

TOWN OF  
*Brownington*  
VERMONT



TOWN REPORT **2019**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 ANNUAL REPORT

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# **Annual Report**

Town of

## **Brownington, Vermont**



### **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I pledge allegiance to the Flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the Republic for which it stands  
one nation under God, indivisible  
with liberty and justice for all

For the year ending December 31,

# **2019**



**BROWNINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
EIGHTH GRADE CLASS**

**Will be hosting a**

**POT LUCK LUNCHEON**

**COST \$5.00 per person.**

**All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the  
BCS Eighth Grade Class!!!**

**Thank you for your support.**



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## Town Officers

**Town Clerk:** Valerie Faust ..... 2022

*Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, Marriage & Civil Union licenses. 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.*

**Moderator:** Eileen Baker ..... 2020

*Runs the annual and special town meetings. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Robert's Rules of Order.*

### **Selectboard:**

Bill Falconer ..... 2020

Chris Myott ..... 2021

Beverly White ..... 2022

*General supervision and control over the 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, and liquor control commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.*

**Delinquent Tax Collector:** Valerie Faust ..... 2020

### **Listers:**

David Chase - Vacant (Resigned 2020) ..... 2020

Larry Chase ..... 2021

Roger Patenaude ..... 2022

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

### **Lake Region Union High School Director:**

Albert "Pat" Davis ..... 2021

### **Cemetery Commissioners:**

Scott Nichols ..... 2020

Jason Gonyaw ..... 2021

Wayne Libby ..... 2022

*Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. If no Cemetery commissioners are elected, the selectboard fulfills the roll.*

\* **Road Foreman:** Clayton Butler ..... 2020

**Treasurer:** Valerie Faust ..... 2021

*Keeps the town's accounts, invests money (with approval of the legislative body), keeps record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him/her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.*

\* **Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer:** Jeannette Poirier ..... 2020

**Town First Constable:** Adam Brunelle ..... 2020

*In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all the powers of search and 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/her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and to collect taxes if there is no tax*

collector elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts. Must complete necessary training to perform required duties.

**Town Second Constable:** Renee Falconer ..... 2020  
*Serves as the Animal Control Officer.*

**Auditors:**

Jacqueline Meyer ..... 2020

Barbara Thompson ..... 2021

Jan Delaney ..... 2022

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

**\* Town Grand Jurors:**

Cecile Curtis ..... 2020

Angie Falconer ..... 2020

*Helps prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement.*

**\* Town Agent:** William Davis ..... 2020

*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 process, at the request of the selectboard.*

**\* Pound Keepers:**

Renee Falconer ..... 2020

Pauline Mackey ..... 2020

*Cares for animals that are impounded within the town.*

**\* Fence Viewers:**

Bill Falconer ..... 2020

Chris Myott ..... 2020

Clayton Faust ..... 2020

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

**\* Tree Warden & Inspector of Wood, Lumber & Shingles:**

Aaron Chapdelaine ..... 2020

*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 and/or insect control programs.*

**\* Health Officer:** Brandy Robillard ..... 2020

*Enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.*

**\* Cemetery Sextons:** Wayne Libby ..... 2020

**Town Planning Commissioners:**

William Davis ..... 2020

Michael Glodgett ..... 2020

Roger Patenaude ..... 2020

Elizabeth Butterfield ..... 2021

Armand Brunelle ..... 2021

Mark Hastings ..... 2021

Larry Faust ..... 2022

Jeannette Poirier .....	2022
Larry Thompson .....	2022
<i>Duties include preparing a municipal plan; making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation; and participating in a regional planning program. Should have good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.</i>	

**Justices of the Peace:**

Armand Brunelle	Andrew Swett
Larry Chase	Larry Faust
Chris Myott	

*Elected by the town, but are actually county officers. Duties fall into five categories.*

*Elections: members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) and serve as election officials at town elections.*

*Tax Abatement and Appeal: Sit as members of the board of abatement.*

*As member of the BCA, JP's hear and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the listers.*

*Marriages & Civil Unions: JP's may solemnize marriages and certify civil unions.*

*Oaths & Notary: JP's may administer oaths and is a notary ex officio.*

*Magistrates: JP's may serve as a magistrate when so commissioned by the supreme court.*

* <b>Forest Fire Warden:</b> Clayton Butler .....	2020
<i>Prevents forest fires within the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires.</i>	

* <b>Town Service Officer:</b> Larry Thompson .....	2020
<i>Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel, or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.</i>	

* <b>E-911 Contact Person:</b> Larry Chase .....	2020
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* <b>NVDA RPC Representatives:</b>	
Larry Thompson .....	2020
William Davis .....	2020

**Waste Management Committee:**

Charles Batchelder.....	2020
Robert Butterfield (Resigned)	
Lila Stevens (Appointed) .....	2021

\* *Appointed to Office*



TOWN OF BROWNINGTON

## *Notice of Hearing*

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT THE BROWNINGTON SELECTBOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING AND OPEN MEETING AT THE BROWNINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL IN BROWNINGTON CENTER ON MARCH 3rd, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M. TO DISCUSS WASTE MANAGEMENT.

DATED AT BROWNINGTON, VERMONT, THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2020

Bev White, Chairman

Bill Falconer

Chris Myott

***Brownington Select Board***

The *Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District* assists the Brownington Community by providing recycling services to your town.

Your local transfer station is located at the Brownington Town Garage, 614 Schoolhouse Rd., and is open year-round on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Accepted materials include: plastic containers #1-4 & #5 food-grade containers (no black plastic containers accepted), all colors of glass bottles & jars, tin, aluminum, paper, cardboard, books, batteries, CFL bulbs, certain electronics (computers and TV Monitors included), aerosols, plastic bags (any color), and waste oil all free of charge. Ask the transfer station attendant for more details or call the NEKWMD at 802-626-3232.

## *Dates to Remember*

TOWN OF BROWNINGTON

### *Green-Up Day*

**SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2020**

**Brownington Town Garage**

Call the Town Office for more information as the date approaches!

***Let's make it a family affair!***

# *NEK Waste Management District*

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The NEKWMD finished 2019 by processing less recycling compared to 2018 – 2615 tons in 2019 compared to 2750 tons in 2018. Significant drops in mixed paper, cardboard, and glass were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including compostable materials, batteries, and metal saw increases in tonnage. E-Waste, tires, and plastics tonnages were approximately the same as 2018. Recycling markets remained low throughout all of 2019.

The District ended 2019 with a deficit of \$16,116.38. The District ended 2018 with a deficit of \$41,069.02. Revenues in 2019 were 1% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 3% above projections. The catastrophic failure of our baler on September 24, 2018 was the largest reason for the deficit. Even though the baler was replaced in February of 2019, we incurred significant costs for the first quarter of 2019 that were directly associated with having limited or no processing capacity.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2019. 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 2020 with a proposed budget of \$794,823 – a decrease of 3.6% compared to 2019. The decrease reflects the continued poor markets for recyclables. The surcharge rate of \$24.75 will remain unchanged for 2020. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.59. The NEKWMD will be raising hauling fees by \$10 for facilities and schools. The new rates for 2020 are \$45 for facilities and \$30 for schools.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and two part-time employees in 2019. 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 57,000 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**

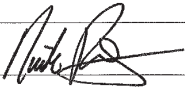
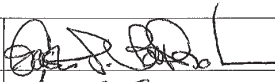
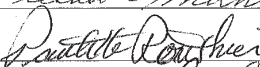

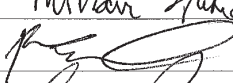

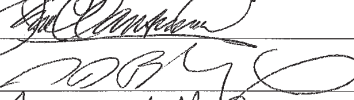

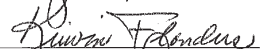




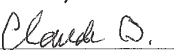

# WARNING

## NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

### MARCH 3, 2020

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 3, 2020 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 \$794,823?

	
Preston Smith	David Enders
	Rebecca Hill-Louise
Danielle Deschêre	Ben Rull
	Marian Spence
Gene A Perkins	
	Steve Desrosiers
Wade McNeil	Otis McKinstry
	Don Dwyer
Elizabeth Fuller	Ken Batchelder
	Keith Wharton
Kevin Flandreau	
	
Timothy R. Vail	
	
Jack Lunn	
	
Sherrie Sandberg	
	
Miss R. Spodola	
	
Claude D. Phipps	
	
John Sole	
	
Yves Dangle	

## *Select Board Message*

2019 has not only been an interesting and challenging year with 33 Board meetings and hearings but also a very successful and productive one.

### Budget Information

For the fiscal year 2020, the General Budget saw an increase of \$8,053.00 due to mostly a combination of parcel mapping costs, Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) fees for recycling, and New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) increase. NEMRC consists of the Accounting, Grand List, Tax Receipt, Dog Licensing and Land Records software. NEMRC's fee had remained consistent for many years, but due to increased cyber threats, they have added staff to stay ahead of the threats and protect the sensitive information of those they serve.

The highway budget remains the same as last year.

Being taxpayers ourselves, the select board has worked diligently to keep the budgets within reason. We will continue to look for ways to cut expenses where we can and make long term purchases that will be more economical in the long run. We have added a few line items to the budget to aid us and the town in tracking spending more specifically. Money has been set aside in the current budget's equipment fund for future equipment replacement. Money is also being set aside in the paving fund to provide the necessary match for future grants for paving class two roads. We will continue to work in the best interest of the taxpayers while ensuring the town has everything it needs to run in a safe and efficient manner.

### Road Information

The Board would like to thank the Road Foreman, Clayton Butler, full time road crew, Wendell Hastings, and our part time road crew for their hard work and dedication in keeping up with the many challenges and keeping our roads safe.

The town received three grants from the State of Vermont for road work in 2019. Grants are essential in helping keep taxes down while helping to make much needed improvements to the town through outside funding. Two grants were received from the V-Trans Better Roads Program with one covering a section of Parker Road and the other covering a section of Ticehurst Road and all of Gaye Hill Road. The town also received a Municipal Roads Grant-in-Aid funds through NVDA and the Department of Environmental Conservation that covered work on the Pepin Road and Chilafoux Road intersection. The work on the Pepin/Chilafoux Roads allowed us to make our match with in-kind services using road crew labor and town equipment, thus realizing further tax dollar savings. The town also replaced culverts on Parker, Schoolhouse, Chase, Center, Ticehurst, Chapdelaine, Gaye Hill, and West Roads, for a total of at least 26 culverts. Such culvert replacement is part of the process of ensuring that excess water is prevented from running down roads and is instead directed into functional culverts. We resurfaced Cleveland Road and ditched and debermed several roads in town. In general road maintenance, the town spent \$17,000 for patching tar, hauled 4,000 yards of sand, and crushed 6,500 yards of gravel. It was a very productive year.

The Center Road Stabilization Project is moving forward. Two locations of this road are being threatened by the Willoughby River. We have hired Dubois and King, Inc. as the Municipal Project Manager, at an estimated fee of \$52,064, and VHB as the Project Design Services at the cost of \$135,900. We will be working on acquiring more grants to help with the cost of this project. There will also be a separate article on the Warning for Town Meeting regarding funding for this project.

2019 saw the final payment made on the 10-wheeler town truck.

#### Other Information

We were denied the grant from FEMA to purchase a generator for the school Emergency Shelter. The cost of the new generator went from \$18,000 to about \$30,000 and unfortunately, with the cost being so much higher, there is no way we are going to get a passing Brownington Cost Analysis.

We moved the recycling to the town garage in October, which allows us to have a camera to monitor the site. This was because of inappropriate e-waste (computers and televisions) recycling that was leaving Brownington liable for fines.

The select board would appreciate any volunteers for Green Up Day, which will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020. Volunteer tasks include picking up trash and tires on the roadsides and unloading tires at the garage. Please try to donate some time to help keep our community clean.

A special thank you to Valerie Faust for her dedication, accuracy, and overall superb job as town clerk and treasurer. In addition to her completing all the clerical work, paying bills, making deposits, collecting taxes, serving as clerk to the select board, and keeping up with all the changing demands from the State of Vermont, she is always available to assist the select board. Additionally, the board would like to thank everyone who works in the town government, including the assistant clerk and treasurer, auditors, listers, recycling agent, planning commission, and other officials whose dedication makes this town's government work efficiently.

The town office is open Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The select board meets twice a month, typically on the second and fourth Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. at the town clerk's Office. Meetings are open to the public. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact one of the board members or Val at the office to express any concern, and it will be addressed at the next board meeting. All board minutes are posted in the town clerk's office, in Brownington Village on the town bulletin board, at the school when in session, and at the Evansville Trading Post. If you would like the minutes emailed to you, please contact Val and she will be happy to add you to the email list.

As a reminder: each year residents need to file an HS-122 with the Vermont Department of Taxes to receive Homestead Education tax rate and property tax adjustment.

Beverly White, Board Chair	754-8449
Bill Falconer	673-6020
Chris Myott	355-8298

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

### *Warning*

The legal voters of the Town of Brownington, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Brownington Central School in Brownington Center in the Town of Brownington, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business, viz:

1. To elect a moderator.
2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.
3. To elect the remaining Town Officers as provided by statute:
  - a. One Selectman for a term of three years.
  - b. A Delinquent Tax Collector.
  - c. One Lister for a term of three years.
  - d. One Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years.
  - e. A First Constable.
  - f. A Second Constable.
  - g. One Auditor for a term of three years.
  - h. One Planning Commissioner for a term of three years.
  - i. One Planning Commissioner for a term of three years.
  - j. One Planning Commissioner for a term of three years.
  - k. One Waste Management Committee member for the remaining one year of a two-year term
  - l. One Waste Management Committee member for a term of two years
4. To see if the voters will let the Cemetery Commissioners appoint the Cemetery Sextons.
5. To see if the voters will give the Selectmen the authority to appoint the remaining officers, namely: two (2) Town Grand Jurors, One Town Agent, Pound Keepers, Fence Viewers, and Tree Warden and Inspector of Wood, Lumber & Shingles.
6. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 131,035.91 to defray the general expenses of the Town?
7. Shall the Town appropriate \$428,346.08 for highway purposes?
8. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
9. To see if the Town will vote to pay the necessary premiums on bonds for its officers who are required by law to furnish bonds.
10. Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal property taxes due to the Town on or before November 16th, 2020 if town votes to do so, with delinquent taxes subject to interest charges, the highest allowable by law and an eight percent collector's fee charged against them from the due date?
11. Shall the Town appropriate \$25,000.00 to be transferred to the Center Road Slope Stabilization account to be used to help defray the Town's match of 20% of the project?
12. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1555.00 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) to

provide services to residents of the Town, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?

13. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$900.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to provide services to residents of the Town, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the home care services of the Agency and Hospice, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
15. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$13,875.50 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services for the ensuing year, and direct the select board to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same? This will be used for routine patrols, answering complaints, and investigating incidents. It will also cover administrative expenses including salaries, vehicle, benefits, liability insurance, maintenance, gasoline, supplies, telephone costs, and crime prevention programs.
16. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to the Jones Memorial Library, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
17. Shall the voters of the Town of Brownington vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing, and finding homes for unwanted pets, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
18. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1976.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3), to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
19. Shall the Town of Brownington appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. to support the Brownington School Garden and Farm to School Program, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
20. Shall the Town of Brownington appropriate \$700.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
21. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers, and to direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
22. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of \$500.00 in support of the NorthWoods Stewardship Center for the purpose of providing: discounted local educational programs; opportunities including winter and summer camps and school science and outdoor programs; Conservation Corps summer jobs and training for local

youth; free onsite trails year round; and care and maintenance of public hiking and water trails throughout the Northeast Kingdom, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?

**23.** To act upon any nonbinding business that may legally come before said meeting.

**24.** To adjourn.

Dated at Brownington, Vermont this 22nd day of January, 2020.

Beverly White, Chairman

Bill Falconer

Chris Myott

**Brownington Select Board**

I hereby certify that the above warning was duly recorded in the records of the Town of Brownington previous to the posting and publication thereof.

Attest: Valerie Faust

**Brownington Town Clerk**



## *Summary of 2019 Annual Town Meeting Minutes*

The legal voters of the Town of Brownington met at the Brownington Central School on March 5th, 2019, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and transacted the following business:

1. Eileen Baker was elected to serve as moderator
2. The Town Officers' reports were accepted as corrected.
3. The following officers were elected:  
Selectman (3 years) – Beverly White  
Town Clerk (3 years) – Valerie Faust  
Delinquent Tax Collector – Valerie Faust  
Lister (3 years) – Roger Patenaude  
Cemetery Commissioner (3 years) – Wayne Libby  
First Constable – Adam Brunelle  
Second Constable – Renee Falconer  
Auditor (3 year) – Jan Delaney  
Planning Commissioner (3 year) – Larry Faust  
Planning Commissioner (3 year) – Jeannette Poirier  
Planning Commissioner (3 year) – Larry Thompson  
Waste Management Committee (2 year) – Robert Butterfield
4. It was voted to let the Cemetery Commissioners appoint the Cemetery Sextons.
5. The Selectmen were authorized to appoint the following officers: two Town Grand Jurors, one Town Agent, Pound Keepers, Fence Viewers, Tree Warden and Inspector of Wood, Lumber and Shingles.
6. It was voted to appropriate \$124,482.91 to defray the general expenses of the Town.
7. It was voted to open a Center Road Bank Stabilization Project Money Market with \$7,500.00 to help defray the cost of the project.
8. It was voted to appropriate \$431,218.68 for highway purposes.
9. It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
10. It was voted to pay the necessary premiums and bonds for its officers who are required by law to furnish bonds.
11. It was voted to authorize the Treasurer to collect real and property taxes due to the Town on or before November 15th, 2019, with delinquent taxes subject to interest charge, the highest allowable by law, and an 8% collector's fee charged against them from the due date.
12. It was voted to appropriate \$1414.00 to Rural Community Transit.
13. It was to appropriate \$900.00 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging.
14. It was voted to appropriate \$2,500.00 to Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice Inc.

15. It was voted to appropriate \$ 13,471.36 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.
16. It was voted to appropriate \$1000.00 to the Jones Memorial Library.
17. It was voted to appropriate \$500.00 to the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter.
18. It was voted to appropriate \$ 1037.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services.
19. It was voted to appropriate \$400.00 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.
20. It was voted to appropriate \$700.00 to Umbrella, Inc.
21. It was voted to appropriate \$250.00 to NorthWoods Stewardship Center.
22. It was voted to place a speed limit of 35 mph in Brownington Village and Brownington Center to slow traffic in areas of higher pedestrian activity.
23. Cecile Curtis thanked the board for their hard work and asked if they would consider holding a meeting one evening a month. Bev stated that the board is available by phone and will gladly speak on behalf of anyone who is unable to attend a board meeting.. Bev also asked for drivers to use caution when approaching a work zone.
24. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

There were 647 registered voters and 102 were checked off the checklist as having voted during Town Meeting.

Dated at Brownington, Vermont this 16th day of January 2020.

Valerie Faust  
Brownington Town Clerk

## *Auditors' Report*

We, the auditors of the Town of Brownington, have reviewed the financial records of the Town for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019. The local audit includes, but is not limited to: checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts, petty cash, Select board Meeting reports, Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reports, recording of fees, licenses, general ledgers, Listers' calculations, Grand List, and property tax statements. We reviewed the payroll records and reports as required by the Vermont Dept. of Labor and the Federal Government.

To the best of our knowledge, the above mentioned statements and reports are a true representation of the financial condition of the Town of Brownington, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Delaney  
Jacqueline Meyer  
Barbara Thompson  
AUDITOR, Town of Brownington

### *Independent Audit*

An audit for year ending December 31, 2016 was conducted by Gene A. Besaw & Associates and was completed in June 2017.

Copies of the Management Letter, Full Financial Statements & Single Audit Report may be viewed at the

Brownington Town Clerk's Office  
622 Schoolhouse Rd., Brownington, VT 05860

## *Statement of Property Taxes*

<b>2019 Grand List:</b>	<b>Municipal</b>	<b>School Homestead</b>	<b>School Non Homestead</b>
Real Estate Total .....	\$83,531,939	\$50,887,700	\$32,644,239
1% of Grand List.....	835,319.39	508,877.00	326,442.39
Tax Rate .....	.705	1.23	1.4869
Taxes Raised .....	\$588,901.79	\$625,918.71	\$485,387.16
<b>2019 Homestead Tax Rate .....</b>	<b>1.9350</b>		
<b>2019 Non Residential Tax Rate.....</b>	<b>2.1919</b>		
<b>2019 Taxes Billed:</b> .....			\$1,700,207.66
Adjustments HS-122 Late Filers & Errors .....			771.75
Net Taxes Billed.....			<u>\$1,700,979.41</u>
<b>2019 Taxes Collected:</b>			
2019 Tax Collected in 2019 .....			\$157,934.95
2019 Collected as Delinquent.....			50,297.05
2019 Tax Delinquent December 31, 2019 .....			71,338.41
2019 Taxes Abated .....			-
			<u>\$1,700,979.41</u>
<b>2018 Delinquent Taxes:</b>			
Balance January 1, 2019.....			\$ 76,710.75
Taxes Abated .....			952.07
2018 Tax Collected in 2019 .....			75,169.88
<b>Balance December 31, 2019 .....</b>			<b>\$ 588.80</b>

## *Financial Statement*

### **Assets:**

PSB General Checking/ Sweep.....	\$230,651.46	
MM Account - Reappraisal Fund .....	46,090.31	
Petty Cash .....	50.00	
MM Account- Paving Fund .....	29,348.37	
MM Account- Equipment Fund .....	55,372.68	
MM Account - Center Road Project Fund....	5,970.34	\$367,483.16

### Accounts Receivable:

2019 Delinquent Taxes .....	\$ 71,338.41	
2018 Delinquent Taxes .....	588.80	
2017 Delinquent Taxes .....	-	71,927.21
		<u>\$439,410.37</u>

### **Liabilities:**

PS Bank- Truck Loan	\$ -	
PS Bank - Garage Loan	400,140.80	
		<u>400,140.80</u>

Total Assets Over Liabilities

\$ 39,269.57

### **Reappraisal Account:**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ 40,266.82	
Interest Income.....	34.99	
State of VT Act 68.....	5,788.50	
<b>Balance December 31, 2019 .....</b>		<b>\$ 46,090.31</b>

### **Paving Fund:**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ 33,325.16	
Interest Income.....	23.21	
Transfer from Budget.....	10,000.00	
Transfer to General Fund .....	(14,000.00)	
<b>Balance December 31, 2019 .....</b>		<b>\$ 29,348.37</b>

### **Equipment Fund:**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ 40,337.21	
Interest Income.....	35.47	
Transfer from Budget.....	15,000.00	
<b>Balance December 31, 2019 .....</b>		<b>\$ 55,372.68</b>

### **Center Road Project Fund:**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ -	
Interest Income.....	-	
Open with Annual Meeting approval.....	7,500.00	
Transfer to General Fund for 20% Match ....	(1,529.66)	
<b>Balance December 31, 2019 .....</b>		<b>\$ 5,970.34</b>

## *Revenue Report*

### **General Budget**

#### **TAX REVENUES**

Property Taxes.....	\$ 48,976.81
Prior Year Taxes .....	76,121.95
Tax Interest.....	7,499.46
Del. Collector Fees.....	10,034.23
Tax Sale & Misc Costs.....	-

#### **OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

Current Use .....	18,350.00
Motor Vehicle Fines.....	152.50
PILOT .....	4,527.60
State Reimbursements.....	18,363.41

#### **LOCAL REVENUES**

Clerk Fees .....	10,648.00
Dog Licenses.....	990.00
Liquor Licenses .....	140.00
Interest on Statements .....	362.65
Miscellaneous.....	679.43
Return Checks.....	-
FirstNet (AT&T).....	1,798.83

<b>Total General.....</b>	<b>198,644.87</b>
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### **Highway Budget**

#### **TAX REVENUE**

Property Taxes.....	431,218.68
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#### **OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

State Aid to Highways.....	89,920.43
State Reimbursements.....	-

#### **LOCAL REVENUES**

Overload Permits.....	195.00
Interest on Statements .....	23.21
Miscellaneous.....	14,730.72

<b>Total Highway.....</b>	<b>536,088.04</b>
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#### **OTHER FUNDS**

Interest on Statements .....	55.56
Transfer from Highway- Equipment.....	15,000.00
Municipal Roads Grant (NVDA).....	8,600.00
Better Roads Grant-Parker.....	18,318.98
Better Roads Grant-Ticehurst/Gaye.....	20,000.00
PACIF Safety Grant.....	999.48
Transfer from Highway- Paving.....	10,000.00
Interest on Statements .....	35.47
Restoration Fees .....	2,392.00
Computer Fund.....	59.50
St of Vt Act 68 payment.....	5,788.50

<b>Total Other Funds.....</b>	<b>81,249.49</b>
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<b>TOTAL REVENUE ALL FUNDS .....</b>	<b>\$ 815,982.40</b>
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# *Expenditure Report*

## **GENERAL BUDGET**

### **PAYROLL & BENEFITS**

Assistant Town Clerk .....	\$ 5,024.72
Assistant Treasurer .....	5,024.43
Fire Warden .....	500.00
Health Officer .....	365.00
Election- worker .....	80.85
Town Clerk .....	17,490.00
Town Treasurer .....	15,400.00
Listers .....	5,641.90
Select Board .....	3,735.00
Auditors .....	558.25
Clerk Fees .....	10,648.00
Animal Control Officer .....	1,400.00
Recycle Attendant .....	2,130.00
Board Clerk .....	1,600.00
Health Insurance .....	4,000.00
Social Security -Employer .....	5,630.24

### **OFFICE EXPENSES**

Training .....	290.00
Rubbish .....	204.00
Computer/ Internet .....	882.00
Nemrc .....	2,195.08
Phone .....	972.65
Office/ Advertising .....	1,046.73
Member Dues .....	2,206.00
Mileage .....	656.90
Paper, postage etc .....	3,325.28
Maintenance .....	1,958.57
Electric .....	1,282.72
Heat .....	1,215.17
FirstNet (AT&T) .....	1,935.70

### **GENERAL EXPENSES**

Cemetery Comm .....	6,000.00
Animal Control .....	128.58
Fire Protection .....	20,000.00
Ambulance Service .....	19,451.91
Audit Fees .....	-
NVDA .....	741.00
Legal Fees .....	602.50
Parcel Mapping .....	-
NEKWMD .....	1,894.20
Street Lights .....	1,608.29
SW- Green Up .....	1,527.65
SW- Barton LF .....	-
Insurance- VLCT Pacif .....	6,483.00
Town Report- Printing .....	2,011.00
Town Report- Mailing .....	335.68
County Tax .....	11,861.73
Miscellaneous .....	1,692.01

**APPROPRIATIONS**

Orleans Sheriff's Dept .....	13,471.36
RCT .....	1,414.00
NEK Council on Aging .....	900.00
VNA .....	2,500.00
Jones Memorial Library .....	1,000.00
Human Services .....	1,037.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society .....	500.00
Umbrella, Inc .....	700.00
Farm to School .....	400.00
NorthWoods.....	250.00
<b>Total General Budget.....</b>	<b>\$ 193,909.10</b>

**HIGHWAY BUDGET****PAYROLL & BENEFITS**

Full Time Road Crew .....	\$ 48,937.50
Part Time Road Crew .....	12,289.50
Mechanic .....	5,562.00
Road Foreman .....	56,797.91
Health Ins- Town Share .....	7,423.34
Social Security- empl sha .....	9,996.31
Retirement.....	7,864.96
Unemployment .....	697.25
Uniforms .....	770.32

**GARAGE OFFICE**

Training.....	255.00
Phone/Internet .....	2,031.55
Mileage .....	277.82
Supplies.....	217.01
Maintenance .....	3,215.10
Electric .....	2,709.63
Heat .....	5,813.34

**GENERAL EXPENSES**

CDL Expense .....	130.00
Insurance- VLCT Pacif .....	18,944.00
Shop Supplies .....	2,286.92
Road Signs .....	565.00
Tools .....	1,970.97
General Permit .....	1,350.00
Equipment Transfer .....	15,000.00
Paving Transfer .....	10,000.00

**ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Roadside Mowing .....	3,200.00
Equipment Hire .....	3,621.00
Sand .....	11,837.50
Salt .....	8,431.57
Chloride .....	17,999.20
Hot/ Cold Patch .....	479.70
Bridges/ Guardrails.....	-
Culverts .....	461.75



**Road Maintenance cont.**

Road Surface-Gravel.....	42,018.61
Stone-Muddy Roads.....	4,939.28
Ditching/Seeding .....	2,726.47

**EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

Loader .....	1,349.60
Grader .....	4,576.62
Backhoe.....	50.61
General Maintenance .....	15,908.22
Truck 1 .....	2,684.58
Truck 2.....	5,368.59
Truck 3.....	1,013.25
Trailer .....	2,385.17
Truck 4.....	3,504.13
Excavator .....	747.45
Fuel-Diesel .....	30,130.33
Fuel-Welding .....	96.00
Gasoline .....	3,351.56

**DEBT SERVICE**

Truck Loan- Principal.....	23,218.03
Garage Loan-Principal.....	21,637.01
Grader Lease Payment .....	24,589.68
Loader Lease Payment .....	21,745.39
Excavator Lease Payment.....	12,638.81
Truck Loan -Interest .....	187.47
Garage Loan- Interest .....	11,646.19

**Total Highway.....** **\$ 497,649.20**

New Equipment .....	6,000.00
Tools/ Machinery.....	-
Better Roads - Ticehurst/Gaye .....	30,231.24
Better Roads-Parker.....	12,272.23
Center Road Bank Stabilization.....	7,648.32
Municipal Roads Grant (NVDA).....	4,351.59
Restoration Expense .....	14.39

**Total Other Projects.....** **\$ 60,517.77**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS.....** **\$ \$752,076.07**

*Proposed*  
**Comparative Budget Report**  
**GENERAL FUND**

	<b>Budget FY-2019</b>	<b>Actual FY-2019</b>	<b>Budget FY-2020</b>
<b>PAYROLL &amp; BENEFITS</b>			
Assistant Town Clerk .....	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,024.72	\$ 5,500.00
Assistant Treasurer .....	5,000.00	5,024.43	5,500.00
Fire Warden .....	500.00	500.00	500.00
Health Officer .....	365.00	365.00	365.00
Election- worker .....	500.00	80.85	1,200.00
Town Clerk .....	17,490.00	17,490.00	17,840.00
Town Treasurer .....	15,400.00	15,400.00	15,708.00
Listers .....	7,200.00	5,641.90	7,500.00
Select Board .....	3,735.00	3,735.00	3,900.00
Auditors .....	850.00	558.25	850.00
Clerk Fees* .....	-	10,648.00	-
Del. Collector Fees .....	-	-	-
Animal Control Officer .....	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Recycle Attendant .....	2,100.00	2,130.00	2,200.00
Board Clerk .....	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,500.00
Health Insurance .....	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Social Security -Employer .....	8,000.00	5,630.24	8,000.00
<b>Total Payroll &amp; Benefits.....</b>	<b>73,040.00</b>	<b>79,228.39</b>	<b>75,963.00</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES</b>			
Training .....	750.00	290.00	750.00
Rubbish .....	400.00	204.00	400.00
Computer/ Internet .....	1,500.00	882.00	1,500.00
Nemrc .....	2,000.00	2,195.08	5,000.00
Phone .....	850.00	972.65	1,020.00
Office/ Advertising .....	1,000.00	1,046.73	1,000.00
Member Dues .....	2,200.00	2,206.00	2,200.00
Mileage .....	700.00	656.90	700.00
Paper, postage etc. ....	3,500.00	3,325.28	3,500.00
Maintenance .....	3,000.00	1,958.57	3,000.00
Electric .....	1,600.00	1,282.72	1,600.00
Heat .....	1,200.00	1,215.17	1,200.00
FirstNet (AT&T)* .....	-	1,935.70	-
<b>Total Office Expense .....</b>	<b>18,700.00</b>	<b>18,170.80</b>	<b>21,870.00</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
Cemetery Comm .....	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Animal Control .....	150.00	128.58	150.00
Fire Protection .....	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Ambulance Service .....	19,451.91	19,451.91	19,451.91
Audit Fees .....	-	-	-
NVDA .....	741.00	741.00	741.00
Legal Fees .....	1,500.00	602.50	1,500.00

	<b>Budget FY-2019</b>	<b>Actual FY-2019</b>	<b>Budget FY-2020</b>
<b>General Expenses con't.</b>			
Parcel Mapping.....	-	-	1,600.00
NEKWMD .....	1,800.00	1,894.20	2,060.00
Street Lights .....	1,850.00	1,608.29	1,850.00
SW- Green Up .....	1,200.00	1,527.65	1,500.00
SW-Barton Post Closure .....	-	-	-
Insurance- VLCT Pacif .....	-	6,483.00	-
Town Report- Printing.....	2,200.00	2,011.00	2,000.00
Town Report- Mailing.....	350.00	335.68	350.00
County Tax.....	12,500.00	11,861.73	12,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	-	1,692.01	-
<b>Total General Expenses .....</b>	<b>67,742.91</b>	<b>74,337.55</b>	<b>69,702.91</b>
<b>Total Selectman's Budget .....</b>	<b>\$ 159,482.91</b>	<b>\$171,736.74</b>	<b>\$167,535.91</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
Orleans Sheriff's Dept .....	\$ 13,471.36	\$ 13,471.36	
RCT .....	1,414.00	1,414.00	
NEK Council on Aging .....	900.00	900.00	
VNA .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Jones Memorial Library .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Human Services .....	1,037.00	1,037.00	
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society	500.00	500.00	
Umbrella .....	700.00	700.00	
Farm to School .....	400.00	400.00	
NorthWoods.....	250.00	250.00	
<b>Total Appropriations.....</b>	<b>22,172.36</b>	<b>22,172.36</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$181,655.27</b>	<b>\$193,909.10</b>	
<b>Anticipated Income:</b>			
Current Use .....	\$ 14,500.00		\$ 16,000.00
PILOT .....	4,500.00		4,500.00
Delinquent Collector Fees.....	8,000.00		8,000.00
Delinquent Tax Interest.....	8,000.00		8,000.00
Tax Revenue.....	124,482.91		131,035.91
	<b>\$159,482.91</b>		<b>\$167,535.91</b>

\*These expenses are not budgeted for because they are only as much as the revenue that comes in for them.

*Proposed*  
**Comparative Budget Report**  
**HIGHWAY FUND**

	<b>Budget FY-2019</b>	<b>Actual FY-2019</b>	<b>Budget FY-2020</b>
<b>PAYROLL &amp; BENEFITS</b>			
Full Time .....	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 48,937.50	\$ 47,970.00
Part Time .....	10,000.00	12,289.50	15,000.00
Mechanic .....	5,000.00	5,562.00	5,000.00
Road Foreman.....	52,000.00	56,797.91	57,330.00
Health Ins .....	10,000.00	7,423.34	5,000.00
Social Security.....	10,000.00	9,996.31	11,000.00
Retirement.....	7,300.00	7,864.96	8,100.00
Unemployment .....	3,000.00	697.25	1,500.00
Uniforms .....	1,600.00	770.32	1,600.00
<b>Total Payroll &amp; Benefits.....</b>	<b>143,900.00</b>	<b>150,339.09</b>	<b>152,500.00</b>
<b>GARAGE OFFICE</b>			
Training.....	500.00	255.00	500.00
Phone/ Internet.....	1,700.00	2,031.55	2,125.00
Mileage .....	500.00	277.82	500.00
Supplies.....	1,000.00	217.01	1,000.00
Maintenance.....	2,000.00	3,215.10	2,000.00
Electric.....	3,250.00	2,709.63	3,250.00
Heat .....	6,000.00	5,813.34	6,000.00
<b>Total Garage Office.....</b>	<b>14,950.00</b>	<b>14,519.45</b>	<b>15,375.00</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
CDL Expense .....	300.00	130.00	300.00
Insurance- VLCT Pacif .....	17,121.00	18,944.00	18,614.00
Shop Supplies .....	3,000.00	2,286.92	2,500.00
Road Signs .....	2,500.00	565.00	3,000.00
Tools .....	2,000.00	1,970.97	2,000.00
General Permit .....	1,800.00	1,350.00	1,800.00
Equipment Transfer .....	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Paving Transfer .....	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total General Expenses .....</b>	<b>51,721.00</b>	<b>50,246.89</b>	<b>53,214.00</b>
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>			
Roadside Mowing.....	5,000.00	3,200.00	6,000.00
Equipment Hire.....	5,000.00	3,621.00	5,000.00
Sand .....	20,000.00	11,837.50	20,000.00
Salt .....	10,000.00	8,431.57	12,000.00
Chloride .....	18,000.00	17,999.20	18,000.00
Hot/ Cold Patch .....	1,500.00	479.70	1,500.00
Bridges/ Guardrails.....	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Culverts .....	-	461.75	4,500.00
Road Surface-Gravel.....	50,000.00	42,018.61	50,000.00
Stone-Muddy Roads.....	10,000.00	4,939.28	8,000.00

	Budget FY-2019	Actual FY-2019	Budget FY-2020
<b>Road Maintenance cont.</b>			
Ditching/Seeding .....	2,000.00	2,726.47	3,000.00
<b>Total Road Maintenance.....</b>	<b>123,500.00</b>	<b>95,715.08</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>			
Loader- Maint .....	2,500.00	1,349.60	2,500.00
Grader- Maint .....	6,000.00	4,576.62	7,500.00
Backhoe- Maint.....	1,500.00	50.61	1,500.00
General Maint.....	9,000.00	15,908.22	12,500.00
Truck 1 Maint.....	3,000.00	2,684.58	3,500.00
Truck 2 Maint.....	3,000.00	5,368.59	3,500.00
Truck 3 Maint.....	2,000.00	1,013.25	2,000.00
Trailer .....	500.00	2,385.17	500.00
Truck 4 Maint.....	3,500.00	3,504.13	3,500.00
Excavator.....	-	747.45	1,000.00
Fuel- Diesel .....	34,000.00	30,130.33	33,000.00
Fuel- Welding .....	500.00	96.00	500.00
Gasoline .....	5,000.00	3,351.56	4,500.00
<b>Total Equipment Maintenance .....</b>	<b>70,500.00</b>	<b>71,166.11</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
Truck Loan - Principal.....	23,203.27	23,218.03	-
Garage Loan- Principal.....	21,636.89	21,637.01	22,217.10
Grader Lease Payment .....	24,589.68	24,589.68	24,589.68
Loader Lease Payment .....	21,745.39	21,745.39	21,745.39
Excavator Lease Payment.....	12,638.81	12,638.81	12,638.81
Truck Loan - Interest .....	187.45	187.47	-
Garage Loan - Interest .....	11,646.19	11,646.19	11,066.10
<b>Total Debt Service.....</b>	<b>115,647.68</b>	<b>115,662.58</b>	<b>92,257.08</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:.....</b>	<b>\$520,218.68</b>	<b>\$497,649.20</b>	<b>\$519,346.08</b>
<b>Anticipated Income:</b>			
State Aid for Highway .....	\$ 89,000.00		\$ 91,000.00
Tax Revenue.....	431,218.68		428,346.08
	<b>\$520,218.68</b>		<b>\$519,346.08</b>

### ACT 68 FUNDS

Balance January 1, 2019

State of VT Act 68 Payment .....	\$ 5,788.50	
		\$ 5,788.50

Expended:

Transfer to Reappraisal MM .....	\$ 5,788.50	
		\$ 5,788.50
		\$ -

### RESTORATION FUND

Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ 2,435.18	
Restoration Fees .....	2,392.00	
		\$ 4,827.18

Expended:

Adkins Printing.....	\$ 14.49	
		\$ 14.49
		\$ 4,812.69

### COMPUTER FUND

Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ 113.00	
Computer Fees.....	59.50	
		\$ 172.50

Expended: .....	\$ -	
		\$ -
		\$ 172.50

### 2019 PACIF EQUIPMENT GRANT

Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ -	
Local Share: .....	999.47	
VLCT Pacif .....	999.48	
		\$ 1,998.95

Expended:

Hill & Smith.....	\$ 201.75	
Eastern Metal .....	1,797.20	
		\$ 1,998.95
		\$ -

### MUNICIPAL ROADS GRANT IN AID - TICEHURST ROAD

Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$(8,600.00)	
Regional Planning Commission	8,600.00	
		\$ -

\*Expended in FY2018 \$16,600.11

**MUNICIPAL ROADS GRANT IN AID - PEPIN ROAD**

Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ -	
Local Share: .....	6,635.24	
		\$ 6,635.24
Expended:		
Labor .....	\$ 2,984.00	
Town Owned Equipment.....	7,535.00	
Materials .....	5,506.24	
		\$16,025.24
		<b>\$(9,390.00)</b>

**BETTER ROADS - TICEHURST RD/GAYE HILL RD BR0652**

Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ -	
Transportation Agency.....	20,000.00	
Local Share .....	40,899.24	
		\$60,899.24
Expended:		
Labor .....	\$ 8,538.00	
Materials .....	19,851.24	
Town Owned Equipment.....	22,130.00	
Hired Equipment.....	10,380.00	
		\$60,899.24
		<b>\$ -</b>

**BETTER ROADS - PARKER ROAD BR0651**

Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ -	
Transportation Agency.....	18,318.98	
Local Share .....	4,579.75	
		\$ 22,898.73
Expended:		
Labor .....	\$ 2,272.00	
Materials .....	6,761.73	
Town Owned Equipment.....	7,550.00	
Hired Equipment.....	6,315.00	
		\$ 22,898.73
		<b>\$ -</b>

**CENTER ROAD SLOPE STABILIZATION CA0558**

Balance January 1, 2019.....	\$ -	
Local Match .....	1,529.66	
		\$ 1,529.66
Expended:		
Dubois & King (MPM) .....	\$ 7,648.32	
		\$ 7,648.32
		<b>\$(6,118.66)</b>

## *Cemetery Financial Report*

### **Account Balance as of December 31, 2019:**

Savings Account .....	\$ 1,793.09	
Checking Account .....	3,010.03	
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$ 4,803.12</b>

### **Statement of Income & Expenses 2019:**

**Balance January 1, 2019 .....** \$ 4,802.22

#### **RECEIPTS:**

Interest on Savings .....	\$ .90	
Appropriation at Town Meeting .....	6,000.00	
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>6,000.90</b>	<b>\$10,803.12</b>

#### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

##### *All Cemeteries:*

Cemetery Care-Wayne Libby (Mowing) .....	6,000.00	
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	

**Ending Balance December 31, 2019 .....** \$ 4,803.12



# ***Town Clerk's Report***

Town Clerk's Office Telephone: 802-754-8401

Email: [browningtontc@comcast.net](mailto:browningtontc@comcast.net)

Town Clerk's Office Hours: Mon- Thurs 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. & by appointment

Office will be closed: Jan. 1 & 2; Jan. 20; Feb. 17; Mar. 3; May 25; Sept. 7; Oct. 12; Nov. 11; Nov. 26; Dec 24; Dec. 31.

Number of Births..... 10  
Number of Marriages..... 13  
Number of Deaths..... 5

*\* Beginning July 1, 2019, an application and valid ID will be required to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate per state law.*

## ***Birth Report – 2019***

<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Where Born</b>	<b>Father/Mother (Maiden)</b>
Bittinger, Mason James	April 17, 2019	Newport, VT	James Allen Bittinger Lisa Ann Rowell
Daniels, Oden Michael	August 7, 2019	Newport, VT	David Chris Daniels Misty-Anne Koloski
Harbec, Myles Andrew	July 23, 2019	Newport, VT	Mark Andrew Harbec Mandi Ane Fecteau
Kauffman, Jemima D	April 13, 2019	Brownington, VT	David N Kauffman Susan J Shetler
Mosher, Skye Lynn	May 27, 2019	Newport, VT	Eric Ray Mosher Shelby Lynn Dailey
Reinauer, Albert Harold IV	March 28, 2019	Newport, VT	Harold Albert Reinauer II Daniela Maria Ciotoli
Rhodes, Easton James	June 29, 2019	St. Johnsbury, VT	Dustin Robert Rhodes Kelli Lauren Green
Rowell, Cedar Gavin James	November 18, 2019	Newport, VT	Trevor Slayton Rowell Makayla Marie Baraw
Whittemore, Ethan Ridge	June 19, 2019	Newport, VT	Timothy Merrill Whittemore Nicole Anna Sykes
Young, Emery Violet	August 5, 2019	Newport, VT	Tyler Michael Young Jennifer Lauren Langdell

## ***Death Report – 2019***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>
Buffi, Goldie Mae	58	September 14, 2019	Brownington, VT	Burlington, VT
DeGreenia, Terry Lyle	63	November 12, 2019	Brownington, VT	St. Johnsbury, VT
McAdam, Kenneth E	71	April 21, 2019	Brownington, VT	Newport, VT
Nisbet, Michael Richard	55	March 21, 2019	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Zebrowski, Joan Carol	77	March 9, 2019	Brownington, VT	Newport, VT

## ***Marriage Report – 2019***

<b>Names</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Date/Place of Marriage</b>
Burdick, Tristan Arnold	Brownington, VT	December 7, 2019
Lantagne, Brittney Elizabeth	Brownington, VT	Glover, VT
Butterfield, Ethan Hamilton	Brownington, VT	October 10, 2019
Murray, Rebecca Lee	Brownington, VT	North Troy, VT
Carter, James Kevin	Brownington, VT	April 19, 2019
Palmer, Joan Marie	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Duby, Buckley J	Brownington, VT	August 17, 2019
Bowen, Jennifer J	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Guay, Roger Georges	Brownington, VT	August 31, 2019
McAlister, Teresa Faye	Brownington, VT	Orleans, VT
Kauffman, Noah R	Brownington, VT	March 28, 2019
Shelter, Mary A	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
LaClair, David Gerard	Brownington, VT	November 30, 2019
Locke, Jennifer Lynn	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Magoon, Mitchell Robert	Brownington, VT	March 23, 2019
Gonyaw, Shia-Marie Lynn	Brownington, VT	Derby, VT
Miller, Steven L	Brownington, VT	November 5, 2019
Shetler, Anna A	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Morse, Trevor James	Brownington, VT	August 17, 2019
Britch, Kristin Lynn	Brownington, VT	Newport, VT
Shetler, Menno A	Brownington, VT	April 2, 2019
Miller, Amanda L	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Smith, Raymond Neil Jr.	Brownington, VT	January 1, 2019
Blodgett, Christina Marie Jeanine	Brownington, VT	Newport, VT
Young, Tyler Michael	Brownington, VT	April 6, 2019
Langdell, Jennifer Lauren	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT

## *Dog Licenses*

93 Males or Females @ \$8.00 .....	\$ 744.00
109 Spayed or Neutered @ \$4.00.....	436.00
<b>After April 1st (50% penalty):</b>	
8 Males or Females @ \$12.00 .....	96.00
31 Spayed or Neutered Dogs @ \$6.00 .....	186.00
2 Farm Dogs @ \$5.00 .....	10.00
Total .....	\$ 1,472.00
Less Fees .....	\$ 482.00
Total Due Town .....	\$ 990.00
*Collected for State of Vermont .....	\$ 1,205.00
<b>Grand Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,677.00</b>

Vermont State Law states that Dog licenses are due on or before **April 1, 2020**

\$ 9 for neutered male or spayed female

\$13 for male or female

50% penalty added to fees after April 1, 2020.

- A valid rabies certificate must be presented, if not already on file with the Town Clerk.
- Rabies certificates are valid for 3 years.
- Neuter or spaying certificates must be presented.
- All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed.
- If you licensed a dog last year and no longer have the dog, please notify the Town Clerk.
- To license by mail, enclose rabies certificate if needed and required fee and a SAS envelope for return of license and tag.
- For more information, call 754-8401
- Additional licensing hours March 28th, 2020 , 8:00 am - 12 noon

### **RABIES CLINIC Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:00 - 11:00 am**

Eileen Wolfe, D.V.M. will be on hand at the Brownington Municipal Office to administer rabies shots for dogs (required) and cats (optional, but highly recommended.)

- Distemper shots will also be available for cats and dogs.
- The Town Clerk will be available to issue dog licenses.

\*\$5.00 from each regular license is sent to the State of Vermont. \$1.00 goes to the Rabies Program. \$4.00 goes to the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VS-NIP). For more information on VSNIP, call the Town Clerk's Office, 802-672-5302 or visit [vsnip.vt.gov](http://vsnip.vt.gov).

# RABIES ALERT!



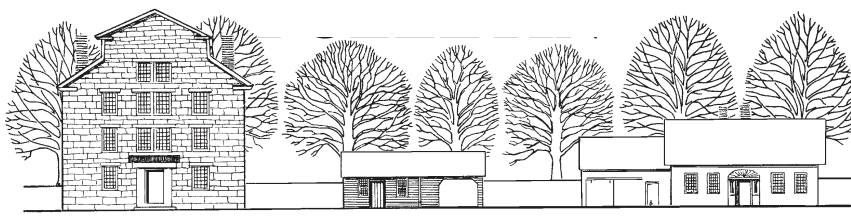
- ▼ Don't feed or touch wild animals, or animals you don't know—even baby animals.
- ▼ Get rabies shots for all your pets, even cats.
- ▼ Call your doctor right away if you are bitten, or get animal saliva in a cut, eyes, nose or mouth.

**Vermont Rabies Hotline:**

**1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)**

If you have contact with an animal that may have rabies, call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-640-4374 or 863-7240 (8 to 4:30 Mon-Fri).

 **VERMONT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
healthvermont.gov



**The Old Stone House Museum  
Orleans County Historical Society  
109 Old Stone House Rd.  
Brownington, VT 05860**

March, 2020

Dear Neighbors:

The mission of the Orleans County Historical Society is simple yet essential—to *preserve, educate, and inspire*. This mission is carried out each day by ensuring our heritage remains relevant to our community, and each year the Old Stone House Museum brings local history to life each for countless visitors; seniors, adults and children alike. We are proud to loyally serve our community with high-quality programming and events.

Since 1917, the Orleans County Historical Society has worked to preserve and share the rich history of our county and our region. From farming and agriculture to local family stories, the Museum is a rich repository of our own precious history. Our stunning neighborhood includes eight historic buildings, along with remarkable collections of furniture, paintings, clothing, tools, photographs, diaries, maps and letters that all illustrate aspects of our regional history. This year, we plan to celebrate the life and work of African American Alexander Twilight by marking his 225th birthday. The historical importance of his life and work—both locally and nationally—will be the focus for our 2020 season.

The Society continues to actively seek funding in order to maintain the aging infrastructure of historic buildings, as well as to sustain the growing list of community services that we offer to area residents such as educational programming for public schools, preservation of public records and genealogical research. Support from the community plays a vital role and helps keep our mission alive.

Thank you sincerely for your consideration and come visit us anytime!

Sincerely,  
Molly Veysey, Executive Director



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center  
215 North Main Street  
White River Junction, VT 05009  
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)  
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.  
Associate Medical Center Director

# *Orleans County Sheriff's Department*

## **2019 REPORT – TOWN OF BROWNINGTON**

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided **254.75** hours of patrol services to the Town of **Brownington** during 2019. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town.

A monthly breakdown of services provided by the Sheriff's Department is available through your Town Clerk.

The past year has seen some changes at the Orleans County Sheriff's Department, the most recent being the retirement of Sheriff Kirk J. Martin at the end of December. Sheriff Martin had 37 years of employment with the State of Vermont, starting with the Agency of Transportation in the early 1980's, which led him to law enforcement in the mid 1990's and for the last eleven years with the Orleans County Sheriff. We want to thank him for his service and wish him well in retirement.

I would like to take this time to briefly introduce myself as your new Sheriff. I was appointed by Governor Phil Scott on January 22, 2020, and am honored he entrusted me to the position of Sheriff. I am excited to be working with the men and women in the Orleans County Sheriff Department and look forward to serving our community.

At the end of the school year in 2019 Deputy Jesse Testut left the department and the position of School Resource Officer at Lake Region Union High School. We are happy to report that Jesse Testut has returned to the department full time and we will be reviewing how to best utilize him in a familiar role. The department welcomes Deputy Jeremy Cotnoir to the department, as well as Deputy Michael Greenwald. Deputy Cotnoir will be utilized in various roles within the department. Deputy Greenwald, has 30 years of experience in the Massachusetts Court/Probation System, and will be working in the courthouse. The department saw the retirement of four part-time Deputies, Homer Selby, Gerry Ballinger, Rick Gosselin and Pat Sloan, all of who worked in court operations. We want to thank them for their service and wish them all well in their retirement.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in our lobby at the sheriff's department. We also participate with the Kinney Drugs in Derby on National Drug Take Back Day. Each year this program, in cooperation with the DEA, is responsible for getting hundreds of pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

Deputy Tyler Jacobs and his K-9 partner Jonah have also had a busy year with several K-9 deployments. In one case during the Spring of 2019 Deputy Jacobs and K-9 Jonah were successful in the tracking of several suspects through heavy snow that were wanted for burglarizing a residence. There were several other K-9 deployments that resulted in the seizure of drugs, resulting in several arrests.

In December the Sheriff's department celebrated the 12th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We also received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and several individuals. **Thank you!** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 250 school children. We want to thank our own Tammy Lacourse who works tirelessly all year to make this a success.



Like many other employers, we continue to have increases. This year our medical insurance premiums for our employees alone went up 11%. I am asking the town to consider a 3% increase for 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer L.Harlow, Sheriff

**TOWN OF BROWNINGTON**  
***Total Law Incident Report – 2019***

<b>Nature of Incident</b>	<b>Total Incidents</b>
911 Hangup Call .....	2
Agency Assistance .....	3
Alarm .....	3
Citizen Assist .....	2
Citizen Dispute .....	2
Directed Patrol .....	8
Disorderly Conduct/Noise .....	1
Driving License Suspended .....	1
Found Property .....	1
Juvenile Problem .....	3
Motor Vehicle Complaint .....	2
Property Damage .....	1
Service of Abuse Prevention Order .....	3
Suspicious Event .....	7
Theft .....	1
Tobacco Problem .....	1
Traffic Hazard .....	1
Unlawful Mischief .....	1
VIN Number Inspections .....	7
Welfare/Suicide Check .....	1
<b>Total Incidents for Town of Brownington .....</b>	<b>51</b>

***Total Arrest Report - 2019***

Disorderly Conduct .....	6
Assault Simple .....	1
Violation of Conditions of Release .....	1
Unlawful Mischief .....	1
<b>Total Arrests (by count) for Town of Brownington .....</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Arrests (by person) for Town of Brownington .....</b>	<b>7</b>

***Total Traffic Violation Report - 2019***

Total Traffic Tickets .....	11
Total Warnings .....	8



## *Delinquent Taxes*

DECEMBER 31, 2019

### **2018 Delinquent Tax:**

Steve Bosley  
Joseph Labounty  
Manville Powers  
Brenda Simons

**Total ..... \$588.80**

### **2019 Delinquent Tax:**

Francis Bachelder  
Doug Bandy  
Steve Bosley  
David Broome  
Brunelle Rentals LLC  
Alexander Burns  
Diane Collier  
Michael Connor  
Michael Connor  
Hez Cote  
Katherine Curry-Johnson  
Sheila Davis  
Terry Degreenia  
Matthew DeLaBruere  
Candy Deslands  
Denise Dewing  
Linda Dupuis  
Edward Dzindolet Estate  
Anita Folsom  
Jackie Griggs  
Robert Haines  
Allen Herman Jr.  
Donna Hutchins  
Jeffrey Jeannette  
Tammy Kelley  
Romuald Kuczek  
Joseph LaBounty  
Adam Lane  
Mark Lanoue  
Clorinda Margolis  
Vincent Martin  
David Martinez

Robert Mednis  
Bill Miller  
Michael Moore  
Robert Moore  
Adam Moulton  
Ralph Newland II  
Tabatha Parish  
Ed Patenaude  
Richard Patenaude  
David Powers  
Manville Powers  
Richard Reilly Jr.  
Michael Riendeau  
Jeffrey Sanborne  
Victor Sandoval  
Brenda Simons  
CJ Smith  
Wanda Stacey  
Amanda Stevens  
Fred Stevens  
Billy Sulham  
Carla Ticehurst  
Anthony Tremblay  
Robert Turgeon  
Gerry Voehl  
Brenda Vreeland  
Colby Whipple  
Doris Wilcox  
Larry Young

**Total ..... \$71,338.41**

**Total Delinquent Taxes. \$71,927.21**

## *Notes*

**Town of Brownington**  
622 Schoolhouse Road  
Brownington, VT 05860

**PRSRT STD**  
US POSTAGE  
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ORLEANS, VT  
PERMIT #15

*Please bring your report with you to the Annual Meeting at the School at 10:00 a.m. on March 3, 2020.*