

Annual Report of the Town of Topsham



**Gertrude Hodge
Civil Defense Coordinator**

**Year Ending
December 31, 2018**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Select Board Meeting:

Second & Fourth Mondays of each month: 7:00 PM at Town Office in East Topsham.

School Board Meeting:

Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at Waits River Valley School.

Lister Meeting: Listers meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday mornings – 9:00 to Noon and by appointment.

Call 439-9723 for appointment.

Town Office Hours: 6 Harts Road, PO Box 69, Topsham, VT. 05076

Phone 439-5505

Monday 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday - CLOSED

Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday by Appointment

Town Garage: 2 Schoolhouse Road, Topsham, VT 05076, Phone 439-5666

Town Transfer Station: 2 Lime Kiln Road, Topsham VT 05076

The Transfer Station is opened from 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM on Saturdays.

A transfer station permit is required and is available at the town clerk's office.

Effective September 1, 2015, each resident/tax payer is allowed one large bag (equals two 30 gallon bags) at no cost. Each additional 30 gallon bag costs \$2.00 per bag. Those with no permit will be charged \$5.00 per bag for all bags. Recycling and metal items are free.

Town Reports Needed to complete a set for binding 1884 - 1893

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DATE OF TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Topsham Town Hall**

Annual Report

of the

Officers

of the

Town

of

Topsham

Vermont

Chartered: August 17, 1763

Area: 30,400 Acres

Altitude: 1284 feet

2010 Census 1173

Organized: March 15, 1790

for the

Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2018

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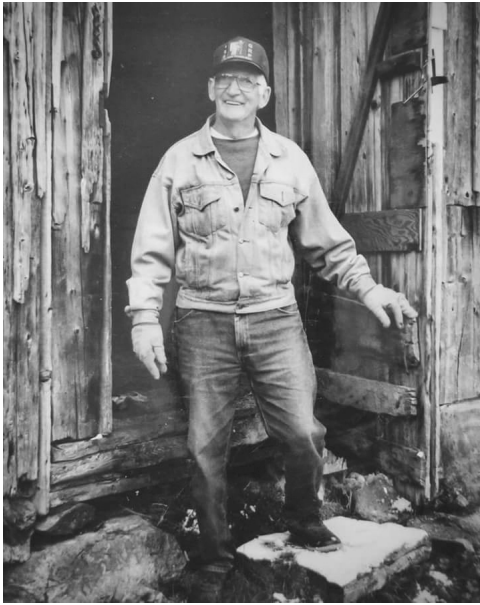
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Russell Batten
Fence Viewer
Budget Committee



Bernie Powers, Jr.
Tree Warden
Inspector of Lumber



Roland Peioxotto
President, Tri-Village Fire Department
Tri-Village Treasurer
Topsham & WRVS School Auditor
Town Citizen Award in 2005
Justice of the Peace

TOWN OFFICERS -2018

OFFICE	ELECTED OFFICIALS	TERM
Moderator:	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2019
Town Clerk:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2021
Select Board:	Carl Hildebrandt, W. Topsham	2019
	James Bulger, W. Topsham	2020
	Wendell Downing, Topsham	2020
	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2021
	Naomi Tilton, W. Topsham	2021
Listers:	David Trombley, Topsham	2019
	Patricia Plaisted, Topsham	2020
	Heidi Wright, W. Topsham	2021
Town Treasurer:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2021
School Directors of the Waits River Valley School:	Stacy Emerson, Topsham	2019
	Alison Bruce, Topsham	2020
	Suzanne Kingsbury, Topsham	2021
Auditors:	Elaine Smith, W. Topsham	2019
	Eva Downing, Topsham	2020
	Peter Poor, W. Topsham	2021
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Brooke Hayward-Miller, Topsham	2019
Town Agent:	Brooke Hayward-Miller, Topsham	2019
Town Grand Jurors:		
East Side:	Janice Emerson, Topsham	2019
West Side:	Georgiana Spooner, W. Topsham	2019
Justices Of The Peace:	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2021
	Amber Downing, Topsham	2021
	Janice Emerson, Topsham	2021
	Pearl Keene, Topsham	2021
	Peter Keene, Topsham	2021

TOWN OFFICERS – 2018 Continued:

OFFICE	APPOINTED OFFICIALS	TERM
Appointed by Town Clerk:		
Assistant Town Clerk	Polly Stryker, Topsham	2019
Appointed by Treasurer:		
Assistant Treasurer:	Polly Stryker, Topsham	2019
Appointed by Selectboard:		
Health Officer	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2021
Road Liaison	Brad Calhoun, Topsham	2019
Board of Directors/ VNAVTNH:	Nancy Frost, Topsham	2019
Fence Viewers:	Paul Hodge, Topsham	2019
	Thomas Flannigan, Topsham	2019
Animal Control Officer:	Michele Boyer, Orange	2019
Tree Warden:	Leonard Evans, Jr., Topsham	2019
Inspector of Lumber:	Leonard Evans, Jr., Topsham	2019
Energy Coordinator:	Maureen Hurley, Topsham	2019
Fire Warden:	William Appleton, W. Topsham	2019
Key Man:	Edgar Downing, Topsham	2019
Planning Comm.:	Polly Stryker, Topsham (Secretary)	2019
	Brooke Hayward-Miller, Topsham	2020
	Stephen Otterman, W. Topsham (Chair)	2020
	James Clark, W. Topsham	2021
	Carl (Joe) Maxwell, W. Topsham	2021
Flood Zoning Administrator:	James Bulger, W. Topsham	2019
VT Emergency Manager:	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2019

TOWN OFFICERS – 2018 Continued

OFFICE	APPOINTED OFFICIALS	TERM
Green-Up Chairman:	Naomi Tilton, W. Topsham	2019
Constable:	David Mott, Topsham	2019
911 Committee:	Yvette Tomlinson, W. Topsham	2019
	Nancy Frost, Topsham	2019
	Gary Tomlinson, W. Topsham	2019
	Board of Selectmen & Town Clerk	2019

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Game Warden: Mark Schichtle, Wells River, (802) 757-2121

Notaries Public: Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham
 Sonya Sweet, Topsham
 Polly Stryker, Topsham
 James Bulger, W. Topsham

Board of Civil Authority: Justices, Selectboard & Town Clerk

Board of Abatement: Justices, Select Board, Town Clerk /Treasurer, Listers

Your State & US Representatives

Topsham State Legislators:

Chip Conquest – House: 409 Bible Hill Road, Wells River, VT 05082
 (802) 757-3803 Email: cconquest@sover.net

Joseph Benning – Senate: PO Box 142, Lyndonville, VT 05851
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Jane Kitchel – Senate: P.O. Box 82, 81 Walden Hill Road, Danville, VT 05028
 (802) 684-3482 Email: Janek45@hotmail.com

Vermont US Delegation:

Rep. Peter Welch House of Representatives, Washington DC 20215
 (888) 605-7270 Email: www.welch@house.gov

Sen. Patrick Leahy US Senate, Washington DC 20215
 (800) 642-3193 email: senator_leahy@leahy.senate.gov

Sen. Bernard Sanders U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20215
 (800) 339-9834 email: www.sanders.senate.gov

OFFICIAL WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Topsham, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1.** To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2.** To see if the Town Report will be accepted and adopted.
- Article 3.** To elect a Selectperson for a term of three years.
- Article 4.** To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 5.** To elect a School Director for the Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) for a term of three years.
- Article 6.** To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
- Article 7.** To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 8.** To elect an Agent to deed land and to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town may be interested for a term of one year.
- Article 9.** To elect two Grand Jurors for a term of one year.
- Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to exempt the West Topsham Community Hall, in whole or in part, from taxes for a period of four years.
- Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to use the sum of \$5,492.00 from FY 2018 Town Operations surplus to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes for 2019.
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend unanticipated funds received during the year, such as grants and gifts, for the purposes for which they were intended.
- Article 13.** To authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.
- Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes collected by the Treasurer and fix the date, or dates, for payment of the same.
- Article 15.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to pay for expenses and indebtedness for the ensuing year.
- Article 16.** To see if the Town will appropriate sums of money, in addition to the sum approved in Article 15, for the following organizations which have filed requests set forth below:

Clara Martin Center	\$ 1,652.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	500.00
Northeast Ski Slopes	1,173.00
Orange County Diversion Program	125.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	4,000.00
Orange East Senior Center	2,200.00
Blake Memorial Library	2,346.00
Little Rivers Health Care	1,100.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	800.00
Safeline, Inc.	500.00
Stagecoach Transportation	850.00


Topsham Corinth Little League	500.00
OxBee Quilt Guild	200.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	500.00


TOTAL \$16,446.00


Article 17. To fill all other Town and Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) offices which may be vacant.


Article 18 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

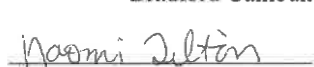
Dated at Topsham, in the County of Orange and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January, 2019.


James Bulger


Carl Hildebrandt


Wendell Downing


Bradford Calhoun


Naomi Tilton

SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM

Recorded before posting:
January 31, 2019
Cynthia Flannigan Town Clerk

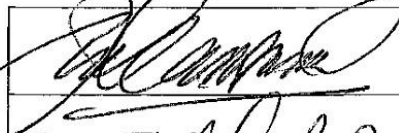

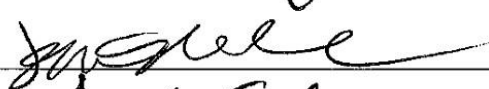

WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$825,073?

 NEWARK	
James P. Daulton	Elizabeth O. Dubois
Steve Ransom	Lita Keene
Kenneth Johnston	
Kevin Flanders	David Jones
Claude D. Phipps	
William D. L.	
Andrea Deneen	
Mrs. Dugle	
	
Jim Dagerre	
Michael Simonds	
Jack Sumner	
Gene A. Perkins	
Walter M. Melf	
Prudence Smith	

2018 EXECUTIVE REPORT

The NEKWMD finished 2018 by processing slightly less recycling compared to 2017 – approximately 2750 tons in 2018 compared to approximately 2975 tons in 2017. Significant drops in organics and cardboard were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including mixed paper, batteries, and tires saw increases in tonnage, while most other items saw tonnages that were flat or lower than last year. Recycling markets remained steady throughout most of 2018 and were generally average or slightly lower than average.

The District ended 2018 with a deficit of \$41,069.02. The District ended 2017 with a surplus of \$55,755.82. Revenues in 2018 were 11% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 16.3% above projections. The catastrophic failure of our baler on September 24, 2018 was the largest reason for the deficit. Not only did we have to pay to ship materials off-site, we lost revenue from the sale of those materials. We anticipate having a new baler by the end of February, 2019.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2018. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2019 with a proposed budget of \$825,073 – an increase of 8.5% compared to 2018. The vast majority of the increase is due to the addition of a \$41,000 baler payment over the next 5 years. The surcharge rate of \$24.25 will increase by \$0.50 for 2019. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.59.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and four part-time employees in 2018. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The nearly 50,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL as of 12/31/18	2019 PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$400.00	\$576.25	\$400.00
Audit -- Financial	\$7,595.00	\$7,595.00	\$7,595.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Cleaning	\$1,600.00	\$1,880.00	\$1,920.00
Copier	\$2,000.00	\$1,947.43	\$2,000.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$5,985.58	\$5,000.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$1,798.10	\$1,500.00
Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$16,000.00	\$12,134.00	\$15,000.00
Planning	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$1,312.50	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$3,000.00	\$2,634.67	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$13,897.22	\$3,600.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,200.00	\$3,190.17	\$3,000.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,100.00	\$967.68	\$1,100.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$50,595.00	\$54,453.60	\$47,715.00
Gross Wages	\$379,193.00	\$377,731.57	\$394,610.00
Overtime Wages-- Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$6,401.25	\$5,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$23,820.00	\$23,847.39	\$24,466.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,571.00	\$5,577.19	\$5,722.00
State Unemployment Insurance	\$13,500.00	\$3,451.29	\$5,000.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$19,990.00	\$20,201.46	\$21,010.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$34,000.00	\$58,466.00	\$55,000.00
Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$7,867.01	\$7,000.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$5,000.00	\$1,603.85	\$4,000.00
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Personnel Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$160.49	\$500.00
Training	\$1,500.00	\$866.31	\$1,500.00
Travel	\$100.00	\$49.43	\$100.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$496,174.00	\$506,723.24	\$524,408.00
BUILDING EXPENSES			
Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$8,450.00	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$9,800.00	\$7,864.08	\$9,000.00
Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,277.01	\$1,000.00
Misc. Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$43,801.25	\$1,000.00
Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,069.86	\$3,000.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$15,800.00	\$64,462.20	\$15,000.00

2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2018	2019 PROPOSED BUDGET
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Purchases	\$500.00	\$121.14	\$500.00
Baler Loan Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
Baler Repairs	\$6,000.00	\$4,720.52	\$1,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$10,928.71	\$8,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,200.00	\$2,623.14	\$2,200.00
Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$5,561.68	\$4,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$2,362.17	\$1,500.00
Skidsteer Fuel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$6,931.69	\$5,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$2,258.38	\$2,000.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$18,000.00	\$23,637.43	\$21,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$18,803.99	\$12,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$53,700.00	\$77,948.85	\$97,700.00
PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$1,150.85	\$1,000.00
Permits & Fees	\$450.00	\$333.60	\$450.00
Composting	\$22,000.00	\$21,567.00	\$20,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$3,000.00	\$8,852.83	\$3,000.00
Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$15,000.00	\$13,254.71	\$10,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$24,000.00	\$34,907.64	\$24,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$3,295.29	\$3,000.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$30,000.00	\$49,133.87	\$25,000.00
Special Collections	\$300.00	\$27.99	\$300.00
Supplies	\$500.00	\$464.31	\$500.00
Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$14,506.80	\$9,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$109,250.00	\$147,494.89	\$96,250.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$725,519.00	\$851,082.78	\$781,073.00
DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS			
Interest			
Principal			
TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION			
CAPITAL FUND			
Capital Improvement Fund	\$35,000.00	\$33,450.00	\$44,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$35,000.00	\$33,450.00	\$44,000.00
TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$760,519.00	\$884,532.78	\$825,073.00
Grants--St of VT	\$59,000.00	\$77,972.35	\$59,000.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$35,000.00	\$39,585.00	\$41,000.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care (CEG Fees)	\$3,200.00	\$6,375.20	\$3,500.00
Interest Income	\$25.00	\$11.20	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$46,632.08	\$500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$500.00	\$4,359.82	\$1,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$179,394.00	\$97,363.33	\$130,000.00
Compost Income	\$13,000.00	\$20,899.02	\$18,000.00
Electronics Income	\$22,000.00	\$24,222.42	\$15,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$10,000.00	\$31,017.45	\$25,000.00
Battery Income	\$3,750.00	\$6,432.00	\$8,000.00
Tire Income	\$9,000.00	\$12,756.70	\$12,000.00
Per Capita Assessment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,500.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$425,000.00	\$475,762.19	\$470,398.00
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$760,519.00	\$843,463.76	\$825,073.00

2018 TOPSHAM SOLID WASTE DISTRICT (NEKWMD) REPORT

The district processed less recycling than in 2017, 2750 tons vs 2975 tons. There was a drop in organics and cardboard but a few items showed some increase as in mixed paper, batteries and tires. Recycling markets remained steady throughout out most of 2018 and were generally average or slightly lower than average.

The district ended 2018 with a deficit of \$41,069.02. However in 2017 the year ended with a surplus of \$55,755.82. Revenues were 11% above projections, while budgeted expenses were 16.3% above. The catastrophic failure of the bailer on September 24th was the largest reason for the deficit. Not only did that require that we ship materials off site we lost revenue from the sale of those materials. The new bailer should be installed and operational by the end of February 2019.

We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population is third behind Chittenden and Central Vermont districts.

The district is entering the year with a budget of \$825,073 an increase of 8.5% compared to 2018. The vast majority of the increase is due to the payment of \$41,000 over the next five years for the new bailer. The surcharge rate of \$24.50/ton will increase by \$.50 for 2019. The surcharge on trash remains below that State average of \$26.50/ton.

There is a full time staff of nine and four part-timers.

Since the surcharge is based upon the amount of trash, we can all benefit by increasing recycling efforts. Cost can decrease by decreasing the amount of trash and increasing the amount of recycling so we do have a direct impact on the cost of our trash management system.

We express our appreciation to the staff and their continuing commitment to our mission. The nearly 50,000 residents and 49 towns of the Northeast Kingdom can be assured the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

Peter Keene, Supervisor, Topsham, Vermont



TOPSHAM TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE

Hours of Operation Saturday

7:30 to 12:30

Customers are Permitted for the following:

1-Contractor or 2 - 30 gal. or 4- 13 gal. bags free per week

Each additional bag will be a standard bag price of \$2.00 per bag

Above prices only valid for residents with a town pass, \$5.00 per bag if you do not hold a town pass

Payment Form: Cash or Check

Trash

15 Gallon Bag	up to 4 - free
30 Gallon Bag	up to 2 - free
45 Gallon Bag	up to 1 - free
Anything over	2.00 per bag
No town pass	5.00 per bag

By The Yard

Construction per yard	\$48.00/Yard
Shingles/sheetrock per yd	\$81.00/Yard
Oil per Gallon	Not Accepted
Oil Filter per each (must be Punched)	Not Accepted
Antifreeze per Gallon	Not Accepted

Recycling Prices Residential Only

30 Gallon Bag	No Charge
OCC per Yard	No Charge

Recycling Prices Commercial

30 Gallon Bag	
OCC per Yard	\$5.00 Per Yard

Yard Waste

Per yard	\$50.00 Per Yard
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Clean Wood

Per Yard	\$50.00 Per Yard
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Appliances

No Charge

Mattresses

Twin	20.00
Full	25.00
Queen	30.00
King	35.00

Furniture

Sofa	30.00
Sleeper Sofa	40.00
Recliner	30.00
Over stuff chair	15.00
Carpet 10x12	30.00
Carpet 10x12 w/ pad	40.00
Toilet	10.25

Electronics

Any registered e-cycle facility

Clothing

Not Accepted

2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 4	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Danville Stump Dump
SATURDAY, MAY 11	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Guildhall Town Hall
SATURDAY, MAY 18	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Albany Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 25	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Bloomfield Town Clerks
SATURDAY, JUNE 1	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 8	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Westmore Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Westfield Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 6	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Holland Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JULY 27	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Newbury Town Garage
SATURDAY, SEPT. 21	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 1, 2019 to October 4, 2019. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that **may** be:

Toxic- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

Corrosive- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

Reactive- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY 802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or www.nekwmd.org

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Acceptable HHW Materials

AR WAXES AND CLEANERS

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, MI-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- ALKALINE BATTERIES *

GARDEN SUPPLIES

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE • BRAKE FLUID * • CORROSIVES

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS *
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE
- LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES *
- LIGHTER FLUID
- OIL-BASED PAINT
- LATEX-BASED PAINT
- PAINT THINNER
- PROPANE CYLINDERS
- SEALANTS
- STAINS/STRIPPERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- TRANSMISSION FLUID *
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS *

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

ASBESTOS
EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
FLARES
INFECTIOUS WASTE
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
EMPTY CONTAINERS

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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET		
2 YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2018		
	Year Ending 12/31/17	Year Ending 12/31/18
Regular Checking	\$1,060,100.01	\$854,836.95
Petty Cash	\$50.00	\$50.00
Cemetery Money Market Account	\$29,436.12	\$29,480.29
Cash Assets Subtotal	\$1,089,586.13	\$884,367.24
CD Investment/Surplus Funds	\$85,928.01	\$93,503.93
Reappraisal Fund CD	\$107,504.80	\$115,499.67
Cemetery Fidelity Investment Fund	\$39,840.44	\$37,594.11
Town Cemetery Fund CD	\$24,959.33	\$28,123.55
James M. & Alice Hood Mem.	\$111,227.62	\$104,271.02
Highway Building Fund CD		\$135,203.61
Subtotal	\$369,460.20	\$514,195.89
TOTAL	\$1,459,046.33	\$1,398,563.13
Balance as of January 1	\$1,420,069.81	\$1,459,046.33
Income	\$2,257,056.70	\$2,452,274.40
Expenses	\$2,218,080.18	\$2,512,757.60
Calculated Balance	\$1,459,046.33	\$1,398,563.13
Special Funds		
Surplus Fund CD	\$85,928.01	\$93,503.93
Reappraisal Fund	\$107,504.80	\$115,499.67
Tax Mapping Fund	\$0.00	
Town History Fund	\$5,251.34	\$5,671.34
James M. & Alice Hood Mem.	\$111,227.62	\$104,271.02
Record Digitizing	\$14,332.00	\$16,091.30
Record Preservation	\$8,437.21	\$9,325.21
State Funded Listers Training Fund	\$0.00	
Hall Fund	\$900.00	\$900.00
Highway Equipment Fund	\$148,362.73	\$86,759.80
Highway Fund	\$64,131.99	\$64,131.99
Highway Building Fund	\$111,431.11	\$135,203.61
Cemetery Fidelity Investment Fund	\$39,840.44	\$37,594.11
Town Cemetery Fund	\$24,959.33	\$28,123.55
Cemetery Fence Fund	\$2,300.50	\$3,564.50
Special Funds' Total	\$724,607.08	\$700,640.03
Liabilities		
FEMA Money Flood Damage	\$12,149.23	\$12,149.23
Kenworth Truck Lease	\$93,727.08	\$62,484.72
Kenworth Truck Lease	\$85,531.71	\$57,021.14
School	\$242,763.08	\$250,868.55
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$0.00	\$535.95
Life & Disability Insurance Owed	\$27.12	\$27.20
Funds Carried Forward:		
General Funds Carried Forward	\$25,300.00	\$19,000.00
Hwy Funds Carried Forward	\$78,300.00	\$46,000.00
Cemetery Funds Carried Forward		\$2,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$537,798.22	\$450,586.79
Special Funds & Liability Totals	\$1,262,405.30	\$1,151,226.82
Cash Assets Less Liabilities	\$196,641.03	\$247,336.31

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 2018			
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS			
General Accounts Income	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
Monies Carried Forward	\$25,300.00		\$19,000.00
Property Taxes		\$64,253.88	
Late HS-122 Town Penalty		\$180.00	
School Property Tax		\$1,254,342.74	
Delinquent Taxes		\$156,004.00	
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$9,500.00	\$9,016.82	\$9,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalties		\$12,550.80	
Delinquent Tax Other Fees		\$288.48	
Tax Sale Redemptions		\$8,674.92	
Tax Related Total	\$34,800.00	\$1,505,311.64	\$28,000.00
State of Vermont			
Property Tax	\$12,000.00	\$12,383.35	\$12,300.00
Land Use	\$77,000.00	\$73,655.32	\$77,000.00
Act 60 Reappraisal Fund		\$7,287.50	
Listers Training			
Act 60 Equalized Ed.	\$800.00	\$855.00	\$800.00
Pilot Payments	\$500.00	\$528.00	\$500.00
Late HS-122 Education Penalty		\$979.62	
Total State of Vermont	\$90,300.00	\$95,688.79	\$90,600.00
General Revenues			
Clerk Office Fees	\$8,500.00	\$9,939.05	\$8,500.00
Liquor Licenses		\$140.00	
Interest	\$800.00	\$1,526.65	\$1,000.00
Interest Special Accounts		\$979.29	
Town Hall Rental & Donations		\$200.00	
Pound/Dog License Fees	\$1,500.00	\$1,595.00	\$1,500.00
Grant Money			
Town History Books		\$420.00	
Shipping & Handling		\$17.60	
Record Digitizing		\$1,776.00	
Record Preservation		\$888.00	
Cemetery Fund Dividend		\$620.64	
Cemetery Fund Capital Gains		-\$2,246.33	
Hood Fund Capital Gains		-\$6,956.60	
Insurance Refund			
State Dog Licenses Fee		\$1,586.00	
State Civil Marriage Licenses Fee		\$700.00	
Life & Disability Insurance		\$1,190.88	
Motor Vehicle Registration		\$687.00	
Town-Purchased Tax Sale Redemption		\$1,339.50	
WRVS School Reconciliation Payment		\$10,687.73	
Metal Dumpster		\$546.45	
Tire Disposal Fee Collected			

Civil & Municipal Fines		\$615.00		
Misc Revenue (Church Well Maine.)		\$50.00		
Delinquent Tax Over-payments		\$7.81		
Clothing, Poster, & Note Sales & Vet DVD		\$134.50		
Misc. Rev. Rebates				
General Revenue Total	\$10,800.00	\$26,444.17	\$11,000.00	
Total General Income	\$135,900.00	\$1,627,444.60	\$129,600.00	
General Expenses	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019	
Payroll				
Selectboard	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	
Administrative Asst.	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Treasurer	\$22,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$22,750.00	
Town Clerk	\$22,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$22,750.00	
Office Assistants	\$1,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Custodian	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Listers	\$11,000.00	\$9,192.00	\$11,000.00	
Delinquent Tax Collector		\$11,706.35		
Auditors	\$2,000.00	\$1,012.00	\$2,000.00	
Transfer Station Monitor	\$2,000.00	\$1,779.25	\$2,000.00	
Animal Control Officer	\$700.00		\$700.00	
Constable	\$500.00		\$200.00	
Election Official	\$1,000.00	\$902.00		
FICA	\$6,600.00	\$6,210.79	\$6,500.00	
Health Insurance	\$15,800.00	\$14,457.30	\$15,900.00	
Total Payroll	\$96,700.00	\$102,359.69	\$95,900.00	
Town Office				
Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,754.22	\$2,000.00	
Delinquent Tax Coll. Supplies		\$308.50	Pd. Del.Tax Coll.	
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,004.83	\$2,200.00	
Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$721.03	\$2,000.00	
Computer Software	\$500.00	\$716.50	\$700.00	
Training	\$1,000.00	\$484.00	\$900.00	
Listers Training	\$800.00	\$790.00	\$800.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$500.00	\$196.70	\$500.00	
Election Costs	\$1,000.00	\$119.28	\$200.00	
Telephone/DSL	\$1,600.00	\$1,465.69	\$1,600.00	
Listers' Phone	\$500.00	\$472.48	\$500.00	
Heat	\$3,500.00	\$3,378.77	\$4,000.00	
Electricity	\$1,500.00	\$1,332.93	\$1,500.00	
Motor Vehicle Registration		\$687.00		
State Dog License Fee		\$1,586.00		
State Civil Marriage Fee		\$700.00		
Total Town Office Expenses	\$16,900.00	\$16,717.93	\$16,900.00	
General Expenditures				
Printing & Advertising	\$2,500.00	\$2,080.37	\$2,500.00	

Animal Control	\$600.00	\$186.07	\$600.00	
Dues	\$4,200.00	\$4,183.00	\$4,300.00	
Selectboard Appropriation	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Professional Fees				
Legal Fees	\$3,900.00		\$3,900.00	
Software Support	\$3,000.00	\$2,878.10	\$3,000.00	
Insurance	\$33,000.00	\$32,208.00	\$35,000.00	
Insurance - Disability & Life		\$1,190.80		*
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$149.80	\$10,000.00	
County Taxes	\$23,000.00	\$23,425.79	\$24,000.00	
Tax Mapping	\$2,000.00	\$1,625.00	\$2,000.00	
Reappraisal				
* Paid for by Employees				
General Expenses	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019	
Tax Sale Cost				
Tax Sale Purchase by Town				
Safe Deposit Box	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$75.00	
Records Preservation				
Records Digitizing		\$16.70		
Clothing Printing Costs				
Flea Market Space Fee				
Memorial Day and Picnic	\$1,750.00	\$1,591.28	\$1,750.00	
Land Purchase Deposit				
Tax Sale Redemptions		\$10,173.59		
Total General Expenses	\$84,225.00	\$79,988.50	\$87,325.00	
Solid Waste				
Rubbish Removal Contract	\$74,000.00	\$73,781.00	\$80,000.00	
Transfer Station Costs		\$2.20		
Transfer Station Lease	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	
Solid Waste District Dues			\$1,100.00	
Tire Disposal	\$200.00		\$100.00	
Total Solid Waste	\$76,400.00	\$75,983.20	\$83,400.00	
Fire & Rescue				
Ambulance Contract	\$51,650.00	\$53,594.37	\$55,250.00	
Tri-Village Fire Dept.	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	
CTERT	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00		
Total Fire & Rescue	\$85,650.00	\$87,594.37	\$83,250.00	
Cemetery				
Dividend Transfer		\$620.64		
Total Cemetery	\$0.00	\$620.64		
Total General Fund Expenses	\$359,875.00	\$363,264.33	\$366,775.00	
General Income-Expenses	-\$223,975.00	\$1,264,180.27	-\$237,175.00	
Outside Voted Appropriations				

Blake Memorial Library		\$2,346.00		
Capstone Community Action		\$300.00		
Clara Martin Center		\$1,652.00		
CVT. Council on Aging		\$500.00		
Northeast Ski Slope		\$1,173.00		
Orange County Div. Prog.		\$125.00		
Orange East Senior Ctr.		\$2,200.00		
Safeline		\$500.00		
Little Rivers Health Care		\$1,100.00		
Oxbow Senior Independence		\$800.00		
Visiting Nurses Assoc. of VT & NH		\$4,000.00		
Stagecoach Transportation		\$850.00		
Topsham/Corinth Little League		\$500.00		
OxBee Quilt		\$200.00		
Orange County Parent Child Ctr.		\$500.00		
Total Appropriations	\$0.00	\$16,746.00	\$0.00	
School Payments		\$1,246,237.27		
Total Expenditures	\$359,875.00	\$1,626,247.60	\$366,775.00	
General Fund Income-Expenditures	-\$223,975.00	\$1,197.00	-\$237,175.00	
TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS				
	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019	
Highway Revenues				
Monies Carried Forward	\$78,300.00		\$46,000.00	
Property Taxes		\$498,125.00		
HWY State Aid	\$126,000.00	\$125,993.42	\$126,000.00	
Paving Grant Money		\$151,308.94		
Grant Money	\$12,000.00	\$18,700.00	\$52,000.00	
Equipment Fund Transfer				
Highway Fund				
MacDonald Fund Monies		\$8,772.50		*
Misc (Reimbused costs from Fire Dept.				
Misc (Insurance Claim Payment)				
Sale of Equipment				
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	\$216,300.00	\$802,899.86	\$224,000.00	
* Added to Equipment Fund				
Highway Payroll Expenses				
Regular Employees	\$135,000.00	\$134,295.80	\$140,000.00	
Temporary Employees				
FICA	\$10,325.00	\$10,273.75	\$10,700.00	
Health Insurance	\$39,450.00	\$36,143.25	\$39,850.00	
TOTAL HIGHWAY PAYROLL	\$184,775.00	\$180,712.80	\$190,550.00	

Town Garage Expenses				
Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,180.48	\$1,200.00	
Training	\$400.00		\$400.00	
Mileage	\$500.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	
Telephone	\$650.00	\$642.80	\$650.00	
Heat	\$4,000.00	\$3,300.18	\$4,000.00	
Electricity	\$2,000.00	\$1,819.23	\$2,200.00	
Porta-Potty	\$1,500.00	\$1,315.00	\$1,500.00	
Garage Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$538.76	\$2,000.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$633.44	\$1,000.00	
Building Construction	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	
Land Purchase				
Garage Site Development				
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE EXPENSES	\$28,250.00	\$9,579.89	\$28,250.00	
General Highway Expenses				
Fuel	\$35,000.00	\$41,743.22	\$45,000.00	
Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$6,453.53	\$5,000.00	
Advertising	\$200.00		\$200.00	
Radio Contract	\$1,000.00	\$825.00	\$1,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$17,913.14	\$15,000.00	
Equipment Repairs	\$20,000.00	\$40,817.17	\$20,000.00	
Accident Repair Costs				
Equipment	\$78,000.00	\$139,602.93	\$78,000.00	
Highway Equipment Fund				
Engineering Costs	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	
Uniforms	\$3,500.00	\$3,606.98	\$4,000.00	
VT Vehicle Registration		\$47.00		
Misc. Expense (Bever trapping)	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$200.00	
Permits		\$240.00	\$2,500.00	
TOTAL GENERAL HGWAY EXPENSES	\$157,900.00	\$251,323.97	\$175,900.00	
Road Maintenance	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019	
Hired Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$6,210.00	\$10,000.00	
Gravel	\$5,000.00	\$6,283.55	\$5,000.00	
Sta-PAC	\$42,000.00	\$41,197.92	\$42,000.00	
Salt	\$28,000.00	\$33,628.01	\$34,000.00	
Sand	\$25,000.00	\$27,968.90	\$40,000.00	
Paving	\$151,500.00	\$281,124.15	\$121,000.00	
Chloride	\$20,000.00	\$18,137.80	\$20,000.00	
Cold Patch	\$1,000.00	\$371.84	\$500.00	
Stone	\$7,500.00	\$5,496.52	\$7,500.00	
Erosion Control	\$2,500.00	\$115.60	\$2,500.00	
Culverts	\$5,000.00	\$3,676.00	\$5,000.00	
Road Signs	\$1,000.00	\$1,479.75	\$1,000.00	
Guard Rails	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	
Bridge Repairs	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	
July Flood Damage Costs				

Wiley Hill Ditching Grant Expenditures	\$25,000.00	\$5,460.00	\$25,000.00
Total Road Maintenance	\$343,500.00	\$431,150.04	\$328,500.00
Total Hwy. Expenditures	\$714,425.00	\$872,766.70	\$723,200.00
HIGHWAY INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$498,125.00	-\$69,866.84	-\$499,200.00
Cemetery Revenues	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
Monies Carried Forward			\$2,500.00
Property Taxes		\$18,675.00	
Sale of Lots		\$3,000.00	
Interest		\$208.39	
Dividends		\$46.55	
Grant Money			
Gift			
Total Cemetery Revenues	\$0.00	\$21,929.94	\$2,500.00
Cemetery Expenses			
Active Cemetery Maintenance	\$7,800.00	\$2,845.00	\$7,800.00
Waits River Cemetery Fence		\$5,625.00	
Old Cemetery Maintenance	\$7,350.00	\$2,110.00	\$7,350.00
Development Costs: Cornerstones/Plot Map	\$3,000.00	\$2,671.00	\$3,000.00
Dues	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Flags	\$500.00	\$467.30	\$525.00
Total Cemetery Expenses	\$18,675.00	\$13,743.30	\$18,700.00
CEMETERY REVENUES/EXPENSES	-\$18,675.00	\$8,186.64	-\$16,200.00
Total Income	\$352,200.00	\$2,452,274.40	\$356,100.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,092,975.00	\$2,512,757.60	\$1,108,675.00
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-\$740,775.00	-\$60,483.20	-\$752,575.00



OTHER ACCOUNTS	Surplus	Reappraisal	HOOD
	Fund	Account	Fund **
Beginning Balance January 1, 2018	\$85,928.01	\$107,504.80	\$111,227.62
Income			
Interest	\$271.92	\$707.37	
Dividends			
Capital Gains			-\$6,956.60
General Fund Surplus	\$7,304.00		
Act 60 Reappraisal Monies		\$7,287.50	
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,575.92	\$7,994.87	-\$6,956.60
Balance December 31, 2018	\$93,503.93	\$115,499.67	\$104,271.02
CEMETERY ACCOUNTS	CEMETERY	WELCH ROAD	
	FIDELITY FUND	CEMETERY CD	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2018	\$39,840.44	\$24,959.33	
Interest		\$164.22	
Dividends	\$620.64		
Capital Gains	-\$2,246.33		
Sale of Lots (2018)	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME	-\$1,625.69	\$3,164.22	
Expense			
Distributions			
West Topsham Cemetery Assn. - 24.1%	\$149.57		
Topsham (Waits River Cemetery) - 7.50%	\$46.55		
East Topsham Cemetery Assn. - 68.40%	\$424.52		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$620.64	\$0.00	
Balance December 31, 2018	\$37,594.11	\$28,123.55	
** - Only earnings from the funds can be expended by the voters			
(Original amount of \$63,479.70 must be maintained)			

Town Property and Equipment 2018

Item	Model	Purch. Date	Purch. Price	Balance Due 12/31/2018
Truck	2015 Kenworth	2/8/2016	\$191,049.00	\$62,484.72
Truck with Plow	2014 Kenworth	6/16/2016	\$143,235.00	\$57,021.14
Truck	1972 AM General	9/1/2011	\$500.00	
Truck	1999 F-350	12/0/2013	\$10,000.00	
Truck	2013 Freightliner	10/22/2018	\$79,850.00	
Plow	Viking	12/17/2018	\$7,550.00	
Plow for F-350		10/3/2015	\$1,000.00	
Plow		3/20/2014	\$7,425.00	
Wing		12/8/2014	\$2,914.67	
Backhoe/Loader	2011 Caterpillar 420E	9/26/2011	\$89,000.00	
Grader	John Deere 672 D	7/22/2007	\$205,750.00	
Front End Loader	1985 Case	7/1/2010	\$1,700.00	
Front End Loader	1985 Case	7/1/2010	\$1,700.00	
Front End Loader	1984 Case	6/0/2013	\$1,865.00	
Road Smoothing Rake	York	5/1/2008	\$5,600.00	
Cargo Trailer	1968 3/4 ton	10/1/2010	\$100.00	
Town Hall, Office, and Garage				
NEMRC Computer Software	Grand List	1999	\$2,000.00	
	Animal Licensing	1999		
	Payroll	2005	\$1,795.00	
	Cash Receipts	2005	\$1,795.00	
	General Ledger	2007	\$1,795.00	
	Account Payable	2008	\$1,795.00	
	Captap II CAMA	2006	\$2,320.00	
	Marriage Software	3/14/2011	\$300.00	
Mapping Software		2009	\$1,262.00	
Laminator	Tahsin	5/23/2011	\$399.95	
Laser printer/FAX/Scanner	HP 1536	10/28/2013	\$319.99	
HP Office Jet Pro - Listers' Office	K 8600	2009	\$199.50	
Computer	Dell	2003	\$1,664.00	
Laptop Computer - State Grant	Acer	2006	\$1,901.00	
Computer	Acer	6/0/2005	\$1,645.00	
Computer - Listers' Office	Acer	11/0/2012	\$1,393.00	
Computer	Acer	1/14/2013	\$1,074.00	
Copy Machine	Canon	7/29/2014	\$3,652.00	
Laptop Computer - Listers' Office	HP Pavilion DV 5	9/0/2009	\$1,197.93	
Laptop Computer - Auditors	HP Pavilion	2/8/2016	\$549.99	
Computer	Lenovo	11/14/2016	\$399.99	
Computer Monitor	HP	12/31/2016	\$79.99	
Digital Camera	Kodak # M 863	8/0/2008	\$113.00	
Digital Camera	onn	9/12/2018	\$28.77	
FAX Machine	HP 1050	11/1/2008	\$120.00	
Vacuum	Eureka	12/31/2016	\$113.99	
Land for Cemetery	3 Acres	2/1/2006	\$4,000.00	
Land on US 302 - Deed from Agency of Transportation	1 Acre	7/1/2006	\$0.00	
Land on Powder Spring Road (Topsham Plating Site)	1/2 Acre	3/7/2007	\$1,070.19	
Land on Ben Dexter Road	11 Acres	3/6/2017	\$44,433.16	

	WAGE REPORT 2018		
		ANNUAL WAGE	BUDGET
<u>TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/ASSISTANTS</u>			
	Cynthia Flannigan (Clerk/Treas.)	\$27,000.00	
	Polly Stryker (Assistant)	\$19,500.00	
	TOTAL	\$46,500.00	\$46,500.00
<u>CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE</u>			
	Polly Stryker	\$600.00	
	TOTAL	\$600.00	\$600.00
<u>SELECTBOARD</u>			
	James Bulger	\$1,500.00	
	Bradford Calhoun	\$1,500.00	
	Wendell Downing	\$1,500.00	
	Naomi Tilton	\$1,500.00	
	Carl Hildebrandt	\$1,500.00	
	TOTAL	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</u>			
	Janice Emerson	\$2,500.00	
	TOTAL	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
<u>AUDITORS</u>			
	Amber Downing	\$198.00	
	Eva Downing	\$225.50	
	Elaine Smith	\$588.50	
	TOTAL	\$1,012.00	\$2,000.00
<u>LISTERS</u>			
	Grant A. Gibby	\$222.00	
	Heidi Wright	\$1,776.00	
	Patricia Plaisted	\$4,770.00	
	David John H. Trombley	\$2,556.00	
	TOTAL	\$9,324.00	\$11,000.00
<u>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</u>			
	Brooke Hayward (Tax Penalty)	\$11,706.35	
	TOTAL	\$11,706.35	
<u>HIGHWAY</u>			
	Peter L. Arnold	\$48,022.71	
	Tony Davidson	\$40,420.70	
	Jeffery J. Smith	\$45,852.39	
	TOTAL	\$134,295.80	\$135,000.00
<u>TRANSFER STATION MONITOR</u>			
	Roger Vance	\$1,779.25	
	TOTAL	\$1,779.25	\$2,000.00
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</u>			
	Michele Boyer	\$0.00	
	TOTAL	\$0.00	\$700.00
<u>CONSTABLE</u>			
	David Mott	\$0.00	
	TOTAL		\$500.00
<u>ELECTION WORKERS</u>			
	Janice Emerson	\$16.50	
	Elaine Smith	\$99.00	
	Polly Stryker	\$148.50	
	TOTAL	\$264.00	\$1,000.00
	GRAND TOTAL	215,481.40	

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2018 (No Employee Wages Included)			
VENDOR	AMOUNT		DESCRIPTION
ACTION TOWING SERVICE	\$2,100.00		TOWING
AFLAC	\$1,190.80		INSURANCE WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES
AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$170.75		COMPRESSED OXYGEN CYLINDER
ALL STATES ASPHALT INC.	\$18,847.46		CHLORIDE
AMERICAN ROCK SALT	\$13,730.57		ROCK SALT
APEX SOFTWARE	\$215.00		SOFTWARE FOR LISTERS
APPLETON, WILLIAM	\$260.58		PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
ARNOLD, PETER	\$35.62		REIMBURSEMENT
BEAR MOUNTAIN BRUSHHOGGIN	\$710.00		BRUSHHOGGIN
BELKNAP, KAREN	\$126.50		PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
BK'S COMPUTING	\$187.50		COMPUTER SUPPORT & SOFTWARE
BK'S ELECTRIC, LLC	\$2,337.33		ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
BLACKMOUNT EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$12.25		EQUIPMENT REPAIR
BLAIR, MICHAEL	\$144.08		PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
BLAKTOP, INC.	\$371.84		COLDPATCH
BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	\$2,346.00		VOTED APPROPRIATION
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$50,600.55		HEALTH INSURANCE
BOYER, MICHELE	\$14.00		ANIMAL CONTROL COST REIMBURSEMENT/MILEAGE
BOUDREAU TIRE SERVICE OF VT.	\$478.48		TIRE REPAIRS
BREKUS, THOMAS & CARLEY MCKEE	\$180.04		PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
BROUSSEAU, DIANE	\$109.45		PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
BUILTWEELL FENCING	\$5,625.00		WAITS RIVER CEMETERY FENCE
BULGER, JAMES & DONNA	\$512.10		PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
C & A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$4,955.00		CEMETERY MOWING
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA	\$572.82		COPIER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
CAPITOL STEEL & SUPPLY CO.	\$350.00		STEEL FOR HIGHWAY REPAIR
CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION	\$300.00		VOTED APPROPRIATION
CARGILL, INC	\$15,340.00		SALT
CARROLL CONCRETE	\$240.00		CONCRETE BLOCKS
CASELLA WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$73,781.00		RUBBISH REMOVAL
CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNICATIONS	\$105.00		HIGHWAY PAGER SERVICE
CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00		VOTED APPROPRIATION
CHIEF CRUSHING AND EXCAVATION	\$22,548.56		SAND SCREENING/STA-PAC MATERIAL
CHARLEBOIS INC.	\$279.80		HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
CLARA MARTIN CENTER	\$1,652.00		VOTED APPROPRIATION
COMMUNITY BANK, N.A.,	\$80.00		SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX RENT
COPIES & MORE	\$2,080.37		PRINTING TOWN REPORT
CORRLOGIC REAL STATE TAX	\$918.72		PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
COUNTY OF ORANGE	\$23,425.79		COUNTY TAX
CTERT	\$6,000.00		FAST SQUAD VOTED APPROPRIATION
DARLING, GARY & LORRAINE	\$1,125.73		PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
DBA B & T EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$1,250.00		HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
DAVE'S STARTER & ALTERNATOR	\$120.00		HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
DAVIDSON, DURAND (RANDY)	\$1,105.00		HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
DUBOIS CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$4,557.44		SALT
EASTERN SALES, INC.	\$231.03		OFFICE SUPPLIES
EAST CORINTH GENERAL STORE	\$57.02		FUEL
EAST CORINTH POSTMASTER	\$861.93		POSTAGE
EAST TOPSHAM CEMETERY ASSOC.	\$424.52		FIDELITY FUND DIVIDENDS
ELITE AUTO GLASS	\$340.00		HIGHWAY REPAIRS
EMERSON, BARRY AND KRISTEN	\$645.26		PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
EVERETT J. PRESCOTT INC.	\$3,676.00		CULVERTS
E-Z STEEL & FABRICATION	\$121.00		STEEL FOR HIGHWAY REPAIR

VENDDOR DISBURSEMENTS 2018		Continued:
FAIRFIELD, HOWARD P..	\$1,317.42	HIGHWAY
FLANNIGAN, CYNTHIA	\$280.75	MEMORIAL DAY & TOWN PICNIC SUPPLIES
FLANNIGAN, THOMAS BUILDER	\$262.50	WELCH ROAD CEMETERY CORNERSTONE INSTALLATION
FMS AUTO PARTS, LLC (NAPA)	\$9,742.05	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
FORMULA FORD	\$2,959.92	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
FOSTER, SUE M.	\$18.75	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
FREIGHTLINER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.	\$83,408.34	PURCHASE OF TRUCK
GOOD-WAY DOCUMENT SERVICE	\$19.20	RECORD PRESERVATION
GRAMPS COUNTRY STORE	\$697.26	FUEL
GREEN UP VERMONT	\$100.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
HALL, CHRISTOPHER & BARBARA	\$167.20	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
HART, PATRICIA	\$198.00	BALLOT CLERK
HAYWARD-MILLER, BROOKE	\$2,200.00	TRANSFER STATION LEASE
IDS	\$172.07	DOG TAGS
IRVING ENERGY	\$47,689.07	FUEL
JARVIS, TONYA	\$209.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
K & R PORTABLE RESTROOM	\$1,470.00	PORTA POTTY FOR TOWN GARAGE
KOFILE PRESERVATION INC	\$412.18	OFFICE SUPPLIES
LAROCHE, TOWING & RECOVERY	\$1,860.00	HIGHWAY TOWING
LIMLAW, MURDO	\$4,350.00	ROADSIDE MOWING
LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE	\$1,100.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
LOWELL McLEODS, INC.	\$3,859.76	TRUCK REPAIRS
MAGOUN, MARTIN	\$119.95	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
MARTIN'S QUARRY	\$965.23	HWY ROAD MATERIAL
MCCULLOUGH CRUSHING, INC.	\$48,533.45	HIGHWAY ROAD MATERIAL
MONTPELIER STOVE & FLAG WORKS	\$507.20	FLAGS
MONTY'S AUTO REPAIR, INC.	\$97.00	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
MUSTY, BRIAN & KATHLEEN	\$873.47	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
NEMRC	\$3,393.10	COMPUTER SUPPORT & TRAINING
NEW ENGLAND KENWORTH	\$5,416.52	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENEANCE & REPAIRS
NORTHEAST SKI SLOPES	\$1,173.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
NUNN, MELVIN	\$75.00	HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	\$213.42	HIGHWAY PARTS
OAKES BROS.	\$141.79	MISC. SUPPLIES
ORANGE COUNTY DIVERSION PROG	\$125.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER	\$2,200.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
OTTERMAN, DONNA	\$110.00	BALLOT CLERK
OTTERMAN EXCAVATING, INC.	\$1,318.50	WAITS RIVER CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT
OTTERMAN SURVEYING & SEPTIC DESIGN	\$380.00	CEMETERY MARKERS
OXBEE QUILT GUILD	\$200.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
OXBOW SENIOR INDEP. PROG.	\$800.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
PACCAR FINANCIAL CORPORATION	\$59,752.93	TRUCK PAYMENT
PIANOWSKI, ROBERT	\$826.29	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
PIKCOMM	\$1,304.50	HIGHWAY TRUCK RADIO SERVICE
PIKE INPUSTRIES, INC.	\$281,124.15	PAVING
PLAISTED, PAT	\$35.71	LISTER CAMERA
POPE, COLIN	\$1,747.11	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
POWERNET GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS	\$328.23	LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE
POWERPLAN	\$2,892.65	HWY REPAIRS
PTO'S REPAIR INC.	\$130.00	HIGHWAY TRUCK INSPECTIONS
PUFFER EXCAVATING, LLC	\$6,174.00	GRAVEL, STONE & STA-PAC MATERIALS
ROUSE TIRE SALES	\$6,959.98	TIRES
RUSSELL GRAPHICS	\$1,625.00	PARCEL MAPS' UPDATES

VENDDOR DISBURSEMENTS 2018		Continued:
SAVIGNANO, RICHARD & VIRGINIA ADAMS	\$19.59	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
SAFELINE INC	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
SCHWAAB, INC.	\$109.75	OFFICE SUPPLIES
SMITH, JEFFREY	\$150.00	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT
SMITH TRUCKING	\$4,032.50	TRUCKING SAND & STA-PAC
SOUTHWORTH-MILTON, INC.	\$14,854.03	TRUCK REPAIRS
SPOONER CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$768.75	TRUCK & SAND FOR WINTER
STAGECOACH TRANSPORTATION	\$850.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$903.24	OFFICE SUPPLIES
STATE OF VERMONT	\$240.00	HIGHWAY PERMITS
STRYKER, POLLY	\$48.33	MEMORIAL DAY CAKE REIMBURSEMENT
TENCO INDUSTRIES, INC	\$3,594.12	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
THOMAS, PAUL	\$10,173.59	TAX SALE REDEMPTION
TOMLINSON, YVETTE	\$198.00	BALLOT CLERK
TROMBLEY, DAVID JOHN	\$333.90	TOWN PICNIC COSTS REIMBURSEMENT/MILEAGE
TOPSHAM TELEPHONE CO.	\$2,252.74	TELEPHONE BILL
TOPSHAM-CORINTH LITTLE LEAGUE	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TOWN OF BARRE	\$53,594.37	AMBULANCE CONTRACT
TOWN OF GROTON	\$3,500.00	WINTER SAND
TRI-VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$28,000.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TWO-RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE	\$1,701.00	DUES
UNDERCOVER TENTS	\$970.00	TOWN PICNIC TENT, TABLE, & CHAIRS
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$3,606.98	HIGHWAY UNIFORMS
UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$50,951.97	IRS DEPOSITS
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$1,494.00	ENVELOPES
UVM EXTENSION	\$195.00	WORKSHOPS
VACD	\$100.00	SELECTBOARD APPROPRIATION
VALSANGIACOMO, DETORA & MCQUESTEN	\$296.83	TAX OVERPAYMENT
VCA	\$64.00	SELECTBOARD APPROPRIATION
VERMONT ASSESSORS & LISTERS	\$180.00	DUES AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING
VERMONT DEPT OF HEALTH	\$5.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES
VERMONT DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$731.00	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION
VERMONT DEPT. OF TAXES	\$6,434.43	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES
VERMONT FIRE EXTINGUISHER	\$138.90	INSPECTION
VT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS	\$2,687.00	WORKSHIP & DUES
VERMONT OFFENDER WORK PROGRAM	\$50.52	OFFICE SUPPLIES
VERMONT STATE TREASURER	\$2,286.00	DOG & MARRIAGE LICENSES
VIKING-CIVES USA	\$1,517.15	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT & REPAIRS
VLCT EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE	\$830.00	INSURANCE
VLCT PACIF	\$31,378.00	INSURANCE
VMCTA	\$105.00	DUES & TRAINING
VNA & HOSPICE OF VT & NH	\$4,000.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL	\$1,246,237.27	PROPERTY TAX EDUCATION PAYMENTS
WAITS RIVER COUNTRY STORE	\$76.68	ELECTION SUPPER
WASHINGTON ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.	\$3,152.16	ELECTRIC BILLS
WELCH, MARK & PEGGY	\$77.51	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
WEST TOPSHAM CEMETERY ASSOC.	\$149.57	DIVIDENDS
WOODSVILLE GUARANTY SAVINGS BANK	\$1,128.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
WORKSAFE TCI INC.	\$1,479.75	ROAD SIGNS
TOTAL	\$2,347,133.17	

TOPSHAM GRAND LIST 2018			
Year		Town Grand List	Tax Rate
2012 - General Fund		\$1,039,485.83	\$0.6865
2012 - Non-Residential Education		\$427,778.42	\$1.3372
2012 - Homestead Education		\$611,707.41	\$1.3027
2013 - General Fund		\$1,046,843.89	\$0.7010
2013 - Non-Residential Education		\$444,785.32	\$1.4105
2013 - Homestead Education		\$602,058.57	\$1.2860
2014 - General Fund		\$1,048,363.16	\$0.6829
2014 - Non Residential Education		\$436,917.59	\$1.4579
2014 - Homestead Education		\$611,445.57	\$1.4203
2015-Municipal		\$1,054,536.54	\$0.6995
2015-Non Residential Education		\$443,363.33	\$1.4067
2015-Homestead Education		\$611,173.21	\$1.2909
2016-Municipal		\$1,066,592.16	\$0.7156
2016-Non Residential Education		\$464,025.90	\$1.3731
2016-Homestead Education		\$602,566.26	\$1.2700
2017-Municipal		\$1,076,657.16	\$0.6764
2017-Non Residential Education		\$464,580.90	\$1.3464
2017-Homestead Education		\$612,076.26	\$1.3084
2018-Municipal		\$1,079,253.16	\$0.7074
2018-Non Residential Education		\$462,038.90	\$1.4220
2018-Homestead Education		\$617,214.26	\$1.2867
Statement of Taxes Raised in 2018			
Municipality Taxes Billed	\$0.7074	\$1,079,253.16	\$763,463.69
Homestead Education Taxes	\$1.2867	\$617,214.26	\$794,169.59
Taxes Billed, Non-Resident Ed.	\$1.4220	\$462,038.90	\$657,019.38
HS-122 Penalty			\$979.62
Town Payments/Penalty Billed by State			\$180.00
State Land			\$12,383.35
Land Use			\$73,655.32
Pilot Payment			\$528.00
TOTAL TAXES BILLED			\$2,302,378.95
Accounted for as follows:			
Municipality Fund			\$65,413.50
Highway Fund			\$498,125.00
Cemetery Fund			\$18,675.00
School Fund			\$1,254,342.74
HS-122 Paid Direct to School			\$215,136.93
Total Local Taxes Collected			\$2,051,693.17
State Land Collected			\$12,383.35
Land Use Collected			\$73,655.32
Pilot Program			\$528.00
Overpaid Amounts			-\$0.05
Paid in Previous Year			\$10.00
State Payment Applied to Delinquent Taxes			-\$2,762.00
Delinquent			\$166,871.16
BILLED TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR 2018			\$2,302,378.95

PROPERTY IN LAND USE (2018)	Asses. Value	Land Use Acr.	Land Use Exem.	Taxable Value
Adams, Mark	83,400.00	25.90	31,200.00	52,200.00
Barrett, Edward & Shields, Virginia	184,800.00	98.00	88,100.00	96,700.00
Batten, Russell K. & Elin J.	218,100.00	43.00	49,900.00	168,200.00
Bostwick, Nancy, et al	298,700.00	36.70	56,400.00	242,300.00
Brainerd, Anthony	56,800.00	33.80	51,700.00	5,100.00
Brillhart, Jonathan G. & Joy L.	263,000.00	114.20	77,600.00	185,400.00
Brockardt, James	66,200.00	57.40	57,400.00	8,800.00
Brunet, Craig	495,600.00	238.60	165,500.00	330,100.00
Bulger, James H. & Donna G.	313,900.00	74.12	54,000.00	259,900.00
Calley, Charles M. Sarah D. Revocable T+A37	97,200.00	72.50	33,900.00	63,300.00
Capizzi, Thomas, Sr. Family Trust	213,200.00	102.00	89,400.00	123,800.00
Carlone, Mario R. & Neuhausser, K. & J.	151,300.00	234.00	88,300.00	63,000.00
Clark, James & Nancy	260,700.00	86.00	82,100.00	178,600.00
Clark, James H., Nancy & Megan	292,900.00	164.00	115,900.00	177,000.00
Coffey, Everett W. & Annie Family Trust	213,000.00	60.00	29,500.00	183,500.00
Cooper, Abigail & Khan, Sarina & Felicia	90,900.00	44.00	56,700.00	34,200.00
Crider, Lee Trust	265,800.00	30.10	41,500.00	224,300.00
Dailey, Timothy R. Sr. & Deborah Sue	72,600.00	45.00	49,100.00	23,500.00
Deleire, John & Gail	145,500.00	65.50	68,600.00	76,900.00
Demicco, Ralph J. & Linda M.	285,900.00	39.20	45,200.00	240,700.00
Denagy, George S. & Filomena F.	326,700.00	221.30	125,600.00	201,100.00
Denagy, John B. & Fiona G.	213,100.00	28.00	33,300.00	179,800.00
Dorso, David	245,100.00	75.20	78,000.00	167,100.00
Dow, Glenn C.	67,500.00	60.00	58,400.00	9,100.00
Dow, Glenn C. & Burnice A.	238,600.00	88.00	81,000.00	157,600.00
Foster, Sue M. & Appleton, Thomas Trust	340,300.00	85.80	74,000.00	266,300.00
Foster, Sue M. & Appleton, Thomas Trust	412,800.00	44.90	58,200.00	354,600.00
Gable, Craig A.	191,100.00	198.00	161,200.00	29,900.00
Gandin, Greg A. & Dan L.	109,700.00	98.00	60,200.00	49,500.00
Gaudin, Laurent M. & Colette L.	270,700.00	146.50	116,100.00	154,600.00
Godina, John M. Jr.	65,200.00	33.00	60,200.00	5,000.00
Godina, John M. Jr. & Nancy D.	306,700.00	60.10	80,600.00	226,100.00
Golden, Susan	44,100.00	24.90	18,000.00	26,100.00
Grimes, III James G. & Nolan, Ellen	40,800.00	50.00	33,200.00	7,600.00
Hall, Christopher D. & Barbara H.	238,900.00	84.00	66,000.00	172,900.00
Harkins, Philip	1,422,700.00	504.20	285,500.00	1,137,200.00
Harrington, Edson E. & Shirley S.	298,100.00	64.25	69,300.00	228,800.00
Hazlett Family Trust	6,500.00	6.00	5,600.00	900.00
Heidenreich, James Carr & Gloria	254,700.00	82.00	79,900.00	174,800.00
Heidenreich, John William & Wendy	244,600.00	102.60	72,200.00	172,400.00
Heidenreich, Toby & Twitchell, H.	55,800.00	32.90	49,400.00	6,400.00
Herman, Sheila	327,600.00	52.50	72,900.00	254,700.00
Hermitage Trust	123,400.00	61.00	58,600.00	64,800.00
Hersey, Christie M.	157,200.00	187.00	127,800.00	29,400.00
Hood, George E Jr.	49,800.00	28.00	26,800.00	23,000.00
Hood, George E Jr.	100,500.00	68.00	61,000.00	39,500.00
Hood, Harold Jr. & Benjamin, John & Susan	63,800.00	40.00	57,500.00	6,300.00
Hood, Harold Jr. & Benjamin, John & Susan	101,500.00	66.00	69,200.00	32,300.00
Hood, Harold Jr. & Benjamin, John & Susan	114,600.00	51.00	101,610.00	12,990.00
Hughes, Thomas	91,500.00	108.00	78,800.00	12,700.00
Hungerford, Hope	150,000.00	175.00	120,300.00	29,700.00
Jencks, Helen	296,500.00	129.00	99,600.00	196,900.00
Johnson, William F. & Marjorie G.	295,500.00	156.90	115,300.00	180,200.00
Karpowich Family LLC	370,400.00	169.00	128,500.00	241,900.00

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Lamson, Albert & Kathryn	388,700.00	176.00	132,800.00	255,900.00
Lentz Family Trust	89,900.00	58.00	57,200.00	32,700.00
Limlaw Bruce E. & Ruth L.Trust	721,500.00	281.00	154,500.00	567,000.00
Linnell, Constance E. Revocable Trust	333,200.00	85.55	68,900.00	264,300.00
Lipskar, Simon & Zuckerman, Kate	687,400.00	168.00	140,700.00	546,700.00
Magoun, Martin Grant	186,700.00	58.05	65,700.00	121,000.00
Mandatta, Robert G. & Labate, Jacqueline	287,500.00	65.50	68,800.00	218,700.00
Manning, Gregory A.	105,400.00	88.00	70,700.00	34,700.00
Martineau, David & Robin	103,800.00	36.70	49,700.00	54,100.00
Meadowsend Timberland, Ltd	1,006,700.00	970.40	648,700.00	358,000.00
Mejia, Jean Christie Revocable Trust	49,200.00	67.60	39,000.00	10,200.00
Miller, Adam S. & Miranda M.	3,300.00	2.00	3,000.00	300.00
Montgomery Timber Company LLC	235,900.00	262.00	190,000.00	45,900.00
Moore, Cynthia M.	131,600.00	113.00	114,500.00	17,100.00
Moore, Cynthia M.	343,200.00	497.00	264,800.00	78,400.00
Morse, Tari & Greene, Zachary	243,200.00	146.00	92,900.00	150,300.00
Morton, Douglas & Michelle	124,900.00	38.00	43,900.00	81,000.00
Nelson, Darcy	154,800.00	183.00	127,100.00	27,700.00
New England Forestry Foundation, Inc	91,200.00	76.10	79,200.00	12,000.00
Norton-Hawk, Maureen A.	75,400.00	36.30	39,100.00	36,300.00
Pacilio, Vincent E.	132,500.00	188.00	91,400.00	41,100.00
Parrish, Roy G. II & McDonnell, Sharon M.	214,900.00	221.00	128,000.00	86,900.00
Perry, Dennis II A106	38,600.00	17.60	31,800.00	6,800.00
Peterson, Barbara M & Timothy H	168,900.00	161.00	123,400.00	45,500.00
Phelps, George W. & Michael G.	128,800.00	86.00	112,500.00	16,300.00
Plant, Albert A. & Catherine A.	240,600.00	242.07	108,800.00	131,800.00
Post, Stephen & Cook, Judith	106,100.00	25.00	35,500.00	70,600.00
Poulson, Jr., Ronald E. & Corzine, Kris	50,300.00	37.00	44,700.00	5,600.00
Powers, L. Barry, Bernie, Jr. & Matthew	279,800.00	275.80	184,500.00	95,300.00
Powers, L. Barry, Mary B. & Matthew	155,900.00	5.00	10,500.00	145,400.00
Powers, L. Barry & Mary B.	292,800.00	62.00	62,650.00	230,150.00
Powers, Matthew B.	93,500.00	58.50	83,800.00	9,700.00
Powers, Victoria	134,200.00	8.12	16,724.00	117,476.00
Powley, Thomas N. B.	141,200.00	82.00	68,000.00	73,200.00
Pratt, Prentis	350,000.00	199.40	135,600.00	214,400.00
Putnam, Justin & Lisa	108,200.00	59.10	55,200.00	53,000.00
Regulinski, Douglas	95,100.00	36.50	64,700.00	30,400.00
Rintell, David	133,800.00	43.00	59,800.00	74,000.00
Rogers Hill Sugar Maple Farm, LLC	130,200.00	129.40	72,700.00	57,500.00
Rohrmayer Family Trust	185,900.00	41.88	62,700.00	123,200.00
Russell, Renee	115,900.00	73.00	63,500.00	52,400.00
Sayles, Richard & Jan	54,300.00	50.00	46,500.00	7,800.00
Severns, Michael	75,000.00	50.00	55,700.00	19,300.00
Sheridan, James, Adele & J.P.	93,000.00	80.00	80,900.00	12,100.00
Smith, Steven M. & Scott J.	160,800.00	27.50	31,600.00	129,200.00
Smith, Steven M. & Scott J.	189,700.00	231.00	132,300.00	57,400.00
Soderberg, Roger H. Revocable Trust	199,500.00	210.00	175,700.00	23,800.00
Solar Acres Realty Trust	194,900.00	22.00	26,300.00	168,600.00
Soroka, George V., Ann C., George L.	140,600.00	28.80	40,300.00	100,300.00
Stockton, Fred D. & Doris S.	103,800.00	98.00	89,000.00	14,800.00
Stryker, Polly J. & Heath, Richard	338,100.00	233.00	129,900.00	208,200.00
Sweet, Roy & Sylvia,	396,100.00	94.99	175,400.00	220,700.00
Thomas, Jr. Frederick B. & Paul	60,100.00	29.10	55,700.00	4,400.00

PROPERTY IN LAND USE (2018)	Asses. Value	Land Use Acr.	Land Use Exem.	Taxable Value
Page 3				
Thomas, Miriam	202,100.00	270.00	141,400.00	60,700.00
Thomas, Miriam	216,400.00	285.70	173,200.00	43,200.00
Three Trees Farm, LLC	458,000.00	67.10	105,900.00	352,100.00
Timbervest Partners III Vermont, LLC	78,200.00	81.30	65,900.00	12,300.00
Timbervest Partners III Vermont, LLC	276,200.00	501.50	200,400.00	75,800.00
Timbervest Partners III Vermont, LLC	354,500.00	518.84	276,100.00	78,400.00
Vanderels, Jonathan	43,800.00	30.00	39,300.00	4,500.00
Von Hippel, Peter H. & Josephine B. R.	195,000.00	250.00	153,500.00	41,500.00
Wardinski, Boots & Esten, Christine	30,600.00	24.50	26,900.00	3,700.00
Watson, Pamela, Elizabeth Sanders	153,000.00	50.00	52,700.00	100,300.00
Whiting, Joan L.	206,900.00	27.00	44,400.00	162,500.00
Wigan, Michael	550,200.00	711.00	446,500.00	103,700.00
Wilcox, Richard	138,600.00	67.00	49,400.00	89,200.00
Witwicki, Thomas & Nancy	206,600.00	27.00	37,500.00	169,100.00
Woodcock, Denver	123,900.00	38.80	47,100.00	76,800.00
Young, Neil & Louise	140,400.00	123.00	103,900.00	36,500.00
Zandstra, Nicholas B. & Elizabeth	193,200.00	41.50	45,200.00	148,000.00
Grand Totals	25,939,700.00	14,773.27	11,232,084.00	14,707,616.00



DELINQUENT TAXES 12/31/2018		
NAME	OWED	
Allard, Diana M	\$775.10	
Andersen, Ruth	\$366.25	
Batten, Margaret, Estate	\$1,639.64	
Batten, Randall G.	\$1,846.53	
Beetlestone, Dianne	\$2,005.97	
Berquist, Christopher	\$818.91	
Berquist, Christopher, (2017)	\$825.05	
Bishop, Andrew T	\$563.67	*
Bonavita, Frank J	\$1,605.57	
Burbank, Anthony	\$4,352.50	**
Butler, Steven A	\$2,303.19	
Butler, Steven A, (2017)	\$1,132.33	
Christian, Rebecca, Emerson, Viola & Knapp, Wyness F	\$1,479.48	
Damato, Frances	\$284.71	
Downing; A., Emerson, J.; Montandon, S.	\$552.00	**
Downing, Albert F Jr	\$666.42	
Downing, Amber	\$1,392.63	
Downing, Amber & Downing, Franklin	\$735.50	
Downing, Lucas & Ricker, Jessica	\$1,651.62	
Doyle, Pamela & Elias, David	\$3,577.39	
Emerson, Albert & Susan	\$3,831.15	
Emerson, Dennis & Emerson, Michele	\$1,324.08	
Emerson, Dennis & Emerson, Michele, (2017)	\$1,343.14	
Emerson, Janice D.	\$1,440.01	
Emerson, John E. & Emerson, Deanne	\$575.64	
Emerson, John E. & Emerson, Deanne, (2017)	\$811.15	
Flye, Christopher	\$402.14	
Franzek, John S & Stanley M	\$856.01	
Franzek, John S. & Stanley M, (2017)	\$813.16	
Gargano, Donald	\$1,597.05	
Gile, Rebecca & Jamie L	\$313.86	
Golden, Susan	\$555.77	
Greenpoint Credit	\$1,776.59	
Griffin, Brad & Heather	\$2,257.33	
Griffin, Brad & Heather, (2017)	\$1,664.49	
Griffin, Brad & Heather, (2016)	\$1,035.15	
Hall, Gary	\$481.24	
Hall, Gary C Sr. & Diane M & Hall, Gary Jr.	\$729.60	
Hamel-Corbett, Mary	\$2,194.37	
Harrington, Joshua & Emily	\$1,983.47	
Hatch, Clayton, Jr.	\$152.89	
Hatch, Clayton, Jr., (2017)	\$382.31	
Heath, Richard Estate	\$2,082.56	
Heath, Richard, Estate, (2017)	\$1,978.30	
Lahaye, Darren & Magoon, Sharon	\$1,803.43	
Laprise, Vickie Hatch	\$2,204.58	
Lillbask, Tore, Estate	\$1,795.09	
Madsen, Brian K.	\$668.63	*
Mandatta, Robert G. & Labate, Jacqueline	\$1,306.48	
McKane, Tammy L.	\$2,491.40	
McNeil, Arthur J. & Joy B.	\$657.99	

NAME	OWED	
Miller, Adam S. & Miranda M.	\$6.39	
Miller, John Richard	\$187.39	
Miller, John Richard, (2017)	\$178.00	
Montandon, Henry III	\$114.99	
Montandon, Henry III, (2017)	\$109.24	
Montandon, Shirley	\$1,863.82	
Ordway, Kerry L. & Tracy S.	\$1,754.63	
Paye, Heather	\$4,676.07	
Perkins, Jeffrey (2017)	\$829.34	
Plaisted, Fred K. & Patricia	\$3,000.00	
Powers, Donald	\$638.82	
Powers, Donald A	\$1,471.64	
Prue, Paul Gregory & Christiana	\$1,782.30	
Ricker, Harvey	\$1,550.21	
Sawtelle, Scott	\$290.24	
Sawtelle, Scott & Timothy, Christopher & Amanda	\$1,309.58	
Smith, Aaron M.	\$1,468.99	
Smith, Aaron M., (2017)	\$1,717.35	
Smith, Jeremy	\$2,359.06	
Smith, Perley E. & Sharon L.	\$1,288.29	
Snedeker, III William, Snedeker, William Jr. & Barbara M	\$800.65	
Stark, Robert A III, Lynn A	\$3,198.35	
Stewart, Cynthia	\$1,739.72	
Stewart, Cynthia, (2017)	\$494.08	
Sylvester, Richard & Kim	\$133.61	
Thurston, Forest, Sheri	\$851.53	
Thurston, Forest, Sheri (2017)	\$815.13	
Tuttle, Freeman H Jr., Anah M	\$1,038.48	
Vance Jr James D	\$3,379.00	
Whiting, Joan L.	\$565.95	
Williams, Wesley M, Rebecca J	\$881.39	
Wright, Heidi F	\$1,756.36	
Yelle, Hannah	\$153.55	
DELINQUENT TAXES TOTALS 12/31/2018	\$112,487.67	
* Paid in full after January 1, 2019		
** Purchased after April 1, 2019		

Statement of Delinquent Taxes 2018							
Delinquent Tax		Sent to	Collected	State	Revised Tax	Tax Sale	Uncollected
Year	Bal. 1/1/2018	Collector	12/31/2018	Payments	Bills after 10/1	Reversal	12/31/2018
2016	\$2,145.55		\$2,145.55			1035.15	\$1,035.15
2017	\$104,286.64		\$91,193.57				\$13,093.07
2018	\$0.00	\$167,003.49	\$65,749.71	\$2,762.00	\$132.33		\$98,359.45
Total	\$106,432.19	\$167,003.49	\$159,088.83	\$2,762.00	\$132.33	\$1,035.15	\$112,487.67
Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent							
	2009	7.28%					
	2010	6.42%					
	2011	8.70%					
	2012	7.10%					
	2013	7.80%					
	2014	6.93%					
	2015	8.43%					
	2016	6.90%					
	2017	7.90%					
	2018	7.53%					



PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 2018

Coverage and Limits Provided

In return for the payment of the contribution and subject to the terms and conditions of this Coverage Document and Member Agreements the Fund agrees to provide the Coverage as stated in this Coverage Document.

Section II - Property Coverage

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence for real and personal property, except that with respect to the following types of loss the maximum sub-limit shall be:

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any **Flood** loss under Section II. This coverage is subject to a \$50,000,000 annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any **Flood** loss under Section II.

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any **Earthquake** loss under Section II. This coverage is subject to a \$50,000,000 annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any **Earthquake** loss under Section II.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Municipal Income, Extra Expense and Data Processing Extra Expense combined**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Data Processing Systems Equipment**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Data Processing Media**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Accounts Receivable**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Valuable Papers and Records**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Property in Transit**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Ordinance Deficiency**

\$100,000 any one occurrence **Computer Attack and Security Breach**

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any **Act of Terrorism** loss. This coverage is subject to a \$500,000,000 any one occurrence and annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any **Act of Terrorism** loss under Section II.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually for all Fund Members combined **Asbestos Abatement**

\$150,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually **Pollution Removal and Cleanup**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence unintentional **Errors and Omissions in Property Scheduling**

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually for all Fund Members combined **Mold**

\$50,000,000 any one occurrence **Machinery and Equipment Breakdown**, except that with respect to the following types of loss the maximum sub-limit shall be:

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence **Utility Interruption**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Expediting Expense**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Hazardous Substance Contamination**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Perishable Goods**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Water Damage**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Computer Data and Media**

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence **Mold or Other Fungi, Wet or Dry Rot, or Bacteria**

Section III - Casualty Coverage

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence, including suit(s) brought in connection therewith, combined single limit, for all casualty under Section III Agreements C, D, and E, except that with respect to the following types of loss the maximum sub-limit of liability shall be:

A. \$500,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually **Limited Pollution**, except that with respect to road salt application the maximum limit of liability is \$20,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually.

B. \$250,000 any one occurrence **Uninsured Motorist**

C. \$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually **Covered Dams**

D. \$15,000 any one occurrence **Medical Payments**

E. \$10,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually **Sewer Backup**

Section IV - Crime and Fidelity Coverage

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement F - Money and Securities Within Premises**

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement G - Money and Securities Outside of Premises**

\$500,000 any one occurrence **Agreement H - Employee Theft and Faithful Performance**

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement J a. - Forgery or Alteration**

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement J b. - Money Orders and Counterfeit Money**

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement J c. - Computer Fraud**

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence **Agreement J d. - Funds Transfer Fraud**

Section V - Public Officials Liability and Section VI - Employment Practices Liability Coverages

\$10,000,000 combined single limit any claim made and/or covered event and in the aggregate annually, including suits brought in connection therewith for all liability under Agreements K and L, except that with respect to the following type of loss under Agreement L, the maximum sub-limit shall be:

\$ 50,000 any claim made **Non-Monetary Defense**

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The budget process started in November 2018. We met with town officers and other groups in November and December to review their requests for operating funds. The budget was finalized in January.

The proposed amount to be raised by taxes for 2019 is \$752,575 (\$237,175 for Town Operations, \$499,200 for Highway and \$16,200 for Cemetery). This is \$11,800 (1.6%) more than the amount for 2018.

Town Operations - Taking into account income from state related taxes, income from clerk office fees, interest income and other revenue, there is a surplus from fiscal year 2018 of \$24,492. Of this amount, \$19,000 is carried forward to fiscal year 2019 (for equipment, building repair and maintenance, legal fees and other expenses). This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2019. The balance of \$5,492 may be used to reduce the amount raised by taxes or put in the Surplus Fund for future expenses. This will be decided by a vote at Town Meeting.

Highway - After taking into account revenue from State Aid and other revenue, there is a surplus from fiscal year 2018 of \$46,264. The Select Board voted at their meeting on January 28, 2019 to carry forward \$46,000 to FY-2019 (for engineering costs, bridge repairs and other highway expenses). This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2019. The Board voted to put the balance of \$264.00 in the Highway Fund.

Cemetery - There is a surplus from fiscal year 2018 of \$4,932. Of this amount, \$2,500 is carried forward to 2019 for maintenance. This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2019. The Select Board voted at their meeting on January 28, 2019 to put the balance of \$2,432 in the Cemetery Fence Fund.

Budget Committee Members

Janice Emerson (Chair), Thomas Otterman, Patrick Bagalio, James Bulger, Carl Hildebrandt, Wendell Downing, Bradford Calhoun and Naomi Tilton




SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 2019

The Budget Committee met November 26, 2018, December 10, 2018 and January 28 2019 at the Town Clerk's Office in East Topsham for the purpose of hearing recommendations for the Town of Topsham for 2019.

The Committee recommends the following as necessary to be raised by taxes to pay the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

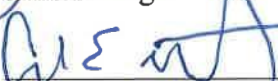
General Fund	\$237,175.00
Highway	499,200.00
Cemetery	16,200.00
Total	<u>\$752,575.00</u>


Janice Emerson, Chair


Thomas Otterman


Patrick Bagalio


James Bulger


Carl Hildebrandt


Wendell Downing


Bradford Calhoun


Naomi Tilton

2018 SELECTBOARD REPORT

The Select Board continues to address issues facing our community. Clean water, highway maintenance, ATV use, safety, and budgeting our limited resources to meet present and future needs. Luckily, Topsham avoided many severe storms this year. Work continues to address culvert work, required stone lined ditching and maintenance to meet the new state mandated regulations that address clean water regulations. The town has applied for and received grant funding for highway work which enabled additional paving and work for culvert and ditching. The highway garage site has engineering plans in hand and now needs work moving this project forward.

The Topsham Town Plan is in the process of being updated. Town residents will find a questionnaire in this report seeking your input. The new plan will determine the future direction for development, both residential and economic. Protection of natural resources, transportation, elder services, safety needs, are only a few of the areas covered in this survey. Please fill out and return the survey so that your views and vision can be considered as we develop a plan that will meet future community needs.

We wish to thank the countless Topsham residents who contribute their time and talents to the many community events, volunteer services, and filling positions elected and appointed. Our citizens are the town's most valuable asset.

Jim Bulger
Select Board Chair

2018 ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

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>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

2018 AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V.S. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, examined the accounts and records of Town Officers, and, to the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present an accurate record of funds handled in the year ending December 31, 2018.

We continue to update a procedures' manual for future auditors. We will be conducting periodic reviews of various financial activities of the town throughout the upcoming year.

Term 2019	Elaine Smith
Term 2020	Eva Downing
Term 2021	Peter Poor

2018 TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

The activities of the town office continue to be challenging as we try to stay up to date with the ever changing laws, rules, regulations, and new computer software programs the different State Departments require the clerks and treasurers to use. Town Clerk duties consisted of recording documents in the land records and into vital statistics, issuing dog licenses, marriage licenses, processing motor vehicle registrations, as well as assisting those calling or coming into the office to do research. This year we also had the August Primary and November General Election. Time is also spent assisting the select board, listers, animal control officer and delinquent tax collector.

The Treasurer's job consists of accounting for all revenues and expenses of the town, issuing account payable checks, processing payroll and the associated state and federal forms, the preparing of property tax bills and collecting tax monies. This year there was a significant amount of time spent on getting all the required paper work and costs finalized with FEMA so as to receive reimbursement for costs associated with the July 2017 flood damage.

Our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony was held on the traditional date of May 30th at the Zion Hill Cemetery, followed by a potluck meal at the West Topsham Community Hall. Thanks to all who helped with cleaning up the cemetery, installing the new flag pole, and shuttling visitors up to the cemetery with their ATV's. Thanks also to Walter Welch our Master of Ceremony and the others who did the readings at the cemetery and at the hall.

The Annual Town Picnic was held on Sunday, August 19 in the field across from the Emerson residence in East Topsham. This year, the Selectboard presented Ruth Morrison with the Topsham Cane which was hand carved by Alex Emerson. The Topsham Historical Society had a display in the Town Hall. Thanks to all who helped with the preparation and cleaning up of the picnic, and to David Trombley for doing the cooking.

The 2019 Memorial Day Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 30th, with plans of having a potluck dinner at the Town Hall. We will again be looking for volunteers to come out in May to help clean up one of our cemeteries again this year. We are continuing to collect military pictures of those who have served their country and have a connection to Topsham, as this is an ongoing project. The Annual Picnic is scheduled to be held on Sunday, August 18th in West Topsham.

Dates to be remembered are April 1st the last day to license dogs without late fees and April 15th, the due date for filing the Homestead Declaration (Form HS-122) with the VT. Department of Taxes. The Homestead Declaration has to be filed if you own and are living in your home on April 1st even if you aren't required to file a Vermont Income Tax!! Form HI-144 also needs to be filed with Form HS-122 in order to be eligible to receive a state payment due to income sensitivity. There is a 1% penalty added to your property tax bill for Homestead Declarations filed after April 15th!

Thanks to all those who take the time to serve their community as elected and appointed officials or as a volunteer. A special thanks to Polly Stryker as she continues to assist me in performing the tasks at the office.

Cynthia Flannigan
Town Clerk/Treasurer

2018 LISTERS' REPORT

We are still looking for errors in the mapping and welcome property owners to view the maps for accuracy of their parcels. We are in the office (Town Hall) every Tuesday morning and can be available most any time to accommodate property owners unable to make it on Tuesdays. Call 439-9723 for an appointment.

As usual we remind all resident property owners that you must file **HS-122 – HOMESTEAD DECLARATION** – with the state **by April 15 EVERY YEAR**. This date coincides with income tax time, **BUT IF YOU FILE FOR AN EXTENTION FOR INCOME TAXES, YOU STILL HAVE TO FILE THE HOMESTEAD DECLARATION BY APRIL 15**. To receive an adjustment on your property taxes, you must also file **Part B** of this form as well as **Form HI-144 (Household Income)**. We are available to help with this if you need assistance. When filling out the forms, be sure to check the correct boxes as to business and rental use of property.

We are still in the process of updating photos in our files. If you see some strange people looking your buildings over and taking pictures, look for the telltale signs on the vehicle. If it is us, you should see Topsham Listers signs on the vehicle. We will try not to inconvenience anyone, but sometimes we have to stop and look to see if there are any changes or new construction on your property. Since we have no permitting process in place, the only way we can find new construction is to go look for it. Try to remember, you are not the only one we are looking at.

If anyone out there might be interested in learning more about the job of Lister, come see us. There is a lot of opportunity for anyone interested in the appraisal business. The Lister position offers free education to work toward the goal of attaining the title of Appraiser and is perfect for someone looking for part time work maybe to lead into full time in the future.

Respectfully Submitted – Board of Listers

Term 2019	David Trombley
Term 2020	Patricia Plaisted
Term 2021	Heidi Wright

2018 TOPSHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

In our efforts to preserve and share the history of our town we continue with monthly meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month and alternating between Topsham Town Hall and Riverside Grange. Please join us. We always have an interesting program and time of fellowship.

Some activities this year:

- Flag placements at Veterans graves
- Purchase of flag holders for Currier Hill Cemetery
- Display for town picnic
- Display at Corliss/Prescott house in Corinth

Programs:

- Manufacturing
- Oxen and Horse numbers and uses
- Maple sugaring
- Genealogy and research

This is a sampling of our many informative activities during the year and as our collection of artifacts continues to grow, we continue our search for a home for the collection.

Nancy Frost Secretary Topsham Historical Society

2018 Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report

I would like to extend appreciation to the Topsham Voters for electing me another year. The Delinquent Tax Policy has remained unchanged for the third year this year. I have provided a copy of the policy again this year for any tax payers who would like to read it.

We did not hold a tax sale in 2018. There is a tax sale underway for unpaid 2016/2017 taxes. The tax sale is scheduled to occur in the third or fourth week in March. No taxes were abated in 2018.

I still encourage all tax payers to please file your **Homestead Declaration HS-122 by April 15th**. Property taxes become delinquent on **October 2nd** if so voted by the Topsham voters to set the deadline for taxes due as October 1st. If your state payments are received by the town before the property taxes become delinquent then less interest and penalty will be charged because the principal will be less.

I still accept payments mailed or delivered to my address at 7 Lime Kiln Road Topsham, Vt 05076. I am happy to answer any questions/concerns or make appointments by phone at my home: (802)439-6878 or in person.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Hayward-Miller, Delinquent Tax Collector, Town of Topsham

TOWN OF TOPSHAM DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY & TAX SALE PROCEEDINGS

Purpose:

While Vermont Statutes specifically direct procedures for the collection of delinquent property taxes, this policy will enable the town to treat all persons fairly, to inform the delinquent tax payer of what to expect, and avoid claims that the town is acting arbitrarily.

General Terms:

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.
2. All taxes become delinquent at the close of the business day October 1st.
3. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes will send a notice to each Delinquent Tax Payer within 30 days of receiving the Delinquent Tax Warrant. This notice will advise delinquent tax payers of the addition of an 8% penalty to their tax bill (as per VT Statutes) as well as 1% monthly interest which is applied to the unpaid delinquent tax on the second day of each month.
4. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest and expenses portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the amount of tax and the 8% penalty. The Town of Topsham will NOT accept partial payment of delinquent taxes contrary to this policy. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes will return any payments that are not consistent with this policy to the delinquent tax payer. Payments with statements or directives issued on them or by communication included with payment that are not consistent with the Topsham Town Policy will be returned as well.
5. Payments are credited when received. **US postmarks are not accepted.**
6. Tax overpayments exceeding \$3.00 will be returned to the payee. Lesser amounts will only be refunded by written request with a S.A.S.E. enclosed.
7. There will be a \$25.00 fee for any returned checks, non-sufficient funds, closed accounts, or returned instrument of non-payment in lieu of delinquent taxes.
8. To ensure quality service telephone calls may be recorded for accuracy, clarity, and content.
9. All delinquent taxes not paid by December 31st will be published in the annual town report.
10. A Bi-Monthly notice will be mailed to each delinquent tax payer. A Final Notice will be mailed to each delinquent taxpayer on or about June 1st, with a notice of the RIGHT TO APPLY FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES.
11. Payment in full is required on all accounts by **June 30th**. After June 30th all unpaid taxes will be processed for tax sale and/or other means of collection. (Exception will be those that are under a period of redemption, bankruptcy, and litigation or etc. which have a stay on them). The Delinquent tax Collector will receive payments by check or money order payable to the Town of Topsham mailed or delivered to the address below. If you would like to meet with me to make a payment, or to go over your bill, please call (802)439-6878 to make an appointment. **AFTER JUNE 30TH ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS.**
12. **Tax Sale shall be conducted** according to requirement of notice set forth in 32 VSA 5252 and pursuant to the provisions of 32 VSA 5251 thru 5263 inclusive. (Re. 32 VSA 5258) Cost of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to the maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent tax payer.
13. The Journal Opinion, newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Topsham shall be used for publication of all notices required under 32 VSA 5252.
14. Revisions by VT legislature 32 VSA 5254 is provided by the Attorney at Law with MEMO TO TAXPAYERS AND LIENHOLDERS with the Tax Sale Worksheet.
15. At the tax sale, payments shall be tendered by the successful bidder, to the Town of Topsham, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, by bank check, certified check, or by pre-approved personal check.
16. All checks should be made payable to the TOWN OF TOPSHAM. To ensure proper credit all payments must be sent or delivered to the address below.

2018 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

During the year I responded to several calls:

6 Barking Dogs; 1 Dog Killing Livestock; 3 Stray Dogs, returned to owner; 2 Stray Dogs, not found;

4 Livestock Not Being Cared For; 2 Feral Cats

Please remember to license your dogs and put tags on them. Also, the microchip is the best way to protect your dogs. The town has a scanner as well as all vets. Please register your chip. Doing this will ensure your dog gets returned to you.

Thank you and have a good year.

Michele Boyer, Animal Control Officer. 439-6877 Mboyer1944@gmail.com.

2018 VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

For low income Vermonters, the solution may be the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program, "VSNIP." Participating veterinarian offices throughout Vermont are the heroes of this wonderful program!

For applications send a S.A.S.E. to VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034, or download and print: VSNIP.VT.GOV or VVSAS.org. Cost per cat/dog is \$27.00, including a rabies vaccination and one distemper series. The balance is paid through a designated fund, collected by a nominal fee of \$4.00 added to the registration of dogs. REGISTER and tag by April 1st! The ability to identify your dog in event of loss, and to be sure that animals (and people) are protected from rabies is critical.

New Hampshire offers a similar program through the Department of Agriculture. Call 603-271-3677.

Sue Skaskiw, 802- 672-5302, Director, VT Volunteer Services for Animals H.S./ Administrator, VSNIP

2018 ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT

The challenge before us is climate change. The International Energy Agency says disaster is only 20 years away. The International Panel on Climate Change report 2018 by scientists from all over the earth, correcting their error, say that the ocean is warming much faster than they thought. We want to have zero Greenhouse Gas emissions by 2075 to avoid more catastrophic proportions of climate related events. There are migrations of living creatures including people escaping degraded land and loss of their homes and habitat. Unless a recent scenario that hotter ocean currents could slow enough to cause an arctic ice age, locking the north area in without food production comes true, Vermont is higher ground and can expect arrivals. We need to plan for more people.

The best thing we can do locally to temper extremes is to hold onto our agricultural and forest land resources for food production, regulate building and maximize our energy producing capabilities. Plants pump CO₂ into the soil as they grow and disturbing the soil releases it. Keeping cropland and gardens planted or mulched with minimal upheaval will sequester carbon and ease climate troubles for our children.

Savings in building energy rely largely on a "super insulation" job that makes it possible to heat without "fossil fuelishness", with an Air Sourced Heat Pump. Wrap your home snugly as you would dress yourself for a storm. This spring, state's Efficiency Vermont (.com) will rebate \$100 of costs made by April 1st for 3 of 7 weatherization effort verified by the end of the month. Building new? Make it sturdy enough to support extra insulation, solar roof panels and a snow load for extra warmth.

Don't let lower gasoline prices lead you to buy a gas guzzler. The low cost oil is from overseas. American oil costs more to extract. Prices could soar at any time. Plan on an electric vehicle. GMP and WEC can reduce costs. The Legislature's Fiscal Office is looking a way to price carbon that can benefit all economically, such as been successful in British Columbia, Canada. Meanwhile, shop local to save on transport costs of goods and boost local economy.

To change habits and lifestyles is hard, but rewarding. Each of us has some influence in steering the global patterns. Putting aside advertising hype, we can change our own wasteful consumption (plastic bags, throwaway items)

Check out small scale solar RV kits, low interest Heat Saver Loans (up to \$35,000), Efficiency Vermont certified energy-pro contractors for consult, audit, prioritizations ((888) 921-5990). Watch "Passive House", a 90 second video at <http://bitdo/PH90>

Maureen Hurley, Energy Coordinator, Town of Topsham, [6 Harts Rd](http://6HartsRd), PO Box 69, Topsham VT 05076, maureenmhurley@gmail.com, 439-9699 or Town Office Iv message, 439-5505

2018 CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT

Central Vermont Council on Aging is the primary agency serving older Vermonters aged 60 and over as well as their families and caregivers throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. We are a private nonprofit that assists these elders to remain independent for as long as possible. All services are made available to our clients at no charge, without regard to health, income or other resources.

The funding provided by the 54 Central Vermont towns we serve is essential to Central Vermont Council on Aging, and directly serves its mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting seniors to a wide array of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive.

The financial support from the town of Topsham helps to ensure that the resources are available to support the well-being of older Vermonters in the town of Topsham. Please review the report of services that accompanies this request for a list of some of the many services that we make available to the seniors in your town.

All of us at CVCOA thank the residents of Topsham for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

2018 ORANGE COUNTY PARENT-CHILD CENTER REPORT

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, six free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Reach Up case management, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 3 families from Topsham including 7 adults and 8 children.

Mary Ellen Otis, Executive Director.

2018 OXBEE QUILT GUILD REPORT

Over the past year, we have given away 5 comfort quilts, 3 to residents of Corinth and 2 to residents of Topsham. We have tried to limit our service to these two towns because of their generous donation to our efforts. We have also given 4 quilts to Camp Agape, a children's camp in Plymouth Vermont.

Our Guild has six members now, several members are caring for family members and cannot participate. We are having our meetings in the home of a member to save the cost of church rental. All the labor and most of the fabric for our quilt tops is donated by our members, but we need help with the finishing of the quilts.

We have greatly appreciated your past support.

Sincerely, Marie Gross, Comfort Quilt Coordinator

Marge Silagyi, President

2018 TRI-VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tri-Village Fire Department had a busy year. We again want to thank the communities for their support in our annual dues mailing. Our raffles and turkey/ham shoot were both successful and help us to fund our department. We are looking for new firefighters, especially on the West side of town anyone thinking of joining please contact one of our chiefs. Please check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers. Thanks, and have a safe year.

Fire Calls, Mutual Aid 4, Vehicle fire 2; Fire Alarm 1; Structure fires, 1; Medical calls 5; Accidents 8 Brush fires 4
Chimney fires 4; Power lines, 3; CO2 alarms 5; Unpermitted fires 1;

Brad Calhoun President

Richard Samson Chief

Tri-Village Fire Association

Trial Balance

As of December 27, 2018

<u>Community Bank - Checking.</u>	<u>12,135.69</u>
<u>Community Bank - Savings</u>	<u>23,501.22</u>
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
<u>Vehicle Fund</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
<u>Town of Orange</u>		<u>0</u>
<u>Town of Topsham .</u>		<u>28,000.00</u>
<u>Donations - Miscellaneous</u>		<u>380.00</u>
<u>Donations - Macdonald Trust</u>		<u>8,772.50</u>
<u>Donations-Roland Peixotto</u>		<u>350.00</u>
<u>Dues - Annual Mailing</u>		<u>10,390.00</u>

<u>Insurance refund</u>	<u>418.00</u>
<u>Interest Income</u>	<u>18.00</u>
<u>Raffle</u>	<u>4,326.00</u>
<u>Turkey Shoot</u>	<u>1,062.50</u>
<u>Vehicle Sales</u>	<u>4,208.00</u>

<u>Annual Mailing</u>	<u>820.78</u>
<u>Dispatch</u>	<u>5,353.82</u>
<u>Dues - Fire Association's</u>	<u>547.00</u>
<u>Electricity</u>	<u>1,379.00</u>
<u>Equipment- Firefighters</u>	<u>5,271.60</u>
<u>Equipment - Fire Trucks .</u>	<u>16,071.47</u>
<u>Gas- Diesel</u>	<u>1,187.74</u>
<u>Heating Oil (pre-buy)</u>	<u>9,656.99</u>
<u>Insurance - Commercial Policy</u>	<u>4,319.00</u>
<u>Insurance- Vehicle Policy</u>	<u>4,529.00</u>
<u>Insurance- Workers' Comp Policy.</u>	<u>1,216.00</u>
<u>Misc.</u>	<u>153.98</u>
<u>Meals.</u>	<u>397.03</u>
<u>Office Supplies</u>	<u>147.78</u>
<u>Postage/ Box Rental</u>	<u>140.00</u>
<u>Raffle & Turkey Shoot</u>	<u>2,854.93</u>
<u>Repairs & Maintenance.- buildings</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Repairs & Maintenance-Trucks</u>	<u>10,943.30</u>
<u>Secretary of State</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<u>Telephone</u>	<u>730.02</u>
<u>Training-Education</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Westside-Addition</u>	<u>2,098.03</u>

CORINTH-TOPSHAM EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

P.O. Box 58
West Topsham, VT 05086
certfastsquad@gmail.com

We are an all-volunteer squad and almost all of us work 'regular' jobs. We were still reeling from our four member loss two years ago, when, our training officer revealed that she was taking a job in South Carolina. We have three prospective members. They are enrolled in class, but as the saying goes "don't count your chickens until they hatch." In our case, until they pass the course.

Both FIRE and EMS have a demanding education regimen and to many it can be a challenge. This year has presented us with some life challenges. One of my members for nine months found herself with child. Yeah!! , but was not able to respond. As a new life was coming into this world, as head of service I found myself unable to respond as I was for 8 months agonizing my wife's eminent leaving as the result of cancer. Another member also was out of service as a result of an illness. For those who have radios and have noticed the silence of our squad responding, rather criticism, I would urge you to call me and get the rest of the story. It is my desire to serve the community, because my family has benefited from the quick response of first responders.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you

We are desperate for new members, if you or anyone you know, is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact any of our members. We will reimburse your education costs once you have received your certification and have remained a member in good standing thru your probationary period. My phone number is 439-3059

We currently have 7 members:

Jim Ainsworth.....NREMT,FF.....Chairman
Natania Sewal Batten.....NREMT,FF..... Clerk/Treasurer
Jacob BrookEMR
Jeremiah Goyette.....Paramedic,FF
Kate Goyette.....Paramedic,NPR
Kim Richardson.....NREMT,VT AEMT,FF
Zachary McNeal..... EMT with a lapsed license currently recertifying

We would like to thank the towns we cover for your continued support. We are very grateful for the many generous people who have supported us with your donations.

If you would like to donate to CERT, Your donation may be sent to the above address.

CTERT

2018 HOME SHARE NOW PROGRAM

We facilitate shared housing in central Vermont where services are performed in exchange for affordable housing. Home sharing can address a number of concerns: Affordable housing, aging safely at home, social isolation, tight finances, and overall well-being.

For more information about the program visit the website @ www.homesharenow.org or call: 802-479-8544

2018 BARRE TOWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REPORT

The Barre Town EMS Department continues to grow. Last year the total call volume increased by 3.7%, we increased our primary service area by adding the northern portion of Brookfield, and saw the addition of 5 new per diem staff members. Over the past 3 years we have seen a 7.6% increase in our total call volume (294 calls). Paramedic Intercepts and Mutual Aid have been the fastest growing areas. While our primary service area call volume has increased by 55 calls over the past year, its rate has been much slower than the calls for Paramedic Intercepts and Mutual Aid. These rates increased by 69 and 157 calls, respectively over that same 3-year period. This trend is being monitored for future planning.

Services and Service Area

Barre Town EMS welcomed the northern portion of Brookfield into our primary service area in January. This increases our service area from 5 to 6 towns (Towns of Barre, Berlin, Orange, Topsham, Washington, and Brookfield). This area has an approximate population of 14,347 and covers 215.3 sq miles.

To cover this area, Barre Town EMS continues to work out of three stations. The East Barre and Berlin stations are staffed at the Paramedic level 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The South Barre station (added in 2016) continues to be staffed at the Paramedic level Monday through Friday 9am to 7pm. Nearly 100% of all scheduled trucks have at least one Paramedic on them.

Equipment

This year we put a great deal of financial resources toward equipment and training. We added a video intubation scope, transport ventilator, iPad, 6 new hand-held radios, and increased the training budget by \$1675, as well as a new 2018 Ford 450 Medix ambulance. We chose to go with e450 to increase the size of the truck. This allows for better handling, more storage, and larger fuel tank. A power load and power stretcher system were also purchased for this ambulance. This brings our fleet up to 3 power load and power stretcher systems which helps increase patient and provider safety.

Personnel

This fiscal year ended with Barre Town EMS having 36 employees: 10 Critical Care Paramedics, 12 Paramedics, 13 AEMT, 1 EMT. Jon Cullen and Marc Truedson resigned as full-time employees. Their positions were filled by Michael "Mickey" Witham and Michelle Brock. Mickey returns to us post military training. He spent a year in Texas becoming licensed as a Critical Care Paramedic. Michelle has a long history in EMS and is currently licensed at the Paramedic level with hopes to increase to critical care. In December, I completed my master's degree in public Health.

The following are new per diem Barre Town EMS providers hired in FY16/17

Robert Gowans, Paramedic

Brook O'Steen, Critical Care Paramedic

Jackie Bombardier, Paramedic

Dan Trask, Critical Care Paramedic

Gage Rhoades, Paramedic

Primary Service area call volume

	Fiscal 17-18
<u>Town</u>	<u>Total Calls</u>
Orange	86
Washington	69
Topsham	81
Berlin	2170
Barre	688
Brookfield	18
	3112

2018 ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER REPORT

176 Waits River Road, Bradford VT 05033

Phone/Fax (802) 222-4782

Our primary focus is helping seniors. How did we do in 2018?

Being open Monday through Friday each week (except for certain holidays) allowed us to:

- * serve a record number of meals this year
- * serve and deliver 1,139 meals in Topsham.
- * offer foot and flu clinics.
- * hold classes in exercise, balance, line dancing, and computer instruction with internet.
- * offer services of income tax preparation, filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- * have available a Wii game system
- * distribute donated medical equipment.
- * provide our space to AA, ALANON and Cribbage Club.

How did we do all this?

By:

- * having a dedicated staff and group of volunteers
- * running Bingo each Monday night
- * renting our space for events
- * having fund raisers including raffles, a penny auction, and bake sales

Our volunteers gave 3,723 hours to activities at the Center and drove 23,439 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

The money we receive from your town is primarily used to offset the cost of providing meals either at the Center or delivered to homes. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Victoria R Chaffee

2018 ANNUAL REPORT FOR NORTHEAST SLOPES

The 2017/18 ski season at Northeast Slopes once again highlighted the important role that the rope tow plays in building and sustaining the sense of community in this area of Vermont.

In February we held our Fifth Annual Winterfest. We once again lucked out with snow, a beautiful day and a great crowd who came to enjoy the sleigh rides, ski races, wood fired pizza, outdoor BBQ and live, local music. This event has become a winter tradition in the area and is one of ways skiing and non-skiing community members alike get together during the long winter months.

Our fourth annual NES-FEST was held this October. The day was a success and, once again, townspeople were out and about catching up with neighbors, enjoying the good food, good music and craft beer. Profits from the day went to support the youth ski program which works with both the Waits River Valley School and Bradford Recreation Program. The program works to provide equipment, lessons and slope time for kids in the area. Now in its fifth season, this aspect of our programming demonstrates our commitment to serving the children of this area.

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

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

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

Northeast Slopes' Board of Directors

2018 ORANGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE & SHERIFFS ANNUAL REPORT

County Support for the Sheriff's Department

The Orange County budget supports basic operations at the Sheriff's Department except the salaries of the Sheriff and deputies. The Sheriff's department budget accounts for about 63% of the total county budget. During 2018 the county addressed deterioration of the external gasoline fuel tank set-up. A new tank and concrete pad were installed with a spill barrier. Inside the building the hot water heater needed replacement. The county also took the first step to look at what might be needed to optimize the use of the building and redesign a public entrance. Vermont Architects Collaborative prepared some preliminary designs and discussions will continue through 2019 about the feasibility of this project. The Sheriff's Department is staffed 24/7 so as to provide safety to court staff and those seeking help after hours, especially regarding domestic violence situations. Improvements to the building would provide much better service to the public. Costs for 24/7 staffing are shared between the county and the Sheriff's law enforcement budget. An attempt is made to level-fund the Sheriff's department budget as appropriate. Staffing costs are the main source of budget increases.

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

County Courthouse

The primary driver of increases in the courthouse budget are the costs of maintenance and building improvements. During the summer of 2018 an emergency generator was installed behind the courthouse which means that court will no longer be canceled in the case of a power outage. The funds for the generator were taken from the county capital reserve fund. The north side of the courthouse was repainted and the shutters repaired and painted using funds budgeted for that purpose.

Annual contributions to the Capital Reserve Fund mean that a savings account exists for large expenditures. That fund was used to pay for the fuel tank project at the Sheriff's Department as well as for the architect's design. This fund needs replenishment as it seems that there are always unexpected needs when trying to keep old buildings in good repair. In the fall it was determined that the oldest parts of the air conditioning system in the courthouse need to be replaced in spring 2019. This will involve using a crane to remove the old units from the attic and hoist up the replacements. The plan is to use capital reserve funds that for that project as well.

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

You may contact the Assistant Judges with questions or comments at the courthouse 685-4610

Orange County Assistant Judges: Joyce McKeeman, Corinth and Vickie Weiss, Tunbridge.

2018 FRONT PORCH FORUM REPORT

Many local residents and public officials participate in our local Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build the community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. To read more about missing pets, wildlife sightings, break-ins, road conditions, local events, recommendations, helping neighbors in need and more, sign up (free of charge) at FrontPorchForum.com. We have FPF flyers and sign-up sheets available too. Please sing out if you'd like us to send you some!

Let us help your town put FPF to effective use. Contact us at membersupport@frontporchfourm.com

Michael Wood-Lewis, co-founder, Front Porch Forum

2018 ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION

Orange County Court Diversion (OCCD) is a community based restorative justice program, offering cost effective alternatives to the criminal and civil court system. Our programs include:

- **Court Diversion** for youth and adults referred by the State's Attorney who are facing criminal charges in court. A Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, works with clients to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Clients must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel. Approximately 90% of the clients successfully complete our Court Diversion program. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.
- **Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP)** for youth receiving civil complaints for underage alcohol or marijuana possession;
- **Driver's License Suspension Program (DLS)**, helping Vermonters reinstate their licenses through income-sensitive fine repayment plans;
- **Pre-Trial Services Program**, providing support and services related to mental health and substance abuse for adults facing charges in criminal court.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018, 214 clients were referred for services, a 17% increase from the previous year. Of those, 92 were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, 70 were referred for YSASP, 5 for DLS and 47 were referred for Pre-Trial Services. With few exceptions, all cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. In FY18, OCCD worked with 7 cases in which the offender either resided in and/or the offense occurred in Topsham.

OCCD's FY18 operating budget was \$119,007. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Topsham appropriated \$125 for FY18 to support OCCD. OCCD requests the same amount for FY19.

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

2018 VISITING NURSE, HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE for VT and NH

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

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

Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 VNH made 1,771 homecare visits to 42 Topsham residents. This included approximately \$32,886 in unreimbursed care to Topsham residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 357 home visits to 29 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 57 home visits to 4 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 1,357 home visits to 9 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.
- Topsham's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)

2018 STAGECOACH SERVICES REPORT

Thank you for your support of community transportation services. **In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 1,787 door-to-door rides for Topsham residents** either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-a-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of **112,899** rides. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. Thank you for your past support of community transportation services.

Dial-A-Ride System –Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Topsham, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, pharmacies, food shopping, and social services.**

Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Topsham residents can access bus services** to employment and shopping centers in White River Junction, and the Hanover-Lebanon NH.

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

If you are interested in becoming a Stagecoach Volunteer Driver, please contact our office.

Information-- Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on Stagecoach services at 802-728-3773.

2018 TOPSHAM-CORINTH LITTLE LEAGUE REPORT

Topsham-Corinth Little League was created by caring parents who wanted to provide a sports program for children in the towns of Topsham and Corinth. The league is open to boys and girls from ages 5- 12. Our non-profit organization supports and fosters teamwork, community, and a love of baseball/softball. We were fortunate last year to have three major league teams, three minor league teams, one pony and one instructional tee-ball groups. The Topsham-Corinth league continues as the fastest growing league in the CVNLL area. With the contribution from last year we were able to offset uniform costs and purchase all our baseball bats that had a mandated rule change for 2018. We would like to request \$500.00 to help overhaul our equipment that needs upgrading and possible an outdoor cage for both softball and baseball teams.

For the 2018 season, TCLL provided baseball and softball instruction to over ninety five children from the towns of Topsham (42) and Corinth (53). We hope to be able to continue our program as it is a positive way to encourage our children to be team players and stay physically active.

Thank you from the TCLL board, parents and the players.

Sincerely, Willy Kingsbury, TCLL President/Treasurer

Little Rivers Health Care
A Federally Qualified Health Center
Annual Report to Towns Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Little Rivers Health Care, a federally qualified health center (FQHC), continues to provide primary health care services to roughly 10,000 residents out of our sites in Bradford, East Corinth, and Wells River. Our services include medical, behavioral health, care coordination, access to discount prescription drugs, and oral health/dental care for children. We offer sliding fee discounts to all who qualify under the federal guidelines and provide wrap-around services to assist those whose social and economic situations impact their ability to manage their health.

In 2016, the last full year for which data are available at the time of this submission, Little Rivers provided services to 5588 individuals in the course of 22,000 visits. As reported in years past, we offer health care for all ages, from pre-natal to end of life, including obstetrics, home visits, and farm outreach visits. We continue to collaborate with other FQHCs in the state to provide dental services to over 350 children in our area via the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

In 2016, Little Rivers provided services to 403 Topsham residents, ~ 33% of the population, representing approximately 1572 visits.

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

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

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

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

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

William Campbell, Board Chair

Gail Auclair, CEO

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

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

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

Administration and
Billing:
146 Mill Street
Bradford, VT
802-222-4637

2018 CLARA MARTIN CENTER REPORT

Child and Family Services
Ayers Brook, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

Community Support Services
24 South Main St., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-6000

Adult and Children Outpatient Services
1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

Farmhouse
P O Box 278, Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

East Valley Academy
579 VT Rte. 14 So., East Randolph, VT 05041
(802) 728-3896

Central VT Substance Abuse Services (CVSAS)
100 Hospitality Drive, Berlin, VT 05601
(802) 223-4156

Safe Haven
4 Highland Ave., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-5233

Regional Alternative Program
Norwich Avenue, Wilder, VT 05088
(802) 295-8628

Wilder
PO Box 816, Wilder VT 05088
(802) 295-1311

Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol and other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

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

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

Anyone can get help through our Substance Abuse programming by simply walking through our doors, or calling 728-4466.

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

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

<u>FY18 TOTAL SERVED</u>	<u>AT CMC</u>	<u>At Topsham</u>
Children & Family Services	534	13
School Services	103	3
JOBS	104	2
Adult Services	595	15
CSP Services	170	4
Supportive & Transitional Housing	31	0
Substance Abuse Services	537	13
Corrections Services	60	2
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	460	13
Access	1179	26
Total Served – unduplicated	2234	57
 CVSAS	 632	 3

As one of 10 Designated Agencies in the state of Vermont, Clara Martin Center provides mental health and addiction recovery services for Orange County and the greater Upper Valley area.

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

2018 SAFELINE REPORT

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

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 2,383 services for 334 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse. 60 services were provided for 11 victims and their support people who identified themselves as residents of Topsham. This is an increase in number of people and number of services that were provided in comparison to last year. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most of the victims have children within their family.

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

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

We thank the voters of Topsham for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse. through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

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We thank the voters of Topsham for your support as we strive to end domestic violence and sexual abuse

2018 BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

Blake Memorial Library is a publicly supported non-profit public library operating under 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Our mission is to encourage the people of the Waits River Valley to read, to explore, to think critically and creatively, and to come together to share ideas and inspire each other; we strive to provide them with the tools to do so. We are grateful for the support of the residents of Corinth and Topsham, whose contribution of two dollars per capita helps maintain a facility open to the public five days a week—and helps make it possible for BML to continue to offer resources and services free of charge to everyone in the region.

We're more than just books! We hope you'll visit us and take advantage of our offerings:

- 20,000 books, videos, and audiobooks available for loan; about 100 new items added monthly
- 7 public access computers
- Help with using computers and online resources
- Local history resources
- Printer, copy machine, fax machine
- Downloadable e-books and audiobooks
- Access to Chilton's auto repair database
- Interlibrary loan service
- Rotating collection of videos and audiobooks from the Libraries of the Upper Valley Co-op
- Large print books
- Weekly Story Hour for children
- Exhibits featuring local artists
- Access to Heritage Quest (genealogical database) and Universal Class (take a free class online on almost anything)
- Access to the Vermont Online Library (millions of full-text online information resources produced by known and trusted publishers)
- Circulating periodicals
- Meeting space available
- On-going book sale and large book and plant sales annually
- Help accessing materials from the Special Services Unit of the Dept. of Libraries for people with special needs
- OneCard network (sign up for a OneCard and use it to borrow from other Upper Valley Libraries like Bradford, Chelsea, Fairlee, and

We are pleased to have expanded our services and resources in 2018:

- Programs and events throughout the year
- Norwich, among others)
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- Toy lending library featuring 24 toys that aim to inspire creativity and tinkering
- Expansion of our FREE Vermont attraction pass program, including the VT Granite Museum and the Fairbanks Museum
- Permanent exhibit of Gail Gibbons original art
- Summer of 1,000 Books Challenge with raffle prizes (1,680 books read in 11 weeks)
- Record attendance at our Summer Reading events: 514 people attended 12 events
- New heat pump system, which supplies energy-efficient heating, cooling, and dehumidification to both levels
- Parking lot expansion
- Access to new online services like NoveList and LearningExpress Library

We want to thank the library's fundraising committee (which raises funds for a large portion of the library's budget every year through our Plant and Book Sales, our annual appeal letter, and many other fundraisers); our group of dedicated volunteers (who contribute about 2,000 hours of their time annually to staff the circulation desk, to process and catalog books, to maintain the building and collection, and more); and our generous donors. Because of their efforts, we're able to offer the people of the Waits River Valley quality library services while maintaining a relatively small tax footprint. We are also grateful to the town for its continued support of the Blake Memorial Library.

GREEN UP VERMONT
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greenup@greenupvermont.org
www.greenupvermont.org

Green-Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary on May 5, 2018 with 22,700 volunteers participating and 225 tons of litter collected throughout the state. Always the first Saturday in May, Green-Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's help to continue the annual tradition of cleaning up our roadways and waterways, while promoting civic pride. The tradition of Green-Up Day began in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May 2020.

Green-Up Vermont also offers a statewide educational component for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and town's is an essential part of our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating budget. All town resident's benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, an educational component, and promotional outreach.

Seventy-five percent of Green-Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate sponsors and individual donors. Individuals can donate to Green-Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Keep in touch with Green-Up Vermont news by joining our newsletter, liking us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and following our blog by visiting our website.

Save the dates: Green Up Day, May 4, 2019 and Celebrating 50th Anniversary, May 2, 2020. A Vermont tradition since 1970!

2018 TOPSHAM GREEN-UP DAY REPORT

Green-Up Vermont is a statewide initiative to clean up roadside litter and 2019 will be its 49th year. It is always on the first Saturday in May, so this year it will be on May 4th. Green-Up is an incredible community effort that takes teamwork to make it happen. Greening up doesn't have to be done exactly on the Saturday. If you are able to help, you may clean up our town roadsides the prior week.

Thank you to all the volunteers that make Green-Up happen in Topsham. Special thanks to all the volunteers who picked up and delivered green bags of roadside litter to our trash site and to the Boy Scout Troop 727, who cleaned up all the roads that were not signed up for.

Please consider signing up to Green Up road or a section of road in Topsham this year. Green-Up bags will be handed out the previous Saturday (April 27th), at the trash site in Topsham. Please help us keep our town looking green and beautiful on May 4th. You may sign up at Town Meeting or call 439-6503.

Naomi Tilton, Topsham Green-Up Coordinator

2018 VERMONT VETERAN'S HOME

Many Vermont Veterans, or Veterans in the surrounding tristate area, do not know that a residential facility for Veterans exists in Vermont, nor are they aware of the programs and care that are provided for service men and women and their spouses. Also the link offers important information for children who may be required to coordinate the future care of an aging parent who was in the military or for their spouse. Our website is: <http://vvh.vermont.gov> or call (802) 447-6539

2018 OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM REPORT

For 31 years, Oxbow Senior Independence Program's Adult Day Services has been serving elderly and adults with disabilities from Newbury, Bradford, Fairlee, Corinth, Thetford, Groton, Ryegate, Topsham, and beyond.

Who are we? OSIP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with an important mission for its Adult Day Services: we promote the greatest possible level of health and independence for our participants, while providing relief for their families and caregivers. We're an all-volunteer board, so every penny donated goes to the program.

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

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

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

This past year, we provided 12,200 hours of direct-care service. 2726 hours were specific to Topsham. More than 1,000 hours of uncompensated services were donated by our volunteers, staff, and board.

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

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

Thank you for your support!

2018 TWO-RIVERS OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottawuechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2018:

Technical Assistance

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies, and assisted towns with Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) applications.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC received a USDA Rural Development Grant to support the Region's creative economy. Staff hosted several Cornerstone Creative Community of Vermont (3CVT) steering committee meetings, as well as informational and networking events. TRORC also worked on several public health projects, including health planning and food access.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC conducted a Hazardous Materials Statewide Commodity Flow Study to inform and update emergency response plans, hazard analysis, and response procedures. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the Region. TRORC has been preparing the final municipal Hazard Mitigation Plans in the TRO Region. Staff participated in developing municipal Local Emergency Management Plans.

Municipal Energy Plans

During this second year of energy plan funding, TRORC assisted five more towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to further the state energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. Towns meeting Energy Planning Standards receive a Determination of Energy Compliance and receive Substantial Deference on their input under the Section 248 review process for electricity generation facilities.

Transportation

TRORC is managing the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)'s Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. We have 29/32 municipalities participating with \$460,000 grant funding in the Region to construct projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, improvement and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. TRORC continues to seek and obtain VTrans grants under many state grant programs. Specifically in Topsham this past year, we prepared a Municipal Planning Grant application, and a VTrans Better Roads Grant application for a road erosion inventory. We also updated the town culvert inventory and selected Willey Hill Road ditching for year two of the DEC's Municipal Roads Grants in Aid program.

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

2018 VERMONT LEAGUE of CITIES & TOWNS REPORT

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

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

VLCT provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. We represent cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and their needs are met. VLCT also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities, and directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.

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

During the 2018 calendar year, *VLCT News* converted to a magazine style publication from its newsletter format, with the intent to provide more content and diverse information in each edition.

VLCT also finalized the details of moving its digital data to the "cloud," thereby increasing operational efficiency and enhancing cybersecurity and redundant protection of information. This move also reduced the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment. Improvements to the website are ongoing, and in concert with this effort is the research into a new customer relations management system, designed to help VLCT provide important information to members, but also to simplify ways that members provide information to VLCT that is shared among all municipalities.

VLCT conducted a series of Listening Sessions in 12 communities around the state to hear directly from local officials about services received from VLCT and whether any changes are needed, including whether new services should be initiated or outdated ones eliminated. Further discussions will be held with the Board of Directors. Members will be kept apprised of progress in setting future goals and priorities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the continued progress being made in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

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

2018 VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT

Your local office located in St. Johnsbury and available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs. In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

- Increase capacity statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana with Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP).
- Prevent and control the spread of infectious disease. In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.
- Promote wellness by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.
- Support healthy families by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.
- Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 11,000 families.
- Provide trainings on Help Me Grow to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.
- Share new data and reports including the *Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report* which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the *Injury and Violence in Vermont* report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.
- Work with businesses in planning and starting worksite wellness strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.
- Work with local partners, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency.
- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vdhstjohnsbury/

2018 WEST TOPSHAM COMMUNITY HALL

INCOME

Supper	200.00
Rent	835.00
Rent 2 Tables -10 Chairs	15.00
Yard Sale	150.00
Donations	234.50
TOTAL	\$1,434.50
Cash on Hand	196.60
Checking Account	<u>1,255.99</u>
TOTAL	\$2,887.09

EXPENSES:

Insurance	990.00
Electric	482.20
TOTAL	\$1,472.20
Cash on Hand	172.13
Checking Account	<u>1,242.76</u>
TOTAL	\$2,887.09

Cash on Hand	172.13
Checking Account	1,242.76
Balance 12/31/18	\$1,242.76
Estimated Expenses for 2019	<u>1,600.00</u>
	(185.11)

2018 RIVERSIDE GRANGE REPORT

The Patrons of Husbandry, known as the Grange was founded over 150 years ago to improve the agricultural landscape by sharing knowledge and lobbying for fair representation in rural America. Today the Grange is focused on community involvement by supporting our local food shelf operating out of our hall. Our income relies on fund raising activities and member dues. Cribbage is played every Monday night through the winter.

The Grange continues to sponsor the local Boy Scout troop and make the hall available for their use. The Grange welcomes use of the hall for community groups.

For further information, contact Jim Bulger, President 439 5259 or Paula Clement, Secretary 439 5827. Thank you for your continued support.

Summary of the Minutes of Town Meeting, March 6, 2018

The Legal voters of the Town of Topsham, Vermont, met at the Town Hall on Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 10:00 in the forenoon. The meeting was opened by Moderator, Henry Buermeyer. Tom Otterman offered the invocation. The Moderator then asked all Veterans to come forward. They were thanked by hearty applause. Boy Scout Troop 727 presented the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1. Nominations for Moderator for a term of one year:

Henry Buermeyer was nominated. Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Henry Buermeyer**. So voted by voice vote.

Article 2. Motion made and seconded to accept and adopt the Town Report.

Auditor Elaine Smith listed the following corrections to the report.

On page 2 Peter Keene should be listed as appointed to the position of Representative to NEKWMD.

Page 23 Worksafe TCI, Inc for road signs should be listed as an expense of \$342.50.

The Vendor expense total of \$2,055,175.07

So voted by voice vote to accept and adopt the Town Report as corrected.

Article 3. Nominations for a Town Clerk for a term of three years.

Nominee was: Cynthia Flannigan

Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Moderator cast one ballot for **Cynthia Flannigan**. So voted by voice vote.

Article 4. Nominations for a Town Treasurer for a term of three years.

Nominee was: Cynthia Flannigan.

Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Moderator cast one ballot for **Cynthia Flannigan**. So voted by voice vote.

Article 5. Nominations for a Selectperson for a term of three years.

Nominee was: Bradford Calhoun

Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Bradford Calhoun**. So voted by voice vote.

Article 6. Nominations for a second Selectperson for a term of three years.

Nominees were: Randy Keating, Dustin Downing and Naomi Tilton.

77 votes were cast. 39 votes necessary for choice.

Naomi Tilton 32

Dustin Downing 24

Randy Keating 21

Randy Keating withdrew his nomination.

85 votes cast. 43 necessary for choice.

Naomi Tilton 48

Dustin Downing 33

Randy Keating 2

Yvette Tomlinson 1

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Chip Conquest was given the floor while votes were being counted. He spoke on 4 topics, which were:

*Property Taxes and Education Funding

*Saliva testing for drug testing by law enforcement

*Rural Economic Development concerning the need for wastewater systems in small towns, support for the wood industry and access to high speed internet.

*Gun control

- Article 7.** Nominations for a Lister for a term of three years.
Nominees were: Grant Gibby, who withdrew his name and Heidi Wright.
Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Heidi Wright**.
So voted by voice vote.
- Article 8.** Nominations for a School Director for the Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) for a term of three years.
Nominee was: Suzanne Kingsbury
Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Suzanna Kingsbury**. So voted by voice vote.
- Article 9.** Nominations for a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
Nominee was: Brooke Hayward.
Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Brooke Hayward**. So voted by voice vote
- Article 10.** There were no nominations for the position of Town Auditor.
- Article 11.** Nominations for an Agent to deed land and to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town may be interested. Nominee was: Brooke Hayward
Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Brooke Hayward**. So voted by voice vote.
- Article 12.** Nominations for two Grand Jurors for a term of one year.
Nominees were: Janice Emerson, East side and Georgianna Spooner, West side.
Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Janice Emerson** for the East Side and **Georgiana Spooner** for the West Side.
So voted by voice vote.
- Article 13.** A motion was made and seconded to exempt in whole the Riverside Grange from taxes for a period of five years. So voted by voice vote.
- Article 14.** Motion was made and seconded to exempt the West Topsham Community Hall in whole for a period of five years. Discussion followed. The motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to exempt the West Topsham Community Hall Association in whole for a period of one year with the stipulation that the Association come back to the Town at next year's town meeting with their plans for the future of the building. The amendment was so voted by voice vote. The original motion as amended was so voted by voice vote.
- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to use the sum of \$7,304.00 from FY 2017 Town Operations surplus to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes for 2018. Motion was made and seconded to use the surplus to reduce taxes. Nick Zandstra expressed in his opinion, the tax payers had already paid this money and it would not reduce individuals tax bills by very much, therefore it would be better to deposit the money into the Surplus Fund CD for upcoming large expenditures such as the Town Garage and equipment. Treasurer Cynthia Flannigan noted that if the motion failed the monies would be deposited into the Surplus CD and that the Select Board would have to get authorization from the voters in order to spend the monies. Motion failed by voice vote.
- Article 16.** Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to spend unanticipated funds received during the year such as grants and gifts for the purposes for which they were intended.
So voted by voice vote.
- Article 17.** Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts. So voted by voice vote.
- Article 18.** Motion made and seconded to have the Town's taxes collected by the treasurer with a due date of October 1, 2018 at the close of business. So voted by voice vote.

Article 19. Janice Emerson, Chair of the Budget Committee motioned that the Town vote the sum of \$1,092,975.00 with \$740,775.00 to be raised by taxes for expenses and indebtedness for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded. So voted by voice vote.

Article 20. Motion made and seconded to appropriate \$16,746.00 for the following organizations which have filed requests as set forth below. Prior to the vote Christie Everett spoke for the Clara Martin Center, Pearl Keene for Blake Memorial Library, John Morris for Oxbow Senior Independence Program. A voter requested information concerning the Topsham Corinth Little League and Orange County Parent Child Center. Stacy Emerson spoke for the Little League and Georgiana Spooner for the Parent Child Center. So voted by voice vote.

Clara Martin Center	1,652.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	500.00
Northeast Ski Slope	1173.00
Orange County Diversion Program	125.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	4000.00
Orange East Senior Center	2200.00
Capstone Community Action	300.00
Blake Memorial Library	2346.00
Little Rivers Health Care	1100.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	800.00
Safeline, Inc	500.00
Stagecoach Transportation	850.00
Topsham Corinth Little League	500.00
OxBee Quilt Guild	200.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$16,746.00

Article 21. Passed over by voice vote.

Article 22. No other legal business came before said meeting. Jim Bulger did use this time to thank Tom Flannigan for his many years of dedicated Select Board work. He also mentioned the Topsham Town Plan is being updated and hopes Topsham residents will participate.

Motion made and seconded to **adjourn at 1:40 PM.** So voted by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Flannigan
Town Clerk

Henry Buermeyer
Moderator

Janice Emerson
Justice of the Peace



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2018 DEATH CERTIFICATES FILED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE of DEATH</u>
RITA GERTRUDE HOBBS-FERRARA	62	January 2018
BERNIE ELMER POWERS, Jr.	83	March 24, 2018
SHARON M. OSBORNE	77	April 15, 2018
GERTRUDE M. HODGE	99	April 20, 2018
RUSSELL KENNETH BATTEN	90	July 18, 2018
FRIEDA WYBENGA TOWNSHEND	86	July 26, 2018
JOHN EUGENE EMERSON	86	October 9, 2018
ELEANOR S. BUTLER	80	November 5, 2018
LYDIA BOWIE WOOD	2	November 30, 2018
CARL GARABED RIAN	72	December 11, 2018

BURIAL PERMITS FILED

Edward Charles Claflin	88	March 4, 2018
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MARRIAGES

DYLAN JAMES MAGWIRE	CHELSEA ELIZABETH ROWELL	March 25, 2018
Sean Robert Turner	Lynn Kathryn Gaesser	June 23, 2018
SCOTT THOMAS MATHESON	CHELSEA LANE'	June 30, 2018
Matthew Thomas Burnham	Claudia May Martineau	June 30, 2018
Christopher Paul Souliere	Roxanne Patricia Flint	June 30, 2018
JOHN ARNOLD MEISTER	KIRBY ANN BROWN	July 7, 2018
PATRICK DEXTER BAGALIO	BRIANNA ELIZABETH POULIN	July 14, 2018
MICHAEL WAYNE SMITH	KATHLEEN MARY HEMMELRICK	July 28, 2018
ZACHARY RYAN GREENE	TARI LEE MORSE	August 4, 2018
JESSE OWEN ELDRED	MELISSA MARIE HASKINS	August 4, 2018
Collin Raye Bernier	REBECCA ANNE OSMER	August 11, 2018
John Arthur Miller	BROOKE SHIRLEY HAYWARD	August 18, 2018
JON AMSDEN TABOR, II	LINDSAY MARIE GRANT	September 16, 2018
DAVID JAMES GORDON	AMBER MARIE DOWNING	September 22, 2018

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BIRTHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>	
ISOBEL GRACE CLARK	January 22, 2018	Isaac Murray Drinkwine	Nicole Marie Clark
ISAAC JOSIAH LEON LOPEZ	February 23, 2018	Lidbet Roxana Leon Lopez	
PASCHALIS JOHN HILDEBRANDT	March 3, 2018	Carl Erich Hildebrandt	Demetra Sophia Hazatonos
LIBERTY ROSE ZACK	May 21, 2018	Dakota Jonathan Zack	Fonda Joy McKinney
LEAH CATHERINE BATTEN	August 7, 2018	Travis Mikeal Batten	Natania Robacker Sewall
ISAAC LEON FOWLER	October 27, 2014	Kyle Jacob Fowler	Melisa Begovic

NOTE: New Hampshire Town Clerks do not automatically send copies of Birth or Death records to Vermont Town Clerks. If you wish vital statistics from other states to be recorded in Topsham you must secure a copy from the Clerk of the town in which the event occurred and deliver it to the Topsham Town Clerk for recording. The Topsham Town Clerk cannot make certified copies of these records, but having the record recorded indicates where to go to get a certified copy, if needed.

THE NEW VITAL RECORDS LAW (ACT 46) AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2018.**

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>



Ruth E. Morrison

Awarded the Town Cane

Handcrafted by

Alex Emerson

At the Town Picnic

IN CASE OF FIRE or PHYSICAL EMERGENCY: Dial-911

**This number will get the Fire Department,
the FAST Squad and Ambulance or the State Police**

1. Call immediately - Get the responders on their way
2. Give your location - Name - Nature of emergency
3. Wait - Do not hang up - Answer questions - Be sure you have been understood.

Forest Fire Wardens:

William Appleton 439-5530
Key man - Edgar Downing 439-5880

Report any and all forest fires to the Fire Warden or Key Man at once! At all times of the year, ANY OUTSIDE BURNING REQUIRES A PERMIT or permission from the Fire Warden or Key Man. Neither Trash burner nor incinerator is "official" or "approved" until declared so by the Fire Warden.

*******Licenses, Registrations & Park Passports *******

Dog Licenses:

Attention Dog Owners:	Fees Before April 1st	After April 1st
<u>NOT</u> Neutered/spayed.....	\$13.00\$17.00
Neutered/spayed.....	\$9.00\$11.00

NOTE: State receives \$5.00 of each fee. All dogs age (6) months are required by State Law to be licensed. A current rabies certificate is necessary for licensing. Rabies shots are now valid for 36 months after initial vaccination.

ALL DOGS must be licensed between January 1st & April 1st. (EVERY YEAR)

Copy of the Animal Ordinance is available at the town office.

Rabies Clinic: Wednesday March 6, 2019, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Location: East Corinth Fire Station. *The Town Clerk will be in attendance to license your dogs.*

Cats: State law requires cats to be vaccinated against rabies.

Vehicle Registration Renewals:

Renewals can be done by Town Clerk, during regular office hours, for cars and trucks less than 6,099 Lbs. and snowmobiles. You must have Preprinted Computer Generated Registration with current or previous month's expirations. Must pay with check or money order for the correct amount. Town clerk will collect a \$3.00 processing fee, which may be in cash.

Green Mountain Passport:

Must be 62 or over and a Resident of Vermont. Must apply with Town Clerk in town of Residence.
Charge \$2.00

Passports to National Parks:

Golden Access Passport:

Free to Handicapped with proof of disability. Others purchase at Green Mountain National Park offices in Rutland, Manchester, Middlebury or Rochester.

Golden Age Passport:

Age 62 and over, with proof of age. Charge \$10.00. Can be purchased at entrance to any National Park or at any of the above Green Mountain National Park Offices.

Golden Eagle Passport:

Can be purchased at any age at entrance to any National Park for \$25.00.

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