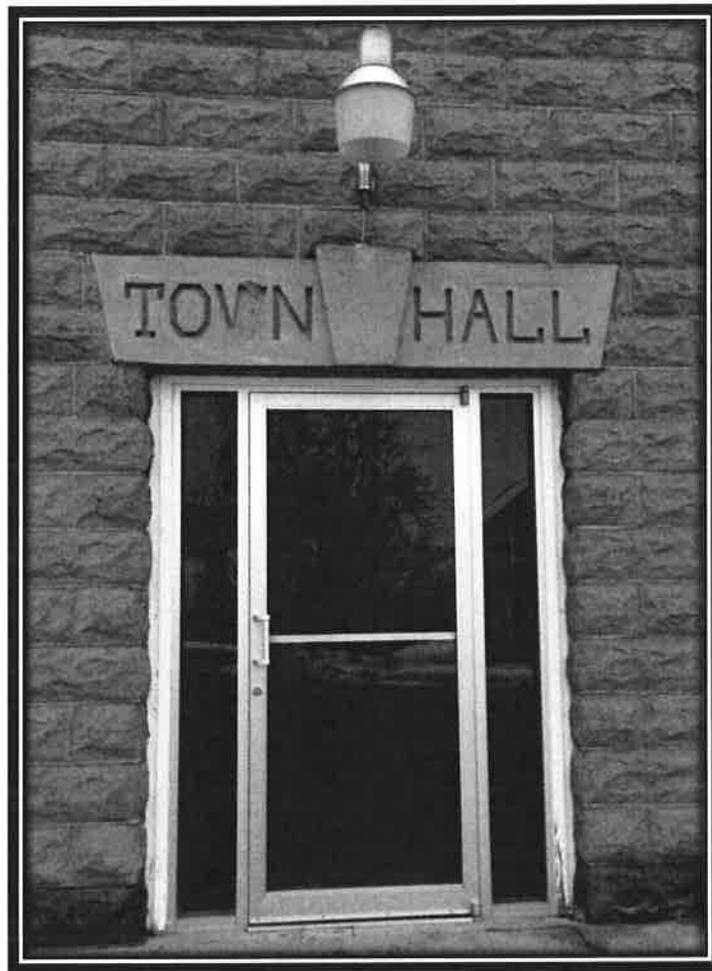


Town of
WHITING
Vermont
2018 TOWN REPORT



TOWN MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 at 7:15PM

at THE WHITING TOWN HALL

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DEDICATIONS OF TOWN REPORT

Jacob Quick "Jake" Emmons



Jacob Quick "Jake" Emmons, 87, died Monday, May 21, 2018, at his home. He was born Oct. 3, 1930, in South Branch, New Jersey, the son of William and Louise (Quick) Emmons. He graduated in 1949 from Sommerville Pioneer High School in New Jersey. Mr. Emmons then served in the U.S. Army in Germany. He ran a dairy farm in Whiting from 1961 to 1990. He served Whiting as a selectman, town lister, town moderator, as well as a charter member of the Whiting Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Emmons was a member of American Legion Post #27, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7823 and the funeral honors detail. He was a licensed pilot and owned his own Piper Cub airplane.

Treverton D. "Ted" Ketcham



Treverton D. "Ted" Ketcham, 93, died Tuesday morning, June 19, 2018, at Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Middlebury. He was born Aug. 13, 1924, in Sudbury, the son of Dighton and Gladys (Johnson) Ketcham. Ted was a United States Marine Corps veteran serving during WWII. He saw combat at Roi Namur, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. He received wounds on Saipan and Iwo Jima and was awarded two Purple Hearts. On Iwo Jima under heavy fire when his lieutenant was wounded, he assumed command of the platoon and led them to successful completion of their mission. For this, he was awarded the Bronze Star. After his honorable discharge from the Corps, he married Annabelle Mallory. They raised two sons and he embarked on many vocations: farmer, IGA store owner, state worker, dump truck operator and school bus driver. His hobbies were hunting, trapping, fishing, gardening, logging, watching auto racing, spending time with his grandchildren, having coffee with his friends in Brandon, and he was an avid New England Patriots fan.

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Whiting Town Officials

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	Term Expires
Auditors	
Elizabeth Curran	2021
Marcia King	2020
Alison Remy	2019
Delinquent Tax Collector	
Rani Fallon	2019
First Constable	
Michael Dame	2019
Second Constable	
Rusty Brigham	2019
Justices of the Peace	
Elizabeth Curran	2 years - 2021
Stacey Freeguard	2 years - 2021
Patricia Mattison	2 years - 2021
Carolyn Schmidt	2 years - 2021
Grace Simonds	2 years - 2021
Library Trustees	
Heather Mattison	3 years - 2019
Jaime Quenneville	2 years - 2019
Andrea Quesnel	3 years - 2020
Tara Trudo	2 years - 2019
Tammy Wilbur	3 years - 2020
Listers	
Elizabeth Curran	2019
Dennis Ethridge	2021
Stacey Freeguard	2020
Moderator - Town	
Elizabeth Curran	2019
Road Commissioner	
Paul Quesnel	2019
Selectboard	
Steve Quenneville	2020
Tara Trudo	2019
Bob Wood, Chair	2021
Town Agent	
Heather Bouchard	2019
Town Clerk	
Gale Quenneville	2020
Town Treasurer	
Gale Quenneville	2020
Board of Civil Authority	
Town Clerk	
Selectboard	
Justices of the Peace	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	Term Expires
Forest Fire Warden	
Delwin Fielder	June 2019
Regional Planning Representative	
Ellen Kurrelmeyer	2019
Regional Planning Alternate	
Gary Freeguard	2019
Town Health Officer	
Jeanne Lamoureux	2019
Planning Commission	
Heather Bouchard	3 years - 2021
Beverly Freeguard	3 years - 2020
Steve Quenneville, Chair	3 years - 2019
Tracey Simonds	2 years - 2019
Bob Wood	3 years - 2020
Solid Waste Representative	
Eric Zuesse	2019
Solid Waste Alternate	
Carolyn Schmidt	2019
Town Juror	
Paul Quesnel	2019
Town Service Officer	
Grace Simonds	2019
Fence Viewers	
Delwin Fielder	2019
Juanita Hornbeck	2019
Gerald Quenneville	2019
Town Hall Custodian	
Tammy Wilbur	2019
Green Up Chairman	
Rebecca Bertrand	2019
Zoning Administrator	
Kate Briggs	2019
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Heather Bouchard	3 years - 2021
Beverly Freeguard	3 years - 2021
Gary Freeguard	3 years - 2020
Mike Wilbur	3 years - 2019
Steve Quenneville, Chair	3 years - 2020

<p>Cemetery Board: Beverly Freeguard, Grace Simonds</p> <p>Emergency Management Coordinator: Larry Wilbur</p> <p>State Representative: Terry Norris</p> <p>State Senators: Claire Ayer, Christopher Bray</p>
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Who's Who in Local Government

Roles of Elected and Appointed Officers

Supplied by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office

Auditor (elected)

Review and audit all town accounts and prepare the annual town report. Should be very detail oriented. Good writing skills are a plus.

Cemetery Commissioner (elected)

Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. If no cemetery commissioners are elected, the selectboard fulfills this role.

Collector of Current Taxes

A town must vote to have the Town Manager or Town Treasurer to collect current taxes. If the town fails to vote, then the Town Constable becomes the collector of current taxes.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

A town must vote to authorize the selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes, who may be the Town Manager or Town Treasurer. If a town fails to vote, then the Town Constable becomes the collector of delinquent taxes.

Constable (elected)

In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure, and arrest within the town. In other towns, the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the first constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

Fence Viewers (appointed)

Three viewers are appointed by the selectboard each year. When called upon, they examine fences and other boundaries within the town.

Grand Juror (appointed)

Helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement. (Generally not a very active position.)

Health Officer (appointed)

Appointed by the commissioner of health to a three-year term after recommendation by the town selectboard. Enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

Justices of the Peace (elected)

Although elected by a town, justices of the peace are actually county officers. For more information, see the Justice of the Peace Handbook. The duties of justices of the peace can fall into five categories of responsibilities: elections, tax abatement and appeals, marriages and civil unions, oaths and notary, and magistrate.

Listers (elected)

Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not be oversensitive to criticism.

Moderator (elected)

Runs the annual and special town/school meeting. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

Planning Commissioners (appointed or elected)

Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan; making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation; and participating in a

regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a development review board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

Regional Planning Commission Representative (appointed)

Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans.

Road Commissioners (elected or appointed)

Can be elected or appointed. Has no independent authority, but can assist the selectboard in overseeing town highways at the request of the board. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

Selectboard Members (elected)

General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations, and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents and manages budget; and oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing, and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health, liquor control commission, and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.

Town Agent (elected)

The town agent used to prosecute and defend suits. The selectboard now has that authority. Thus, the town agent's duty consists merely of assisting when litigation is in progress, at the request of the selectboard. (Generally not a very active position.)

Town Clerk (elected)

Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union, and hunting and fishing licenses; as well as motor vehicle renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the board of civil authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

Town Forest Fire Warden (appointed)

Appointed by the fire commissioner with the approval of the selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires.

Town Services Officer (appointed)

Appointed on or before April 15th of each year. Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel, or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.

Town Treasurer (elected)

Keeps the town and school's accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

Town Tree Warden (appointed)

Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Removes diseased, dying, or dead trees; which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

Zoning Administrator (appointed)

Appointed by the planning commission with the approval of the selectboard. Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the zoning ordinance.

Zoning Board of Adjustment or Development Review Board Members (appointed)

Holds hearings and makes decisions on land use permit applications and appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator.

2018 Report of Town Assets

ASSETS:

Building Fund -----	\$1,500.00
Checking Acct-----	\$14,159.85
Chloride Truck -----	\$5,000.00
Computer Replacement Fund -----	\$1,400.00
Equipment Fund-----	\$25,065.15
Fire Station-----	\$526,251.00
Grader Purchased in 1997 -----	\$15,000.00
International Truck Purchased in 2015-----	\$60,000.00
Land Record Books Upkeep Fund -----	\$544.64
Library and Contents-----	\$218,575.00
Lister Reappraisal Fund -----	\$11,496.46
Loader Purchased in 2002 -----	\$47,000.00
Old School -----	\$23,395.00
Recycling Shed-----	\$19,820.00
Sand/Salt Shed -----	\$82,002.00
Sexton Fund-CD#2011 -----	\$17,234.24
Tax Sale Escrow -----	\$3,581.98
Town Garage and Contents-----	\$109,530.00
Town Hall and Contents-----	\$861,085.00
Town Office and Contents-----	\$155,645.00
Truck Purchased in 1987 -----	\$12,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS-----	\$2,210,285.32

2018 Tax Rates

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Homestead Education	\$1.293	\$1.3108
Municipal Rate	\$0.647	\$0.6607
Veteran's Exemption	\$0.002	\$0.0012
Total Homestead Rate	\$1.942	\$1.9727
Non-Residential Rate	\$1.430	\$1.4996
Municipal Rate	\$0.647	\$0.6607
Veteran's Exemption	\$0.002	\$0.0012
Total Non-Residential Rate	\$2.079	\$2.1615

2018 Delinquent Tax Report

If you know in advance that you will be unable to pay your property taxes before the due date of December 1st, please feel free to contact me to make arrangements. I will help you set up a monthly payment, making sure your taxes will be paid before the next year is due. In extreme cases, there are other options that I may be able to help you with.

I am available any time by telephone, cell (802)989-2614, or at home (802)623-6221. All 2018 accounts balanced using proper accounting procedures.

All delinquent taxes from 2014, 2015, and 2016 have been collected.

Respectfully, Rani Fallon, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

2017 Delinquent Taxes\$5,908.79 2018 Delinquent Taxes\$21,948.83

Grand Total owed to Town as of 12/31/2018\$27,857.62

2018 Town Clerk and Treasurer Report

I'm reaching my 5th year as your Town Clerk and Treasurer. We just closed a very busy and enjoyable year. We are beginning to document new procedures and systems within the office. I've attended lots of classes and a lot of new learning experiences. The vault has been reorganized (again), it is definitely a work in progress.

Please be sure you have logged into our website: Whitingvt.com. There is a lot of great info and a great way to keep up to date with the Town.

My Annual Reminders:

April 1st is the deadline for registering your dog(s). This is State law, not a Whiting request. The purpose of the law is to continue the reduction of cases of rabies. The law was put on the books all over the country back in the 1960's due to a rabies outbreak that was quite devastating. I always have tags by the first of January so you can stop in or mail your payment and a current rabies certificate for your dog(s) anytime between January and April 1. The fee is \$11 for spayed or neutered and \$13 for not spayed or neutered.

Property Taxes are due in hand, by December 2nd, 2019. You can mail in your check and include a SASE and I'll mail you your receipt. Tax bills are normally sent by early September, you can prepay before that if you'd like.

Green Up is going to be an event this year; we're hoping to have a map and sign up opportunities and hopefully a thank you cookout in the afternoon.

We are also hoping to have other regularly scheduled Community Events, watch the website for more information. I want to thank all of the Whiting town officials for a great year. We have an awesome team and it is a pleasure to work with everyone. Also, a big thank you to my mentors: Julie Delphia and Laurie Bertrand.

Respectfully,

Gale Quenneville Town Clerk and Treasurer

Dates to Remember

Town Meeting: Tuesday, March 5th 7:15pm, at the Town Hall

Rabies Clinic: Tuesday, March 26th, 5:30 – 6:30pm, at the Fire House, \$15
(You may also register your dogs on this day.)

Dog Registration: Due by April 1st, 2019

Green Up Day: Saturday, May 4th, 2019

Taxes Due (in hand): Monday, December 2nd, 2019

2018 Dog Registration

Income

Female Spayed	\$418.00
Male Neutered	\$363.00
Female	\$286.00
Male	\$112.00
<u>Late Fees</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,209.00

Expenses

State Fees	\$212.00
Animal Control	\$22.50
<u>Supplies</u>	<u>\$117.78</u>
Total Expenses	\$352.28

All dogs must be registered by **April 1st, 2019:**

- Spayed/Neutered Dogs \$11
 - Unspayed/Unneutered Dogs \$13
- New Dogs must be registered within
30 days of adoption.*

2018 Treasurer's Report with the General Fund

Beginning balance:

NBM Checking Account-----	\$2,581.40
Equipment Fund-----	13,065.15
Lister Reappraisal CD -----	9,512.84
General Fund Total -----	\$25,159.39

Receipts

Current Land Use-----	\$41,820.00
Current Taxes 2018-----	565,255.65
De Tax Expenses Received-----	11.00
Del Tax Interest Received-----	397.39
Del Tax Penalty Received-----	3,179.12
Del Taxes 2016 -----	1,066.00
Del Taxes 2017 -----	35,006.30
Del Taxes 2018 -----	40,876.68
Dog Licenses -----	1,202.00
Education Reimbursement-----	3,815.38
Equipment Fund Receipts-----	12,000.00
Hats and Tees Sale-----	150.00
Insurance Audit Return -----	13.00
Insurance Claim Reimbursement -----	7,212.00
Interest Income-----	616.58
Listers Income-----	221.00
Loan FNBO -----	55,000.00
Misc. Income (closing savings account)-----	10.38
Municipal Tax Adjustment-----	15,249.81
Office Receipts-----	5,642.52
OV Vote -----	590.00
Payroll Liabilities-----	4,261.28
Penalties Received -----	7,000.00
Permits -----	745.00
Pilot Program -----	228.44
Reimbursement for 911 Dispatch -----	1,104.06
State Aid for Highways-----	34,121.51
Town Hall Rent-----	410.00
Traffic Tickets-----	7,822.44
Webster Books-----	3.50
Total Receipts -----	\$845,031.05

Disbursements

Building Budget-----	\$20,540.40
Appropriations Budget-----	5,035.50
County Budget-----	1,905.18
Insurance Budget -----	14,959.50
Misc Budget -----	366.18
Taxes to School District -----	394,386.87
Road Budget -----	194,426.77
Salary Budget-----	50,084.41
Social Services Budget-----	3,200.00
Town Office Budget -----	18,279.82
Public Safety -----	31,893.11
Listers Budget-----	-70.00
<u>Line of Credit Orwell Bank Repay -----</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>
Total Disbursed -----	\$790,007.74

General Fund Ending Balance:

NBM Checking Account-----	\$14,159.85
Equipment Fund-----	25,065.15
Lister's Reappraisal Fund-----	11,496.46
Tax Sale Receipts -----	3,581.98
Building Fund -----	1,500.00
Computer Replacement Fund -----	1,400.00
Land Records Book Repair-----	544.64
<u>Del Taxes Due-----</u>	<u>22,434.62</u>
Ending Balance-----	\$80,182.70

2018 Board of Selectmen's Report

Town Website: If you are looking for more information about what is happening in Whiting, be sure to check out our town website. The website address is www.WhitingVT.com. On our website, you will find meeting agendas and notes, maps, pictures, a calendar, forms, some interesting pieces of Whiting history and more.

Library Moved to Second Floor of Town Hall: Over the summer of 2018, the condition of our town library deteriorated to the point that we were concerned about safety and preserving our collection of books from the elements. We made the decision to move the town library to the second story of the Town Hall which was a space that was seeing very little use. Through the fall, all the books and furniture were moved, and the library trustees spent a great deal of time weeding through the books and creating a library space in the Town Hall. Recently, they re-opened the library in the new space and will be experimenting with what hours it will be open. Many thanks to the library trustees and other volunteers who helped with this process.

Town Building Updates: We have many buildings around town in need of some minor repairs and paint and several others in need of much more. We spent a Saturday this past fall touring each of the town buildings and planning for needed repairs and upgrades. We created a 5 year plan for building maintenance and repairs. We had the trim on the town office painted in 2018 and have hired someone to fix the copula on the top of the little red school house. In 2019, we will be repairing and painting the trim on the town hall and adding additional electric outlets to the second floor of the town hall. We also will be looking into creating separate heating zones for the first and second floors of the town hall.

Construction Update: In 2018, the town approved a bond to replace the town shed and the old part of the fire station. Work on these projects is scheduled to start as soon as winter turns to spring.

Change in Fire Department Leadership: The select board would like to thank Chief Mike Wilbur for his many years of service to the fire department and the Whiting community. Congratulations to our new fire chief, Steve White.

A personal Note from Select Board Member Tara Trudo: I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve my community as a select board member over the past 2 years. Do to my family's increasingly busy evening schedule, I will not be running for another term in 2019. I encourage others who want to be more involved in their community to consider running, it is a great group of people to work with and I am sure I will miss it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Wood

Steve Quenneville

Tara Trudo

2019 Town of Whiting Budget

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Balance Forward	\$16,731.15	\$16,731.15	\$2,581.40	\$2,581.40	\$14,159.85
Income					
Current Land Use	\$30,000.00	\$33,734.69	\$30,000.00	\$41,820.00	\$30,000.00
Current Taxes 2016		21.48			
Current Taxes 2017		533,629.02			
Current Taxes 2018				565,255.66	
Del Taxes for 2013					
Del Taxes for 2014		-21.99			
Del Taxes for 2015		2,101.25			
Del Taxes for 2016	15,000.00	23,357.99		1,066.00	
Del Taxes for 2017		21,080.52	20,000.00	35,006.30	
Del Taxes for 2018				40,876.68	
Del Tax Exp Received				11.00	
Del Tax Interest Received				397.39	
Del Tax Penalties Received				3,179.12	
Dispatching Service Reimb.		651.93		1,104.06	800.00
Dog Licenses/Fines	1,000.00	1,064.00	1,000.00	1,202.00	1,000.00
Equipment Fund Receipts		12,000.00		12,000.00	
Hats and Tees Sales		20.00		150.00	
Insurance Audit Return		98.00		13.00	
Insurance Claim Reimbursement				7,212.00	
Interest Income		9.69		616.58	
Lister's Training Income		220.00		221.00	220.00
Loan FNBO		100,000.00		55,000.00	
Misc. Income <i>(closed small savings acct)</i>		153.53		10.38	
Municipal Tax Adjustment		8,895.51		15,249.81	
Office Receipts	5,000.00	3,840.20	3,500.00	5,642.52	3,500.00
Education Reimbursement		6,759.23		3,815.38	
OV Vote Reimbursement	520.00	600.00	500.00	590.00	500.00
Penalties and Fines				7,000.00	
Permits	250.00	1,930.00	1,000.00	745.00	750.00
Pilot Program	300.00	280.47	300.00	228.44	225.00
State Aid for Highways	34,000.00	34,134.74	34,000.00	34,121.51	34,000.00
State Parcel Payment	218.00		218.00		
Town Hall Rent	110.00	115.00	100.00	410.00	500.00
Traffic Tickets	19,000.00	14,614.73	9,000.00	7,822.44	6,500.00
Veteran's Mem. Plaque Donations					
Whiting Books		18.50		3.50	
Total Income	\$105,398.00	\$799,308.49	\$99,618.00	\$840,769.77	\$77,995.00

Expenses

Appropriations

Green Up	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Humane Society	550.00	400.00	400.00	450.00	450.00
Library	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

2019 Town of Whiting Budget

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
<i>(Appropriations Continued)</i>					
MVAA	1,047.50	1,047.50	1,047.50	1,047.50	1,047.50
VLCT Dues	1,458.00	1,458.00	1,458.00	1,488.00	1,500.00
Whiting Cemetery Assoc.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$5,105.50	\$4,955.50	\$4,955.50	\$5,035.50	\$5,047.50
Buildings Budget					
Buildings Fund	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Buildings Repairs	1,500.00	467.48	1,500.00	8,915.31	2,500.00
Buildings Supplies	400.00	34.14	400.00	341.15	400.00
Electric Town Hall	1,000.00	700.67	1,000.00	762.49	1,000.00
Electric Town Office	750.00	741.95	750.00	649.62	750.00
Electric Town Shed	500.00	418.54	500.00	653.09	600.00
Grounds Care	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
Heating Fuel Town Hall	500.00	1,058.61	800.00	2,553.84	1,600.00
Heating Fuel Town Office	500.00	538.85	500.00	722.37	500.00
Heating Fuel Town Shed	1,000.00	298.59	1,000.00	369.00	800.00
Municipal Water	1,300.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Street Lights	650.00	560.53	650.00	523.53	500.00
Bond Payment					28,050.00
Total Buildings Budget	\$11,550.00	\$8,269.36	\$12,050.00	\$20,540.40	\$42,250.00
County Budget					
Add. Cty. Court House Tax	\$1,500.00	\$1,216.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,375.98	\$1,500.00
Add. Cty. Reg. Planning	522.00	521.52	530.00	529.20	530.00
Town Plan Update	3,500.00	0.00			
Total County Budget	\$5,522.00	\$1,737.52	\$2,030.00	\$1,905.18	\$2,030.00
Insurance Expense					
Town Liability					
Workmen's Comp					
Insurance Expense – Other	\$16,000.00	\$14,496.50	\$16,000.00	\$14,959.50	\$16,000.00
Total Insurance Expense	\$16,000.00	\$14,496.50	\$16,000.00	\$14,959.50	\$16,000.00
Listers Budget					
Transfer to Lister Reimb. CD					
Lister Dues				\$60.00	\$60.00
Listers Supplies	\$265.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$215.00	\$465.00
Listers Training	300.00	605.00	300.00	-345.00	300.00
Total Listers Budget	\$565.00	\$820.00	\$515.00	-\$70.00	\$825.00
Other					
Bank Service Charge					
Line of Credit FNBO		\$100,000.00		\$55,000.00	
Misc Select Board Expense		44.60		366.18	
Total Other		\$100,044.60		\$55,366.18	
Payroll					
Animal Control	\$100.00	\$407.50	\$150.00	\$22.50	\$150.00
Assistant Town Clerk	600.00	900.00	1,000.00	1,503.75	4,000.00

2019 Town of Whiting Budget

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
<i>(Payroll Continued)</i>					
Auditors	3,000.00	3,641.25	3,000.00	1,563.75	2,000.00
Clerk of Select Board	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Del. Tax Collecting Fees		2,851.30	0.00	3,051.79	
Election Ballot Clerks	700.00	240.00	700.00	1,395.00	700.00
Election Counting	0.00	0.00			
Election Justice of Peace	0.00	240.00			
Election Set Up	0.00	49.68			
Election Travel	0.00	0.00			
Listers Hours	7,800.00	11,212.50	11,000.00	7,136.25	8,000.00
Listers Support	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Selectboard	2,400.00	2,600.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Clerk	12,900.00	12,270.00	12,900.00	15,328.00	13,500.00
Town Clerk Ins. Stipend	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Town Hall Custodian	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Treasurer	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Website Expenses		0.00	1,200.00	1,300.00	1,200.00
Total Payroll	\$37,700.00	\$44,612.23	\$43,150.00	\$44,501.54	\$42,750.00
Payroll Expenses					
FICA	\$3,600.00	\$4,426.78	\$5,000.00	\$5,582.87	\$5,000.00
Payroll Expenses - Other		526.68			
Total Payroll Expenses	\$3,600.00	\$4,953.46	\$5,000.00	\$5,582.87	\$5,000.00
Public Safety					
911 Call Contract	\$2,500.00	\$1,253.83	\$2,500.00	\$1,676.28	\$2,500.00
Fire Department	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Fire Inspection	150.00	103.50	150.00	197.00	200.00
First Response	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Dog Registration Fees	300.00	397.61	300.00	329.78	350.00
Municipal Roads Fee					\$900.00
Recycling	3,960.00	3,741.86	4,020.00	4,121.00	4,200.00
Sheriff's Patrol	18,000.00	11,929.92	18,000.00	7,785.50	18,000.00
Veteran's Memorial Plaque	300.00	0.00	300.00	283.55	150.00
Whiting Tees and Hats	200.00	749.36	0.00		
Total Public Safety	\$42,910.00	\$35,676.08	\$42,770.00	\$31,893.11	\$43,800.00
Road Budget					
Brush Removal-Labor	\$1,200.00	\$540.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Capital Construction-Paving	60,000.00	59,009.74	60,000.00	48,654.74	60,000.00
Chloride	0.00				
Diesel	4,000.00	4,435.58	4,000.00	4,870.93	4,000.00
Ditching-Labor	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,322.50	2,000.00
Equipment Parts	3,500.00	3,577.90	3,500.00	7,697.51	3,500.00
Equipment Repairs	5,000.00	18,903.48	7,500.00	13,695.56	7,500.00
Equipment Replacement	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Equipment Signs	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,990.38	1,500.00
Equipment Supplies	1,500.00	1,403.00	1,500.00	320.99	1,500.00
Highway Drug Test	50.00	0.00	50.00		50.00

2019 Town of Whiting Budget

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
<i>(Road Budget Continued)</i>					
Liquid Chloride	\$10,000.00	\$10,800.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,807.32	\$12,000.00
Road Commissioner Education	100.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
Road Gravel	20,000.00	19,503.33	30,000.00	32,762.76	30,000.00
Road Labor	15,000.00	12,694.50	15,000.00	11,634.00	15,000.00
Road Salt	11,000.00	10,493.64	11,000.00	18,473.51	11,000.00
Road Winter Sand	10,000.00	8,859.61	10,000.00	5,086.57	10,000.00
Roadside Mowing-Labor	5,000.00	3,525.00	6,000.00	3,975.00	6,000.00
Trucking	16,000.00	14,975.00	16,000.00	18,135.00	16,000.00
Whiting Road Meeting	450.00	0.00	450.00		450.00
Total Road Budget	\$177,300.00	\$ 180,720.78	\$194,100.00	\$194,426.77	\$194,100.00
Social Services Budget					
Community Events					\$150.00
United Way	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Whiting Food Shelf	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Whiting Little League	600.00	600.00	600.00		
Total Social Serv. Budget	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,350.00
Taxes to School District		\$360,304.07		\$394,386.87	
Town Office Budget					
Advertising Mtgs/Tax Sales	\$600.00	\$537.27	\$600.00	\$682.00	\$700.00
Bank Service Charge		10.00		5.00	
Computer and Internet Expense		105.99		374.73	
Computer Repairs	750.00	50.99	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Copier Maintenance	400.00	669.64	500.00	720.84	600.00
Election Workers <i>(non payroll)</i>		178.30	175.00	1,142.00	175.00
Custodian	0.00				
Interest Expense	2,000.00	1,742.50	2,000.00	1,061.17	2,000.00
Land Record Book Repairs	0.00	299.76	750.00	544.64	1,000.00
Legal Fees	7,000.00	6,168.03	1,500.00	4,063.33	2,000.00
Office Furniture	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Office Repairs	450.00	0.00	450.00		\$250.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,354.63	3,000.00	2,104.20	2,000.00
Misc.				51.72	
Tax Maps			2,500.00	2,450.00	500.00
Telephone Fax and DSL	1,000.00	1,841.40	1,800.00	1,755.23	1,800.00
Town Report	100.00	100.96	100.00	59.96	100.00
Training-Town Clerk/Treasurer	400.00	570.00	600.00	505.00	500.00
Training-Town Officers	300.00	650.00	600.00	960.00	700.00
Website Expenses	900.00	774.98			
Zoning Administrator	800.00	500.00	800.00	400.00	800.00
Total Town Office Budget	\$17,700.00	\$17,554.45	\$16,775.00	\$18,279.82	\$14,525.00
Total Expenses	\$351,922.83	\$777,944.55	\$341,145.50	\$790,007.74	\$369,677.50
To Be Raised By Taxes	\$ 227,940.68		\$233,689.10		\$277,522.65

Vital Statistics 2018

Births

Calvin Mitchell Compagna to LeAnna and Michael Compagna

Aliza May Landon to Amanda and Martin Landon

Grayson Parker Groman to Whitney Durgin and Christopher Groman

Deaths

Jay Barry

Treverton Ketcham

Linda Langeway

Robert Balfe

Marriages

Ashlie Steady and Eric Hall

My Voter Page and Online Voter Registration

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>

2019 Whiting Fire Department Auction

When: July 27th at 10am

Where: Whiting Volunteer Fire Department, Route 30, Whiting

If you have anything you would like to donate let one of the fire fighters know
and they will come and pick it up.

Come and enjoy a day with neighbors and friends!

There's a great variety of items – something for everyone!

Zoning Administrators Report 2018

In 2018, there were 11 entries to the Whiting Zoning Permits Index:

- 4 applications for building permits (2 new structures and 2 additions/renovations)
- 1 attestation to no known zoning violations
- 1 request for a setback waiver
- 1 boundary line adjustment
- 1 change of use
- 2 notifications re: construction of ag buildings
- 1 renewal of building permit

Once again, be reminded that almost all land development in Vermont (and land development includes uses and changes of use), requires town and/or state permits. It is the responsibility of the landowner, **not the contractor**, to obtain necessary permits before beginning construction. Professional advisors who assist in the formation of new businesses may not be familiar with Whiting zoning regulations. Please contact me before beginning any new project. I can be reached at 802-247-5305; 802-349-6066; or at kate_briggs@msn.com. Please leave messages at both telephone numbers.

Also remember that if action by the ZBA or Planning Commission is required (setback waivers, subdivisions, conditional use review) the approval process, including the statutory appeal period, may take 90 days or more.

The new Town Plan was adopted last year. We are now drafting revisions of the zoning regulations and developing more streamlined procedures for processing applications there will be public meetings as part of the process.

Please contact me at any time with any suggestions or concerns.

Kate Briggs, Zoning Administrator

Road Commissioners Report 2018

Welcome to a New Year. I want to thank you for the budget increase on the Gravel Budget at Town Meeting last year as it was very much needed and appreciated.

Projects completed this past year are as follows:

- Replacement of 2 culverts on Murray Road
- Replacement of 2 culverts on West Road with some ditching
- Replacement of 1 culvert on Stickney Road with some additional ditching at the Town Line with Shoreham
- New asphalt from Whiting 4 Corners, east almost to the intersection of Crosby Road

In November of 2018 we were awarded a small grant to change some culverts and do some additional ditching on the North End of Galvin Road this year.

Hopefully in 2020 will be the replacement of 2 culverts on the Shoreham-Whiting Road. This will be a major and expensive project due to the depth and the lengths of the culverts. Hydraulic studies are at the beginning stages. Grants and cost shares are being submitted for this project to offset local expenses.

As always thank you for your continued support.

Paul Quesnel, Road Commissioner

2018 Whiting Town Hall Report

The Whiting Town Hall was used a total of 26 times this year by residents and non-profit groups. These groups included the Whiting 4-H Club, the Whiting Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Brandon Area Toy Project. The hall was also used to host several town events and meetings. It was also used twice weekly by the Bone Builders Group. The Whiting Free Library also began to use the upstairs of the town hall this fall.

Respectfully submitted by

Tammy Wilbur, Town Hall Custodian

2018 Whiting Library Trustee Report

The library started the summer off strong with our Saturday morning hours and a very successful run of Wednesday morning story hours. As the summer progressed, so did other building issues including shifting of the foundation, windows sliding out and major cracks in the plaster. After exploring options, the Whiting Select Board made the decision that the library could move to upstairs in the Whiting Town Hall.

The trustees along with volunteers packed up the books and furniture and moved to the Town Hall in the fall. Since then, the trustees have gone through every book, organized, shelved and alphabetized the entire collection. We officially re-opened on January 26th with an open house. It was great to see so many people enjoying the new library space and the huge pile of books that got checked out. We are looking forward to being able to offer programming throughout the year in our new space.

We received 10 brand new pairs of snowshoes that we will be lending out this winter from the Vermont Dept of Health. We have a great collection of books for kids and adults and will be trying out different hours to see when we get the best response. For the most up to date information, schedule and things happening at the library, check us out on [facebook.com/WhitingFreeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/WhitingFreeLibrary)

Budget:

Starting Balance 2018	\$4,771.75
Receipts	
Town Budgeted	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$2.39
Total Receipts	\$1,002.39
Expenses	
Equipment / Furniture	\$597.96
Books	\$106.52
Total Expenses	\$704.48
Ending Balance	\$5,069.66



Whiting Free Library February 2019 Calendar						
Come check out our new space on the second floor of the town hall!						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						Library Open 1-2pm
						Library Open 9-11 am
						Library Open 1-2pm
						Cabin Fever Event Library Open 10am-noon
						Library Open 9-11 am
						Library Open 1-2pm

2018 Whiting Cemetery Report

The Whiting Cemetery has had no new burials this past year. Since I am a member of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, I have still been in contact with the Department of Corrections in Rutland to mow and string trim the Whiting Cemetery. They have done a great job. I am hoping to get another two-year contract to do the mowing and string trimming.

We have some stones that need to be repaired and I need to get an estimate on how much it will cost to do the repairs. Once I get that, I will send pictures of what needs to be repaired to the Vermont Old Cemetery Association. They will then look at those in need of repairs and then give me up to \$500. We have had this done several years ago.

We have two certificates at the Orwell Bank, one is worth \$12,012.29 and the other \$5,022.00. In the savings account, there is \$2,335.92. There is no checking account as we only write bank checks.

We have a lot of plots for sale. If you are interested, please contact either Grace Simonds or Beverly Freeguard. President - Beverly Freeguard, Secretary, Treasurer - Grace Simonds, and Sexton - Gary Stanley of Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon. For more cemetery information contact one of the above members.

2018 Whiting Food Shelf Report

The food shelf wishes to thank everyone for the donations of food and monies we received for 2018. We served 48 families this year. From the towns of Brandon, Cornwall, Forest Dale, Leicester, Middlebury, Orwell, Salisbury, Shoreham, Sudbury, Weybridge, and Whiting. Food shelf is a ministry of the Whiting Community Church at 7 N. Main St we are open Monday at 1pm Coffee hour 1:30 to 3pm food shelf. We did special boxes for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. If you have any questions or needs, please call Beverley Freeguard director, at 623-8033.

2019 Addison County Legislative Breakfast Schedule

Sponsored by Bridport Grange # 303 and Addison County Farm Bureau

01/28/19.....	GRANGE HALL.....	BRIDPORT
02/04/19.....	PARISH HALL.....	VERGENNES
02/11/19.....	AMERICAN LEGION.....	BRISTOL
02/18/19.....	PRESIDENT'S DAY NO BREAKFAST	
02/25/19.....	FIRE HOUSE.....	ORWELL
03/05/19.....	TOWN MEETING NO BREAKFAST	
03/11/19.....	PLATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY.....	SHOREHAM
03/18/19.....	AMERICAN LEGION GOVERNOR'S BREAKFAST...	MIDDLEBURY
03/25/19.....	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MAPLE ST.....	SALISBURY
04/01/19.....	AG LUNCH, Grange Hall.....	BRIDPORT
04/08/19.....	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.....	WEYBRIDGE
04/15/19.....	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.....	NEW HAVEN
04/22/19.....	TOWN HALL.....	WHITING
04/29/19.....	GRANGE HALL, 82 Post Office Hill Rd.....	GRANVILLE

Breakfasts start at 7AM; Program runs 7:30 to 8:45AM; Luncheons are from 12:00 to 1:45PM

**PURCHASE OF BREAKFAST NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND
BUT HELPS OUR HOSTS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF OPENING THEIR HALL.**

*Supported by: Addison County Chamber of Commerce, Addison County Regional Planning, and
Addison County Economic Development Corporation*

Green Mountain Passport

To be eligible for a passport, a person must be:

- A legal resident of Vermont and is:
 - 62 years of age or older or
 - A veteran of the uniformed services

Use your passport for free admission to Vermont State Parks (overnight camping and other park fees are excluded), Vermont Historic Sites, and events which are fully State sponsored.

To receive a Green Mountain Passport:

Just fill out an application at your local City or Town Clerk's Office and pay a \$2.00 fee.

(The Green Mountain Passport Program began in 1973 by enactment of the General Assembly.)

Vermont Agency of Human Services
Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671-1601
802-241-2401

If you'd like information about services and benefits for seniors, contact Age Well at: 1-800-642-5119

Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)

VSNIP reduces pet overpopulation by helping eligible Vermonters afford to have their dogs and cats spayed or neutered. The program is 100% funded by a surcharge on dog registrations so funds are limited. For low income Vermonters, the solution to spaying or neutering your animals may be the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program, "VSNIP".

What help is available?

If your application is approved, you'll get vouchers that let you have your dogs and cats spayed or neutered for a \$27 copay per animal. Requests for more than five animals in a year will need special approval.

Who is eligible?

You must: Live in Vermont; Have gotten your pet for free or a small fee; and Qualify based on getting public benefits or having household income at or below 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Who do I call for more information?

Call 1-844-448-7647 (1-844-HI-VSNIP) or email skaskiw@vermontel.net if you have questions.

Front Porch Forum

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 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.

2018 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

The 2018 Grand List with totals of \$367,395.00 municipal, and \$359,706.00 education was filed with the Town Clerk.

Listers grievances are generally held in June of each year, at which time any property owner may meet with us to discuss their assessment. If you would like to request a grievance hearing with us, please do so in writing at any time during the year, and we will hold your letter until the next grievance period.

Please Remember: The State of Vermont requires the filing of a Homestead Declaration HS-122 for all property which is owned and occupied by a Vermont resident as his or her principal home on April 1 of each year.

If you have a survey of your property which has not been recorded with the Town Clerk's office, please consider bringing it in to our office so that we can make our tax maps as accurate as possible.

Our office is open to the public from 4-7p on Mondays, or by appointment for other days and times. Please feel free to stop in or call if you have any questions about your valuation. (Office # 802-623-7813)

Our office is a resource for Property Record Cards, Tax Maps, Current Use, as well as other information relating to a parcel.

As always, we would like to thank you for the courtesy and cooperation extended to us during our visits to your property.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Freeguard,
Dennis Ethridge,
Elizabeth Curran

2018 Property Count for Whiting	
Class	Count
R1: Residential < 6 Acres	61
R2: Residential > 6 Acres	66
MHU: Mobile Home Without Land	2
MHL: Mobile Home With Land	11
C: Commercial	6
UE: Electric Utility	1
UO: Other Utility	2
F: Farm	15
MISC: Land Only	47

Town of Whiting – Grand List* - Basic Info	
Total # of Parcels	211
Total # of Homestead Declarations	114
Total # of Acres	8,356.81
Grand List Total	\$367,395
# of Veterans Claiming Exemptions	1
Total Value of Veteran Exemptions	\$40,000
Total Value of Land	\$15,934,600
Total Value of Buildings	\$27,986,900
Total Value of Land & Buildings	\$43,921,500
Total Value as Non-Resident	\$18,377,500
Total Value as Resident	\$25,544,000
Total # of Non-Taxable Parcels <i>(property of town, church, cemetery, or school)</i>	11
Total Value of Non-Taxable Parcels	\$4,652,800
Total Value of Special Taxable <i>(2 Solar Arrays)</i>	\$798,900
Total # Current Use Parcels	49
Total # Current Use Acres	6,125.94
Total Value of Current Use Parcels	\$7,142,000

*View the complete Grand List in the Town Office.

Comparison Chart			
	2018	2017	2016
CLA	104.1%	105.36%	107.28%
COD	3.31%	7.04%	7.85%

What do these number mean?

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) in 2018 = 104.1%: Having the CLA greater than 100% results in a downward adjustment of tax rates, and a CLA less than 100% will result in upward adjustment. A CLA Below 80% necessitates a reappraisal.

The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) in 2018 = 3.31%: A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal as that means many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share, and many are paying less. This number measures how fairly distributed the property tax is in our town.

0.00 – 9.90% = Excellent
10.00 – 19.90% = Reasonable
20.00% and above = Exceeds statutory benchmarks & triggers Reappraisal Order

2018 WHITING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We began the year with a checkbook balance of \$10,243.64 and \$37,760.42 in our savings account. Our expenses for the year were \$63,939.38. We had an income of \$34,221.42. We ended the year with \$17,578.56 in the checkbook and \$23,779.05 in the savings account as of December 31, 2018. The breakdown is as follows:

2018 Expenses Breakdown:

Raffle	\$1,800.00
Truck Repair	\$11,492.94
Utilities	\$2,381.47
Insurance	\$10,324.00
New Truck	\$30,000.00
New Equip/Repairs	\$2,641.78
ACFA/VSFA	\$1,588.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,251.92
Gas & Oil	\$4,446.31
<u>Building</u>	<u>\$376.88</u>
TOTAL	\$65,303.30

2018 Income Breakdown:

Town of Whiting	\$15,000.00
Town of Sudbury	\$12,000.00
50/50 Raffle	\$2,805.00
Coin Drop	\$1,419.08
Donations	\$2,018.34
<u>Memory Tree</u>	<u>\$979.00</u>
TOTAL	\$34,221.42

2019 Estimated Expenses:

Insurance	\$12,000.00
Raffle Payments	\$1,800.00
Utilities	\$2,500.00
Gas & Oil	\$4,300.00
Building Maint.	\$600.00
Truck Maint.	\$10,000.00
Dues and Fees	\$1,600.00
New Equipment	\$3,000.00
Memory Tree	\$500.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$38,800.00

2018 Estimated Income:

Town of Whiting	\$15,000.00
Town of Sudbury	\$12,000.00
Auction	\$7,000.00
50/50 Raffle	\$3,600.00
Coin Drop	\$1,000.00
Memory Tree	\$800.00
<u>Donations</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$40,900.00

Thank you to all the townspeople for their continued support. I would also like to thank all members for their time and support. We have started the process of replacing some of our aging vehicles and equipment this year that are not reflected in the expenses listed above.

Your present firemen are:

Steve White, Chief
 Gary Freeguard, 1st Assistant Chief
 Tom Bouchard, 2nd Assistant Chief
 Austin Quesnel, Captain
 Cody Quesnel, Captain
 Bob Wood, Captain
 Jonathan Ashley, Training Officer
 Randy Bertrand, Training Officer
 Greg Kokinis, Training Officer
 Stacey Freeguard, Secretary/Treasurer

David Bilodeau
 Elizabeth Curran
 Lillian Curran
 Randy Denis
 Chris Manfredi
 Lawrence Quesnel
 Larry Wilbur
 Mike Wilbur

Cadets:

Justin Anderson
 Thomas Curran
 Charles Noble
 Avery Thurston
 Grant Thurston
 Payton Thurston

If you have a problem or question other than a fire, please call me personally at 462-2336. Please do not use the fire number except in emergencies. Call 911 for emergencies in our area for fire, medical or police to respond.

Thank you for your support,
 Respectfully submitted,
 Steve White, Chief

2018 Whiting First Response Report

This year has been a very successful year for our squad. Our members have completed all the updated requirements for the Vermont State EMS standards. We are very dedicated to the towns of Whiting and Sudbury, as well as being available as mutual aid for many of the surrounding towns. Our transport agencies are Middlebury Regional EMS and Brandon Area Rescue Squad.

Once again, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your continued support in our efforts to provide a professional service for our communities. We are always looking for new members and encourage anyone that is interested to give us a call or stop by to see us. We meet the 3rd Monday at 7pm (business meeting) and the 4th Tuesday at 7pm (Training). Our meetings are held at the Whiting Fire Station.

Head of Services – Rick Iffland (EMT) 802-236-1469

Vice President – Keith Hartline (EMT)

Secretary – Tammy Wilbur (EMT)

Treasurer – Keith Hartline (EMT)

Training Officers – Larry Wilbur (EMT)/Tammy Wilbur (EMT)

Health Officer – Laura Dame (RN)

Safety Officer – Bob Wood

District Board Representative – Keith Hartline (EMT)

Members – Cody Quesnel, Avery Thurston, Elizabeth Curran (EMT) and Lillian Curran (EMT)

2018 Accounting – Whiting First Response

Balance Forward 2018:

\$7,295.12 in Savings and \$359.87 in Checking

INCOME 2018		EXPENSES 2018	
Interest	\$10.64	Medical Supplies	\$1,701.84
Donations	\$385.00	Vehicle Maintenance	\$387.96
Sudbury	\$2,000.00	Office Equipment	\$657.17
Whiting	\$2,500.00		
Total	\$4,895.64	Total	\$2,746.97

Beginning Balance 2018	\$7,654.99
Income	\$4,895.64
Total	\$12,550.63
Expenses	<\$2,746.97>
Balance Forward for 2019	\$9,803.66

2019 Town of Whiting Memory Tree

Amstein, Alan
Amstein, Doris
Amstein, Michael
Audet, Yvonne
Austin, Aurela
Austin, Dubby
Austin, Herman
Baah, Charles
Baker, Cushman
Baker, Ellen
Baker, Jack
Baker, Julius
Baker, Marguriet
Baker, Nellie
Baker, Russell
Barry, Barbara
Barry, Dudley
Bertrand, Henry
Bertrand Family
Bertrand, Lawrence
Bertrand, Leo
Bertrand, Louis
Bertrand, Theresa
Bilodeau, Diane
Bilodeau, Gaston
Bilodeau, Germain
Bilodeau, Michael
Bilodeau, Pauline
Bilodeau, Pierre
Birchmore, Clarence
Birchmore, Elise
Birchmore, Elsie
Birchmore, Floyd
Birchmore, Luke
Birchmore, Raymond
Bissonette, Diane
Bissonette, Kenneth Sr.
Bissonette, Ronald
Bratz, Amy
Breen, Richard
Brenner, Jordie
Brookman, Hughette
Bull, Lola
Burke, Betty
Burt, Bradley
Burt, Edson & Janice
Burt, Lisa
Butterfield, Marie

Butterfield, Rene
Cameron, Barbara
Cameron, Charles
Capek, Michelle
Capek, Patricia
Capek, Stanley
Cattell, Bill
Charron, Dennis
Charron, Estelle
Charron, Lucien
Charron, Richard
Chicoine, Jacques
Chief Bill Palmer
Chief Clayton Sawttell
Clancy, Nancy
Coe, Pete
Coleman, Matthew
Condon, Douglas
Condon, Elizabeth
Conlin, Betty
Corricelli, Marion
Cota, Arthur
Cota, Vera
Cousineau, Rita
Crane, Olive Baldwin
Crosby, Curt
Crosby, Hilda
Cunningham, Alberta
Currier, Charles
Currier, Grace
Currier, Wayne
Curtis, Patty
Davis, Rita
Davison, Ray
Denis, Laurence
Denis, Madeline
Denis, Paul
DeRepentigny, Debbie
DeRepentigny, Leo
Doran, Kevin
Douglas, Judy
Dupoise, David
Dupoise, Marilyn
Dutil, Rick
Eaton, Muriel
Eagan, Pat
Eagan, Patrick

Emmons, Jake
Emmons, Muriel
Ethier Family
Flynn, Carrie
Flynn, Kevin
Flynn, Terry
Flynn, Unice
Fontaine, Frank
Fontaine, Leonard
Foster, Jim Jr
Foster, Robert
Freeguard, Casey
Freeguard, Angel
Freeguard, Anthony
Friedrich, Gloria
Friedrich, Lucille
Friedrich, Randy
Gage, Olive Baldwin
Gee, Albert
Gee, Edward
Gee, Phyllis
Gifford, Marie (Seguin)
Grandchamp, Vicki
Greene, Bryan
Harvey, Henry
Harvey, Marjorie
Heath, Bea
Heath, Beatrice
Heath, Floyd
Heath, Floyd Sr.
Herbert, Charlie
Herbert, Doug
Herbert, Gordon
Herbert, Mary
Hetzl, Gunther
Hetzl, Theresa
Higbee, Margaret
Hogan, Beth
Hoover, Anne
Hornbeck, Charles
Hornbeck, Dan
Hornbeck, Danny
Hornbeck, Ed
Hornbeck, Marie
Hutchins, Irma
Keeler, Martin
Keeler, Olivia
Keeler, Wilson

2019 Town of Whiting Memory Tree

Kerr, Sherry
Ketcham, Annabelle
Ketcham, Ted
Kimball, Vera
Kimball, Wally
Kinner, Russell
Kritkauskay, Joyce
LaDuc, Hilda
LaDuc, Phil
LaDuc, Reginald
LaMonda, Leonard
Lamoureux, August
Lamoureux, Ed
Lamoureux, Helene
Lamoureux, Marie
Lamoureux, Real
Lamoureux, Tristan
Langeway, Cathy
Langeway, Linda
Leno, Darlene
Leno, Emery
Leno, Grandma
Lillie, Bernard
Lille, Beatrice
Lilly, Bea
Lilly, Bernard
Litch, Josh
Little, Christa Quenneville
Loizeau, Richard
Marcelle, David
Mason, Travis
Mathis, Robert "Bob"
McIntyre, Bonnie
McIntyre, Dan
McIntyre, Earl
Mitchell, Elwin Jr
Minor, Louise (Seguin)
Morin, Ryan
Mottoa, Olga
Munger, Floyd
Munger, Lucy
Naylor, Pat
Naylor, Sarah
Orleans, Cindy
Page, Fleur Ange
Page, Marcel
Palmer, Bill
Palmer, Ethel

Pidgeon, George
Pidgeon, Herb
Pidgeon, Liz
Pidgeon, Paul
Pidgeon, Paul Jr
Pidgeon, Stella
Pop, Brianna
Quenneville, Ashley
Quenneville, Christa
Quenneville, Claudette
Quenneville, Jean Guy
Quenneville, Janet
Quenneville, Lorraine
Quenneville, Lucille
Quenneville, Rene
Quenneville, Roger
Quenneville, Romeo
Quenneville, Vincent
Quesnel, Alice
Quesnel, Clara
Quesnel, Dom
Quesnel, Dominique
Quesnel, Randy Jr.
Quinn, Tristan
Raleigh, Mike "Bid Red"
Rawson, Bob
Rawson, Carroll
Reed, Jackie
Reeve, Karen
Roorda, Garry S.
Roorda, Gary
Ryan, Andrew
Ryan, Jonathan
Sabatini, Karen
Salino, Virginia
Sampson, James
Sanderson, Pete
Sanderson, Sandy
Seguin, Alban
Seguin, Dorothy
Simonds, E. Rich
Simonds, Frances
Simonds, Rich
Shaw, Bob
Sherman, Joshua
Smith, Jason
Stevens, David
Stevens, Elise

Stevens, Evelyn
Stevens, Harold
Stevens, Richard
Swington, John
Tanzer, Michael
Taylor, Bill
Tobin, Francis "Tobe"
Trayah, Raymond
Trombley, Ada
Trombley, Gerald "Boots"
Trombley, Josie
Trombley, Josie B.
Turpin, Paul
Tuttle, Peggy Cameron
Viets, Diana
Walker, Marion (Sue)
Warren, Howard Sr.
Wetmore, Brian
Wetmore, Donald
White, Ron
Whiting Community
Wilbur, Annette
Wilbur Family
Wilbur, Grandpa
Wilbur, Robert
Williams, Ben
Williams, Lillian
Wimett, Arlene
Young, Bruce
Young, Roz
Zutell, Jim

Worcester, MA Firefighters who
died December 3rd, 1999

Paul A. Brotherton
Joseph P. McGuirk
Timothy P. Jackson
Jeremiah M. Lucy
James F. Lyons
LT. Thomas Spencer

In Memory of past Whiting Fire
Chiefs

Clayton Sawtelle
Bill Palmer
Clarence Birchmore



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 20 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3^d Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website: www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org

Transfer Station Hours:

M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours:

M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The **Reuse It or Lose It!** Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

2018 Highlights

Act 148. The District continued its efforts this year to implement the goals outlined in VT's Universal Recycling Law. Food scrap diversion remains one of the most challenging aspects of the URL in a rural county with low population density. The District's efforts thus far have helped increase food scrap diversion, both at local town drop-offs as well as at the District Transfer Station. This year, more Addison County businesses and schools transitioned to a sustainable diversion system for food scraps. With the 2020 landfill ban for food scraps approaching, the District is focusing its efforts on both residential and business organics diversion. The District also provided numerous workshops on backyard composting this year.

Recycling. One of the most pressing aspects of waste diversion is the downturn in recycling market prices. China, the export market for one-third of all U.S. recyclables, recently enacted its National Sword initiative. Designed to reduce contamination, it has caused disruption of international recycling markets. Acceptable levels of contamination in imported bales of recycled commodities are so low that few, if any, facilities in the U.S. can meet the new standard. The result has been a scramble to find other markets, and a glut of recycled materials. Revenues for recycling are at historic lows. In spite of this, the District's commitment to recycling remains steadfast. The District will continue to improve efforts to educate the public about what is and is not recyclable, and to work with local processors and haulers to ensure that we can collectively weather this crisis until markets eventually rebound.

Product Stewardship. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws are a useful tool to help distribute the cost of recycling and safe management of these products between industry, government and consumers. EPR can alleviate the financial burden for municipalities and residents, while mitigating environmental impacts from disposal by increasing collection and recycling rates of covered products. Vermont's EPR programs remain effective at collecting targeted materials, largely due to education and collection efforts by the State and solid waste districts. VT has the second highest number of EPR laws in the U.S. and has recently led the way with a law on primary cell batteries. These efforts are coordinated through the VT Product Stewardship Council, of which the District is a member, and which recently celebrated its tenth year of success in establishing EPR laws in VT.

Illegal Burning/Disposal. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, VT's annual litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 17.30 tons of roadside trash, .39 tons of tires, 4 auto batteries, 11 E-Waste items, 1 appliance, and various other hazardous items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$5,424. of \$3,023.

2019 Annual Budget

The District adopted a 2019 Annual Budget of \$3,223,095. This represents a 7.69% increase over the 2018 Annual Budget, primarily due to a major increase in recycling costs. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$126/ton for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$92/ton. Rates on some other items will have nominal increases. New fees: \$1 per visit or per 50 or < lbs of household goods at the **Reuse It or Lose It!** Shed; and \$5/load for books. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and \$10/ton on contaminated soils used as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2019.** For a copy of the full 2018 Annual Report and Adopted 2019 Rate Sheet, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

2019 Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County

Your local office is in Middlebury at the 156 South Village Green (802-388-4644). 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.

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.

Notice to Voters

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

CHECKLIST POSTED:

By 30 days before your Town Meeting, the Town Clerk must post the checklist. Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist. (Available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click on election, or from your Town Clerk)

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Deliver your application to the checklist to your Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00pm the Wednesday before your Town Meeting, or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You, or a family member on your behalf may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or email at any time up until 5pm or closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day before Town Meeting. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

You can also go to the Town Clerk's office and vote your ballot while at the office or pick up a ballot at the Town Clerk's Office and take it home to vote. (you cannot pick up a ballot for your spouse or anyone else.)

If you take your ballot or have a ballot sent to you, you must return the ballot to the Town Clerk's office or to the polling place no later than 7pm on the Town Meeting Day.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a ballot be delivered to you by two Justices of the Peace. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the Justices of the Peace. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

ON TOWN MEETING DAY

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that it be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the town clerk, a selectman or other members of the board of civil authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.

If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a Superior Court Judge, who will rule on the request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 800-439-8683 for more information.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired, or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.

If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW

DO NOT knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or different towns.

DO NOT mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.

DO NOT display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place. However, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.

DO NOT solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.

DO NOT interfere with the progress of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION
Call the Secretary of State's Office
1-800-439-VOTE (Accessible by TTY)

Vermont Voter Bill of Rights

- **You have the right** to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, live in Vermont, are 18 years old and have registered.
- **You have the right** to vote if you are homeless.
- **You have the right** to vote if you have been convicted of a felony, even while you are incarcerated.
- **You have the right** to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.
- **You have the right** to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- **You have the right** to know if you are registered to vote.
- **You have the right** to ask for help from elections officials or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your boss or a union officer from your job.
- **You have the right** to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.
- **You have the right** to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.
- **You have the right** to vote for the person you want. You can write-in someone else's name if you don't like the choices on your ballot.
- **You have the right** to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.
- **You have the right** to use a voting system for all federal elections that makes it possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.
- **You have the right** to get a "provisional ballot" if you are told you are not registered to vote and you cannot swear or affirm that you submitted an application to register to vote in Vermont before the deadline.
- **You have the right** to know if your ballot, including a "provisional ballot," was accepted for counting.
- **You have the right** to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.

Call toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-439-8683 to get more information about these and other voting rights.

2019 Superintendent's Annual Report Letter

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

RNESU continues to serve eight towns in two districts. Brandon, Goshen, Leicester, Pittsford, Sudbury and Whiting make up the Otter Valley Unified Union District while Chittenden and Mendon comprise the Barstow Unified Union District. In this report, I will speak to both districts under the RNESU umbrella.

The School Boards of Otter Valley and Barstow have gone through some renewal as they learn to govern multi-town districts. OVUU Board has been exploring Policy Governance as a model and BUU is in its second year of implementation of this model. Policy Governance focuses more on the future of the district than the operations. To this end, both districts and RNESU agreed upon a vision and mission. Faculty and community were then asked to further clarify what this vision and mission mean for our students. The final documents of that work are included in this annual report. In the spring of 2018, both districts applied for a facilities security grant offered by the state of Vermont, which is focused on our school entrances, internal locks and internal mass notification systems. We were fortunate to receive all of the funding requested, \$176,575. We have begun making the upgrades and anticipate completing them by June 2019.

BARSTOW UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Barstow School welcomed new principal Bianca McKeen in August 2018 as we say farewell to Renee Castillo, who served three years as Barstow's principal. The Barstow School Board has focused on community engagement this year as it moved forward to implement Policy Governance. Seeking input from the community on its hopes and dreams for Barstow Students, the Board finalized its Ends Policy and is now working to monitor progress towards those ends. The board has also initiated conversations with local select boards to plan for declining enrollment in our school.

OTTER VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

This past school year has seen a few changes in the SU. Most notably was the reconfiguration of our three small schools: Leicester Central, Sudbury Country and Whiting Elementary. Given the need to reduce the budget and related tax impact while continuing to provide a quality educational experience for all students, the SU administration looked at class sizes and student-teacher ratios. It was evident that our small schools could have healthier class sizes that offered grade level peers and more educational opportunity if we did things differently. To that end, we opened the Otter Creek Academy this fall, 2018, which is comprised of "three towns, one campus". Whiting School now offers a PreKindergarten program in partnership with a private child care provider, allowing parents to have quality PreK embedded into a full day child care program. Leicester Central serves students in grades Kindergarten to 4th grade; Sudbury Country serves grades 5 & 6 in a middle school model. We continue to use the lens of Expeditionary Learning in K-6 to give students an authentic, hands on approach to learning and often bring in Moosalamoo students from OVUHS to help the younger students in their projects.

OVUU said goodbye to Rod Driscoll as co-principal of the small schools as he retired after serving for one year. In the new configuration of Otter Creek Academy, Thom Fleury returned as full principal of the three school campus.

Otter Valley UU Board has been working through a Task Force of board members and community members to look at the future of the schools in OVUU with an eye on developing a plan to provide every possible opportunity to support students, families and the community in response to federal mandates, legislative changes and budgetary prioritization.

The Task Force will develop a 5-to-10 year plan to:

- Ensure high quality equitable academic opportunities
- Be good stewards of school finance
- Lead our communities through change

In addition to the facilities grant noted above, the OVUU Board has also approved a security, safety and operational bond to address the entrances to our three large schools: Lothrop, Neshobe, and Otter Valley. This bond goes to the voters for approval in March, 2019 and if approved, construction will begin over the next 18 months.

I am completing my 5th year as superintendent in RNESU and deeply appreciate the opportunity to work with the families, students and staff of this school system. The support of the community, the dedication of the teachers and support staff, and the wonder of the children make this work enjoyable and purposeful. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeanné Collins, RNESU Superintendent

2018 Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Board of Directors' Annual Report

Dear Parents, Teachers, Students, and Community Members,

This year the board focused on finalizing the new RNESU Mission and Vision Statements. The Mission Statement says that we will prepare students with “the knowledge, skills, and tools to be prepared for the next stage of their lives.” The Vision Statement goes further to say that our students “will be successful and contributing members of a global society thru the development of character, creativity, competence and community.” These statements will be the foundation we use to make our decisions.

The other item that we took a lot of time on was the compilation of the 2019 -2020 RNESU budget. Through the hard work of our administration and our board, we were able to finalize a budget that shows a minimal increase of just .5% over last year without any significant changes to staffing or programming. This budget covers our transportation, central office, special education and food service areas.

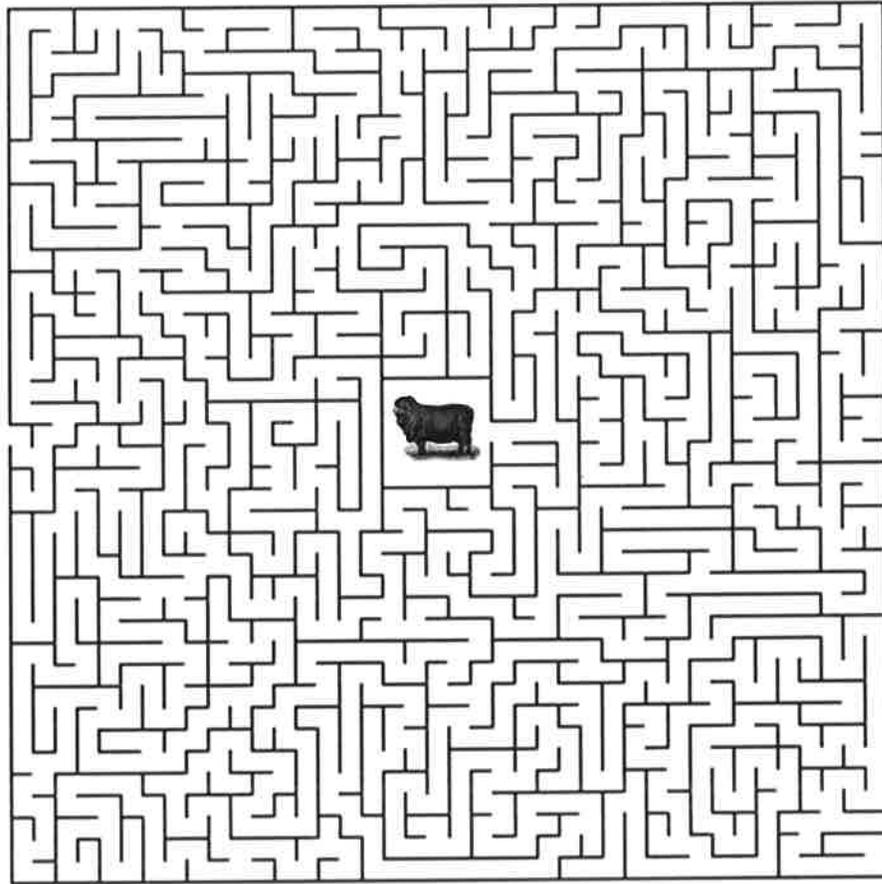
The last couple of years have seen some major changes in Montpelier and we continue to monitor the situation as well as talk with our elected officials.

This is my first report as RNESU chair and I would like to finish with some thank yous. First, a huge thank you to Dick White who led this board for many years in his calm and understanding way. Second, thank you to our teachers and staff who work tirelessly to educate our children and help them become 21st century citizens. Third, thank you to our parents who support our initiatives to provide the education their kids deserve. Finally, thank you to our community members for your fiscal support as we navigate the ever changing landscape of educational funding.

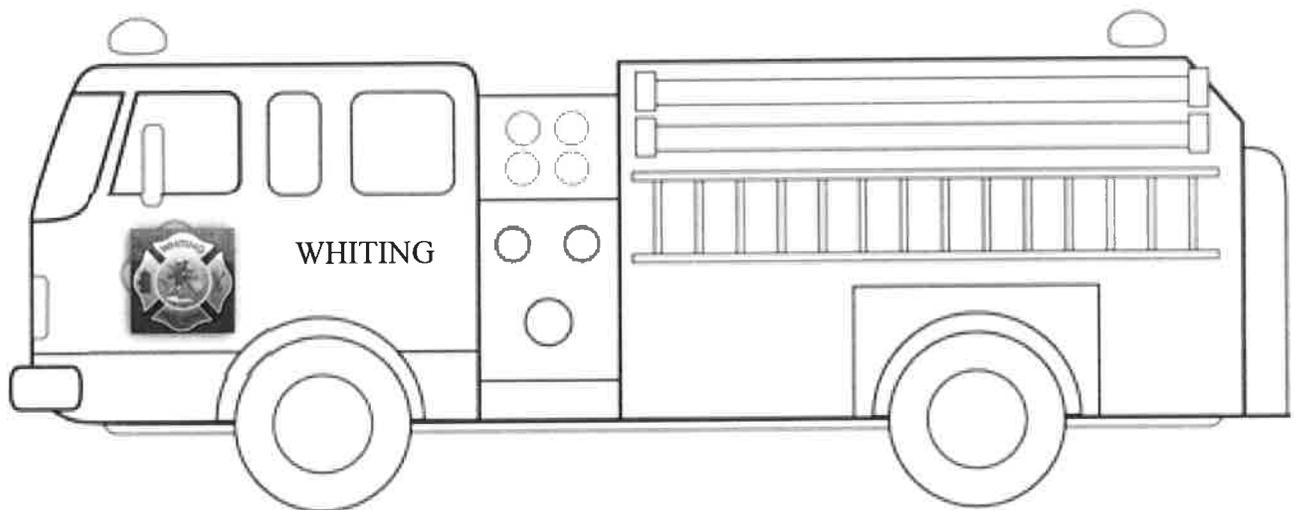
Sincerely,

Laurie Bertrand
Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Board Chair

Follow the Path to the Merino Sheep



Color the WHITING Fire Truck



NOTES:

2018 WHITING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 7:15PM

Voters Attending: Marguerite Allen, Rebecca Bertrand, Carol Brigham, Elizabeth Curran, Lillian Curran, Richard Curran, Rose Curran, Michael Dame, Randy Denis, Suzanne Denis, Dennis Ethridge, Rani Fallon, Beverly Freeguard, Gary Freeguard, Jim Freeguard, Lori Freeguard, Stacey Freeguard, Randy Kirtkausk, Karen Marshall, Pat Mattison, Ashley Mattison-Fournier, Jason Mitchell, Katie Mitchell, Mary Pepe, Gale Quenneville, Jaime Quenneville, Steve Quenneville, Paul Quesnel, Alison Remy, Virginia Salino, Carolyn Schmidt, Tara Trudo, Robert Wadsworth, Michael Wilbur, Tammy Wilbur, Bob Wood
The legal voters of the Town of Whiting Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Whiting on Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 7:15pm to transact the following business:

The meeting opened at 7:15pm.

Our Town Representative, Terry Norris gave his report. Terry stated one of the first votes was the legalization of marijuana, and said even though everyone knew it would pass, he voted no for a couple of reasons. First, in the last session a committee was formed to research what the effect of legalizing would have on Vermont and its citizens. He never saw that report. Secondly he believes a roadside test was important to protect the highways, and none was presented. This past Friday the House passed a bill on a saliva roadside test which will give law enforcement one more tool to detect impairment. Terry served on the Agriculture and Forestry Committee and worked on several ways to make farming and forestry operations more profitable. His committee focused on changing how sales and use taxes are applied to the machinery they use. His committee also presented a bill on pollinator protection and what they can do to limit the use of neonicotinoid pesticides. As a result of the recent school violence and Governor Scott's change in his thoughts on this subject, they passed a bill, H675 this past Thursday which addresses reporting high risk individuals and possibly averting a problem. In the coming weeks there will be much discussion on similar issues and gun rights. Lastly, he thanked everyone for trusting him to represent our town-even though he was appointed and not elected, and hoped we would trust his successor as well as he has chosen not to run for reelection.

ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Elizabeth Curran was nominated by Rani Fallon, there were no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one vote for Elizabeth Curran as moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: The receive and act upon the report of the Town Officers.

There was discussion on the Town Library; Tammy Wilbur spoke about moving the library to the Whiting Elementary School as next year's plan is to only house preschool, a possible day care and RNEUS's IT offices. The school has great amenities should the Select Board decide to pursue. Most thought it was a great idea, a few were concerned. Rebecca Bertrand stated that the School Board has not decided to close the Whiting Elementary School at this time.

Road commissioner Paul Quesnel spoke about spending a lot of money on repairs on Stickney Road last year. Also, when we get to article VII,

Paul is proposing a new Town Garage. He proposes a 4 bay garage; two heated, to protect our equipment.

With no other discussion, Carol Brigham made a motion to receive the reports of the Town Officers. The motion was approved.

ARTICLE III: Will the Town elect the Officers as required by law in the following order:

A. Road Commissioner for 1 year. -incumbent Paul Quesnel Tammy Wilbur nominated Paul Quesnel. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Paul Quesnel for Road Commissioner for one year.

B. Select Board Member for 3 years. -incumbent Bob Wood Carolyn Schmidt nominated Bob Wood. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Bob Wood for Select Board Member for 3 years.

C. Lister for 3 years. -incumbent Dennis Ethridge Lori Freeguard nominated Dennis Ethridge. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Dennis Ethridge for Lister for 3 years.

D. Auditor for 3 years. -incumbent Elizabeth Curran Alison Remy nominated Elizabeth Curran. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Elizabeth Curran for Auditor for 3 years.

E. Auditor for 1 year. -incumbent Alison Remy Randy Denis nominated Alison Remy. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Alison Remy for auditor for one year.

F. Collect of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year. -incumbent Rani Fallon Stacey Freeguard nominated Rani Fallon. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Rani Fallon for Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year.

G. First Constable for 1 year. -incumbent Michael Dame Rebecca Bertrand nominated Michael Dame. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Michael Dame for First Constable for 1 year.

H. Second Constable for 1 year. -incumbent Rusty Brigham Rebecca Bertrand nominated Rusty Brigham. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Rusty Brigham for constable for 1 year.

I. Town Juror for 1 year. -incumbent Paul Quesnel Rani Fallon nominated Paul Quesnel. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Paul Quesnel for Town Juror for 1 year.

J. Town Agent for 1 year. -incumbent Heather Bouchard Rebecca Bertrand nominated Heather Bouchard. There were no other nominations, the clerk cast one vote for Heather Bouchard for Town Agent for 1 year.

ARTICLE IV: Will the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes? Rebecca Bertrand made the motion that the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes, there was no discussion, by voice vote the article passed.

ARTICLE V: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before December 1, 2017? (postmarks not accepted) Article V was read and then the article was restated to read "...on or before December 1, 2018" The restated article, the motion to authorize the Treasurer to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before December 1, 2018, there was no further discussion, but voice vote the article was passed.

ARTICLE VI: Will the Town appropriate \$328,962.50 expenses and indebtedness of the town of which \$233,689.10 will come from taxes? Discussion: Carol Brigham proposed that the Town add \$10,000 to the Town Budget for the line item-gravel. She stated the line item for gravel has not increased in several years. She further stated the ruts are too deep and too long. There are several dangerous areas on the back roads. Paul Quesnel reported that the consistent freezing and thawing is making all the back roads (dirt roads) sloppy and full of ruts. Select Board Member Steve Quenneville suggested taking \$10,000 from the capitol construction budget to add to the gravel budget, however Road Commissioner Paul Quesnel did not recommend that action. Rani Fallon suggested that the rain, the 4-wheelers and the farm vehicles are making the ruts. She suggested everyone slow down. Carol Brigham said Stickney Road is good; the area past the Apartments are really well done, however other places have no base, she feels more solid gravel needs to be added. Tammy Wilbur commented that the ruts slow people down, and weather can make it worse for a few days. She asked Paul if \$10,000 of gravel would improve the roads. Lori Freeguard said the swampy area of Stickney road had four loads of gravel and its already back to muck. Randy Kritkauskys lives on a corner and stated the gravel doesn't firm it up, the term should not be more gravel, the term should be road improvement. Several people offered their opinions (pro and con) on the back roads, and the motion to increase the gravel budget was amended to an increase on the overall road budget of \$10,000 as many were concerned that it wasn't truly a gravel issue. The article was adjusted to read: Will the Town appropriate \$338,962.50 expenses and indebtedness of the town of which \$243,689.10 will come from taxes? The motion was made by Becky Bertrand, seconded by Pat Mattison and by a hand vote, the majority passed the motion.

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met. A. The Selectboard would like to discuss the possibility of a loan to build a new Town Garage and the rebuilding of a portion of the Whiting Fire House. This will be a non-binding discussion.

The discussion began on the proposed new Town Garage with 4 bays, large enough to house the payloader, the Town Truck, the Grader and either the extra town truck or the Chloride Truck. The first estimate is \$250,000. Paul said an easement would be needed to expand the land on the existing garage. Rani Fallon asked if there was room for the Town Garage in the back of the Fire Department. The answer: no room. Someone asked if the town could purchase the house (formally Seguin's house, now Tony Quenneville's house) to build a new garage. Steve noted the salt shed is on state land with a 99 year lease. Mike Dame asked about getting the salt shed repaired, Paul said it would be repaired as soon as it was empty. The Town has received insurance money to fix it. Paul added that if he dies, there is no where to fix the equipment; the Town truck barely fits in the garage, and it will not fit if the plow is attached. The grader will not fit in the current garage. Carol Brigham asked if we had a savings fund, answer: no we do not. Paul said he has talked with Robert Bilodeau and feels Robert would be willing to sell some land for the Town Shed.

The Fire Department needs the north end (the old portion) repaired or replaced. Steve stated one option was to add 2 bays to the Fire Department (for the Town Vehicles) Jaime Quenneville asked about the land currently used for soccer. Answer: that is school property. Mike Wilbur mentioned we might be able to get a local concrete estimate for \$10,000 to \$15,000. The total for the fire department maybe \$150,000 to \$200,000. Jamie Quenneville asked if Robert Bilodeau might be willing to sell some land on the east side of Rte 30.

Mike Wilbur said we needed costs to decide what our next steps would be. It was agreed that the Select Board would look into estimates for both projects and a special town meeting would be held for further discussion.

Paul Quesnel made a motion to close the meeting, all approved, the meeting closed at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gale Quenneville, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Whiting, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Whiting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:15pm to transact the following business:

ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: The receive and act upon the report of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE III: Will the Town vote to change the Term of Road Commissioner from One Year to Three Years?

ARTICLE IV: Will the Town elect the Officers as required by law in the following order:

- A. Road Commissioner for 3 years -incumbent Paul Quesnel
- B. Select Board Member for 3 years -incumbent Tara Trudo (vacant)
- C. Lister for 3 years -incumbent Elizabeth Curran
- D. Auditor for 3 years -incumbent Alison Remy
- E. Collect of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year -incumbent Rani Fallon
- F. Library Trustee for 3 years -incumbent Heather Mattison
- G. Library Trustee for 2 years -incumbent Jaime Quenneville
- H. Library Trustee for 2 years -incumbent Tara Trudo
- I. First Constable for 1 year -incumbent Michael Dame (vacant)
- J. Town Agent for 1 year -incumbent Heather Bouchard

ARTICLE IV: Will the Town give the Delinquent Tax Collector the power to collect delinquent taxes?

ARTICLE V: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real property taxes to the Treasurer on or before Monday, December 2, 2019? (postmarks not accepted)

ARTICLE VI: Will the Town appropriate \$369,677.50 expenses and indebtedness of the town of which \$277,522.65 will come from taxes?

ARTICLE VII: To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

Select Board Chair:

Bob Wood

Steve Quenneville

Tara Trudo

Bob Wood 2-2-19
Tara Trudo 2-2-19
Steve Quenneville 2/2/19

NOTES:

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OFFICE HOURS

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Gale Quenneville

(802) 623-7813

TownClerk@WhitingVT.com

Mondays: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Mondays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesdays: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Other times by Appointment

BOARD OF LISTERS

(802) 623-7813

Listers@WhitingVT.com

Mondays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Other times by Appointment

RECYCLING:

2nd and 4th Saturday of month

9:30 – 11am at Town Shed

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:

Elizabeth Curran

Stacey Freeguard

Patricia Mattison

Carolyn Schmidt

Grace Simonds

REGULAR MEETINGS

SELECTBOARD

2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00pm

Held at Town Office

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1st Monday at 7:30pm

(Business Meeting)

2nd Tuesday 6:30pm(Training)

Special Trainings TBA

Both held at Firehouse

FIRST RESPONSE

3rd Monday at 7pm

(Business Meeting)

4th Monday at 7pm (Training)

Both held at Firehouse

CONTACT INFORMATION

(AS OF 1/1/2019)

1st Constable:	Michael Dame	623-6363
Animal Control:	Stacey Freeguard	623-6065
Auditors:	Marcia King	623-7813
Board of Listers:	Stacey Freeguard	623-7813
Cemetery Board:	Grace Simonds	623-7811
Delinquent Taxes:	Rani Fallon	989-2614
Fire Dept non-emer:	Mike Wilbur	989-1722
Fire Warden:	Delwin Fielder	989-8986
First Resp non-emer:	Rick Iffland	236-1469
Food Shelf:	Beverly Freeguard	623-8033
Green-Up Chair:	Rebecca Bertrand	623-6325
Health Officer:	Jeanne Lamoureux	623-6385
Planning Comm:	Steve Quenneville	623-7813
Road Comm:	Paul Quesnel	623-6731
Select Board:	Bob Wood	623-7813
Town Clerk & Treasurer:	Gale Quenneville	623-7813
Town Hall:	Tammy Wilbur	623-7862
Zoning Admin:	Kate Briggs	247-5305
Zoning Board:	Steve Quenneville	623-7813

**TOWN OF WHITING
29 S. MAIN STREET
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Please bring this report with you to:

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

7:15PM

at THE WHITING TOWN HALL