amber Lovely-Lee.

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## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER**

I am proud to report to the members of the Brandon community that the men and women of the Dunmore Hose Company continue to be prepared and ready to serve the emergency needs of the areas that we cover. The members of the Dunmore Hose Company are members of the community, maybe some are your friends, maybe some are your neighbors. They have dedicated themselves to answering the call for help regardless of time of day, regardless of weather. Without them the Brandon Fire Department would not be able to function. In this year's report I will focus on the people rather than the numbers that are the usual mainstay of this annual report.

The Dunmore Hose Company is currently comprised of thirty members. Over the past year these members have spent thousands of hours training and answering calls. They also give many additional hours of their time being involved in everything from fire prevention activities to fund raising events. The members range in age from 16 to our most senior but still active member Charlie Rivers who is 85 plus years young. The one thing that they all share is their never ending dedication to helping their community.

The fire company is like a family. Like a family there are good times and there are bad times. Unfortunately this year we have experienced some of the bad. We mourn the loss of four retired members, Francis Murray, Shannon Murray, Don Severy and Gene Pagano. Though they may have been retired they remained important members of our fire family. They may be gone but will not be forgotten.

This year also saw a first for the Brandon Fire Department. In an attempt to grow our ranks we moved to accept members from Goshen and Leicester. Prior to this membership was limited to residents of Brandon. I can proudly report that our first member from outside of Brandon is Ethan West from Goshen. He is a welcomed addition to our membership.

As training remains a mainstay of the fire service I can report that we currently have three members enrolled in Firefighter 1. This is an intensive two hundred plus hour class designed to bring new members into the fire service. Our members currently taking Firefighter 1 are Randy Disorda, Cody Taylor and Ethan West.

To be able to do the job as chief engineer I rely heavily on the assistance of not only the officers and members of the Brandon Fire Department but of others as well. I would like to acknowledge our working partnership with the Brandon Area Rescue Squad and the Brandon Police Department. Also the help and support that is received from the officers and members of the Pittsford Fire Department and our other mutual aid companies. Lastly the help and support of the Prudential Board and Ray Counter make all of this possible. They are the people behind the scene that make it all happen.

The Fire Department is always looking for new members. Please stop by the fire station to discuss becoming a member. We are here on the second and third Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and we welcome visitors. Don't forget you can follow us on our Facebook page to see what your Fire Department is doing.

Respectfully submitted, Roman Wdowiak, Chief Engineer

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## BRANDON TOWN HALL

2017 was another successful year for your Town Hall and Community Center thanks to the many community and civic members who contributed to the Hall's programming and continued restoration projects. The Town Manager, Economic / Recreation Department Director, Public Works Director, Town Crew, many businesses and community members and of course our core group of Board members and volunteers all helped contribute to the many improvements, events and maintenance of this incredible building. The town has realized that the Town Hall is an important part of the history of Brandon and a focal point for the community and tourists. They have committed to taking on the repair, restoration and maintenance of the building. They hired a local contractor to vacuum out the 150 years of dirt, dust and other material in the attic and installed a layer of foam insulation which has greatly improved the heating capacity of the Hall. More insulation will be added in the future as funds allow. The Friends were fortunate to be awarded a \$14,000 Cultural Facilities grant through the Vermont Arts Council to replace and improve the entire stage area, which we must match with \$14,000 locally.

As an all volunteer organization, The Friends of The Brandon Town Hall (FOTH) were able to surpass last year's volunteer hours of over 2,000 hours. Those hours include attendance at the events and the many hours spent for maintenance days, landscaping, plant watering, painting, etc. All events, before, during and after the event are arranged and covered by your volunteer Board members and members of our growing volunteer corps. All events were sponsored by community members and businesses. We try to keep ticket prices affordable so events are available to all community members. We will again be asking the community to help support our programming by sponsoring part or all of an event. We had 27 events from April to November, hosting an event almost every weekend. We opened our season with three musical events including the Middlebury College Community Chorus which had over 80 singers and musicians and an audience of almost 150.

Highlights this year included our always popular Silent Movie series with an average attendance of 100+ patrons. A Karen Carpenter Tribute Concert by Sally Olsen which drew an audience of 164, a Raptors program sponsored by our Brandon Library with 165, the fourth annual Talent Show with 149 and a Beatles Tribute Band with 131 patrons. The Brandon Youth Theater performed two shows with over 200 in attendance.

We are constantly looking for new and exciting programs. With our new stage, improved lighting and electrical upgrades we plan to have bigger bands, dances, plays, community events, Town Meeting and voting and much more. Planning starts right after New Year so if you have any suggestions or requests please get in touch with Dennis Marden at [denniswmarden@gmail.com](mailto:denniswmarden@gmail.com). We will do our best to get quality entertainment for everyone in the Brandon Community. We are completely handicap accessible with a lift to the main hall, bathrooms and handicap door at the lower level. Check us out on Facebook or at [info@brandontownhall.org](http://info@brandontownhall.org) We look forward to another successful year, continued improvements, upgrades, repairs, etc. With the Gateway to Brandon campaign up and running we look forward to hosting many more events with year round use, increased attendance from community members and tourists which will help all the merchants in town financially. Thanks to our incredible Town Hall Board of Directors, our Town Select Board and Town Office staff for their support as we continue our quest to bring the Town Hall back to its original place in the history and future success of Brandon.

Dennis W. Marden, President of The Friends of The Brandon Town Hall

Delinquent Property Taxes as of January 12, 2018

**Property Owner**  
ATWOOD KELLY A  
AYER ROBERT A & GERALDINE J  
BAILEY NORMAN C JR & EUNENIE C  
BAKER LAWRENCE & GERTRUDE B  
BARNES RENEE  
BERGEVIN JOHN  
BERGEVIN JOHN & ANDREA  
BERTRAND RANDALL & LAURIE  
BIRD EDITH  
BOVEY LINWOOD & CHERYL  
BRESETTE JOSEPH  
BUNNELL ROBERT J  
BUSHEE PAUL S & JEAN G  
CARMICHAEL JAMES  
COBB JO ANN  
CYR CLIFFORD ETAL  
DICKERMAN SHEILA  
DINN GEORGE  
DRAKE MICHAEL J & KATHERINE  
FIFIELD DAVID A  
FREDERICK GREGORY D & WENDY  
GEROW MICHAEL A & SADIE E  
GOODWIN LISA  
GRIFFIN BENONI S & ANNIE  
GRIFFIN DAVID A & KATHY J  
HALLETT RANDALL & TAMMY  
JOHNSON DONNA  
KENNEDY PETER  
KERR ROBERT K  
LAFAYETTE PATRICIA  
LAMOUREUX CHARLES & SUSAN  
LAMOUREUX LISA  
LANGLOIS JAMES  
LAROCK CHRISTINE

**Property Owner**  
LOVELETTE MICHAEL & MARY  
LUTHER RODNEY F & FRANCES  
LUTZ JOHN T & VALERIE S  
MACKENZIE ALLAN E  
MACKENZIE ALLAN ERIC  
MAHONEY HAROLD P  
MARCOUX RAYMOND E & THOMASINA L  
MARTELL ALEISHA & WOOD JAMES  
MARTIN WANDA A ETAL  
MATOTT CLIFFORD F  
MCCLURE JOHN & HANNAH  
MCLAREN KATHLEEN & ERIC  
MILOT NORMAN E & GINETTE  
NEWTON JENNIFER L & JEFFREY  
ODELL SANDRA & KEVIN  
PALSHAN ROBERTA  
QUENNEVILLE CALE P  
RINGEY CHAD W  
RUDOLPH WILLIAM A & PATRICIA  
SARWALSTU CORPORATION  
SARWALSTU CORPORATION  
SARWALSTU CORPORATION  
SAUDER JAMES N  
SMITH KEVIN  
STEARNS NANCY M  
STONE CLIFFORD B & DELORES J  
TATRO LISA  
WARSHAUER TREV  
WATERS DANIELLE & AL  
WEDGE BILLY & JENNIFER  
WHEELER SHIRLEY & QUESNEL MARILYN  
WOOD ROLLIN ESTATE  
YUKNA JOYCE

**Total Delinquent Taxes:**  
(Includes penalty and interest)

**\$**

**170,247.91**

All accounts shown are for amounts in excess of \$25

**Property Owner**

27 29 31 CHURCH STREET LLC  
 ALBARELLO ANTHONY & CARRIE  
 ATWOOD KELLY A  
 BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON  
 BARON KENNETH & ENGLE SARA  
 BASSETT PATRICIA A & BAKER KEITH L  
 BAUSSMANN KEVIN & JESSICA  
 BENDER GARY & SARAH  
 BIRD GLENN E  
 BIXBY MONICA  
 BLAIS MARIELLE  
 BONAVIDA FRANK  
 BOVEY LINWOOD & CHERYL  
 BOYCE DEBRA L & DAN W  
 BOYD DAVID & TINA  
 BRESSETTE JOSEPH  
 BRESSETTE JOSEPH  
 BRESSETTE JOSEPH  
 BUSHEE PAUL S & JEAN G  
 CABOT JANE  
 CLOOK DENNIS  
 COBB JO ANN  
 COLE KATIE  
 COOMBS MARY E  
 CYR CLIFFORD ETAL  
 CYR CLIFFORD ETAL  
 DENIS ANTHONY & CHRISTINE  
 DESFORGES DANIEL  
 DEVINO BEVERLY  
 DICKERMAN SHEILA  
 DINN GEORGE  
 DISORDA JEREMY & KATELYNNE  
 DRISCOLL MICHAEL & TERESA  
 EASTMAN STEVEN JR & THERESA  
 ERNST CHRISTA  
 EUBER CHRISTINA & JAMMIE  
 FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOC  
 FIFIELD DAVID A  
 FLORES TENNILE  
 FOLAN MARY L & DECICCO JOHN J  
 FOLEY DIANE M  
 FRASIER MARK & LISA  
 FREDERICK GREGORY D & WENDY  
 GEARWAR ALBERT  
 GEROW MICHAEL A & SADIE E

**Property Owner**

GOODWIN LISA  
 GRIFFIN BENONI S & ANNIE  
 HAHN CHRIS  
 HALLETT RANDALL & TAMMY  
 HAYES RANDY  
 HAYES RANDY  
 HAYES RANDY  
 HEITMANN IAN & DARCIE  
 JOHNSON DONNA  
 KEITH DEBORAH E  
 KENYON DEAN & PAGE LISA  
 KEOUGH WARREN & DUNBAR ASHLEY  
 KERR ROBERT K  
 LADD JEFF & DALLAS  
 LAFAYETTE PATRICIA  
 LAFLAM THADDEUS & BURNHAM LORIE  
 LAMOUREUX CHARLES & SUSAN  
 LAMOUREUX LISA  
 LAROCQUE NATHAN & STEPHANIE  
 LOVELETTE MICHAEL & MARY  
 LUFKIN MICHAEL & KATHRYN  
 LUTHER RODNEY F & FRANCES  
 LUTZ JOHN T & VALERIE S  
 MACKIE TROY & TARA  
 MAHONEY HAROLD P  
 MAHONEY MICHAEL A & LISA M  
 MANCHESTER LUCAS & BETH  
 MARCOUX RAYMOND E & THOMASINA L  
 MARTELL ALEISHA & WOOD JAMES  
 MARTIN JORDAN  
 MCARDLE ETHAN  
 MCCAFFERTY SHAWN K  
 MCCULLOUGH ADAM L & KELLY  
 MOSELEY DAMON R  
 NEWTON JENNIFER L & JEFFREY  
 OLSEN JAMES & TAMMIE  
 PULSIFER ALLEN  
 RAYMOND DOREEN  
 RICARD MANUEL  
 ROWE JOHN W & THERESA G  
 RYAN JANICE E  
 SCOTT TIMOTHY & BILLIE ANN  
 SHACKETT BRENDA  
 SHEPARD FAIE  
 SHERWIN JAMES JR & KATHLEEN

Delinquent Sewer List as of January 12, 2018

SMITH KEVIN  
STANLEY JOHN & MARY  
STEARNS NANCY M  
STEARNS NANCY M  
STEVENS LAWRENCE & JANICE  
SUNDSTROM BOBBI-JO PISCOPO  
TATRO LISA  
THOMPSON ROGER

TRUDEAU THEODORE  
U S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
US BANK TRUST NA  
WATERS DANIELLE  
WEDGE BILLY & JENNIFER  
WETOMRE KEITH L  
WHITE RICHARD  
WILLIAMS MELANIE

**Total Delinquent Sewer Due: \$ 100,090.39**  
(Includes penalty and interest)

All accounts shown are for amounts due in excess of \$25

Town of Brandon 2017 Employee Wages

Employee	Gross	Employee	Gross
ATHERTON DAVID J.	81,700.02	HOPKINS SETH M.	1,235.00
BAILEY DOUGLAS A.	1,250.00	KINGSTON TIMOTHY J.	48,835.23
BANDY ANNE MARIE F.	22,018.00	KNAPP HILLARY E.	430.00
BRICKELL CHRISTOPHER	76,117.21	MARKOWSKI MICHAEL J.	760.25
BRYANT CHARLENE	3,655.00	MARTIN DUANE A.	390.00
BURLETT DARYL F.	76,125.01	MATHIS WILL	885.00
BUTTERFIELD DAVID B.	58,721.19	MERKERT LUANNE J.	34,960.34
BUTTERFIELD JONATHAN	49,463.80	MONDLAK JANET	1,300.00
BUTTERFIELD PAULA S.	8,995.80	MOORE WILLIAM III	47,506.00
CAPEN JOHN T.	36,286.33	MUNGER MARJORIE D.	325.00
CIJKA STEPHEN	55,789.71	MURACH ADAM R.	53,266.13
CLIFFORD SETH R.	40.00	NICKLAW RICHARD C.	42,200.42
COLBURN FRED W.	59,596.01	PETERSON LAURA M.	40.00
COOK ADELBERT A.	230.00	PRESEAU JOSHUA B.	19,502.00
COOK SALLY A.	75.00	PULSIFER RODNEY D.	68,114.26
COOLIDGE BERTRAM D.	35.00	SAVELA JACOLYN R.	40,657.97
COOLIDGE BRIAN J.	1,235.00	SCHECK ANNA	50,648.00
CRAM JUSTIN V.	3,000.00	SMITH ELAINE	43,222.40
DANFORTH SUSAN G.	1,432.50	SMITH PETER K.	1,208.00
DAVIS HANFORD R.	15.00	STEWART NICHOLAS S.	20,019.51
DENIS MICHAEL	46,361.19	TAYLOR RONDALD D. I	4,485.00
DUCHARME KATRINA R.	28,359.05	THOMAS JOAN A.	60.00
FELDMAN WENDY R.	225.00	WHITE RICHARD A.	165.00
FULLER DEVON D.	1,225.00	WILLIAMS JASON H.	872.00
FURNARI DOLORES	8,694.00	WINKLER MICHAEL T.	20,738.92
GAGE SUSAN M.	59,399.99	WYMAN TRACY R.	1,200.00
GRAZIANO LINDA B.	38,833.19		
		<b>Total 2017 Wages:</b>	<b>1,221,904.43</b>

TREASURER'S TAX REPORT  
TAX YEAR ENDING 5/15/2017

TAXES FOR 2016-2017	TAX RATE	X GRAND LIST =	TOTAL RAISED
NON-RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION	\$ 1.5104	\$ 1,281,534	\$ 1,935,629
HOMESTEAD EDUCATION	\$ 1.3915	\$ 1,979,770	\$ 2,754,850
MUNICIPAL			
TOWN	\$ 0.7632	\$ 3,261,086	\$ 2,488,861
FIRE DIST	\$ 0.0796	\$ 3,261,086	\$ 259,582
LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE, MUNI	\$ 0.0076	\$ 3,261,086	\$ 24,784
LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE, SCHOOL	\$ 0.0079	\$ 3,261,086	\$ 25,763
APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 0.0855	\$ 3,261,086	\$ 278,823
TOTAL TAXES BILLED			<u>\$ 7,768,292</u>
LATE HOMESTEAD PENALTY			<u>\$ 1,756</u>
TOTAL TAXES COLLECTABLE			<u>\$ 7,770,048</u>

TAXES PAID BY 5/15/17	\$ 7,523,175
ABATEMENTS	\$ 4,155
DELINQUENT TAXES	<u>\$ 242,718</u>
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>\$ 7,770,048</u>

TAXES PAID TO:

OTTER VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$ 3,849,966
BRANDON FIRE DISTRICT #1	<u>\$ 259,412</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,109,378</u>

EDUCATION TAX RECONCILIATION

STATE PAYMENTS	<u>\$ 1,046,769.86</u>
STATE PMTS TO MUNICIPALITY	<u>\$ 180,873.83</u>

NON-RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION BILLED	\$ 1,958,664.00	
HOMESTEAD EDUCATION BILLED	\$ 2,766,121.00	
OTTER VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	<u>\$ (3,849,966.46)</u>	
	<u>\$ 874,818.54</u>	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BILLED AND PAID
STATE PAYMENTS	\$ (1,046,769.86)	
STATE PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPALITY	\$ 180,873.83	
LATE FEES RETAINED	\$ (240.00)	
.225 OF 1% RETAINED BY MUNI - HOMESTEAD	\$ (4,275.51)	
.225 OF 1% RETAINED BY MUNI - NONRESIDENTIAL	<u>\$ (4,407.00)</u>	
VARIANCE	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	variance, to STATE PAYMENTS

Respectfully Submitted  
Susan Gage, Treasurer

**WASTE WATER FUND 20 FYE 6/30/2017**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

<b>Wastewater Revenues</b>			
	Budget	Actual	% of Budget
Sewer Fees - Revenues	\$ 526,000.00	\$ 527,402.50	100.27%
Sewer Base Fees	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 176,898.00	104.06%
Misc. Revenues	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Sewer Permit Revenue	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	20.00%
Sale of Equip. Revenue	\$ -	\$ 250.00	100.00%
Interest Revenue	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,969.45	59.85%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 717,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 716,619.95</b>	<b>99.95%</b>
<b>Waste Water Expenses</b>			
Staffing Expenses	\$ 171,978.00	\$ 167,464.50	97.38%
Facilities Management & Chemicals	\$ 230,792.00	\$ 161,048.49	69.78%
Building Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 83,300.00	\$ 37,917.42	45.52%
Vehicle and General Maintenance	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,010.47	62.83%
Professional Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,236.99	70.62%
Insurance	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 17,406.11	72.53%
Administrative Expenses	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	100.00%
Bond Interest Expense	\$ 31,501.00	\$ 17,345.11	55.06%
Audit Expense	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,390.00	75.33%
Depreciation	\$ 90,500.00	\$ 73,801.28	81.55%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 675,771.00</b>	<b>\$ 514,620.37</b>	<b>76.15%</b>
<b>Net Revenues in Excess of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 41,229.00</b>	<b>\$ 201,999.58</b>	

**WASTE WATER FYE 6/30/2017**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

		<b>WASTEWATER OPERATIONS FUND 20</b>
Beginning Cash Equivalents		\$ 2,508.39
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITY</b>		
Receipts from customers		\$ 755,410.13
Receipts from Grants		
Operating Expenses		\$ (457,866.38)
<b>Net Cash Flow from Operating Activity</b>		<b>\$ 297,543.75</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NON CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Interfund Transfers		\$ -
Fund Balance Adjustments		
<b>Net Cash Flow from Non Capital Financing Activities</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL &amp; RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from Capital Debt		
Capital Contributions		\$ 479,927.66
Principal Payments on Debt		\$ (18,276.89)
Acquisition of Capital Assets		\$ (504,398.76)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Capital &amp; Related Financing Activities</b>		<b>\$ (42,747.99)</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>\$ 254,795.76</b>
Cash Equivalents beginning		\$ 2,508.39
Cash Equivalents ending		\$ 257,304.15
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITY</b>		
Operating Income (Loss)		\$ 201,999.58
<b>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operations</b>		
Depreciation		\$ 73,801.28
<b>Change in Assets: Decrease (Increase)</b>		
Receivables		\$ 38,790.18
Prepaid Expenses		\$ -
Posting Variance Account		\$ (7,352.86)
<b>Change in Liabilities:(Decrease) Increase</b>		
Payables		\$ (1,673.83)
Accrued Expenses		\$ (8,020.60)
<b>Net Cash or Cash Equivalents Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities</b>		<b>\$ 297,543.75</b>



**WASTE WATER FYE 6/30/2017  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	WASTEWATER OPERATIONS		CHAMPLAIN PUMP STATION		SEWER CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
	FUND 20		FUND 52		FUND 53	
Beginning Cash Equivalents	ALL WW FUNDS					
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITY						
Receipts from customers	\$ 69,894.93	\$ 2,508.39	\$ (14,724.89)	\$		82,111.43
Receipts from Grants	\$ 760,060.92	\$ 755,410.13	\$ 2,832.81	\$		1,817.98
Operating Expenses	\$ 18,067.19	\$	\$ 18,067.19			
	\$ (529,365.68)	\$ (457,866.38)	\$ (71,499.30)			
<b>Net Cash Flow from Operating Activity</b>	<b>\$ 248,762.43</b>	<b>\$ 297,543.75</b>	<b>\$ (50,599.30)</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>1,817.98</b>

**CASH FLOWS FROM NON CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Interfund Transfers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,773.00	\$		(49,773.00)
Fund Balance Adjustments	\$ 501.20	\$	\$ 501.20			
<b>Net Cash Flow from Non Capital Financing Activities</b>	<b>\$ 501.20</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 50,274.20</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>(49,773.00)</b>

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Proceeds from Capital Debt	\$ 35,355.15	\$	\$ 35,355.15			
Capital Contributions	\$ 479,927.66	\$ 479,927.66				
Principal Payments on Debt	\$ (18,276.89)	\$ (18,276.89)				
Acquisition of Capital Assets	\$ (504,398.76)	\$ (504,398.76)				
<b>Net Cash Flows from Capital &amp; Related Financing Activities</b>	<b>\$ (7,392.84)</b>	<b>\$ (42,747.99)</b>	<b>\$ 35,355.15</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>\$ 241,870.79</b>	<b>\$ 254,795.76</b>	<b>\$ 35,030.05</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>(47,955.02)</b>

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Cash Equivalents beginning	\$ 69,894.93	\$ 2,508.39	\$ (14,724.89)	\$		82,111.43
Cash Equivalents ending	\$ 311,765.72	\$ 257,304.15	\$ 20,305.16	\$		34,156.41

**CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITY**

Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (80,119.73)	\$ 201,999.58	\$ (283,937.29)	\$		1,817.98
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operations						
Depreciation	\$ 73,801.28	\$ 73,801.28	\$ -	\$		-
Change in Assets: Decrease (Increase)						
Receivables	\$ 56,857.37	\$ 38,790.18	\$ 18,067.19	\$		-
Prepaid Expenses	\$ (1,589.20)	\$ -	\$ (1,589.20)	\$		-
Posting Variance Account	\$ (7,352.86)	\$ (7,352.86)				
Change in Liabilities:(Decrease) Increase						
Payables	\$ 215,186.17	\$ (1,673.83)	\$ 216,860.00	\$		-
Accrued Expenses	\$ (8,020.60)	\$ (8,020.60)				

**Net Cash or Cash Equivalents Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities**

	\$ 248,762.43	\$ 297,543.75	\$ (50,599.30)	\$		1,817.98
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State Payments to the Town of Brandon  
Dept. of Finance and Management  
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

AOT - Grants/Other HW projects	\$	1,942,540.06
AOT Class 1, 2, 3 Roads	\$	148,704.07
AOT - Sewer payment	\$	171.30
Attorney General - Injunction	\$	20.00
Dept. of Public Safety/Grant Funds	\$	1,728,817.07
Environmental Conservation Grant	\$	12,000.00
Housing & Comm Dev. - Grant	\$	25,610.00
Judicial and Civil fines	\$	2,197.00
Annual Ticket refund	\$	2,862.69
Liens/Releases	\$	927.00
Lister Education	\$	270.00
Lister Reappraisal	\$	16,932.00
Local Option Tax	\$	72,842.43
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment	\$	180,873.83
PILOT & Current Use/Hold harmless	\$	52,997.27
Railroad Tax	\$	52.54
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,187,817.26</b>

**TO THE CITIZENS OF BRANDON**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

In accordance with 24 V.S.A §1682(a)(2) and the affirmative vote at the Brandon Annual Town Meeting on March 6, 2006, the Town hereby gives notice that the independent audit for fiscal year 6/30/2017 conducted by Jeff R. Bradley CPA, P.C. is available in the Town Offices located at 49 Center Street. A complete copy may be requested by contacting the Town Office at 802-247-3635, or may be accessed on the website [townofbrandon.com](http://townofbrandon.com).

**EXEMPT PROPERTIES - VOTED**

DATE VOTED	NAME	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE	VALUE BEFORE EXEMPTION	MUNICIPAL ASSESS-MENT	EDUCATION ASSESS-MENT
03/02/09	LAND & BLDGS	03/30/14	07/01/19	567,700	-	-
03/30/09	LAND & BLDGS	03/30/14	07/01/19	310,900	-	-
03/03/15	LAND & BLDGS	03/03/15	06/30/20	262,700	-	-
7/1/02	EQUIPMENT ONLY	7/1/02		743,222	-	743,222
03/27/17	STABILIZATION	03/27/17	03/27/23	519,600	223,600	519,600
03/04/14	LAND & BLDGS	06/01/14	06/01/19	613,700	-	-
03/03/08	LAND & BLDGS	07/01/08	03/01/18	195,300	-	-

Properties owned by the Town of Brandon and State of Vermont are not listed above.

**TOWN OF BRANDON, VERMONT  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

NAME OF AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT	CFDA NUMBER	NAME OF PROGRAM & GRANT	GRANT ID NUMBER	AWARD AMOUNT	AWARD EXPENDED FYE 6/30/2017
<i>Department of Housing and Urban Development</i>					
	14.269	Disaster Recover - Hurricane Sandy and Other Disasters	DR-IG-2012-TRORC-00036	\$ 41,632	\$ 41,594
<i>US Department of Homeland Security</i>					
	97.039	Hazard Mitigation Grant	02140-34000-092	\$ 1,908,629	\$ 1,719,170
	97.039	Hazard Mitigation Grant	02140-34000-125	\$ 124,895	\$ 123,451
	97.039	Hazard Mitigation Grant	08131-FE0621	\$ 825,534	\$ 326,438
<i>US Department of Agriculture</i>					
	10.76	Water and Waste Disposal Grant		\$ 20,900	\$ 3,877
<i>US Department of Transportation</i>					
	20.205	Transportation Alternatives Grant	08100-CA0439	\$ 395,449	\$ 3,923
	20.205	Highway Planning and Construction	08126-CA0067	\$ 23,727,567	\$ 1,262,399
	20.205	Highway Planning and Construction	08126-CA120	\$ 137,404	\$ 74,865
	20.205	AOT Project Development	08126-CA0290	\$ 1,268,000	\$ 11,676
	20.608	Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	08100-GR0771/NH16164-104	\$ 3,055	\$ 508
	20.600	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	GR1053 / Occupant Protection Enforcement	\$	\$ 289
	20.608	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	GR1053 / DUI Enforcement	\$	\$ 539

# Trustees of Public Funds

Beginning Balance Lake Sunapee NOW Checking Account - July 1, 2016 \$ 1,397.74

Receipts:

Interest Income Deposited	\$ 0.15
Transfer from Morgan Stanley Investment Account	1,000.00
Transfer from Morgan Stanley Investment Account	24,000.00
Transfer from Morgan Stanley Investment Account	10,000.00

Total Receipts 35,000.15

Total Cash Available 36,397.89

Expenditures:

Foxcroft Farm Harvest Program:'16-17 Vehicle purchase, final pymt	\$ 1,000.00
Town of Brandon-Mosquito Con	11,102.00
Brandon Free Public Library	10,000.00
Brandon Senior Center	2,500.00
Brandon Area Rescue Squad	10,000.00

Total Expenditures 34,602.00

Ending Balance Lake Sunapee NOW Checking Account - June 30, 2017 \$ 1,795.89

Composition of Fund as of June 30, 2017

Lake Sunapee NOW Account #177244060	\$ 1,795.89
Morgan Stanley Investment Account	
Cash Balance	18,812.57
Equities	442,939.06
Fixed Income	232,114.25
Total Fund Value at June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 695,661.77</u>

Five Year Historical Record of Fund Value

Year ended June 30, 2013	<u>\$ 643,605.57</u>
Year ended June 30, 2014	<u>\$ 699,105.94</u>
Year ended June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 677,965.01</u>
Year ended June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 642,928.81</u>
Year ended June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 695,661.77</u>

The following outstanding fund commitments existed as of June 30, 2017  
None

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Carolyn Whittaker (2018) - Sharron Kenney (2019) - Tanner Romano (2020)

# ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF

## \*\*\*\* ELECTED OFFICIALS \*\*\*\*

### Justices of the Peace

Doug Bailey	2019
Seth Clifford	2019
Del Cook	2019
Sally Cook	2019
Bud Coolidge	2019
Wendy Rowe Feldman	2019
Bill Moore	2019
Marge Munger	2019
Laura Peterson	2019
Lisa-Marie Rovi	2019
Joan Thomas	2019
Richard White	2019

### Library Trustees

Carol Fjeld	2019
Sharron Kenney	2018

### Moderator

Bill Moore	2018
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### Select Board

Doug Bailey	2020
Brian Coolidge	2018
Devon Fuller	2019
Seth Hopkins	2018
Tracy Wyman	2018

### Town Agent

vacant

### Town Clerk

Sue Gage	2020
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### Town Grand Juror

vacant

### Town Treasurer

Sue Gage	2020
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### Trustees of Public Funds

Sharron Kenney	2019
Tanner Romano	2020
Carolyn Whittaker	2018

## \*\*\*\* APPOINTED OFFICIALS \*\*\*\*

### Animal Control

Justin Cram

### BLSG Insect Control District Representative

Wayne Rausenberger	2018
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### Budget Committee

Carol Bertrand	2018
Janet Coolidge	2018
Anthony Peduto	2018
Doug Sawyer	2018

### Development Review Board

Tom Bohler	2019
Robert Clark	2018
Amber Lee	2020
John Peterson	2019
Samantha Stone	2020

### Economic Development Committee

Bernie Carr	
Marty Feldman	
Devon Fuller	
Liz Gregorek	
Stephanie Jerome	
Bill Moore	
Dennis Reisenwever	
Jeff Stewart	
Linda Stewart	
Alyssa Zollman	

### Emergency Management Director

David Atherton	
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### Fence Viewers

Cindy Bell	2018
Todd Nielsen	2018
John Reynolds	2018

### Fire Warden

Linwood Bovey	2019
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### Friends of the Town Hall

Richard Baker	
Bruce Brown	
Jan Coolidge	
Debby Jennings	
Dennis Marden	
Will Mathis	
Mary Shields	

### Green-up Day Coordinator

James Leary	2018
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### Health Officer

Anna Scheck	2020
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### Deputy Health Officer

Dolores Furnari	2020
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### Historic Preservation Commission

Richard Baker	2018
Frank Bump	2018
Blaine Cliver	2018
Lance Mead	2018
Jeff Stewart	2018

### Independence Day Committee

Suzanne Bennett	
Debbie Boyce	
Marie Bradbury	
Derrick Cram	
Jean Lamarre	
Nichole Lopinto	
Justin McKeighan	
Bill Moore	
Heather Norton	
Susan Stone	
Bobbi Torstenson	

### Inspector of Lumber

John M. Reynolds	2018
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### Planning Commission

Stephanie Jerome	2018
William Mills	2020
Ethan Nelson	2019
Lisa Rovi	2019

### Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Stephanie Jerome	2019
Karen Lynch	2019
Frank Spezzano	2018
Catherine Wall	2020
Tom Whittaker	2018

### Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative

Gabe McGuigan	2018
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### Rutland Region Transportation Council Representative

Richard Baker	2020
David Atherton, alt.	2020

### Rutland Regional Planning Commission Representative

Anna Scheck	2020
David Atherton, alt.	2020

### Tree Warden

Wayne Kingsley	2018
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### Weigher of Coal

Lou Favre	2018
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### Zoning Administrator

Anna Scheck	2018
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## \*\*\*\*\* EMPLOYEES \*\*\*\*\*

### Development Review Board Clerk

Hillary Knapp

### Economic Development Officer

Bill Moore

### Police Department

Christopher Brickell - Chief	
Anne Bandy	
David Butterfield	
Jonathan Butterfield	
Linda Graziano	
Adam Murach	
Rodney Pulsifer	
Nick Stewart	
Ron Taylor	

### Public Works Department

Daryl Burlett - Director	
Stephen Cijka	
Fred Colburn	
Mike Denis	
Tim Kingston	
Rick Nicklaw	
Josh Preseau	

### Recreation Director

Bill Moore

### Town Manager

David Atherton

### Town Office Staff

Sue Danforth	
Dolores Furnari	
Luanne Merkert	
Jacelyn Savela	
Elaine S. Smith	



## **PHONE DIRECTORY**

General Information:  
247-3635 ext. 201  
Accounting:  
247-3635 ext. 205  
Assessor:  
247-3635 ext. 214  
Economic Development:  
247-3635 ext. 213  
Police Department:  
Non-Emergency:  
247-5723  
Office:  
247-0222  
Public Works Department:  
Director:  
247-3635 ext. 211  
Highway Garage:  
247-3600  
Sewer Plant:  
247-6730  
Transfer Station:  
247-8372  
Recreation Department:  
247-3635 ext. 213  
Rental Housing:  
247-3635 ext. 202  
Town Clerk & Treasurer:  
247-3635 ext. 203 & 204  
Town Manager:  
247-3635 ext. 210  
Zoning Administrator  
247-3635 ext. 202

Brandon Fire District  
Water Department: 247-3311  
Brandon Area Chamber  
of Commerce: 247-6401  
Brandon Free  
Public Library: 247-8230  
Neshobe School: 247-3721  
OVUHS: 247-6833  
RNESU: 247-5757

[www.townofbrandon.com](http://www.townofbrandon.com)

## **MEETING SCHEDULES**

*Dates and locations may change.  
It is a good idea to call ahead or  
check the website to confirm.*

### **SELECT BOARD**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00 PM at  
the Brandon Town Hall

### **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM or as  
needed at the Brandon Town Hall

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:00 PM or as  
needed at the Brandon Town Hall

### **OTTER VALLEY UNIFIED**

#### **UNION BOARD**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 PM at the  
Otter Valley UHS Library

### **RNESU SCHOOL BOARD**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 PM at the  
RNESU Central Office

## **PERMITS**

### **BURN PERMIT**

A burn permit is required for any  
outside burning. Only untreated  
wood products such as unpainted  
lumber, brush and leaves can be  
burned. A burn permit requires 24  
hours notice. To obtain a burn  
permit, please call Linwood Bovey at  
236-4914 or 342-7129

### **LAND USE**

Please contact the Zoning Office to  
determine if a permit is required  
before you start any type of land  
use development on your property.

### **RENTAL**

Before renting out an apartment,  
house or mobile home, a landlord  
**must** obtain a Certificate of  
Occupancy before a tenant moves  
into the unit. Owners of rental  
property must also complete a  
compliance form for each unit  
every January. A \$25 per unit fee  
is due annually by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **BRANDON TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Town Office will be closed for  
the following holidays:

New Year's Day  
Martin Luther King Day  
Presidents' Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Columbus Day  
Veterans' Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Friday after Thanksgiving  
Christmas Day

## **BRANDON TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## **BRANDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **Summer hours:**

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - noon

### **Winter hours:**

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To volunteer please contact  
Chief Roman Wdowiak at  
247-6476 or speak with any  
member of the Fire Department

## **RESCUE SQUAD (BARS)**

To volunteer please contact  
Bill Mapes at 247-3231



## LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUARTER ENDING 12/31/2016	-	\$38,521.01
QUARTER ENDING 3/31/2017	-	\$34,321.42
QUARTER ENDING 6/30/2017	-	\$50,927.75
QUARTER ENDING 9/30/2017	-	\$49,864.82
INTEREST CREDITED		\$ 238.85
BALANCE 12/31/2017	-	\$173,873.85

### Town of Brandon Local Option Tax Revenue Policy

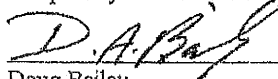
The purpose of this policy is to create the procedure for responsible expenditure of the revenues received by the Town of Brandon from its local option tax (1% tax), which was authorized by the voters of the Town of Brandon on June 30, 2015, and enacted as the charter of the Town of Brandon as 24 (Appendix) VSA § 106B by the Vermont General Assembly on May 17, 2016.

As stated in the above charter, section c, "Revenues received through the imposition of a tax imposed under this section shall be used for capital projects within the Town."

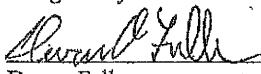
To accomplish such ends:

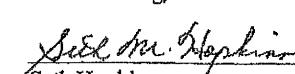
- 1 All revenues received by the Town of Brandon as proceeds of its local options tax shall be set aside by the town treasurer in a dedicated, restricted fund.
- 2 This fund is not subject to the Town of Brandon Purchasing Policy, and may only be expended in whole or in part by a positive vote of the selectboard.
- 3 Capital projects are defined to include the following: roads, bridges, culverts, paving, buildings, parks and related structures; major maintenance of any of these; equipment; and vehicles. Local contributions to grant matches for any of the above qualify as capital projects, as do principal payments to existing infrastructure bonds.
- 4 The selectboard shall develop a prioritization plan which identifies specific capital projects to be considered for funding with local option tax money. This plan will assist the selectboard in the orderly and responsible expenditure of local option tax revenue. However, a project need not appear on the prioritization plan to be eligible for funding by local option tax revenue (example: an unforeseen project which is beneficial to the Town).
- 5 A report of all revenues and expenses of the local options fund will be prepared by the town treasurer and included in the annual town report.

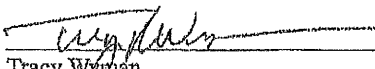
Adopted by the selectboard, February 13, 2017:

  
Doug Bailey

  
Brian Coolidge

  
Devon Fuller

  
Seth Hopkins

  
Tracy Wyman

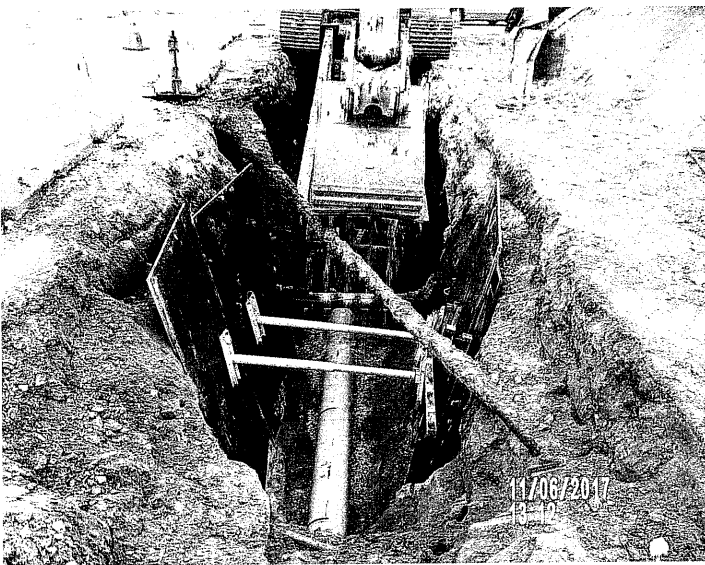


## EVEN BETTER BRANDON

There was a lot of underground Brandon that was exposed last year. From the culvert project which, with the massive rains of July 1 literally saved the downtown just days after it was completed, to the water/sewer improvements which were installed on Union, Carver, Franklin and Rossiter Streets. From August 1 through Christmas, our Town definitely saw its share of heavy equipment and construction workers.

Maybe you lost your town water one too many times, or were near the construction and grew tired of back-up alarms and pounding and shaking. We know, it has been a nuisance, but we are proud of the work being done and we are keeping an eye on the prize!

As we reflect on the 2017 construction season, there is a lot of good news. When completed (currently projected for October 2020), Brandon will have had a 21st century facelift with a beautiful new streetscape, functional sidewalks, buried utility lines through the downtown and a safer traffic pattern. New state and federal regulations are requiring upgraded sewer and water lines as well as separation of storm waters.



**Installing sewer under conduit and hydrant branch.**



**You can see five different pipes or structures in this one hole! It's truly a jigsaw puzzle.**



**Installation sewer on Union St.**



**Setting the first section of the day which was the fifth of the structure.**

State of the art gps tagging and installation of extra valves will make it easier for future generations to reduce the amount of down time and houses affected by water main breaks causing less inconvenience and maintaining safer fire protection. We are way ahead of almost all towns and cities in Vermont with implementation and 95% of the costs are being paid by the state and federal government!

We hope you join us in celebrating the overall project and witness the progress yourself. Brandon has a super vibrant downtown with stores, restaurants and services all keeping their doors open daily. Come on downtown and watch our Town's future unfold right before your eyes!

Segment 6: Building an EVEN better Brandon! Go to [brandonbuilds.com](http://brandonbuilds.com) for more information and to sign up for our newsletters.

Buy a brick to be placed in our parks at [polarengraving.com/DowntownBrandonAlliance](http://polarengraving.com/DowntownBrandonAlliance)



**Installing hydrant in front of Rite Aid.**



**Completed service to Congregational Fellowship Hall.**



**Installed tee for future cross connection on Upper Carver St.**



**Storm water treatment structure installed on Franklin St.**

**All photos on these two pages taken by Al DeFelice, DuBois & King.**

## REPORTS FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS and PUBLIC AGENCIES

### VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Your local health district office is located at 300 Asa Bloomer State Office Building in Rutland. Come visit or give us a call at (802) 786-5811. At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

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

**Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families:** We served 1,829 pregnant women and children to age five in Rutland County with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In 2017 we responded to 37 cases of infectious disease in Rutland County and distributed \$1,292,352 worth of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases.

**Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse:** Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In Rutland County, prescription drug take back locations were expanded to include Rutland Regional Medical Center's Pharmacy. Local law enforcement agencies have also been collaborating across the county on proactive efforts around underage drinking and binge drinking. With community partners, we are promoting that parents are the #1 influence on kids (ParentUpVT.org). At Otter Valley Union High School, a Strengthening Families Program for grade 5 & 6 families is being offered. This program is helping parents gain tools around setting limits, support and youth challenges. Youth gain tools around handling peer pressure, goal setting and making good decisions. Contact your local school for more information.

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### BLSG INSECT CONTROL DISTRICT

**Brandon Leicester Salisbury Goshen Insect Control District**

P.O Box 188 Brandon, VT 05733

#### MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE AND LARVICIDE CONTROL PROGRAM REPORT FOR THE BLSG DISTRICT

We thank the citizens of BLSG district for their support during the 2017 season. Joint multi town efforts are economical and efficient for all. Communication and cooperation with property owners, residents and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture are critical components in the effort to reduce and control mosquito populations. The BLSG is dedicated to improving the quality of our efforts through training, program development and continuing education.

Larviciding is one of the most economical ways to control and eliminate mosquito populations. Our staff is able to target certain areas of high density, mosquito breeding pools by larvicide applications. July 5th-7th marked the largest aerial treatments that the District has ever done treating 5500 acres. This is in addition to another treatment that took place on May 12, covering an additional 2400 acres; both treatments were a success, with a 95 percent kill ratio.

Our operations budget for this year was \$94,750. The District received an initial \$70,000 towards the larvicide program from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. We received an additional \$238,000. To this date we have expended \$402,750 towards mosquito control. We are extremely grateful for their cooperation and assistance.

The BLSG Insect Control District provides larvicide and adult surveillance during the months of April through October. The weather was not in our favor this season. It was an extremely wet spring and early summer, and the weather remained warm well into the fall months. This resulted in the BLSG team performing numerous site visits where we found multitudes of larvae throughout the District, resulting in numerous emergences of adult mosquitoes requiring adulticide treatments.

Adult surveillance serves as a critical part of the BLSG's integrated mosquito management program. By understanding population levels within the District, we can determine the level of nuisance mosquitoes, genus and species, and the location where the mosquitoes are breeding. Light traps are placed near established mosquito breeding habitats. Critical sites are

located along the Otter Creek watershed. As conditions change the BLSG has the capacity to apply the correct larvicide to control outbreaks, when this fails adulticide treatments are necessary. While safety to humans and wildlife is paramount, this flexibility minimizes the environmental impact and increases the safety of an already safe program.

The BLSG Insect Control District provided aerial larvicide treatments for the Town of Pittsford. Sites treated were located along the Otter Creek watershed. These sites were continually monitored, inspected and treated on a routine basis throughout the mosquito season. During the summer months the BLSG received numerous calls from Pittsford residents requesting an adulticide application. The Town of Pittsford contracted with BLSG to provide adulticide treatment for Pittsford and the school and fire department areas were treated, which greatly reduced the mosquito populations. The residents of Pittsford will have the opportunity to vote at March Town Meeting to become full members of an expanded BLSG for the 2018 mosquito season.

The BLSG again thanks the citizens of the District for their support and reminds them to take the necessary precaution against mosquitoes. Mosquitoes transmit pathogens that cause some of the worst diseases known to man, including malaria, west Nile virus, yellow fever, dengue fever, zika and encephalitis. Recall that in 2012, two residents of the District died from Equine Encephalitis, which was mosquito borne. Dr. Ben Lawton became involved with the BLS, when his wife became ill in the spring of 1989. Due to a mosquito bite she laid unconscious for a week at the Rutland Hospital. She was one of the lucky ones and after extensive physical therapy made a complete recovery. This is when Dr. Lawton petitioned the Town of Goshen and BLS to have the town join the District, hence BLSG!

We have lost some well-qualified members of the board: Pete Hare, Steve Kellogg and Dave Bishop. We want to thank all of our board members for their service. Especially Wayne Rausenberger - Treasurer, Jeff Whiting - Vice Chair, Jeff Smith, Brad Lawes, and our bookkeeper, Eloise Crane. We need new board members with the "fire in the belly". There is one opening in Brandon and one in Salisbury. If interested please contact BLSG or your local Select Board.

If you wish to opt out of the adulticide spraying please send a written request annually to BLSG, P O Box 188, Brandon, Vermont, 05733. Please provide your 911 address and a property map, which delineates your property boundaries on the public right-of-way. A representative from the District will contact you to assist in marketing your property as a no spray zone. Opting out needs to be renewed annually. Don't forget the five D's: drain/ditch, dress appropriately, defend and avoid dusk to dawn outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active. Please visit the BLSG website for spray routes and updated information during the season: <https://blsgmosquito.wordpress.com/>

Sincerely, Will Mathis & Dr. Ben Lawton

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### **MARBLE VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT "THE BUS"**

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" has been providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area for over forty years. The Transit District is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 703,000 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 2,400 rides to Brandon on the Middlebury Route, a commuter service with stops at the American Legion, Brandon Center Gazebo, Brandon Post Office, Estabrook Field and Park Village, along with the thousands of medically necessary trips that were provided to Brandon residents as well. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to Brandon for many years in partnership with Bridges and Beyond.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x117 or visit MVRTD's web site at [www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com).

MVRTD thanks the residents of Brandon for their continued support of public transit.

Live Green – Ride the Bus

Jay R. Morel, Community Outreach

## RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

*Rutland Regional Planning Commission is a resource for towns; is a platform for ideas; and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional growth for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come. We enjoyed working with the Town of Brandon in 2017, especially with Dave Atherton, who has worked with us on a number of town projects, and with Anna Scheck, who represents your town on our Regional Board of Commissioners. In the past year, staff reviewed the Brandon town plan, which included technical assistance on the enhanced energy planning component. Staff presented the Essentials of Land Use Planning to the Planning Commission, and assisted the DPW director with GIS related questions. Created a GIS database of all State Register Historic Districts in town. Assisted the Zoning Administrator with adoption, mapping and ordinance-related questions.*

Our Emergency Management division: assisted the town with communicating and coordinating town information to state officials after three weather events impacted the town; hosted five Emergency Management Director and Coordinator roundtables to which town officials were invited; and mapped all known reported Tier II sites in town complete with buffer distances for use in case of emergency; and met with the town manager to discuss the town's level of emergency preparedness. Hosted a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting in Killington and supported a local business by purchasing from it food for meeting. RRPC have assisted the town with their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which has been approved by FEMA

And lastly, RRPC staff conducted Better Roads Category A work, assisted the town in the new Grants in Aid funding for Best Management Practices, and reviewed two Act 250 and three Section 248 applications and submitted comments to District Commission/Public Utilities Commission, applicant and town.

*Here's more about how RRPC assisted your town and other towns in the region in 2017:*

**RRPC provided resources for land use planning and community engagement**, from assistance with grant applications and mapping; town plan assistance on new water quality requirements and energy planning elements; traffic counts, and culvert studies; to shaping a regional vision for economic growth and walkable communities through the development of the Regional Plan.

**RRPC also provided opportunities for collaboration** via monthly Road Commissioner meetings, local emergency management round tables, and water quality convenings.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your community and, in 2017, celebrating with us our 50<sup>th</sup> year in the Rutland region. *If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community; or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call; we'd love to hear from you!*

The Opera House | 67 Merchants Row | Rutland, VT 05701 | (802) 775-0871 | [RutlandRPC.org](http://RutlandRPC.org)

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## GREEN UP DAY

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

[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) ~ [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

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](http://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.

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

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### RUTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

We would like to thank you, our partners, for your continued work advancing our region. With your help, our efforts this year have furthered the major strategic shifts established for REDC in 2016, which were premised on the fact that future business growth will likely come from the success of existing small businesses and entrepreneurs. Further developed this year, the theme of our strategic effort is to increase our population to counter the projected trend of population decline and the resulting workforce challenges.

#### Summary of Strategic Direction:

- Focus on population growth.
- Leverage the presence of colleges and universities as economic drivers.
- Support the growth of current businesses and industries.

#### Strategic investments:

##### *Focus on population growth.*

- Co-created the Regional Marketing Initiative, raising \$200,000 from regional businesses and municipalities to produce a dynamic, long-term campaign focused on promoting our regional opportunities.
- Supported Rutland Young Professionals workforce programs.
- Worked with area experts to establish housing goals and development opportunities.
- Supported the third annual Young Professionals Summit of Vermont, a statewide conference on Vermont's future.
- Emphasized area career opportunities through [rutlandeconomy.com/careers](http://rutlandeconomy.com/careers).

##### *Leverage the presence of colleges and universities as economic drivers.*

- Extended partnership with Castleton University to leverage the talent represented by the University and its students.
- Streamlined and strengthened Castleton University experiential learning efforts by providing students with opportunities to transition quickly from the classroom to area businesses for internships and careers, creating opportunities for both students and the business community.
- Began collaborative efforts to develop internship/work experience processes with area colleges and universities and the Talent Pipeline Management Project.
- Educated college and high school students about local leadership and job opportunities.

##### *Support growth of current businesses and industries in the Rutland Region.*

- Lending capital committed to Rutland-area businesses: \$280,000.
- Grant money secured for Rutland-area businesses: \$61,500.
- Secured \$750,000 in lending capital available to Rutland County businesses.
- Monitored commercial real estate inventory, and marketing commercial properties through [rutlandeconomy.com/property](http://rutlandeconomy.com/property).
- Connected regional businesses with local, state, and federal resources, and interfaced with government agencies to advocate on their behalf.
- Supported the launch and continued growth of The MINT - Rutland's Makerspace with strategic planning, a \$50,000 capital grant, and three years' free rent of 8,000 sq. ft. of space.
- Through REDC's Entrepreneurship Committee, began establishing a business development pipeline to connect emerging businesses with expertise and technical assistance.
- Strengthened the newly revived joint REDC-Chamber Policy Committee, defining regional policy objectives designed to fortify our regional business growth and engaged with policy makers and administrators to further these objectives.
- Hosted free business advising and technical assistance through the Vermont Small Business Development Center and Vermont Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

We have an active and busy website full of information for the traveling public and the community. Our popular electronic newsletter is sent to more than 1400 email addresses on a regular basis and will be an important communication vehicle during the Segment 6 work over the next two years.

The Chamber continues to be heavily involved with town economic development, striving to bring new residents and businesses to expand our tax base and working closely with the town's Economic Development Officer. We highlight various aspects of Brandon yearly at the Rutland Trade Show and send out informational packets requested by visitors and those interested in starting a business in town. As the long awaited Segment 6 project has started we have been a key player in assisting citizens, businesses, and visitors through the process of information dispersal and as a conduit to the town and construction companies with our needs and concerns.

We thank the Brandon voters and taxpayers for past support and look to them for help with future expenses. We're proud to be part of Brandon and hope to continue to effect change in a positive and dynamic way.

Please contact the Chamber at 802-247-6401 with any questions or look us up on-line at [www.brandon.org](http://www.brandon.org). If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, click on the "Chamber Newsletter" link on our website, open one of the archived newsletters and follow the instructions at the end to join in the fun.

Businesses of every size and many "individual" members contribute greatly to making Brandon the place we all love. So call or email today and join in the journey!

Catherine Wall, 2017 President and Bernie Carr, Executive Director

**Appropriation Request - \$1,000**

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**BRANDON AREA RESCUE SQUAD, INC.**

Brandon Area Rescue Squad, Inc. serves towns Brandon, Goshen, Forest Dale, Sudbury and Leicester. Brandon Rescue has a staff of 34 volunteers, one full time Operations Chief and five per diem Paramedics. Certification held by BARS staff range from Driver, Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic. Our clinical staff are Nationally Registered, Vermont Licensed EMS Providers.

- Total calls for 2017- 406 calls in Brandon.
- Total call volume of 519 calls for 2017 (as of Dec. 19)
- B.A.R.S. responded to 18 calls for mutual aid to nearby EMS squads.
- Total Volunteer Hours- Over 25,000 hours of time for On Call shift, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Calls, Special Events, Trainings etc.

This past year, BARS purchased new Lifepak 15 cardiac monitors for each ambulance, upgraded pediatric equipment, and added multiple patient response kits. This is state of the art technology brought to your door in an emergency by our qualified staff.

BARS members attended district wide education in response to "active shooter" events, and we participated in a field exercise in September. It is training we hope never to use, but if so, we are ready.

Long time BARS Chief Andy Jackson left for new challenges in 2017. We thank him for his service, and wish him well for the future.

If you have ever thought about doing something to help in your community, please think about joining Brandon Rescue. Currently over 50% of our volunteers are from outside our service area. We are always in need of good people who want to make a difference in their community and in others lives. There is not much that is more rewarding than helping your neighbors in their time of need.

Please be sure your house number is very clearly marked and visible from the road. The quicker we can find you, the quicker we can help you! The quickest way to call us anytime you need us is by dialing 9-1-1. Trained dispatchers will contact us immediately, and will stay on the phone with you until we arrive.

**Appropriation Request - \$20,735**



## BRANDON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The mission of the Brandon Free Public Library is to provide free, equal, and easy access to information in all forms to our community and surrounding area. **Approximately half of the Library's income is derived via the appropriation from the Town of Brandon.** *At the 2018 Town Meeting, Brandon voters will be asked to approve the appropriation for the Library; these funds were previously within the Town budget.*

The Library's other sources of income include several annual fundraisers, financial donations from the non-profit Friends of the Library, direct donations, grants, apartment rents, line items from the town budgets of Leicester and Sudbury, and distribution from endowment (which is invested wisely and provides much needed income for the operating budget).

The Library employs two full-time and one part-time librarian, a support staff member, and cleaning personnel. The doors are open over 42 hours/week with every service (except copy/print/fax) provided free. The Brandon Library welcomes every community member to access our myriad offerings, services, and resources.

### General Library Services

- Books, DVDs, programming, magazines, newspapers, audioCDs, interlibrary loan, Friday films (Fridays, 1:30pm), Meditation Circle (Wednesdays, 12:30pm), friendly and helpful Librarians.

### Children's Services

- Books for all ages, Teen area upstairs, Teen Advisory Board (forming!), DVDs, audioCDs, magazines, summer program every July/August, story hours Tuesdays and Fridays, drop-in gaming on Wednesdays (3:30pm), Crazy8s Afterschool Club, Game Night (4<sup>th</sup> Friday, January-May), and more!

### Outreach Services - *New this year!*

- Monthly delivery of book bins to 4 residential/senior buildings
- Biweekly delivery of themed book bags (with a story time!) to daycares.
- Personalized visits to homebound patrons.
- Partnerships with local organizations, including PTO and Brandon Rec.

### Building as a Resource

- The Library building is used by a wide variety of community groups, including Brandon Planning Commission, Al-Anon, school tutors, Farmer's Market, Republican/Democratic caucuses, Estabrook Award, Child Care Providers, Italian Club, PTO, Scouts, homeschoolers.
- Local artists – "pop-up gallery" and collaboration with local schools to feature student artwork.

### Computer/Digital Services

- The Library has six public computers. The librarians assist patrons and offer tech help/solutions and assistance with job applications, unemployment, insurance applications, etc.
- The Brandon Library pays membership fees for patrons to access the Vermont Online Library, Listen-Up Vermont, and Universal Class at no cost to our patrons.
- Print, air-print, Copy, Scan, Fax for public use.
- Personalized computer help: free sessions by appointment.
- Free Wi-Fi.

### Non-traditional Services

- The BFPL Seed Library offers free seeds and sustainability education.
- The Library is an outlet for community service and volunteer opportunities.
- Free and reduced price passes are available for over 8 area museums and parks.
- Weekly bread distribution site for Brandon Food Shelf.
- Mitten tree every winter provides free mittens and hats.

### Elderly Services

- Extensive Large Print selection.
- Home delivery for patrons who cannot get out. The Library is often one of the few links someone might have to our community.
- Various programs geared to older populations.
- Free rides to the polls.

Funds from the towns of Brandon, Sudbury, Leicester, and Goshen keep the Library open. The Library is a busy place, with an average door count of 200 people/day. **It will be important for Brandon voters to "Check Yes" for the Library. We thank you for supporting one of Brandon's gems – your local Library.** Check us out at the corner of Franklin and Park Streets. 802-247-8230 brandonpubliclibrary.org

Board of Trustees: Carl Phelps, President; June Bohler, Treasurer; Carol Fjeld, Secretary; Phoebe Chestna, Sharron Kenney, Stacey Doucette, Janet Smith, Charles Willis III, Stephanie Choma

<b>Appropriation Request - \$92,000</b>
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## BRANDON INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

The BIDCC is a small group of volunteers responsible for organizing and fundraising for Brandon's two-day Independence Day Celebration, which throughout its forty-year-plus history has become the main attraction for thousands of tourists. However, last year our committee faced some enormous challenges. Since decisions were in constant flux about when and where the Segment 6 Project would begin, we decided to hold the Friday night street dance at Estabrook Park, and all the Saturday events, including the parade, at Park Village. Unfortunately, that weekend, as well as the one following, Mother Nature was also in constant flux. Nevertheless, since alternative dates did not appear any more promising, we decided to keep to our schedule. The street dance on Friday was successful, if a bit damp, but heavy rains on Saturday forced us to shut down immediately following the parade. Curiously, neither parade participants nor audience seemed daunted by the inclement weather (even the bagpipes finished the parade in style), but that night we were also forced to cancel the fireworks since the fields were too saturated.

The rain did not just wash away months of hard work, however; it also dampened our resources. We had additional last minute expenses from dismantling in the pouring rain, we have had to waive most vendor fees for 2018, and of course we weren't able to collect donations at the fireworks, which is one of our biggest revenue sources. Another fundraiser, the Ball Race, was scuttled by Segment 6 construction. Fortunately, we received a credit for the 2018 fireworks, which saved our budget from complete ruin. Our committee has recently reorganized and we are looking at new methods of fundraising. But the costs of parade bands, entertainment, and the basics of putting on an event—Porta Potties, dumpsters, postage, publicity, police and firemen, prizes etc.—continue to rise. Although we are eternally grateful to the generous support we receive from the small businesses and donors in our community, we continue to depend on the appropriation of \$6,000 that we receive annually from the town as our only stable revenue.

This year, with the support of the community and Mother Nature, we can promise another spectacular event. The dates are July 6 and 7, and activities include the following:

- Friday night street dance and food vendors in Central Park (if it is finished by then)
- Saturday Silent Auction at Park Village, with some items advertised online beforehand
- Saturday pre-parade activities: food vendors and karaoke in Park Village plus a wide variety of family activities
- Our famous Brandon Independence Day Parade, which will circle Park Village
- Live music after the parade in Park Village
- A community dinner sponsored by a local organization
- Annual fireworks display at dusk at Park Village, with vendors and DJ Jam-Man Entertainment

We want to express our gratitude to the owner of Park Village, Peter Holmberg, and to Denise Scarborough and Justin McKeighan of Summit Property Management, for making the entire event possible.

Bill Moore, Chairperson ~ Susan Stone, Treasurer

Appropriation Request - \$6,000

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## BRANDON SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, INC. ~ 1591 Forest Dale Road ~ 247-3121

The Board of Directors continues to improve the building. After having installed a new oil tank in the basement of the building in late 2016 (per State regulation), the underground oil tank was removed in the Spring of 2017 with no complications. This year our goal was to replace the aging central air conditioning unit, after being informed that it could no longer be repaired. We held fundraisers and wrote grants to help defray the cost and thankfully now own a brand new, energy efficient unit. The bathrooms saw a DIY renovation with new paint, floors, lighting fixtures and décor. There are also new cushioned chairs for the dining hall purchased with donated funds.

We have strived to open up the building to a myriad of social events. Bone Builders meet every Monday and Wednesday, followed by Meals on Wheels. The free community lunches seem to be a hit for folks to have a nourishing meal, while the monthly sponsored dinners continue to raise funds for our never ending projects. We also host a monthly brunch program sponsored by the SW Vermont Council on Aging. Bingo is held the first Monday of every month beginning at 6 pm. Food and refreshments are served as well. The comfortable atmosphere, which has been created at the Center, lends itself to folks wanting to stay and socialize, play cards, knit, put together a jigsaw puzzle or take part in our newly established coloring club. We have been approached to begin Tai Chi classes, which should be an exciting adventure.

The WIC Clinic, as well as the RAVNAH Toe Nail Clinic, is held every other month. A foot "spa treatment" has been added by the Center for those interested.

We would like to thank Foxcroft Farms, the Harvest Program for donating their bus to the Center. Although it needed some mechanical work, it's in tip top shape and we have begun using it to bring folks to the Center for various events. We would also like to thank Ann and Ken Young for all their help over the years in providing the raised garden beds, window box planters and supplying primo manure. This has significantly improved our yield of fresh vegetables for the community lunch program and made the flowers look fantastic. Thanks also for supporting our many bake sales, lunch and dinner programs. We will miss you!

The Center continues to be "green" by recycling and composting. We also collect returnable bottles to help defray operating expenses.

Thank you to the Town of Brandon for supporting us. We thank everyone who contributes in any way, thereby helping us to help others. We encourage folks to visit us anytime.

**Appropriation Request - \$13,500**

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**RSVP**

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 15 years RSVP has implemented several "Signature Programs" aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include *RSVP TeleCare*, a telephone reassurance and safety check in program offered FREE to Rutland County seniors, a children's literacy and mentoring program called *RSVP Rutland County Reads*, and after school program called *RSVP After School Buddies*, an osteoporosis prevention program, *RSVP Bone Builders*, which provides FREE strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP/VC volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and *RSVP Operation Dolls & More*, in which RSVP/VC volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls, toys books and games. Last year over 10,000 items were distributed to 2,000 children and over 50 organizations to share with clients.

Locally, RSVPNC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 803 volunteers. From April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 148,669 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,630,497.

RSVP/VC is not asking for additional monies from the Town of Brandon. The monies we request are used to help defray the costs of providing services that impact the lives of citizens of all ages throughout Rutland County.

Currently in Brandon, 37 volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations: The American Red Cross, Village Manor, Park Terrace, Rutland RRMC, Northeast School, Northwest School, Otter Valley Union High School, Neshobe School SOAR Program, Brandon Rescue Squad, Brandon Area Food Shelf, The Pines Nursing Home, RSVP Good-time Singers, Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, College of Saint Joseph, The Meadows, Mountain View Center, Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, One-2-One, The Godnick Adult Center, Park Terrace, Bridges and Beyond, Brandon Senior Center, Currier Memorial School, Headstart, Lothrop Elementary School, VT Police Academy, RSVP Bone Builders classes, RSVP Operation Dolls and More.

Currently, there are several RSVP Bone Builders classes offered in Brandon free of charge to area residents.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center, I would like to thank the residents of Brandon for their continued support. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers increases. With your help, RSVP/VC will continue to respond to this need.

Sincerely, Nan M. Hart, Director

**Appropriation Request - \$550**

## **RAVNAH**

In 2016, the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice (RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

In 2016, VNA's dedicated staff made more than 142,884 visits to 3,459 patients. In the Town of Brandon, we provided 6,987 visits to 194 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director and Carrie Allen, President of the Board of Directors

**Appropriation Request - \$10,200**

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## **RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

RCHS acts as the coordinator for animal cruelty cases in Rutland County and works to provide relief for victims of animal neglect and abuse. We provide information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,400 animals in 2016 and our numbers are expected to be about the same for 2017.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. We thank those who support our operations, including the Town of Brandon.

During the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, the Rutland County Humane Society took in sixty-six (66) animals from Brandon. Attached is our Budget Summary for 2017.

Please call us at 483-9171 if you would like further information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

**Appropriation Request - \$750**

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## **COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK ~ RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

In the year 2017, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Brandon assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

Individual Counseling for Individuals, Children and Families  
Substance Abuse Treatment Services  
Emergency Crisis Services  
Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2017, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 27,536 hours of services to 201 Brandon residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Brandon in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Dick Courcelle, Chief Executive Officer, Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

Appropriation Request - 6,624

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### SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older adults who reside in Brandon. The service period reported is from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017:

**Senior Meals:** SVCOA provided 9,104 home delivered meals in your community, through the Meals on Wheels program. In addition, 54 Brandon older adults came together at a luncheon site located in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others. Through this site, 1,298 meals were served to older adults in your community.

**Case Management Assistance:** SVCOA case management staff helped 69 older adults in your community. A case manager works with an older adult, privately in the individual's home or at another agreed upon location. The case managers assess each person's specific situation in order to tailor a plan unique to that individual. Case managers will work with the older adult to identify their needs and discuss possible services available to address these areas. If the individual desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help older adults connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older adults facing the possibility of long-term care placement who still wish to remain at home. Options Counseling, which helps older adults create a long term care plan, was used by 3 individuals in your community.

**Other Services and Support:** SVCOA also provided a host of other services to support older adults in your community. These services included: 1) "Senior HelpLine" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to older adults and others, who need information about available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program (SHIP); 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues via the "60Plus" column appearing in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older adults; 7) Outreach services to older adults dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. SVCOA cooperates with Rutland County Mental Health to provide this service; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older adults in need of assistance.

Appropriation Request - \$2400

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### BRANDON MUSEUM at the STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS BIRTHPLACE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Brandon Museum and Stephen A Douglas Birthplace continues to be Brandon's primary cultural, historical, architectural, and community asset. The building is a first generation Vermont home, built in 1802. The famous 19th century American statesman, Stephen A Douglas, was born in the home in 1813. Two hundred years later, the building stewardship was graciously passed on to the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce from the Daughters of the American Revolution. A separate 501C3 entity was established and with financial, physical and intellectual input from many Chamber members and others in the community, the home has been totally renovated and has evolved into a fine example of a multi-use community building.

Through the use of hundreds of digital photographs, antiques, paintings and many other eclectic items, many donated by citizens of Brandon, the museum features the thematic history of our town and tells the detailed story of the early anti-slavery movement of the first half of the 19th century. The museum also traces the architectural history of the building starting with two rooms in 1802 and gradually increasing in size to its present configuration.

The Museum is open daily from mid-May through mid-October from 11 am - 4 pm thanks to an active group of approximately 25 volunteers and a part-time Museum Steward, Brandon resident Dan Celik. Dan will be spending time in the off-season curating old Brandon Union newspapers, passed along to us by the now defunct Brandon Historical Society.

We are always looking for more volunteers and for historic photos of Brandon, which we scan and return to you very quickly. If you would like a special museum tour for your classroom, community group or any other large party, please contact us for special arrangements. There is no admission to the museum.

The building also houses the town's newly dedicated Janet Mondlak Visitor Center, full of Vermont brochures, maps, guidebooks, information and a municipal restroom. The Visitor Center is open daily from 8 am - 6 pm, 365 days a year and it is handicapped accessible. The Cliver Community Meeting room continues to be used by many community organizations, boards, associations, committees, and businesses. If you would like to schedule a time to use the meeting space, please contact us.

The Stephen A Douglas Birthplace operates on a small budget and is asking Brandon voters and taxpayers for \$2500 to help us continue to protect and maintain the building and the artifacts that are our history. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Museum, the Meeting Room, or the Visitor Center, please contact us through the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce at 802-247-6401 or email us at [info@brandon.org](mailto:info@brandon.org)

Sincerely, John Dilts, President, Brandon Museum at the Stephen A Douglas Birthplace Community Center, Inc. and  
Bernie Carr- Executive Director

**Appropriation Request - \$2500**

## **TOWN OF BRANDON MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ~ MARCH 6, 2017**

Moderator Bill Moore called the Annual Brandon Town meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Attending the meeting were Select Board members Chairman Douglas Bailey, Devon Fuller, Seth Hopkins, Tracy Wyman and Brian Coolidge, Clerk Sue Gage and 108 registered voters.

Brandon Girl Scout Troops 30067 and 30159, led by Liz Alvarado and Tonya Larouche including scouts, Erica Chapin, Aly Larouche, Jaylee MacJarrett, Adriana Watkins, Isabella Watkins, Linnea Faulkner, Clara Cifone, Elizabeth Atherton and Emily Pierro presented the colors and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Moore welcomed all to the beautifully restored Brandon Town Hall, hosting its first town meeting since 1979, thanks to the efforts of the Friends of the Town Hall and Dennis Marden. Moderator Moore then introduced the Brandon Select Board members and Town Manager David Atherton. Mr. Moore then turned the meeting over to Chair Doug Bailey.

Chair Bailey recognized Maria Wiles, daughter of Tina and Brian Wiles, one of the top youth volunteers in Vermont for 2017 and recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community awards. Chair Bailey highlighted Ms. Wiles community volunteerism including construction of a learning center in her church, a book drive for low income families and setting up a website for youth volunteering opportunities. Chair Bailey presented Ms. Wiles with a certificate from the Brandon Select Board.

Chair Bailey then recognized our Town Report dedicatees, Bud and Jane Coolidge. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge were met with a standing ovation from the meeting attendees and thanked the Board for the recognition. They also shared some stories and spoke about their love of community specifically the Brandon community. They returned to their seats with a second standing ovation.

Chair Bailey also recognized those individuals recognized in the memoriam, Judy Eve Brown and Dave Rowden.

Moderator Moore then went over the rules of the proceeding and read the Town Meeting Warning.

The following business was then transacted:

1. Take appropriate action on the reports of officers as they appear in the Town Report. Seth Hopkins moved to accept the reports as they appear in the Town Report. The motion received a second from Bernie Carr. The motion was approved.
2. To hear a presentation by the Select Board of its recommended budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. This budget and appropriations will be voted by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2017 at the Brandon Town Hall, Basement Meeting Room, 1 Conant Square, Brandon, VT. Seth Clifford made a motion to move the article. The motion was seconded by Dolores Furnari. The attendees approved the motion.

Moderator Moore then turned the meeting over to the Select Board for its presentation. Chair Bailey presented a list of projects that were started, completed and ongoing since the last Town Meeting which are substantial. A photo slideshow of the same was running as he spoke.

Brandon Select Board member Seth Hopkins thanked the Budget Committee, Carol Bertrand, Jan Coolidge, Doug Sawyer and Anthony Peduto, for helping craft the current budget. Mr. Hopkins explained the relationship between tax rates and grand list values, the components of everyone's tax bills, as well as explaining how the Town Local Option Tax will be recorded and utilized. Mr. Hopkins also illustrated how grants are used to complete large projects and thereby reduce local spending. He emphasized that grants were crucial for longevity and for financing large projects.

Chair Bailey spoke about the budget and effect on homeowners' taxes. The current budget would not increase taxes, but instead people should see a reduction in their property taxes.

Brandon Select Board member Devon Fuller spoke about the Segment 6 project which is finally getting off the ground. The project utilizes 95% federal and state funds and 5% local funds. There is a 50% match is for the buried utilities, which will be from the library to the Town Hall. Bids on the project will be due April 14, 2017 at 2 pm. It is anticipated that construction will begin in the Summer of 2017. The expertise of Public Works Director Daryl Burlett is crucial in the process. Mr. Fuller stated that the Board thanks Dave Atherton and the Town Office team for getting this project off the ground.

Moderator Moore then opened up the floor for questions and answers with help from Sophie Moore handling the mobile microphone.

Sam Glaser noted that although Segment 6 is exciting, Park Street is still neglected. He has been in town for 10 years, and Park Street is still a mess. Mr. Glaser would like to see Park Street construction included in the Segment 6 construction as having the contractor in town would make sense and save money. He would like to see Park Street finished or at least a formal plan for Park Street.

Mr. Fuller responded that the Select Board and management are thinking about and working on Park Street, but it is not shovel ready. Mr. Fuller stated that he and the Board concur with many of Mr. Glaser's concerns. Mr. Glaser requested that the Board charge the Town Manager and management with making a plan for the repair of Park Street.

Bernie Carr asked whether the town must take the low bid on segment six or are there other factors in the bidding process. Mr. Atherton stated that we have to take the lowest qualified bid because it is a federal project. We are utilizing a firm to qualify the bids, and once the qualification process is complete, a contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Bill Claessons appreciated the presentation from the Select Board, and asked about any surplus from prior years, and why we don't report surpluses in the Town Report. He feels the financials are not fully disclosed without such a report. Treasurer Sue Gage provided the fund balance surplus in the General Fund and explained the importance of having a positive fund balance. Mr. Claessons concurred with Ms. Gage regarding a positive fund balance, but would like to see detailed information about any fund balances in the annual Town Report so that readers can have a better understanding.

Dennis Marden thanked Bernie Carr and the Chamber of Commerce for keeping everyone up to date on the construction activity around the overflow culvert. Mr. Marden wondered at which end of route 7 segment 6 construction will begin. Mr. Fuller answered that the contractor will decide how to approach the project. Mr. Fuller did confirm that construction work in the center of town will be done at night.

Chair Bailey mentioned that two of the long time appropriations are not included on the ballot this year, as they will no longer be in business and did not request funds. This will reduce the tax rate as well.

Bill Claessons asked for details on individual budget line items which were answered by Mr. Atherton.

3. To see if the voters of the Town of Brandon will authorize the Select Board to spend unbudgeted, unanticipated income received by the Town so long as the expenditure of such funds will not create a deficit? Motion to bring the question to the floor by Richard Baker, and seconded by Ethan Nelson. Article approved for discussion. Bernie Carr moved the question, seconded by Seth Clifford. Motion to move the question was approved. Article was approved.

4. To transact any other business proper to be done when met.

Clerk Susan Gage stated that there was an error on the ballot. Carol Fjeld was misspelled as Carol Field on the ballot.

Wayne Rausenberger spoke about BLSG mosquitoes. Any concerns can be fielded at 247-6779. There is a recording which must be listened to and after the recording an operator will eventually pick up and you can leave message. Those who do not want treatment must send a letter to PO BOX 88, with one's name, 911 address, phone number and a map of your property. This request must be done annually. The district can be reached by email at: [blsgdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:blsgdistrict@gmail.com)

Kevin Thornton recognized Sophie Moore as the assistant to the moderator. He hopes she has enjoyed her evening and remains interested in government and democracy her entire life.

Judy Bunde of the Downtown Committee wanted to recognize and thank Jeff Stewart for his efforts in reroofing the Methodist church through grants and fundraising.

Stacey Doucette spoke about the Chamber summer concert series every Wednesday night and stated that this will be happening again in the summer of 2017. Due to construction, the concerts will be held behind the Brandon Inn. Rain location is the Brandon Town Hall.

Barbara Ebling introduced herself and stated that she is running for the Otter Valley Unified Union School District Board, and would be happy to speak with anyone after the meeting is adjourned.

Motion to adjourn by Mitch Pearl, seconded by Dawn Bailey. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Susan Gage, Town Clerk

Del Cook , BCA Chair

Bill Moore, Moderator

REVISED

## TOWN OF BRANDON Proposed Budget FY 2018 - 2019

REVISED

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY-2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019
Net Municipal Budget- To be raised by Taxes	2,486,822.00	2,486,822.00	2,509,066.00	2,578,045.00
Transfer In Other Funds	-	2,141.56	-	-
Delinquent Tax Revenue	-	49,842.60	-	45,000.00
Town Administration Revenues	32,600.00	71,518.26	600.00	200.00
Assessor Revenues	400.00	2,682.00	400.00	420.00
Code Enforcement Revenues	10,684.00	16,344.00	15,500.00	15,500.00
Clerk/Treasurer Revenues	154,324.00	162,979.10	193,555.00	140,995.00
Police Dept. Revenues	48,100.00	53,949.36	50,100.00	50,100.00
Highway Dept Revenues	148,900.00	350,523.57	149,615.00	149,725.00
Intergovernmental Revenue	11,000.00	11,102.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Recreation Revenues	46,880.00	94,304.03	51,750.00	109,000.00
Bldg. & Grounds	7,000.00	51,350.15	18,400.00	38,200.00
TOTAL REVENUE	2,946,710.00	3,353,558.63	2,999,986.00	3,138,185.00
Tax Expenditures	-	-	-	5,000.00
Town Administration 10	420,125.00	374,623.42	355,300.00	353,480.00
Assessor	35,245.00	32,631.50	39,760.00	40,670.00
Code Enforcement 12	90,425.00	82,520.16	85,700.00	47,425.00
Town Clerk 13	155,325.00	156,158.12	183,900.00	188,990.00
Police Dept 14	808,900.00	788,591.88	761,000.00	792,950.00
Highway 15	771,035.00	1,013,839.41	755,910.00	797,510.00
Intergovernmental 17	66,778.00	64,551.59	255,800.00	263,975.00
Recreation	110,780.00	169,619.12	103,043.00	144,515.00
Debt Service 19	254,850.00	234,827.43	253,000.00	305,500.00
Economic Develop. 21	18,280.00	20,081.20	33,623.00	38,245.00
Bldgs. & Grounds	214,967.00	326,913.82	172,950.00	159,925.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,946,710.00	3,264,357.65	2,999,986.00	3,138,185.00
<b>Extraordinary Expenditures:</b>				
Tax Sale Property Acquired		55,122.37		
Brandon Industrial Dev. Corp.		60,000.00		
Match Funds for HW Projects		209,510.50		
Net Change to General Fund Balance	-	(235,431.89)	-	-



TOWN OF BRANDON Proposed Budget FY 2018 - 2019

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019
Abatements	-	(26,159.01)	-	-
Delinquent Taxes	-	22,351.69	-	-
Sale of Equip. Revenue	-	3,000.00	-	-
Interest Revenue	-	962.44	-	-
Penalty & Interest Rev.	-	6,434.53	-	45,000.00
Duplication Revenue	400.00	56.50	400.00	100.00
Administrative Services	32,000.00	30,000.00	-	-
Vendor Permit Revenue	200.00	150.00	200.00	100.00
Misc. Revenue	-	41,123.76	-	-
RT 7 Admin Reimbursement	-	188.00	-	-
Misc./Revenues Assessor	-	1,992.00	-	-
Assessor Education	400.00	690.00	400.00	420.00
Misc Zoning	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Land Use Permit Revenue	4,184.00	6,544.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Rental Code Compliance	6,000.00	9,800.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Pilot/CU	47,174.00	51,290.81	48,000.00	51,200.00
Wastewater Administration	-	-	30,000.00	30,000.00
Liquor License Revenue	1,800.00	1,620.00	1,650.00	1,620.00
Land Records	31,500.00	33,983.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
Vault Time	3,500.00	4,521.15	4,200.00	4,600.00
Misc. Clerk Revenues	1,250.00	1,157.86	3,500.00	1,500.00
Marriage Licenses	450.00	360.00	350.00	375.00
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	50.00	96.00	55.00	100.00
Vital Statistics	3,000.00	3,050.00	3,400.00	3,100.00
Dog License Revenue	2,100.00	2,275.00	2,400.00	2,300.00
Records Preservation	3,500.00	3,777.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Interest Revenue	15,000.00	1,190.73	10,000.00	1,200.00
Penalty & Int. Revenue	45,000.00	59,657.55	55,000.00	10,000.00
State Traffic Ticket Reve	5,500.00	5,059.69	5,500.00	5,500.00
Parking Fine Revenue	100.00	45.00	100.00	100.00
Misc. Police Revenues	500.00	836.84	500.00	500.00
Bravo Fees	-	100.00	-	-
Police Grants	-	309.50	-	-
SRO Officer	36,000.00	40,500.00	38,000.00	38,000.00
Clicket or Ticket Campaig	3,000.00	2,918.33	3,000.00	3,000.00
DOCUMENT REIM. REQ. PD	3,000.00	4,180.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Access Permit Revenue	200.00	250.00	200.00	250.00
Excavation Permit Revenue	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
State Highway Revenue	148,000.00	148,704.07	148,715.00	148,715.00
Over Weight Permits	500.00	560.00	500.00	560.00
GAIN ON EQUIPMENT TRADE I	-	17,900.00	-	-
Proceeds From Capital Lea	-	181,695.00	-	-
RT 7 MPM Reimbursement	-	1,414.50	-	-
Mosquitos-Trustees Reim.	11,000.00	11,102.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
INS. AUDIT REIM	-	-	-	-
Rec Programing Rev	46,880.00	91,759.03	49,000.00	94,000.00

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Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019
Misc. Recreation	-	-	-	15,000.00
Estabrook Fundraising	-	200.00	1,500.00	-
Flagship Cinemas	-	2,345.00	1,250.00	-
Mixed Recyclables	-	1,049.56	-	-
TS Rent	7,000.00	7,200.00	8,400.00	7,200.00
EWM Deposits	-	2,554.81	-	3,000.00
misc.	-	24,953.00	-	10,000.00
Solar Lease Payments	-	8,097.83	10,000.00	10,000.00
Town Hall Rent	-	50.00	-	-
RCSW Surcharge Revenue	-	7,444.95	-	8,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES \$</b>	<b>459,888.00</b>	<b>\$ 821,342.12</b>	<b>\$ 490,920.00</b>	<b>\$ 560,140.00</b>
<b>Tax Expenditures</b>				
Tax Sale Expenses	-	-	-	5,000.00
<b>Tax Expenditures Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Town Administration</b>				
Salaries/taxes/benefits	277,650.00	252,689.91	250,800.00	261,980.00
Travel & Expenses	1,500.00	1,397.19	2,000.00	2,000.00
Personnel Recruitment	250.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Misc.	-	3,247.73	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	6,625.00	5,418.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Professional Development	1,500.00	791.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Legal Services	25,000.00	23,203.91	25,000.00	20,000.00
Auditors	18,000.00	13,560.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Office Supplies	10,000.00	6,925.51	10,000.00	10,000.00
Service Contracts	10,000.00	14,772.25	8,000.00	8,000.00
Postage Expenses	8,000.00	7,623.13	6,000.00	5,000.00
Technical Support	4,000.00	1,336.85	4,000.00	3,000.00
Office Equipment	-	-	-	5,000.00
Legal Advertising	2,200.00	664.51	2,000.00	1,500.00
Town Report	5,000.00	4,120.54	5,000.00	5,000.00
Telephone Exp. Admin.	5,000.00	5,110.48	5,000.00	5,000.00
Health Insurance Reim.	-	2.50	-	-
Interest Short Term	2,000.00	1,443.21	-	-
Town Admin. Insurance	12,300.00	11,928.68	-	-
Insurance Claim Deduct.	1,000.00	-	-	-
Unemployment Ins.-Admin	3,500.00	1,349.78	-	-
Workers Comp. Admin.	6,600.00	10,743.03	-	-
Economic Development	-	25.47	-	-
Tax Sale Legal /Misc Exp.	4,000.00	3,045.74	5,000.00	-
Animal Control Expenses	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	500.00
Capital Improvements	15,000.00	5,224.00	5,000.00	-
<b>Total Town Admin</b>	<b>420,125.00</b>	<b>374,623.42</b>	<b>355,300.00</b>	<b>353,480.00</b>
<b>Assessor</b>				
Salaries/taxes/benefits	550.00	715.00	550.00	550.00
Travel & Expenses	100.00	-	100.00	100.00

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Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019
Dues & Subscriptions	250.00	25.00	250.00	250.00
Continuing Education	200.00	690.00	200.00	200.00
Mapping	-	-	3,500.00	3,500.00
Legal Fees Assessor	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Property Assessor	17,500.00	17,596.95	18,000.00	18,000.00
Professional Supplies	1,000.00	-	500.00	500.00
Office Equipment	1,000.00	215.00	500.00	500.00
Reapp Acct.-Transfer out	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Assessor</b>	<b>35,245.00</b>	<b>32,631.50</b>	<b>39,760.00</b>	<b>40,670.00</b>
Code Enforcement				
Salaries/taxes/benefits	81,350.00	78,296.08	80,925.00	42,650.00
Travel & Expenses	1,200.00	219.97	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	350.00	150.00	300.00	300.00
Continuing Education	750.00	160.00	800.00	800.00
Mapping	3,500.00	2,650.00	-	-
Professional Services	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Legal Services - zoning	1,500.00	38.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Professional Supplies	225.00	96.08	225.00	225.00
Legal Advertising	950.00	910.03	950.00	950.00
Printing	100.00	-	-	-
<b>Total Code Enforcement</b>	<b>90,425.00</b>	<b>82,520.16</b>	<b>85,700.00</b>	<b>47,425.00</b>
Town Clerk				
Salaries/taxes/benefits	139,825.00	140,735.19	172,300.00	177,790.00
Travel & Expenses	350.00	-	150.00	-
Dues & Subscriptions	350.00	55.00	150.00	150.00
Professional Development	500.00	260.00	500.00	500.00
Elections	5,000.00	4,685.12	3,000.00	5,000.00
Dog License Expense	-	179.18	-	150.00
Office Supplies	500.00	366.42	800.00	400.00
Records Preservation	3,500.00	4,555.29	7,000.00	5,000.00
Insurance VLCT	5,300.00	5,321.92	-	-
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>155,325.00</b>	<b>156,158.12</b>	<b>183,900.00</b>	<b>188,990.00</b>
Police Dept.				
Salaries/taxes/benefits	644,800.00	615,707.20	667,400.00	699,050.00
Travel & Expenses	2,000.00	1,913.21	2,500.00	2,500.00
Clothing Allowance	5,500.00	1,730.94	5,500.00	5,500.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,400.00	766.98	1,500.00	1,500.00
Professional Development	5,500.00	2,023.50	5,500.00	5,500.00
Forfeiture Fund Payments	-	3,805.55	-	-
Radio Maintenance	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
MDT/Aircards	3,000.00	2,880.72	3,000.00	3,000.00
Legal Services	1,000.00	257.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00	2,847.65	3,000.00	3,000.00
Professional Supplies	4,000.00	2,352.97	4,000.00	4,000.00
Service Contracts	9,500.00	8,116.52	9,500.00	9,500.00
Postage Expenses PD	200.00	176.80	200.00	200.00



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Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019
Office Equipment	3,000.00	2,176.20	3,000.00	3,000.00
Legal Advertising	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
Community Police	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
New Equipment - Vehicles	2,500.00	722.86	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fuel - Vehicles	22,000.00	11,828.31	22,000.00	22,000.00
PD Maint. Supplies-Vehicl	250.00	86.98	250.00	250.00
PD Vehicle Maintenance	9,000.00	7,512.82	9,000.00	9,000.00
PD Telephone Service	3,000.00	4,482.91	4,200.00	4,500.00
PD Insurance VLCT	37,350.00	38,582.39	-	-
PD Unemployment	3,300.00	1,247.02	-	-
PD Workers Comp.	31,650.00	49,373.35	-	-
Transfer to Capital Fund	-	30,000.00	-	-
Capital Improvements	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	15,000.00
<b>Total Police Dept.</b>	<b>808,900.00</b>	<b>788,591.88</b>	<b>761,000.00</b>	<b>792,950.00</b>
Highway				
Salaries/taxes/benefits	393,325.00	376,370.59	416,800.00	430,000.00
Travel & Expenses	750.00	55.08	500.00	500.00
Clothing Allowance	2,700.00	2,859.16	3,500.00	3,500.00
Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	90.00	100.00	100.00
Continuing Education	350.00	560.00	500.00	400.00
Contractors	6,000.00	1,910.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Equipment Rental	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
State Permits	-	-	-	4,000.00
Office Supplies	500.00	447.57	500.00	-
New Equipment-Misc. Tools	2,000.00	86.19	1,500.00	1,000.00
Safety Equipment	750.00	1,472.25	1,500.00	1,500.00
Fuel - Vehicles HW	30,000.00	23,082.48	20,000.00	20,000.00
Oil - Vehicles	2,000.00	1,520.12	2,200.00	3,500.00
HW Maint. Supplies-Vehicl	15,000.00	17,077.36	15,000.00	15,000.00
HW Tires - Vehicles	5,000.00	3,283.70	5,000.00	5,000.00
HW Outside Maint. - Vehic	9,000.00	8,346.40	9,000.00	10,000.00
HW Telephone	2,500.00	2,149.22	2,300.00	2,000.00
Ditching	-	-	1,000.00	-
Roadside Mower- Maint	5,800.00	5,800.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tree Removal/Planting	2,000.00	3,127.50	2,500.00	2,500.00
Guardrails	2,500.00	-	-	1,000.00
Street Sweeping	5,500.00	-	5,500.00	2,500.00
Signs & Posts	2,500.00	2,423.91	2,000.00	2,500.00
Line Painting	5,000.00	-	5,500.00	2,000.00
Paving Roads	10,000.00	190.96	25,000.00	25,000.00
Cold Patching	4,500.00	1,971.81	4,000.00	3,000.00
Culverts	3,500.00	50.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Gravel	32,000.00	42,189.48	35,000.00	55,000.00
Chloride	20,000.00	21,580.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
Road Salt	50,000.00	70,065.53	60,000.00	65,000.00
Winter Sand	35,000.00	24,172.60	35,000.00	35,000.00

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Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019
HW VLCT Insurance	14,000.00	13,031.55	-	-
HW Unemployment	1,950.00	816.22	-	-
Workers Comp	23,300.00	32,297.95	-	-
New Equip. Durable/Vehicl	-	266,495.00	-	-
Leased Equipment	66,010.00	64,925.68	66,010.00	66,010.00
Transfer Out	-	20,200.00	-	-
Grant Match	10,000.00	-	-	-
Capital Improvements	5,000.00	5,191.10	-	-
<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>771,035.00</b>	<b>1,013,839.41</b>	<b>755,910.00</b>	<b>797,510.00</b>
<b>Intergovernmental</b>				
VLCT Insurance	-	-	88,550.00	94,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	-	-	8,125.00	5,350.00
Worker's Comp Insurance	-	-	90,750.00	96,500.00
Insurance Deductible	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
County Tax	28,000.00	26,021.59	28,000.00	28,000.00
Rut. Regional Commission	925.00	925.00	925.00	925.00
Green-Up Day	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Public Transit	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
REDC	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Rut Nat Resources Conserv	250.00	-	250.00	-
Mosquito Control	33,303.00	33,305.00	33,900.00	33,900.00
<b>Total Intergovernmental</b>	<b>66,778.00</b>	<b>64,551.59</b>	<b>255,800.00</b>	<b>263,975.00</b>
<b>Recreation</b>				
Salaries/taxes/benefits	63,720.00	64,292.08	57,223.00	65,015.00
Travel & Expenses	300.00	514.11	300.00	500.00
Dues & Subscriptions	250.00	464.00	120.00	500.00
Advertising/Recruitment	3,836.00	4,291.62	4,000.00	5,000.00
Fuel	-	439.29	-	500.00
Registration Software	2,000.00	-	2,400.00	2,400.00
Rec Program Exp total	34,524.00	92,252.79	37,000.00	68,600.00
Office Supplies	200.00	31.12	-	-
Professional Supplies	150.00	260.27	-	-
Recreation Telephone	500.00	364.64	500.00	500.00
Parks Maintenance	500.00	74.96	1,500.00	1,500.00
Recreation Insurance	1,950.00	3,067.29	-	-
Recreation Unemployment	350.00	247.06	-	-
Recreation Workers comp	2,500.00	3,319.89	-	-
<b>Total Recreation</b>	<b>110,780.00</b>	<b>169,619.12</b>	<b>103,043.00</b>	<b>144,515.00</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>				
RT 7 Town Share -2006	204,350.00	204,331.00	202,000.00	189,000.00
Interest- Seg 6 project	-	-	-	20,000.00
PD Bond Payment	30,500.00	30,496.43	31,000.00	30,000.00
2016 Segment 6 Bond	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	66,500.00
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>254,850.00</b>	<b>234,827.43</b>	<b>253,000.00</b>	<b>305,500.00</b>
<b>Economic Development</b>				
Salaries/taxes/benefits	10,780.00	13,523.25	24,623.00	27,950.00

TOWN OF BRANDON Proposed Budget FY 2018 - 2019

Account	Budget FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	Budget FY - 2019
Travel & Expenses	500.00	490.13	500.00	500.00
Economic Development	7,000.00	6,067.82	8,000.00	8,000.00
Killington Valley	-	-	-	1,295.00
Hist. Preservation Comm.	-	-	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Economic Develop.</b>	<b>18,280.00</b>	<b>20,081.20</b>	<b>33,623.00</b>	<b>38,245.00</b>
Bldgs. & Grounds				
Salaries/taxes/benefits	14,570.00	22,563.56	19,250.00	10,925.00
License & Fees	300.00	589.75	300.00	-
Testing/Monitor Fee	5,000.00	9,018.00	6,000.00	3,500.00
Heating - Propane	7,500.00	4,002.12	15,000.00	10,000.00
Heating Fuel	17,000.00	8,482.35	17,000.00	10,000.00
Bldgs & Grounds Water Fee	900.00	1,478.94	1,900.00	2,000.00
Bldgs & Grounds Electric	56,000.00	78,024.33	52,000.00	72,500.00
Highway Bldg Maint	8,000.00	2,070.84	8,000.00	5,000.00
PD Bldg Maint.	25,000.00	885.83	3,000.00	8,000.00
Town Office	8,000.00	2,622.50	9,000.00	8,000.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Municipal Mowing	14,500.00	1,065.94	1,500.00	1,500.00
Recreation Field Maint.	5,500.00	-	4,000.00	-
Town Clock Maint.	500.00	-	500.00	-
Town Hall Repair/Maint.	20,000.00	7,366.63	20,000.00	15,000.00
Parks Maint.	10,000.00	751.04	6,000.00	-
Trash costs-Transfer Stat	2,500.00	10,869.20	2,000.00	6,000.00
Maint. Supplies Bldgs.	3,000.00	4,047.08	4,000.00	4,000.00
Generator Maint	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Bldg. & Grounds Insurance	15,697.00	15,952.06	-	-
Unemployment	-	65.34	-	-
Solid Waste Disposal	-	1,390.50	-	-
Capital Outlay B & G	-	155,667.81	-	-
<b>Total Bldgs. &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>214,967.00</b>	<b>326,913.82</b>	<b>172,950.00</b>	<b>159,925.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,946,710.00</b>	<b>3,264,357.65</b>	<b>2,999,986.00</b>	<b>3,138,185.00</b>

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dear Residents of Brandon, Goshen, Leicester, Pittsford, Sudbury and Whiting

As Otter Valley Unified completes its first merged year of service, we have focused our lens on the equity of opportunities for all students and fiscal sustainability. In our first year, we have a few highlights of our progress in both areas.

Beginning in the fall of 2017, Sudbury and Whiting merged to create a PreK - 6th grade program over 2 campuses. Whiting now serves grades Pre-K through second while Sudbury serves grades third through sixth. This change allowed for class sizes that are slightly larger with peer groups that are appropriate for every grade. In recent years, it was common to have four or five students in a grade level at each school; combining the grades across schools allows for a better peer group and class size. We can focus support at each setting based upon the grades served, such as early literacy at Whiting only. Using staff attrition and looking at opportunities, we were also able to move teachers from one building to another at their request and to share staff across buildings rather than reduce employment. This led to less turnover and greater staffing stability as we started to right size our district in the face of declining enrollment.

Our middle school model also has gotten a deep review this past year, bringing consistency to grades five and six across the district as students prepare for Otter Valley Union High School. Summer school programs also made changes for consistency and equity of opportunity. Neshobe partnered with the Brandon Town Rec to give students a more enriching, longer day program and Leicester did the same as it also opened its doors to children from Whiting and Sudbury. Lothrop continued its summer program and we served 95 students across the elementary schools this summer.

In district elementary school choice began in the fall of 2017. Twenty-three students chose a different elementary school in the district. The opportunity for choice helped families for a variety of reasons and met family needs and student learning styles.

RNESU spent this year updating the Compact into a current Mission and Vision as the administrative team set goals for the coming future. The goals include a focus on early literacy, with the introduction of SuperKids reading program in all kindergarten classrooms in the district. The goals also include ensuring all students get what they need to learn and all classroom instruction is of the highest quality.

This year RNESU says farewell and thank you to Kay Pelletier, Administrative Support for Special Education and Medicaid Clerk. Kay has been a mainstay for families and services for 25 years and we thank her for her service. Beth Ripley, currently of OVUHS, will replace Kay as of July, 2018.

Overall, we are pleased with the results of the first year in the new Otter Valley Unified Union School District and look forward to many more years of growth to come.

Sincerely, Jeanné Collins, RNESU Superintendent

### **RNESU Vision/Mission Statement** *(pending final approval)*

**VISION:** The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union empowers all students with the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to be successful and contributing members of a global society through the development of character, competence, creativity and community.

**MISSION:** By way of the resources invested by our communities, RNESU students will have the knowledge, skills and tools to be prepared for the next stage of their lives.

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## **RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As continues to be the case, this year has been a challenging budget year. We worked hard to produce a fair and comprehensive budget, holding costs down as much as possible. You, the voters, saw that work and passed the budget last March, for which we are grateful. Then, before the Legislature recessed in the spring, they voted to take more money from the education fund to pay the state's other expenses, underfunding OVUU and BUU. In addition, we were told that in order to keep the education fund solvent, taxes need to cover an anticipated 39 million dollars Governor Scott moved to the general fund. All this means that we had to find a way to cover this year's "state imposed budget shortfall", find our portion of the 39 million and absorb the planned 2 cent reduction in merger incentive. This would mean reducing the budget by about \$1,600,000 before we even looked at the needs of our students, staff, and buildings.





We were in contract negotiations with the paraprofessionals and bus drivers again this year and also with the teachers. We tried to be fair and equitable knowing that the taxpayers had limits that had been perhaps already approached. Fortunately, we were able to reach settlements for both. In each contract, both sides compromised.



We continue to struggle with declining enrollment and smaller class size numbers. Our goal continues to be to provide the very best quality of education that our young people need and deserve. We have required our superintendent, Jeanné Collins, to bring in a budget that does more with less. We have publicly discussed plans of reconfiguration of grades, eliminating positions, combining classes, repurposing buildings, and cutting costs in all of our facilities. We held two public forums and many open board meetings. We know that change causes angst. But change must happen if we are to continue to provide affordable quality education for all of our district's students.

Our ultimate goal is to provide the very best quality education for all students. We know that the communities and the students count on our board to guarantee high standards, quality education, multiple opportunities to learn, a high degree of safety, and highly qualified teachers and staff to educate our children and get them ready to be outstanding citizens. We work hard to achieve those goals.

We thank you for the confidence you place in us and the great opportunity you give us to serve all of our children. It is our hope that you will see that the budget we present to you will meet all the needs of our students at a cost we can afford.

Sincerely, Richard A. White, Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Board Chair

### OTTER VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Otter Valley Unified Union School District Board, comprised of representatives from the towns of Brandon, Goshen, Leicester, Pittsford, Sudbury and Whiting has had a busy year. The Board, organized into three committees: Student Achievement, Finance/Building and Grounds, and Policy and Advocacy, has focused on offering a rigorous academic program to our students while containing costs.



Our student population continues to decline. The small number of students in some of our schools make it difficult to offer cohesive, effective instruction. The Board charged the Superintendent to recommend a school configuration plan to address this challenge, while expanding educational opportunities for students where possible. At the same time, the Board directed the Superintendent to develop a budget that level funds spending. This was a difficult but necessary process. It is believed that our student population will continue to decline. To plan for this, the Board has decided to organize a committee to look at the long term needs of our communities and make recommendations to the Board for how to best meet the educational needs of our students.

In its first year, the Board adopted a school choice policy that is being used by 23 students. This policy gives parents the opportunity to choose a school that best fits their child's needs.



The budget for the operation of our schools will be explained in detail at the Otter Valley Unified Union School District annual meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Otter Valley Union High School. During budget development, it was necessary to make difficult reductions in order to reach a responsible level of spending. It is clear to the Board that our communities are in difficult fiscal times. The development of future budgets will require us to be ever more collaborative and creative as we strive to offer to all students the educational opportunities that will prepare them to be engaging and productive citizens.

We encourage all residents of our member towns to actively participate in the activities of the board. If you are unable to attend a meeting but have a question to ask, idea to share or concern to raise, please use the *Let's Talk* link on any school website.

Sincerely, Bonnie Bourne, Otter Valley Unified Union School Board Chair



## IN MEMORIAM

The Town of Brandon has lost several friends in 2017, and wishes to remember the following individuals who provided decades of public service to our community:

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Louis Phelps III (1943 - 2017)

A native Vermonter and U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, Louis took special care of Brandon's public spaces as he cleared sidewalks and mowed parks for the enjoyment of the community and visitors.

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Frank Mazza, Sr. (1927 - 2017)

A native Vermonter and U. S. Army veteran of World War II, Frank, in addition to service as director of residential care at the Brandon Training School, had chaired the Otter Valley school board and served Brandon as an elected Selectman.

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Phyllis Cioffi Reed (1958 - 2017)

A native Vermonter, Phyllis served Brandon as an elected auditor and as an appointed member of the Budget Committee, the Development Review Board, and the Independence Day Parade Committee.

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Gene Pagano (1945 - 2017)

An Otter Valley High School graduate in the class of 1963, Gene was a hard worker who served Brandon as a firefighter, on the rescue squad, on the Prudential Board of the Fire District, in the Brandon Rotary and Lions Club, and in developing Green Park in the center of town.

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Each of these citizens took time out of busy lives to be helpful to our town. We are grateful for their time, their talents, and their friendship.

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**Culvert Overflow Structure in Action, downtown Brandon, July 1, 2017**  
**Photo by Bill Moore**