ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF STRATTON, VERMONT

JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017

In Memory

Ours hearts go out to family and friends of the Stratton residents, whom we have learned passed away this previous year.

Alfons Roberts
(1929 – 2017)

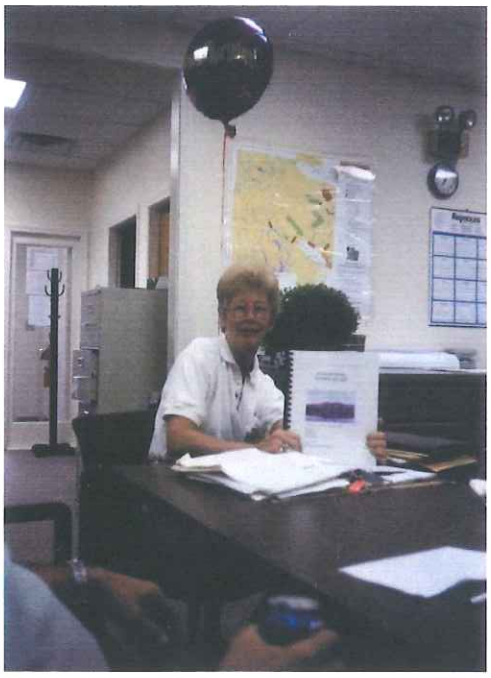
Douglas Forrester
(1923 – 2017)

Marie Minners
(1934 – 2017)

Mildred Hoffmann
(1918 – 2017)

Donato Circello
(1937-2015)

Rona Hicks
(1943 – 2017)



Rona Hicks as Planning Chair after successfully finishing the adoption of Stratton's Town Plan in 1999.

On the cover: Downtown Stratton aerial view circa 2010, courtesy of Rob and Betsy Wadsworth.

On back: The Last Days of Daniel Webster at Marshfield. A print which had been in Schoolhouse #5 for many years. It has just been restored and will be displayed in the Town Office.

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STRATTON TOWN FINANCIAL REPORT COMMITTEE

2016/2017

The firm of Sullivan and Powers completed the annual audit of the Municipal accounts and the School District accounts. Stacie Chiodi completed the financial layout for the school report and Helen Eddy completed the financial layouts for the General Fund, Highway Statement, Wages and Salaries and the Statement of Savings Account. Alyson Marcucci provided documentation as requested to aid in completing the Stratton Town Financial Report.

Respectfully submitted

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January 23, 2018

Selectboard
School Board
Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Stratton, Vermont and the Stratton Town School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The financial statements and our reports are available for public inspection at the Town office.

Sullivan, Powers & Company

ELECTED POSITIONS	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Moderator:	Diana Stugger	2018
Town Clerk:	Kent Young	2020
Treasurer:	Alyson Marcucci	2020
Selectboard:	Al Dupell, Chair	2018
	Kevin Robinson	2018
	Chris Liller	2019
	Greg Marcucci	2020
	Larry Bills	2018
Planning Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2020
	Ray Hawksley	2020
	George Rigoulot	2021
	Rob Wadsworth	2021
	Chris Mann	2018
	Anne Patten** (election required in 2018)	2019
	John Wadsworth	2019
Listers:	Candie Bernard	2019
	Allan Hicks	2020
	Kent Young, Chair	2018
Auditors:	Helen Eddy	2019
	Stacie Chiodi	2020
	Vacant*	****
School Directors:	Siobhan Eddy Young	2019
	Lorraine Weeks Newell	2020
	Tom Montemagni, Chair	2018
Cemetery Commission:	Larry Bills	2019
	Kent Young, Chair	2020
	Chris Liller	2018
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Candie Bernard	2018
Trustee of Public Funds:	Alyson Marcucci	2018
Constable:	George Rigoulot	2018
Grand Juror:	John Waite	2018
Town Agent:	John Waite	2018
Justices of the Peace:	Patricia Coolidge	2018
	Helen Eddy	2018
	Nancy Ferrucci	2018
	Lorraine Weeks-Newell	2018
	Anne Patten	2018

APPOINTED/HIRED POSITIONS:

Assistant Town Clerks:	Candie Bernard
	Patricia Coolidge
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Candie Bernard

Zoning Administrator:	Allan Hicks	2020
Asst. Zoning Administrator	Ray Hawksley	2020
Health Officer	Ray Hawksley	2020
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Dennis Holton	2019
	Diana Stugger	2019
	Paul Bernard	2020
	Tom Montemagni	2018
	Greg Marcucci	2018
Emergency Mgt Coordinator	George Rigoulot	
Fire Warden:	Kevin Robinson	
Dog Warden:	Pat Salo	
Pound Keeper:	Pat Salo	
Fence Viewer:	Selectmen	
Weigher of Coal:	Selectmen	
Inspector of Lumber:	Selectmen	
Tree Warden:	Selectmen	
Board of Civil Authority:	Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk, Selectmen	
Board of Abatement:	Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Listers, Selectmen	
Road Foreman:	Ralph Staib	
Road Crew	Chris Liller	
	Stuart Chapin	
Transfer Station Attendant:	Scott Marquis	

* This vacancy was created when Joann Liller resigned.

**Anne Patten was appointed to the Planning Commission by the Selectmen following the resignation of Rodney Cooney, an election is required to complete the term.

WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00AM to act upon the following matters of the Town.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.

ARTICLE 3: To elect Town officers as required by law:

Selectmen:	one three-year term, two one-year terms
Planning Commission:	one four-year term and one one-year term to complete a vacant four-year term
Lister:	one three-year term
Auditor:	one three-year term and one two-year term to complete a vacant three-year term.
Cemetery Commissioner:	one three-year term
Delinquent Tax Collector:	one one-year term
Trustee of Public Funds:	one one-year term
Constable:	one one-year term
Grand Juror:	one one-year term
Town Agent:	one one-year term

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase the 4-acre parcel, known as the Old Town Common from the Stratton School District for the sum of $200,000.00.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following appropriations requests:

American Red Cross	500.00
Community Food Pantry	500.00
Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.	1500.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	7000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Groundworks Collaborative	500.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	500.00
Historical Society of Windham County	250.00
LaMarche Scholarship Fund	500.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	1000.00
Senior Solutions	500.00
SeVEDS.	648.00

Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center	500.00
Stratton Mt. Rescue Ambulance Fund	6000.00
Valley Cares, Inc.	335.00
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00
Visiting Nurse Association	800.00
Wardsboro Public Library	5125.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	5000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	3000.00
Windham County Humane Society	400.00
Winhall Library	2100.00
Women's Freedom Center	750.00
TOTAL	**$38,058.00**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of $65,650.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,200,066.39 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $878,700.00.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Stratton Board of Selectmen

Albert Dupell

Chris Liller

Larry Bills

Greg Marcucci

Kevin Robinson

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET 2015-2016	ACTUAL 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2016-2017	BUDGET 2017-2018	BUDGET 2018-2019
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	4,000.00	2,860.20	4,000.00	2,950.70	3,500.00	3,500.00
APPROPRIATIONS	75,995.00	75,995.00	74,435.00	74,435.00	82,218.00	103,708.00
AUDIT-OUTSIDE	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	14,006.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
AUDIT: WAGES	3,500.00	3,396.04	5,000.00	1,054.72	3,500.00	2,000.00
AUDIT: TOWN REPORT	2,000.00	1,335.88	2,000.00	1,153.78	2,000.00	2,000.00
BCA WAGES	4,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	1,400.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
CEMETERIES	3,500.00	2,617.00	11,500.00	12,482.78	4,500.00	4,500.00
MEETING HOUSE	10,000.00	7,204.80	10,000.00	7,229.12	2,000.00	0.00
CLERK EXPENSES	3,000.00	2,628.96	3,000.00	261.51	3,000.00	3,000.00
COPIER EXPENSE	6,000.00	4,206.73	6,000.00	4,714.94	6,000.00	6,000.00
COUNTY ASSESSMENT	54,881.00	59,564.00	60,000.00	54,023.00	59,564.00	65,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX WAGES	5,000.00	3,223.92	0.00	3,512.61	3,000.00	4,000.00
DOG LICENSES	300.00	273.00	0.00	367.54	0.00	0.00
DUES	1,500.00	1,188.00	1,188.00	-	1,703.00	1,252.00
ELECTION:WAGES/EXP	0.00	516.85	700.00	948.09	500.00	1,000.00
FICA-GF	16,000.00	16,190.88	16,000.00	15,673.96	17,500.00	16,000.00
FIRE TRUCK LEASE	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38
FIRE PUMPER TRUCK LEASE	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93
GREEN UP DAY	0.00	64.32	50.00	244.95	50.00	200.00
HEALTH OFFICER-SALARY	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
HOUSE NUMBERING-911	100.00	0.00	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
INSURANCE AND BONDS	48,000.00	54,190.00	55,000.00	50,997.00	55,000.00	50,000.00
INS/HEALTH AND DENTAL	65,000.00	49,759.40	60,000.00	46,454.85	50,000.00	53,000.00
INS/UNEMPLOYMENT	1,000.00	478.00	1,000.00	492.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
LEGAL FEES,NOTICE,EDUC	5,000.00	693.75	1,500.00	569.80	1,500.00	1,500.00
LISTERS/APPR EXP	1,000.00	7,219.00	0.00	4,390.96	0.00	0.00
LISTERS WAGES	25,000.00	35,098.02	30,000.00	39,277.76	43,000.00	41,000.00
MARRIAGE/CIVIL LICENSE	300.00	210.00	0.00	455.00	0.00	0.00
MISC	100.00	1,939.44	100.00	1,486.21	100.00	1,500.00
MUTUAL AID	36,000.00	74,162.00	36,000.00	-	38,161.00	38,810.00
OFFICE/COMPUTER EQUIP	2,000.00	3,195.31	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	0.00
OFFICE POSTAGE/SUPPLY	5,000.00	5,481.65	7,000.00	5,580.07	7,000.00	7,000.00
PLANNING COM-EXPENSE	6,000.00	5,978.33	6,000.00	4,926.11	4,000.00	5,000.00
PLANNING-SALARIES	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
PLANNING COM-WAGES	5,000.00	3,650.00	5,000.00	2,400.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
PLANNING CLERK WAGES	0.00	0.00	500.00	-	500.00	0.00
REC AREA OPERATING EXP	90,000.00	69,749.81	75,000.00	68,554.28	135,000.00	140,000.00
REC AREA PAVILLION FUND	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	-	0.00	5,000.00
RESCUE SERVICES	5,900.00	5,829.84	6,004.80	6,004.80	6,004.80	6,184.08
RURAL PATROL	60,000.00	41,956.81	60,000.00	64,500.00	35,000.00	47,000.00
SALARIES-FIRE WARDEN	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
SCHOOL HOUSE	0.00	3,500.74	0.00	541.10	0.00	0.00
SCHOOL PILT	0.00	39,954.00	0.00	37,514.00	0.00	0.00
SELECTMEN: EXPENSE	500.00	498.69	500.00	283.28	500.00	500.00
SELECTMEN-SALARIES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
SELECTMEN:WAGES	7,000.00	5,900.00	7,000.00	5,500.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
SELECTMEN:CLERK	1,500.00	973.59	1,500.00	1,133.74	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN FUNCTIONS	3,000.00	1,701.85	4,000.00	1,665.79	3,000.00	3,000.00
STREET LIGHTS	2,000.00	1,816.18	2,000.00	1,640.69	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOWN HALL-ELECTRIC	1,600.00	1,140.82	1,600.00	1,275.09	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN HALL-HEAT	3,000.00	1,391.35	3,000.00	1,638.49	3,000.00	2,000.00
TOWN HALL-MAINT	500.00	19,795.98	20,000.00	22,683.79	10,000.00	0.00

TOWN OFFICE-ELECTRIC	2,500.00	2,113.94	2,500.00	2,031.75	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOWN OFFICE-HEAT	3,000.00	2,839.25	3,000.00	2,556.60	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOWN OFFICE-MAINT	1,000.00	19,027.62	9,000.00	10,229.46	11,200.00	12,000.00
TOWN OFFICE-PHONE	3,000.00	3,236.53	3,500.00	2,898.41	3,500.00	3,500.00
TRAINING-SEMINARS	1,000.00	188.25	500.00	217.92	500.00	500.00
TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS	80,000.00	42,056.32	30,000.00	44,189.57	30,000.00	40,000.00
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	2,000.00	3,411.52	3,500.00	2,407.79	3,500.00	3,500.00
VERMONT RETIREMENT	16,000.00	18,564.80	16,000.00	17,698.19	17,500.00	18,000.00
WAGES: OFFICE	113,000.00	112,753.03	126,000.00	105,302.48	123,000.00	108,000.00
ZBA:SAL/WAGE	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
ZONING EXPENSES	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
ZONING ADM. SAL/WAGE	3,600.00	3,100.00	3,600.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
TRANSFER TO HIGHWAY FUND***	0.00	167,575.91	0.00	-	0.00	0.00
OLD TOWN COMMON PURCHASE						200,000.00
TOTAL	**964,888.31**	**1,147,009.62**	**940,890.11**	**908,567.99**	**972,913.11**	**1,200,066.39**

Checkbook balance 7/1/2016	462,707.65	462,707.65	
Savings balance 7/1/2016	246,657.69	246,657.69	
Receipts:			
Current Taxes	13,170,583.92		
Delinquent Taxes	40,986.56		
Delinquent Tax Interest	17,573.72		
Delinquent Tax Penalty	19,410.47		
Sales/Meals Option Tax	425,755.96		
State Appraisal Revenue	15,210.00		
PILT Revenue	37,514.00		
Local Share of State Education	27,456.81		
Pay As You Throw Revenue	10,060.25	13,764,551.69	
Licenses:			
Beverage	1,475.00		
Dog	556.00		
Marriage	540.00	2,571.00	
Fees:			
Town Clerk	29,560.83		
Zoning Permits	1,265.00	30,825.83	
Traffic Fines	6,874.00	6,874.00	
Fire Alarm Fines	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Interest:			
Checking Account	439.92		
Savings Account	370.27	810.19	
Miscellaneous:			
Town History	90.00		
Cemetery Revenue	4,200.00		
Recycling Revenue	246.89		
Miscellaneous	1,619.35		
911 Fees	140.00	6,296.24	
Total Funds Available:			**14,523,294.29**
Disbursements:			
Animal Control			
Patrick Salo	2,950.70	2,950.70	
Appraisal/Reappraisal:	3,710.00	3,710.00	
Appropriations:			
American Red Cross	500.00		
Betty Boop Bus	1,500.00		
Community Food Pantry	500.00		
CT River Transit	250.00		
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00		

Groundworks Collaborative	500.00	
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services	500.00	
Historical Society	250.00	
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	1,000.00	
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts	100.00	
Council on Aging	500.00	
Valley Cares	335.00	
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00	
VNA & Hospice of VT & NH	600.00	
Wardsboro Library	2,600.00	
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Department	5,000.00	
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	3,000.00	
Windham County Humane Society	500.00	
Winhall Memorial Library	1,400.00	
Women's Freedom Center	750.00	
Stratton Mtn. Volunteer Fire Company	47,150.00	74,435.00
Audit - Town Report		
Wages	1,054.72	
Repro Digital	746.80	
Postage	406.98	2,208.50
Audit - Outside	14,006.00	14,006.00
Board of Civil Authority		
28 meetings @ $50.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Cemeteries:		
Mowing	2,590.00	
Shea Monument Company	8,000.00	
Labor	1,256.68	
Supplies	96.10	
Hired Equipment	540.00	12,482.78
Church/Meeting House:		
Hired Labor	5,040.00	
Paint Supplies	2,189.12	7,229.12
Copier:		
Ricoh	4,714.94	4,714.94
Elections:		
Wages	904.36	
Food	43.73	948.09
Expenses:		
Town Clerk	261.51	
Town Treasurer	2,407.79	2,669.30
FICA	15,673.96	15,673.96
Fire Warden	200.00	200.00
Fire Truck Payments	141,212.31	141,212.31

Fire Dept Grant	1,402.00	1,402.00
Health Officer	2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurance:		
Unemployment	492.00	
Liability & Bonding	50,997.00	
Northeast Delta Dental	3,556.91	
BCBSVT	32,325.82	
G/P Administrator (HRA payments)	12,500.00	
Employee Contributions	(1,927.88)	97,943.85
Legal Fees		
Legal Fees	523.55	
Tax Sale	46.25	569.80
Licenses		
Marriage	455.00	
Dog	367.54	822.54
Listers		
Wages	39,277.76	
Software	200.00	
Postage & Envelopes	480.96	39,958.72
Miscellaneous Expense	84.21	84.21
Office Supplies	5,580.07	5,580.07
Planning Commission		
Salaries	4,200.00	
48 Meetings @ $50.00	2,400.00	
WRC	4,903.40	
Supplies	22.71	11,526.11
Recreation Area		
Rent to Stratton School District	60,000.00	
Labor	4,268.72	
Mowing	2,350.00	
Electric	345.06	
Sanitary	1,000.00	
Supplies	590.50	68,554.28
Refuse/Disposal		
Wages	24,305.07	
Casella Waste Management	15,644.34	
Windham Solid Waste	2,654.60	
VT Compactor Service	1,631.95	
Pay As You Throw Expense	61.85	
Maintenance/Supplies/Constuction of New Door	(108.24)	44,189.57

Rescue/Emergency Services		
Rescue Inc	6,004.80	
Windham County Sheriff	64,500.00	70,504.80
School House Expense	541.10	541.10
Selectmen		
Salaries	5,000.00	
110 Meetings at $50.00	5,500.00	
Clerk	1,133.74	
Public Notices	183.28	
Steve Noonan Memorial	100.00	11,917.02
Street Lights	1,640.69	1,640.69
Tax Collector	3,512.61	3,512.61
Town Hall Maintenance		
Payroll	376.44	
Supplies/Services	2,937.35	
Cleaning Services	860.00	
Pest Patrol	450.00	
Parking Lot Paving	17,750.00	
Security - Countryside Lock & Alarm	310.00	
Heat	1,638.49	
Electricity	1,275.09	25,597.37
Town Office Maintenance		
NEMRC	1,376.96	
Computer - 2 Wired Guys	1,002.50	
Internet -Go Daddy	1,715.14	
Mowing	910.00	
Water/Water Services	448.00	
Cleaning Services	1,500.00	
Security	310.00	
Heat	2,556.60	
Electricity	2,031.75	
Electric Services	1,916.15	
Telephone	2,898.41	
Payroll	415.97	
Supplies/Services	259.18	
Fire Extinguisher Services	199.16	
The Flag Shop	45.05	
Window Boxes	131.35	17,716.22
Town Office Wages		
Town Clerk	47,878.42	
Assistant Town Clerk	14,674.55	
Town Treasurer	42,297.89	
Assistant Town Treasurer	451.62	105,302.48

Town Functions			
Holiday Party			
Paper Products & Invitations	603.84		
Food & Wine	340.69		
Tree/Wreaths	374.45		
Catering	285.00		
Town Meeting			
Food	61.81		
Green-Up Day			
Supplies/Food	25.07		
Payroll	151.93		
Mileage	67.95	1,910.74	
Training Seminars & Mileage	217.92	217.92	
Vermont Retirement	17,698.19	17,698.19	
Windham County Tax	54,023.00	54,023.00	
Zoning			
Administrator's Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Zoning Board of Adjustment			
Salary - Chairman	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Other:			
Transfer to School Fund	437,780.00		
Transfer to Highway Fund	812,500.00		
PILT - Payment to School	37,514.00		
State of VT - Education Fund	11,717,899.32	13,005,693.32	
Checkbook Balance	393,792.58	393,792.58	
Savings Balance	252,754.40	252,754.40	
Total Expenses			**14,523,294.29**

STATEMENT OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

	Balance 7/1/2016	Interest	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2017
Outside Audit	18,785.67	28.21	-	(14,006.00)	4,807.88
Rec Equipment	20,703.13	31.08	-	-	20,734.21
Rec Pavillion	60,175.84	90.34	5,000.00	-	65,266.18
State Reappraisal	79,426.56	119.23	11,500.00	-	91,045.79
Computer/Office Equipment	1,115.70	1.70	2,000.00	-	3,117.40
Meeting House/Church	7.50	-	2,770.88	-	2,778.38
Town Hall	47,190.78	70.84	-	(997.37)	46,264.25
School House	16,330.94	24.52	-	(541.10)	15,814.36
Lister Education	2,921.57	4.38	-	-	2,925.95
Bridge Funds	117,430.35	176.25	-	-	117,606.60
Culverts	68,812.43	103.27	-	(20,671.63)	48,244.07
Paving	123,964.01	186.06	145,057.00	-	269,207.07
Equipment Replacement	-	-	15,083.98	-	15,083.98
Totals	556,864.48	835.88	181,411.86	(36,216.10)	702,896.12

STATEMENT OF CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNTS
JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

	Balance 7/1/2016	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2017
Willis	300.00	-	-	300.00
Andrew King	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
Chester Allen	75.00	-	-	75.00
Forrester	280.00	-	-	280.00
Ball Farm	200.00	-	-	200.00
Pike Hollow	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Warren Trusat	1,365.97	13.02	-	1,378.99
Totals	6,220.97	13.02	-	6,233.99

STATEMENT OF TAXES BILLED AND ACCOUNTED FOR

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Taxable parcels 1,587

APPRAISED VALUE OF REAL ESTATE

EDUCATIONAL GRAND LIST	7,472,824.76
MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	7,996,896.00

TAX RATES:

	Tax Rate	Grand List =	Total Raised
Non Residential Ed.	1.5763	7,472,824.76	11,779,413.62
Homestead Ed.	1.5437	302,071.24	466,307.37
Local Agreement	0.0002	7,996,896.00	1,599.46
Highway	0.1017	7,996,896.00	813,284.00
General Fund	0.0311	7,996,896.00	248,704.54
2016 Total Taxes			13,309,308.99
Late Homestead Penalty			2,489.63
2016 Total Taxes Billed			**13,311,798.62**

Changes to the Grand List

E/O Changes	4,955.26
HS-122 Changes	182.54
2016 Final Taxes Billed	**13,316,936.42**

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:

Taxes collected after transfers	202,404.60
Local Share of State Ed	27,456.81
State Payments	68,265.11
Current taxes transferred to School	437,780.00
Current taxes transferred to Highway	812,500.00
State Education- sent to State	11,717,899.32
	13,266,305.84
Due as of 06/30/2017(Delinquent)	52,900.84
State Adjustments	(2,282.24)
Abatements	11.98
6/30/17-Final Taxes Accounted For	**13,316,936.42**

DELINQUENT TAXES
Year Ending June 30, 2016

Abato, Ken & Christopher Sharpe	2016	650.30
Allen, Robert *	2016	1,030.65
Angelica, Jeffrey	2016	1,860.81
Blair, Robert & Christine	2015	8.73
Blair, Robert & Christine	2016	7.94
Cheverez, Anthony & Rosina	2014	821.06
Cheverez, Anthony & Rosina	2015	751.52
Cheverez, Anthony & Rosina	2016	489.73
Collins, Craig*	2015	4,555.11
Collins, Craig*	2016	4,430.68
Compton, John Tim*	2016	1,330.44
Elliott ETAL*	2016	3,600.18
Elliott ETAL	2016	2,705.60
Mongillo, Jeffrey*	2016	150.78
O'Sullivan, Eileen *	2016	636.49
Pisano, Vincent *	2016	18,636.16
Plaut, Thomas F , Elaine & Edward Liva SR	2016	21,582.60
Reney, Mary	2016	418.31
Sieber, Edward & Patricia Estate of*	2016	2,432.84
Stevenson, Joeseph & John	2016	477.84
Suslavich, James & Lillian*	2016	707.56
		67,285.33

* Paid after June 30, 2017
Amount includes Penalty & Interest

2010 Pierce Arrow-XL Aerial Platform Fire Truck
Lease Repayment Schedule

	Payment #	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Amount
PD	1	5/14/2015	84,398.38	10,418.04	73,980.34
PD	2	5/14/2016	84,398.38	8,442.77	75,955.61
PD	3	5/16/2017	84,398.38	6,414.75	77,983.63
	4	5/14/2018	84,398.38	4,332.59	80,065.79
	5	5/14/2019	84,398.38	2,194.84	82,203.54
	Totals		421,991.90	31,802.99	390,188.91

2014 Pierce Pumper Truck
Lease Repayment Schedule

	Payment #	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Amount
PD	1	9/29/2014	56,813.93	3,687.91	53,126.02
PD	2	9/29/2015	56,813.93	9,205.43	47,608.50
PD	3	9/29/2016	56,813.93	7,781.93	49,032.00
	4	9/29/2017	56,813.93	6,315.88	50,498.05
	5	9/29/2018	56,813.93	4,805.99	52,007.94
	6	9/29/2019	56,813.93	3,250.95	53,562.98
	7	9/29/2020	56,813.93	1,649.42	55,164.51
	Totals		397,697.51	36,697.51	361,000.00

HIGHWAY	BUDGET 2014-2015	ACTUAL 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	ACTUAL 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2016-2017	BUDGET 2017-2018	BUDGET 2018-2019
SUMMER ROADS CLASS 2	40,000.00	30,389.15	50,000.00	27,475.99	50,000.00	24,197.69	50,000.00	50,000.00
SUMMER ROADS CLASS 3	75,000.00	62,152.17	85,000.00	82,841.70	95,000.00	71,058.91	95,000.00	95,000.00
WINTER ROADS CLASS 2	60,000.00	118,300.75	95,000.00	85,280.50	100,000.00	81,305.21	100,000.00	100,000.00
WINTER ROADS CLASS 3	45,000.00	54,392.03	50,000.00	48,067.55	70,000.00	76,127.77	70,000.00	70,000.00
BRUSH & MOWING	18,000.00	9,949.00	25,000.00	20,774.51	25,000.00	8,909.07	25,000.00	25,000.00
EQUIP/TRUCK MAINT EXP	40,000.00	52,934.73	50,000.00	52,487.57	50,000.00	45,824.62	50,000.00	50,000.00
FUEL/GREASE/OIL	28,000.00	26,320.40	28,000.00	14,022.96	28,000.00	20,464.49	28,000.00	28,000.00
GARAGE MAINT/SUPPLIES	30,000.00	29,465.04	30,000.00	19,640.71	30,000.00	21,367.32	30,000.00	30,000.00
GARAGE UTILITIES	15,000.00	17,557.41	15,000.00	14,896.95	18,000.00	14,466.59	19,100.00	19,000.00
GARAGE NEW BUILDING	0.00	8,757.14	70,000.00	77,165.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GARAGE SALT/SAND SHED	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	260.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAVING	310,000.00	234,381.96	367,000.00	243,046.52	367,000.00	244,490.25	200,000.00	165,000.00
CRACK SEALING	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	0.00	19,000.00	19,018.36	19,000.00	15,000.00
ROAD SIGNS	3,000.00	1,251.67	5,000.00	2,299.21	2,500.00	1,665.12	2,000.00	2,000.00
FICA	12,000.00	11,468.04	12,000.00	11,050.59	13,000.00	12,417.71	13,000.00	13,000.00
EMPL LEAVE(SP,VP,HP)	20,000.00	28,852.91	22,000.00	21,902.38	28,000.00	22,808.58	28,000.00	28,000.00
TOOLS	5,000.00	558.39	5,000.00	2,286.70	5,000.00	2,875.79	5,000.00	5,000.00
HIGHW-ADVERTISING BIDS	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
HIGHWAY CULVERTS	105,000.00	31,621.44	50,000.00	32,516.10	0.00	20,671.63	30,000.00	20,000.00
HIGHWAY UNIFORMS	1,500.00	1,492.71	1,500.00	2,237.42	3,500.00	3,024.20	3,500.00	4,200.00
SEMINARS	1,000.00	311.08	1,000.00	328.84	1,000.00	1,463.79	1,000.00	1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	0.00	500.00	1,370.32	500.00	31.00	500.00	500.00
HEALTH & DENTAL INS	39,500.00	37,795.67	39,500.00	31,200.99	42,500.00	34,979.92	38,200.00	45,000.00
PAPERWORK/MEETINGS/CALLS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,918.96	0.00	3,843.88	3,000.00	3,000.00
NEW EQUIP PURCHASE	0.00	0.00	65,000.00	88,638.00	100,000.00	84,916.02	100,000.00	110,000.00
TRANSF TO CLOSE EMF	0.00	0.00	0.00	91,532.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	888,000.00	757,951.69	1,076,000.00	973,242.43	1,048,500.00	815,927.92	910,800.00	878,700.00

Checkbook Balance 7/01/2016	649,102.91	649,102.91	
Savings Balance 7/01/2016	310,206.79	310,206.79	
Receipts:			
State Aid			
Class 2	68,595.18		
Class 3	17,633.13		
Current Taxes	812,500.00		
Kidder Brook Reimbursement	43,877.51		
State Paving Grant	57,364.30		
Savings Interest	465.61	1,000,435.73	
Total Funds Available:			**1,959,745.43**
Disbursements:			
Summer Roads - Class 2:			
Labor	21,674.23		
Materials	2,523.46	24,197.69	
Summer Roads - Class 3:			
Labor	38,297.27		
Materials	31,622.64		
Hired Equipment	1,139.00	71,058.91	
Winter Roads - Class 2:			
Labor	22,348.64		
Materials	58,956.57	81,305.21	
Winter Roads - Class 3:			
Labor	25,603.38		
Materials	47,824.39		
Hired Equipment	2,700.00	76,127.77	
Paving/Retreatment:			
Hired Equipment	157,669.00	157,669.00	
Crack Sealing:			
Mileage - Ralph Staib	18.36		
Hired Equipment	19,000.00	19,018.36	
Brush & Mowing:			
Labor	3,747.07		
Hired Equipment	5,162.00	8,909.07	
Road Signs:			
Labor	125.45		
Materials	1,539.67	1,665.12	

Highway Culverts:		
Labor	10,799.05	
Materials	2,802.86	
Hired Equipment	7,033.00	
Mileage - Ralph Staib	36.72	20,671.63
Guardrails:		
Hired Equipment	22,547.25	22,547.25
Garage Maintenance:		
Labor	6,984.04	
Supplies	14,383.28	
Utilities	14,466.59	
Paving - Parking Lot	64,274.00	100,107.91
New Equipment Purchase:		
John Deere Backhoe	84,916.02	84,916.02
Seminars:		
Labor	1,463.79	1,463.79
Tools:	2,875.79	2,875.79
Uniforms:	3,024.20	3,024.20
Fuel, Grease, & Oil:	20,464.49	20,464.49
Equipment & Truck Maintenance:		
T-1 International (2014)		
Labor	6,947.67	
Materials	10,577.41	
Mileage	245.81	17,770.89
Pickup (2016)		
Labor	2,638.46	
Materials	137.81	
Mileage	228.38	3,004.65
CAT Backhoe		
Labor	177.22	177.22
John Deere Backhoe (2016)		
Labor	276.17	
Materials	468.57	744.74
Grader		
Labor	1,657.03	
Materials	5,465.91	7,122.94
Chipper		
Labor	59.43	
Materials	21.74	81.17
Plows & Wings		
Materials	252.57	252.57

Saws			
Materials	124.89	124.89	
John Deere Loader			
Labor	894.94		
Materials	5,550.38		
Mileage - Ralph Staib	27.02	6,472.34	
T-5 Western Star (2014)			
Labor	3,255.80		
Materials	6,817.41	10,073.21	
Paperwork/Phone Calls			
Labor	3,843.88	3,843.88	
Miscellaneous Expense:	31.00	31.00	
Labor (Fringe)	22,808.58	22,808.58	
Health Insurance			
BlueCross BlueShield	20,880.65		
Northeast Delta Dental	1,599.27		
G.P. Administration	12,500.00	34,979.92	
FICA:	12,417.71	12,417.71	
Total Expenses:		815,927.92	
Checkbook Balance		693,675.79	
Savings Balance		450,141.72	
			1,959,745.43

Town Clerk:		
Kent Young		
1,521.50 hours @ 29.07	44,230.11	
125.50 hours @ 29.07 (fringe)	3,648.31	47,878.42
Town Treasurer:		
Alyson Marcucci		
1,476.75 hours @ 25.67	37,908.29	
171 hours @ 25.67 (fringe)	4,389.60	42,297.89
Assistant Town Clerk:		
Patricia Coolidge		
420.25 hours @ 25.09	10,547.24	
156 hours @ 25.09 (fringe)	3,914.04	
Candie Bernard		
8.50 hours @ 25.09	213.27	14,674.55
Assistant Town Treasurer:		
Candie Bernard		
18.00 hours @ 25.09	451.62	451.62
Selectmen:		
Al Dupell (Chair)		
Salary	3,000.00	
24 meetings @ 50.00	1,200.00	
Larry Bills		
Salary	500.00	
19 meetings @ 50.00	950.00	
Christopher Liller		
Salary	500.00	
19 meetings @ 50.00	950.00	
Gregory Marcucci		
Salary	500.00	
24 meetings @ 50.00	1,200.00	
Kevin Robinson		
Salary	500.00	
24 meetings @ 50.00	1,200.00	10,500.00
Selectmen's Clerk:		
Kent Young		
39 hours @ 29.07	1,133.74	1,133.74
Board of Civil Authority:		
Helen Eddy		
6 meetings @ 50.00	300.00	
Al Dupell		
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
Nancy Ferrucci		
5 meetings @ 50.00	250.00	

Gregory Marcucci		
5 meetings @ 50.00	250.00	
Kevin Robinson		
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
Lorraine Weeks-Newell		
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	1,400.00
Listers:		
Candie Bernard		
1 meeting @ 50.00	50.00	
1305.50 hours @ 25.09	32,755.08	
252.00 hours @ 25.09 (fringe)	6,322.68	
Allan Hicks		
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00	
Kent Young		
1 meeting @ 50.00	50.00	39,277.76
Auditors:		
Stacie Chiodi		
7.00 hours @ 20.48	143.36	
Helen Eddy		
44.50 hours @ 20.48	911.36	1,054.72
Planning Commission:		
Kent Young (Chair)		
Salary	3,000.00	
8 meetings @ 50.00	400.00	
Rodney Cooney		
Salary	200.00	
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
Ray Hawksley		
Salary	200.00	
6 meetings @ 50.00	300.00	
Christopher Mann		
Salary	200.00	
8 meetings @ 50.00	400.00	
John Wadsworth		
Salary	200.00	
8 meetings @ 50.00	400.00	
Robert Wadsworth		
Salary	200.00	
7 meetings @ 50.00	350.00	
George Rigoulot		
Salary	200.00	
7 meetings @ 50.00	350.00	6,600.00
Planning Expenses:		
Zoning:		
Allan Hicks		
Administrator's Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00

Health Officer:		
Ray Hawksley		
Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment:		
Thomas Montemagni (Chair)		
Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tax Collector:		
Candie Bernard		
140.00 hours @ 25.09	3,512.61	3,512.61
Elections:		
Candie Bernard		
14.50 hours @ 25.09	363.81	
Alyson Marcucci		
5.50 hours @ 25.67	141.19	
Helen Eddy		
7.00 hours @ 20.48	143.36	
Nancy Ferrucci		
4.00 hours @ 20.48	81.92	
Kevin Robinson		
4.00 hours @ 20.48	81.92	
Lorraine Weeks-Newell		
4.50 hours @ 20.48	92.16	904.36
Fire Warden:		
Kevin Robinson		
Salary	200.00	200.00
Refuse & Recycling:		
Al Dupell		
40.00 hours @ 18.31	732.40	
Jason Dupell		
520 hours @ 17.63	9,167.60	
90.40 hours @ 17.63 (fringe)	1,593.75	
Scott Marquis		
672 hours @ 16.89	11,349.36	
16 hours @ 16.89 (fringe)	270.08	23,113.19
Highway Department:		
Stuart Chapin		
Highway Hours:		
1,487.50 hours @ 23.77	35,358.12	
308.50 hours @ 23.77 (fringe)	7,333.11	
O.T. 31.00 hours @ 35.66	1,105.30	
General Fund Hours:		
152.00 hours @ 23.77	3,613.07	
Equipment Hours:		
135.00 hours @ 23.77	3,208.97	50,618.57

Christopher Liller		
Highway Hours:		
1503.00 hours @ 25.09	37,710.53	
275.00 hours @ 25.09 (fringe)	6,899.80	
O.T. 93.50 hours @ 37.64	3,518.90	
General Fund Hours:		
93.00 hours @ 25.09	2,333.40	
Equipment Hours:		
209.50 hours @ 25.09	5,256.41	55,719.04
Grayson Peterson		
Highway Hours:		
8.50 hours @ 18.00	153.00	153.00
Ralph Staib		
Highway Hours:		
1460.00 hours @ 29.07	42,442.54	
295.00 hours @ 29.07 (fringe)	8,575.67	
O.T. 87.00 hours @ 43.61	3,793.66	
General Fund Hours:		
59.00 hours @ 29.07	1,715.15	
Equipment Hours:		
245.00 hours @ 29.07	7,122.27	63,649.29
Total Wages & Salaries:		**369,138.76**

WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. to consider and act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, as required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Stratton School District Officers, as required by law:
School District Director One three-year term

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to sell the 4-acre parcel, known as the Old Town Common to the Town of Stratton for the sum of $200,000.00.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2018-2019 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6 and up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA 16 sections 823 & 828.

ARTICLE 5: To set the Annual 2018-2019 K–6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K–6, excluding those students covered in Article 4, who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Voters of the Stratton School District designate the following three high schools for grades 9 – 12: 1) Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester, Vermont, 2) Leland and Gray High School in Townshend, Vermont, and 3) Twin Valley Middle High School in Whitingham, Vermont, or some other combination of high schools, not to exceed three in number, that accept all of Stratton's students, in accordance with 16 VSA 827.

ARTICLE 7: To set the Annual 2018-2019 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of $17,065.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 8: To set the Annual 2018-2019 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7–12, excluding those students covered in Article 4 and Article 5, who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend $1,029,913.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of $16,188.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.0% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will rescind the decision voted at the annual School District Meeting of 2017, which authorized the Stratton School Board to apply to the Vermont State Board of Education for approval to adjust the district's supervisory union from the Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) to the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) pursuant to 16 VSA 261 (b). A vote in the affirmative will keep the Stratton School District in the Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU).

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Approved by the Stratton School Directors:

Thomas Montemagni

Lorraine Weeks-Newell

Siobhan Eddy Young

Stratton School District - Student Enrollment

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Elementary				
Pre-K		4	3	1
Kindergarten	1	3	2	3
1st Grade	0	0	3	1
2nd Grade	3	2	1	5
3rd Grade	2	3	2	1
4th Grade	2	2	3	2
5th Grade	2	3	3	3
6th Grade	2	2	3	6
Secondary				
7th Grade	4	4	2	5
8th Grade	2	2	5	3
9th Grade	3	3	4	9
10th Grade	4	4	2	5
11th Grade	1	1	5	2
12th Grade	3	3	1	6
Total	29	36	39	52

Schools Attended

Mountain School at Winhall	10	15	17	21
Dover Elementary	0	1	2	2
Twin Valley Elementary School	2	2	2	2
Manchester Elementary/Middle School	5	4	2	1
The Long Trail School	2	1	2	3
Stratton Mountain School	3	3	5	9
Burr & Burton Academy	7	8	8	10
West River Montessori School	0	1	0	0
Kids in the Country Child Care & Preschool, Inc.	0	1	0	0
Sunny Lane Daycare & Preschool	0	0	1	0
Maple Street School	0	0	0	2
The Bement School	0	0	0	1
Northfield Mount Hermon	0	0	0	1
Total	29	36	39	52

Stratton School District **FY 2019 Budget Proposal**	Adopted Budget 2015	Adopted Budget 2017	**Adopted Budget 2018**	**Proposed Budget 2019**	$ change	% change
Transfer from Reserve	-	-	-		-	0%
Earned Interest & Misc	100	100	**50**		(50)	-100%
Lease Revenue	60,000	60,000	**120,000**	**120,000**	-	0%
Revenue from Sale of Property				**200,000**	200,000	
WCSU Subgrant Medicaid	5,087	2,077	-	-	-	0%
Total Local Revenue	65,187	62,177	**120,050**	**320,000**	**199,950**	167%
State Aid						
Education Spending Revenue	482,632	419,071	**476,255**	**655,126**	178,871	38%
State Career Center Aid	1,131	-	-		-	0%
General State Aid-Transportation	13,944	7,832	**10,787**	**10,787**	-	0%
Spec Ed-State Block Grant	11,829	11,147	-	-	-	0%
State Aid-Special Ed Intensive Aid	54,798	23,145	-	-	-	0%
State Aid-Special Ed Extraordinary Aid	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Special Ed.-State EEE Aid	1,710	1,387	-	-	-	0%
Total State Aid	566,044	462,582	**487,042**	**665,913**	**178,871**	37%
Federal Aid (ARRA / PILT)	-	-	-	-	-	0%
PILT Revenue	30,000	30,000	**35,000**	**36,500**	1,500	4%
Green Mtn. National Forest	16,000	16,000	**12,500**	**7,500**	(5,000)	-40%
	46,000	46,000	**47,500**	**44,000**	(3,500)	-7%
Total Revenue	677,231	570,759	**654,592**	**1,029,913**	**375,321**	57%
Elementary Exp. - Direct Instruction						
Elem. Early Education	3,000	15,380	**6,356**	**6,494**	138	2%
Elem. Tuition Instate (public)	38,000	15,300	**28,310**	**28,310**	-	0%
Elem. Tuition Out of State	-	-	-	-	-	0%
WCSU Explorers camp	5,087	-	-	-	-	0%
Elem. Tuition Private School in State	142,500	195,000	**210,000**	**166,811**	(43,189)	-21%
SPED -WCSU Assesment	6,699	6,543	-	-	-	0%
Essential early Ed-WCSU Assessment	5,241	1,122	-	-	-	0%
WCSU Special Ed Services	-	54,054	-	-	-	0%
TOTAL Elem. DIRECT INSTRUCTION	200,527	287,399	244,666	201,615	(43,051)	-18%
Support Services						
School Board Salaries	3,000	3,000	**5,000**	**5,000**	-	0%
School Board FICA	230	230	**383**	**383**	-	0%
Short Term Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2300 Insurance and Bonds & Dues	500	400	**400**	**400**	-	0%
Legal Fees	-	-	-		-	0%
Audit Services	8,000	10,000	**10,500**	**10,500**	-	0%
WCSU Adm Assesment	10,897	10,923	**11,494**	**18,186**	6,692	58%
Support Services	22,627	24,553	27,777	34,469	6,692	24%
Transportation Services						
Transp Services from VT Districts-Bus	14,025	8,500	**12,300**	**9,260**	(3,040)	-25%
Transportation Services	14,025	8,500	12,300	9,260	(3,040)	-36%
Transfer to Reserve Funds/Retire Deficit	71,695	-	-			
Total Support Services	108,347	33,053	40,077	43,728	3,652	9%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY EXPENSES	308,874	320,452	284,743	245,343	(39,399)	-14%
SECONDARY EXPENSES						
Secondary Public School Tuition Prior Year	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Secondary Tuition Instate public*	13,500	45,600	**13,950**	**14,369**	419	3%
Secondary Tuition Out of State	-	-	-	**31,168**	31,168	3%
Secondary Tuition Private School in State	233,686	235,857	**333,514**	**550,588**	217,074	65%

Stratton School District **FY 2019 Budget Proposal**	Adopted Budget 2015	Adopted Budget 2017	**Adopted Budget 2018**	**Proposed Budget 2019**	$ change	% change
Secondary Vocational Tuition pd by State	1,131	-	-	-	-	0%
Secondary Vocational Tuition pd by Stratton	1,287	-	-	-	-	0%
Secondary Reg Ed Tranps-School Districts	13,125	14,450	**14,450**	**17,490**	3,040	21%
Secondary Tuition Sp. Ed. Excess Cost Private	94,300	-	**43,935**	**40,954**	(2,981)	-7%
Secondary Special Ed. Prof Services	10,128	-	-		-	0%
Secondary Special Ed. Transp.-Contracted	1,200	-	-		-	0%
TOTAL SECONDARY EXPENSES	368,357	295,907	405,849	654,569	248,720	61%
Short Term Loan	-	-	-	130,000	130,000	0%
TOTAL DEBT EXPENSES	-	-	-	130,000	130,000	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	677,231	616,359	690,592	1,029,913	339,321	49%
Suplus/(Deficit)		**(45,600)**	**(36,000)**			
Fund Balance Applied			**36,000**			
Net	-	(45,600)	-	-	-	

Preliminary Statistics:

Voter Approved/Proposed Budget	$ 677,231	$ 570,759	$ 690,592	$ 1,029,913	$ 339,321	55%
Act 68 Budgeted Revenues	$ 193,468	$ 151,688	$ 214,337	$ 374,787	$ 160,450	96%
Local Education Spending	$ 483,763	$ 419,071	$ 476,255	$ 655,126	$ 178,871	40%
Equalized Pupil Count	30.95	29.22	29.87	40.47	10.60	35%
Career Center Equalized Pupil	$ 0	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0%
State Excess Sp. Threshold/equ. Pupil	$ 16,166	$ 14,928	$ 17,386	$ 17,816	$ 430	3%
Stratton Ed. Spend/equalized pupil	$ 15,630	$ 14,342	$ 15,944	$ 16,188	$ 244	2%
Stratton spend over/(under) threshold	$ (536)	$ (586)	$ (1,442)	$ (1,628)	$ (186)	8%
Base Education Spending Index	$ 9,285	$ 9,870	$ 10,076	$ 9,842	$ (234)	-2%
State-wide School Property Tax Rate	$ 0.98	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ -	0%
					$ -	0%
School Tax Impact Estimates:					$ -	0%
Home Stead Equalized School Tax Rate	$ 1.650	$ 1.453	$ 1.582	$ 1.645	$ 0.06	4%
Common Level of Appraisal	98.40%	98.01%	**98.34%**	**96.78%**	$ (0)	-2%
Estimated Actual School Tax Rate	$ 1.677	$ 1.483	**$ 1.609**	**$ 1.700**	0.090	6.10%
Income Sensitivity Base Index	1.8%	N/A	**2.0%**	**2.0%**		
Income Sensitivity Percent for Residents*	**3.03%**	2.58%	**3.53%**	**2.52%**		
Estimated School Tax impact $200,000 home & 2 acres	$ 3,354	$ 2,965	**$ 3,218**	**$ 3,399**	181	
Maximum School Tax amount @ $80,000 househ	2,424	2,064	**$ 2,824**	**$ 2,016**	(808)	

	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019
Block Grant Revenue from State	11,829	11,147	0	0
Extraordinary Special Ed Aid	0	0	0	0
Intensive Aid	54,798	23,145	-	-
Act 68 Revenues				
Local Funds [includes Transfers from Reserve]	65,187	62,177	120,050	320,000
State [excluding Educ Spending & Career Center aid	82,281	43,511	10,787	10,787
Federal Aid	46,000	46,000	47,500	44,000
Total Act 68 Revenues	193,468	151,688	178,337	374,787

SCHOOL FUND STATEMENT
July 1, 2016 -June 30, 2017

RECEIPTS:			
	Earned Interest	14.97	
	Town Lease Revenue	60,000.00	
	Education Block Grant	430,071.00	
	Transportation Aid	7,709.00	
	Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	37,514.00	
	National Forest	7,379.55	
	Special Education Block Grant	11,147.00	
	Special Education Intensive Aid	28,095.00	
	Special Ed Early Evaluation (EEE) Aid	1,387.00	
	Miscellaneous Revenue	117.00	
Total Receipts:			**583,434.52**
DISBURSEMENTS:			
	Tuition – Pre K:		
	1 @ Mountain School at Winhall	3,090.00	
	2 @ The Dover School	6,184.00	
	1 @ Sunny Lane Daycare	3,000.00	12,274.00
	Tuition – Elementary:		
	Manchester Elementary Middle School		
	1 @ 14,300.00	14,300.00	
	Mountain School at Winhall		
	13 @ 15,000.00	195,000.00	
	Twin Valley		
	2 @ 250.00	500.00	209,800.00
	Tuition – High School:		
	Burr & Burton Academy		
	6 @ 16,250.00	97,500.00	
	1 @ 7,138.73	7,138.73	
	1 @ 15,686.38	15,686.38	
	Long Trail School		
	2 @ 14,773.00	29,546.00	
	Manchester Elementary Middle School		
	1 @ 14,300.00	14,300.00	
	Mountain School at Winhall		
	3 @ 15,000.00	45,000.00	
	Stratton Mountain School		
	3 @ 14,773.00	44,319.00	
	1 @ 6,706.62	6,706.62	
	1 @ 13,685.29	13,685.29	273,882.02
	Transportation:		
	Elementary	10,000.00	
	High School	10,000.00	20,000.00

Special Education:		
WCSU - EEE Assessment	1,123.75	
WCSU - Special Ed Services	57,082.83	
Special Ed Assessment	6,543.00	
High School Tuition Excess Cost	20,661.00	85,410.58
Supervisory Union Expenses:		
WCSU Administration Assessment	11,022.25	11,022.25
School Board Administration:		
Alyson Marcucci - Treasurer	500.00	
Tom Montemagni – Chair		
Salary	150.00	
15 Meetings @ 50.00	750.00	
Lorraine Weeks-Newell – Secretary		
Salary	150.00	
13 Meetings @ 50.00	650.00	
Secretarial	638.52	
Siobhan Eddy Young		
Salary	100.00	
14 Meetings @ 50	700.00	
Secretarial	150.24	3,788.76
Miscellaneous:		
FICA	289.86	
Sullivan & Powers Outside Audit	9,585.00	
Bonds/Insurance	273.25	
Miscellaneous Expense	650.00	10,798.11
Total Expenses:		**626,975.72**

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: Stratton
County: Windham

T200
Windham Central

Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per $9,842 of spending per equalized pupil
9,842	1.00

11,862 Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

			FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	
		Expenditures					
1.		**Budget** (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	$611,903	$570,759	$690,592	$1,029,913	1.
2.	plus	Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+ -	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus	Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	- -	-	-	-	3.
4.		**Locally adopted or warned budget**	**$611,903**	**$570,759**	**$690,592**	**$1,029,913**	4.
5.	plus	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+ -	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+ -	-	-	-	6.
7.		**Total Budget**	**$611,903**	**$570,759**	**$690,592**	**$1,029,913**	7.
8.		S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.		Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
		Revenues					
10.		Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	$167,426	$140,688	$214,337	$374,787	10.
11.	plus	Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	+ -	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus	All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	- -	-	-	-	12.
13.		**Offsetting revenues**	**$167,426**	**$140,688**	**$214,337**	**$374,787**	13.
14.		**Education Spending**	**$444,477**	**$430,071**	**$476,255**	**$655,126**	14.
15.		Equalized Pupils	30.28	29.49	29.87	40.47	15.
16.		**Education Spending per Equalized Pupil**	**$14,678.90**	**$14,583.62**	**$15,944.26**	**$16,187.94**	16.
17.	minus	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	- -	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of $50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	- $18.69	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	- -	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	- -	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	- -	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	- Exempt	Exempt	-	-	22.
23.	minus	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	- -	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	- -	-	-	-	24.
			threshold = $17,103	Allowable growth	threshold = $17,386	threshold = $17,816	
25.		Excess spending threshold	$17,103.00	$14,928.12	$17,386.00	$17,816.00	25.
26.	plus	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+ -	-	-	-	26.
27.		Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	$14,679	$14,584	$15,944	**$16,187.94**	27.
28.		District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	155.184% based on $9,285	150.331% based on $9,701	156.932% based on yield $10,160	164.478% based on yield $9,842	28.
		Prorating the local tax rate					
29.		Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [$16,187.94 ÷ ($9,842.00 / $1.000)]	$1.5363 based on $0.99	$1.5033 based on $1.00	$1.5693 based on $1.00	**$1.6448** based on $1.00	29.
30.		Percent of Stratton equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.		Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x $1.64)	$1.5363	$1.5033	$1.5693	**$1.6448**	31.
32.		**Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)**	98.62%	97.38%	98.34%	96.78%	32.
33.		Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town ($1.6448 / 96.78%)	$1.5578 based on $0.99	$1.5437 based on $1.00	$1.5958 based on $1.00	**$1.6995** based on $1.00	33.

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

34.		Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [($16,187.94 ÷ $11,862) x 2.00%]	2.79% based on 1.80%	2.68% based on 2.00%	2.66% based on 2.00%	**2.73%** based on 2.00%	34.
35.		Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.73%)	2.79% based on 1.80%	2.68% based on 2.00%	2.66% based on 2.00%	**2.73%** based on 0.00%	35.
36.			-	-	-	-	36.
37.			-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of $9,842 for every $1.00 of homestead tax per $100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commisioner also recommended an income yield of $11,862 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of $1.629. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Vermont Department of Taxes

NOTICE of
EDUCATION TAX RATES for FISCAL YEAR 2018

TOWN OF STRATTON

Prepared: June 30, 2017

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE

Non-Residential Tax Rate to be Assessed: $ 1.5609

HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: $ 1.5958

The Homestead Education Tax Rate is based in part on the education spending per equalized pupil of all the pupils residing in your town. Many town districts are also members of union school districts. Each town and union school district will have a tax rate based on its spending per pupil. For towns with multiple school districts, the tax rate is a combination of those rates.

Town-specific information on education tax rate calculations will be available on the Department of Taxes website at:

http://www.tax.vermont.gov

By law, the legislative body in each municipality shall bill each property taxpayer at the homestead or non-residential rate as determined by the Commissioner for their municipality.
32 V.S.A. Sec. 5402(b)(1)

If you have questions about your education tax rates, please call the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-5860.

ORIGINAL: Chair Selectboard / City Council

COPY: Town / City Treasurer

Town of Stratton

Fiscal Year 2018

Homestead Education Tax Rate Calculation

		Stratton		
1.	Expenditures	$ 690,592	-	-
2.	Offsetting revenues	$ 214,337	-	-
3.	Education spending	$ 476,255	-	-
4.	Equalized pupils	29.87	-	-
5.	Education spending per equalized pupil	$ 15,944.26	-	-
6.	Exempt from excess spending	No	-	-
7.	Net offsets for excess spending calculation	-	-	-
8.	Net offsets per equalized pupil	-	-	-
9.	Reduced education spending per equalized pupil	$ 15,944.26	-	-
10.	Excess spending threshold	$ 17,386.00	-	-
11.	Excess spending over threshold	-	-	-
12.	Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess	$ 15,944.26	-	-
13.	Homestead property yield	$ 10,160.00	-	-
14.	Homestead equalized tax rate [(line 12 ÷ line 13) x $1.00]	$ 1.5693	-	-
15.	Percent of equalized pupils	100.00%	-	-
16.	Prorated equalized tax rate from school district	$ 1.5693	-	-
17.	**Total equalized tax rate**	**$ 1.5693**		
18.	Common level of appraisal (CLA)	98.34%	-	-
19.	Actual tax rate attributable to school district	$ 1.5958	-	-
	Actual homestead tax rate seen on tax bill	**$ 1.5958**		

Non-Residential Education Tax Rate Calculation

20.	Base non-residential rate	$ 1.535
21.	Common level of appraisal (CLA)	98.34%
	Actual non-residential tax rates seen on tax bill	**$ 1.5609**

Household Income Percentage (HIP)

22.	Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess	$ 15,944.26	-	-
23.	Homestead income yield	$ 11,990.00	-	-
24.	Household income percentage [(line 22 ÷ line 23) x 2.0%]	2.66%	-	-
25.	Percent of equalized pupils	100.00%	-	-
26.	Prorated equalized tax rate from school district	2.66%	-	-
27.	**Total household income percentage**	**2.66%**		

Stratton School District
Stratton Vermont

To: Secretary Rebecca Holcombe, Vermont Agency of Education
Vermont State Board of Education

From: Stratton School Directors
Thomas Montemagni, Chair
Lorraine Weeks-Newell
Siobhan Eddy Young

Date: December 7, 2017

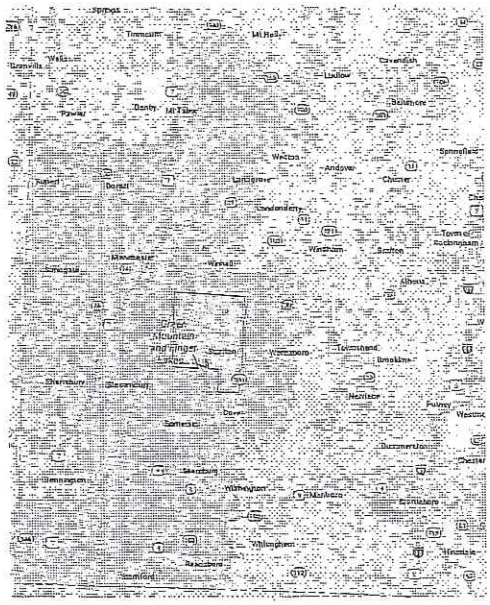
Re: Act 46, Sec. 9 - Proposal for Alternative Structure

Executive Summary

The School Directors of Stratton Town School District have explored governance consolidation with area school districts and found that a merged structure brings substantial disadvantages to Stratton students and taxpayers and does not advance the Goals of Act 46. They have decided to propose to the Vermont Secretary of Education and the Vermont State Board of Education that Stratton Town School District retain its current structure as a single town school district within a supervisory union.

Basic Information

The Stratton Town School District is located in the southwest corner of Vermont in the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests. Stratton Vermont includes 46.4 square miles of land with very low population density. Stratton Mountain Resort, located in the northeast corner of the town is a popular tourist destination. Stratton Resort is separated from the majority of our students by a mountain range that is a physical barrier, both in miles and topography. The Resort also geography also separates Stratton students from the town of Winhall.



The 2010 US Census counted 216 residents in Stratton and the 2014 estimate suggested little change. The student population is steady in the mid thirties with about 70% of the families

choosing area independent schools.

Stratton Town School District is a member of the Windham Central Supervisory Union along with the newly formed West River Modified Union Education District (Dover and Wardsboro), the newly formed River Valleys Unified School District [Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend, and Windham(7-12)], and the town school districts of Marlboro, and Windham (PK-6).

Stratton Town School District does not operate a school, rather pays tuition for resident students to attend the school of their choice. The town voters have a history of paying the full announced tuition for any area school that agrees to enroll any Stratton resident choosing to attend that school. The most frequently chosen schools are the Mountain School at Winhall and Burr & Burton Academy in Manchester, Vermont. For students choosing independent schools that do not agree to enroll any Stratton student, for example the Stratton Mountain School for skiers, the town pays the state average tuition. The school directors work with the Windham Central Supervisory Union to provide bus services so that there is equity of access for all students to their chosen school.

The number of students in Stratton remains relatively stable in the 35 student range. With a low poverty rate and a close to even split between elementary and secondary students, the calculation of equalized pupils is close to the student enrollment. The table below shows the data for the prior four years.

Stratton Enrollment and Equalized Pupil Data

Fiscal Year	Enrollment (Town Records)	Equalized Pupils (State Report)
2017	37	29.49
2016	36	30.28
2015	29	30.95
2014	33	31.42

Per pupil spending, the factor in the homestead tax rate determined by school district decisions, has remained under the excess spending penalty for four of the last five years. The chart below shows the data on recent per pupil spending.

Stratton Per Pupil Spending in Relation to the Excess Spending Penalty

Fiscal Year	Per Pupil Spending	Excess Spending Threshold
2016	$14,679	$17,103
2015	$15,630	$16,166
2014	$15,825	$15,456
2013	$14,804	$14,841
2012	$14,129	$14,733

Possible Partners

Beginning in the Winter of 2016, the School Directors of the Stratton School District explored among themselves and with directors from other school districts ways to promote improvement in the five Goals of Act 46 and the possibilities to form a different governance structure that would contribute to achievement of the five goals. The discussions with other school districts included:

- Meetings to discuss the possibilities of joining the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union,
- Meetings to discuss the possibilities of forming a Regional Education District with Winhall, Ira, Sandgate, North Bennington, and Searsburg,
- Meetings to discuss the possibilities of a Stratton and Searsburg merger to form a unified school district, and
- The formation of an Act 46 Merger Study Committee to consider a merger of three school districts who do not operate schools - Winhall Town School District, Sandgate Town School District, and Stratton Town School District. The merged district would work with Arlington Town School District (PreK-12) to form a Three-by-One Side-by-Side structure described in Act 49 of 2017.

School Directors from Winhall, Sandgate, and Stratton met four times during the Summer of 2017. The committee hired Dr. Dan French as a consultant to assist the committee in investigating the possibilities for a merged structure for the three town school districts not operating schools. At the first meeting, Dr. French gave an overview of the possibilities, including the RED incentives if Arlington Town School District were to join in the effort to form a Three-by-One Side-by-Side structure described in Act 49 of 2017.

At the second meeting, Dr. French reviewed an analysis of the implications for students

and for financial matters of a merged district. The districts noted that the model for a merged district showed an increased tax rate for two towns and a decreased rate for one. Applying the RED incentives reduced the differences somewhat but did not eliminate them. The table below shows the tax impact data from the model used by Dr. French.

Model of Homestead Tax Rates with Incentives

Town	FY2018 Tax Rate	Merged Tax Rate	Merged Rate Less 8 ¢ Incentive	Change with Incentive	Change with Incentive and 5% cap
Sandgate	$1.6958	$1.7758	$1.6958	0 ¢	0 ¢
Stratton	$1.5824	$1.7758	$1.6958	+11 ¢	+3 ¢
Winhall	$1.8425	$1.7758	$1.6958	-15 ¢	-15 ¢

Also at the second meeting, participants from Stratton School District raised questions about the method tuition rates were set in the towns for independent schools selected by families and the way transportation was provided in the districts. In general, the committee decided to pursue a merged governance structure for the three town school districts.

At the third meeting, Dr. French reviewed a draft report of the merger committee findings and a draft of articles that would form the basis of the merger. Committee members reviewed the draft and discussed several areas. For Stratton members setting tuition rates and transportation remained troubling areas for agreement. Dr French took some suggested language to be reviewed by the committee's attorney to bring back to the next meeting.

Two new pieces of information dominated the fourth meeting. First, the financial information for Winhall was updated. The equalized per pupil cost was higher than initially thought, thus the merged tax rate would be higher. Second, Arlington decided not to participate in the Three-by-One Side-by-Side merger structure, thus there would be no RED incentives to mitigate the increased tax rates for Stratton and Sandgate. At this point the committee decided to cease deliberations on a governance merger among Sandgate, Stratton, and Winhall. The committee disbanded as it found that a merged governance structure was not in the best interest of the citizens of the three towns.

Act 46 Goals

As part of the Act 46 Merger Study Committee, the members considered the goals of Act 46 and the impact of a merged governance structure - impacts that moved districts toward the goals as well as impacts that inhibited or moved away from the goals. The chart below has three sections for each of the five goals. Directly beneath the Act 46 goal statement is a general statement about the relationship of a merged system to the goal. This statement is from the DRAFT Act 46 Merger Study Committee Report. (Although the committee disbanded prior to adopting the DRAFT report, there was little disagreement with the general statements about Act 46 goals.)

Below the general statement, the table is split in half. On the left side are comments about the Act 46 goal as it relates to Stratton Town School District as it is currently structured and governed. On the right side are comments about the school district if it were in a merged school district with Sandgate and Winhall. The comments on the left and on the right are the thinking of the Stratton School Directors and not the Merger Committee.

Act 46 Goals and Governance Structures

Goal #1: Equity in the Quality of Educational Opportunities The Committee believed that maintaining school choice in all three towns at all grade levels would support the Act 46 policy goal in terms of providing equitable access to quality and varied educational opportunities for the diversity of student needs and aspirations.	
Single District In Stratton, students attend a variety of schools based on their academic interests and needs as well as on the location of their home in Stratton and access to schools. The school district has a priority of funding the full tuition amount for any school that commits to enrolling any Stratton resident student that chooses to attend that school. A second priority of the school district is to provide transportation, through the supervisory union, to the greatest extent possible for students to attend these open enrollment schools. These two priorities of the school district provides maximum	**Merged District** During Committee discussions, it became clear that the limits placed on amounts of tuition paid by Winhall and Sandgate would reduce the ability of some families in Stratton to access schools that best fit their children's needs and academic interests unless the family could afford to pay a portion of the tuition. Transportation was also an area of difference among the Committee districts. The different concentrations of schools chosen by families and the geography of the towns, has led to different levels of access to chosen schools with fewer attendees. Stratton with many fewer

access to school programs ensuring equity and quality educational opportunities.	students has a history of more fully accommodating transportation needs.
Goal #2: Students Exceeding or Achieving State Quality Standards Merging into ~~a single~~ a single school district will give the new school board oversight over a larger number of students at receiving schools in the region. The Committee believed this would allow the new school board to better monitor patterns of student achievement over time.	
Single District Without a systematic way to monitor student achievement of choice students across the state, the existing local attention to reports from students and families about school experiences remains valuable data. The relative small number of Stratton resident students adds to the ability of the school district to be informed about student achievement. Monitoring the success of public and independent schools in the region is a valuable surrogate for individual achievement. This school monitoring is the same for districts operating schools as it is for those not operating schools. Monitoring post secondary data is no easier with a large group than a small group, so there is no significant advantage to gathering this data in a merged district.	**Merged District** A merged district with more students has the potential to be more influential in establishing a system for monitoring choice students, but this merged district would have only about 240 students K-12, too few to establish a more elaborate or thorough system beyond the existing school monitoring by the Agency of Education.
Goal #3: Maximize Operational Efficiencies This merger will reduce the number of non-operating districts in the region from three to one, creating a more effective structure for its supervisory union. The merger will also allow the new district to better share resources among the three communities. These non-operating districts do not currently employ instructional staff so the district-level ratio of students to FTE staff will not be affected by this merger.	

Single District The major functions for the supervisory union are special education, pre-K education, and transportation. Currently, Winhall, Sandgate, and Stratton are in three different supervisory unions. Moving them into the same supervisory union would gain most of the efficiencies of a merged district, although the supervisory union would need to maintain three sets of accounting systems and other separate school district records.	**Merged District** A merged district would consolidate the supervisory union functions from three separate supervisory unions to one. Because of the wide area of choice schools involved, the functions would need to be applied across supervisory unions so that the consolidation would generate some new complexities. It is not clear that the merged structure maximizes operational efficiencies, but it does change the operations.
Goal #4: Promotes Transparency and Accountability This merger would create a more viable non-operating school choice district in the region. By reducing the number of non-operating districts in the region from three to one, the supervisory union budget and related assessments will be greatly simplified.	
Single District Currently, Stratton Residents are able to understand the costs and services associated with the Windham Central Supervisory Union Budget. They have a voice in the budget development, the operation of the supervisory union, and the evaluation of the superintendent.	**Merged District** While the development of the supervisory union budget and assessments would be simplified, it would not create increased transparency and accountability for residents. Because the population of Stratton is small compared to the other towns in the merged district, Stratton would have a reduced voice in the governance of the supervisory union.
Goal #5: Services Provided at a Cost that Parents, Voters, and Taxpayers Value This merger will preserve school choice in grades K-12 among these communities. These communities value school choice, and school choice has proven to be an important means for economic development in the region.	
Single District The priorities of the Stratton School district for equity of access and transportation for its students are valued by residents. The school directors develop budgets that support these priorities and the voters have input into	**Merged District** One of the difficulties in a merger of Winhall, Sandgate, and Stratton is the financial impact. Although Winhall and Sandgate had a lower increase in education spending per equalized pupil between FY2011 and FY2015, more

and support the budgets. From FY2011 until FY2015, the Stratton School District education spending per equalized pupil increased 7.6% while the spending statewide increased 14.8%. The table below shows the continued moderation of educational spending.	recent spend patterns show Sandgate and Stratton with a similar spending and a higher spending trend for Winhall. The table below demonstrates these trends.

Trends in Equalized Pupil Educational Spending - FY2015 - FY2018

	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Four-Year Average
Sandgate	$13,197	$14,374	$15,472	$17,087	$15,032
Stratton	$15,630	$14,679	$14,584	$15,944	$15,209
Winhall	$16,004	$15,737	$16,429	$18,565	$16,684

Conclusion

After the exploration of possibilities for changes in the Stratton Town School District, the School Directors concluded that retaining its current governance structure is the most effective way to best serve the students and other residents of Stratton. This conclusion is based on three main points.

- There is no advantage for resident pupils to be in a merged governance system where Stratton would be a minority voting partner.
    - There would be no additional educational opportunities available for students. Furthermore, discussions in the regional study committee indicated that some opportunities could be reduced as families might be forced to pay partial tuition to some schools.
    - The current transportation system takes advantage of collaboration with multiple supervisory unions. A system in a merged system where there were conflicts between equity and equality could eliminate the existing flexibility.
- There is no advantage for the districts to be in a single supervisory union. The workload for special education, transportation, and preschool services would be increased to the point of requiring increased personnel to meet the needs. None of the three superintendents involved in the discussions saw an effective and efficient way to provide services to a merged district.

- With no opportunity to form a merged district that would benefit from the Act 46 financial incentives, taxpayers in Stratton would have increased rates without an increase in student benefits.

Pursuing Act 46 Goals

As part of this proposal, the Stratton Town School District has examined how, as a stand alone school district in a supervisory union, it can take actions to continue to improve its performance in connection with each of the Goals of Act 46. The actions considered are listed below each of the goals.

Goal #1: Equity in the Quality of Educational Opportunities

The school district will continue to look for ways to assist families in choosing educational opportunities that meet the needs and academic interests of their children. At this time schools are establishing programs and opportunities for less traditional students. Informing and supporting families as they navigate these choices will require increased attention by the school directors.

Goal #2: Students Exceeding or Achieving State Quality Standards

The school directors will look for ways to evaluate and communicate the success of regional schools attended by Stratton children.

Goal #3: Maximize Operational Efficiencies

The school directors will continue to work with the Windham Central Supervisory Union to improve the provision of special education, transportation, and preschool for all the schools in the supervisory union.

Goal #4: Promotes Transparency and Accountability

The school directors will continue to provide information to Stratton citizens about their process of examining regional school tuition rates, the supervisory union budget, and the process for collaboration with the supervisory union on student transportation.

Goal #5: Services Provided at a Cost that Parents, Voters, and Taxpayers Value

The school directors will continue to work toward controlling educational spending and communicating their progress to Stratton residents.

Town of Stratton Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 627)
Main District

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code		Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I	R1	220	153,273,300	10,818,800	142,454,500	153,273,300
Residential II	R2	108	54,593,700	12,654,800	41,938,900	54,593,700
Mobile Homes-U	MHU	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes-L	MHL	2	165,400	87,600	77,800	165,400
Seasonal I	S1	8	552,700	0	552,700	552,700
Seasonal II	S2	5	730,000	0	730,000	730,000
Commercial	C	57	60,447,900	161,600	60,286,300	60,447,900
Commercial Apts	CA	1	3,223,800	0	3,223,800	3,223,800
Industrial	I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E	UE	1	3,529,000	0	3,529,000	3,529,000
Utilities-O	UO	1	161,500	0	161,500	161,500
Farm	F	0	0	0	0	0
Other	O	1,090	510,995,000	1,250,800	509,744,200	510,995,000
Woodland	W	61	16,228,000	0	16,228,000	16,228,000
Miscellaneous	M	36	1,693,300	0	1,693,300	1,693,300
TOTAL LISTED REAL		1,590	805,593,600	24,973,600	780,620,000	805,593,600
P.P. Cable		1	500,000		500,000	500,000
P.P. Equipment		0	0			
P.P. Inventory		0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.		1	500,000		500,000	500,000
TOTAL LISTED VALUE			806,093,600	24,973,600	781,120,000	806,093,600
EXEMPTIONS						
Veterans 10K		2/2	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
Veterans >10K			60,000			
Total Veterans			80,000	20,000	0	20,000
P.P. Contracts		1	500,000			
Contract Apprv VEPC		0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered		1/1	377,600	0	377,600	377,600
Non-Apprv(voted)		0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax		0/0	0			
Total Contracts		2/1	877,600	0	377,600	377,600
FarmStab Apprv VEPC		0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered		0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)		0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax		0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr		0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use		16/16	3,657,200	108,000	3,549,200	3,657,200
Special Exemptions		15		0	22,696,000	22,696,000
Partial Statutory		0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions			4,614,800	128,000	26,622,800	26,750,800
Total Exemptions			4,614,800	128,000	26,622,800	26,750,800
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST			8,014,788.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST				248,456.00	7,544,972.00	7,793,428.00
NON-TAX		17	NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411			

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value

Status on Personal Property	
1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city?	Yes_XX_ No____
2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by vote of your town/city?	Yes_XX_ No____
3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt? (include percentage)	_____100.00_____
4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used) a) at fair market value _____ b) at depreciated value _____	

Summary of Adjustments to Taxable Values (Local Agreements Etc.)	
Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions	377,600
Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Homestead Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Non-Resi Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed Tax)	0
Special Exemptions	22,696,000
Current Use (Use Value Appraisal Program)	3,657,200
Veteran Exemptions	20,000
Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	60,000
Non-Resi Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	0
Partial Statutory Exemptions	0

State of Vermont
Department of Taxes
133 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-1401

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Agency of Administration

December 18, 2017

Town Clerk
Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

2017 Equalization Study Results

This letter serves as notification of the results of Property Valuation and Review (PVR)'s 2017 equalization study. Every year we are required to certify the equalized education property value (EEPV or EEGL) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town. 32 V.S.A § 5406. This letter also communicates the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for your town and explains how it will impact your homestead and nonresidential education tax rates.

Education Grand List (from 411):		$779,342,800
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	$805,262,372	
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):		**96.78 % or 0.9678**
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):		9.88 %

The **education grand list** listed here is what was reported by your town to the state on the 411 form with your town's cable (if applicable) and tax increment financing (TIF) amounts (if any) included. This number represents the town's total property value that is subject to the education property tax (from the most recent grand list available) and serves as the numerator in the computation of the CLA. Please note: tax revenue from any TIF property value is subject to allocation. 32 V.S.A. § 5404a.

The **equalized education grand list (EEGL)** represents PVR's statutorily-mandated estimate of total fair market value of the education grand list in your town and serves as the denominator in the computation of the CLA. To find out more about how the equalization study is conducted, how to read the certified sales report, and additional instructions on how to appeal your results, please see the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at:

tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/reports/equalization-study

The **common level of appraisal (CLA)** is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list. 32 V.S.A. § 5401. A number over 100% indicates that property in your town is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than its fair market value. A CLA below 80% necessitates a reappraisal. 32 V.S.A § 4041a. The homestead and nonresidential tax rates in your town will be adjusted by your town's CLA. 32 V.S.A § 5402. The nonresidential rate in your town will be the statewide

nonresidential rate divided by your CLA. The homestead rate will be the town homestead rate (which is determined by the per-pupil spending of any school district(s) to which your town belongs) divided by the CLA. A CLA greater than 100% will result in a downward adjustment of tax rates, and a CLA less than 100% will result in upward adjustment.

To get answers to many common questions about tax rates and how they are determined, please see:
tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/tax-rates-and-charts/education-tax-rates/faqs

To see how the per-pupil spending of the district(s) to which your town belongs is calculated and ho that, along with your town's CLA, makes the tax rates, please see the tax rate calculations link at:
tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/understanding-property-taxes/education-tax-rates

The **coefficient of dispersion (COD)** is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within your town. It is calculated as the average of the (absolute) difference of each sales ratio (list price divided by sales price) in the study from the median ratio. That result is then divided by the median ratio to get the COD, which is expressed as a percent. 32 V.S.A. § 5401. A high COD means that within your town many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less than their fair share. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal. 32 V.S.A. § 4041a.

Appeals: A municipality may petition the director of Property Valuation and Review for a redetermination of its EEPV and/or COD. 32 V.S.A § 5408. All petitions must be in writing and signed by the chair of the municipality's legislative body. Petitions should contain a plain statement of matters being appealed and a statement of the remedy being sought. **Petitions must be received by PVR by the close of business on the 35th day after mailing of this letter.** Additional instructions on appeals can be found in the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at:
tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/reports/equalization-study

If you have any questions, please contact your district advisor or call 802-828-5860. For a copy of your town final computation sheet and certified sales report, please see:
tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/reports/equalization-study

Sincerely,

Jill Remick, Acting Director
Property Valuation and Review

cc: Chair, Board of Listers
Chair, School Board
Chair, Select Board
Superintendent of Schools

TOWN CLERK
2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Assistant Town Clerks: Candie Bernard and Patricia Coolidge.

The following is a list of Stratton's yearly statistics:

Land Records: In 2017, two new mylars were recorded for $30.00, and 2405 pages were recorded (Book 170 page 415 through Book 173 page 610). Recording fees at $10.00/page brought in revenues of $24,050.00.

Property Transfers: 116 Property Transfers occurred in the calendar year of 2017. An amount of $1,160.00 was collected to process the associated Property Transfer Tax Returns. Property Transfer Taxes collected by the State for these sales amounted to $519,490.80 (a decrease of about 34% from last year; however, last year's Property Transfer Taxes were unusually high due to the sale of the Commercial Units at Stratton. A better comparison, therefore, would be a comparison to 2015, which shows an increase of about 4%).

2017 Vital Statistics:

Births – Three children were born to Stratton family this year, although no births occurred within Stratton.

Marriages – Eight marriages were registered in Stratton, of which one was of a local couple, Lisa Hughes and Nick Squire.

Deaths – Residents, Alfons Roberts, Maria Minners and Rona Hicks, passed away in 2017, although no deaths occurred within Stratton. Additionally, past residents of the Town who passed away in 2017 were Douglas Forrester and Mildred Hoffmann.

Appointments by Town Clerk:

Deputy Registrars – Mark F. Shea and Thomas R. Lloyd of Shea Family Funeral Homes.

Liquor Licenses – The following licenses and permits were approved by the Town and State:

1St Class Licenses:	10 ($115.00 fee to the Town and $115.00 fee to the State)
2nd Class Licenses:	1 ($70.00 fee to the Town and $70.00 fee to the State)
Outside Consumption Permits:	9 ($20.00 fee to the State)
Catering Permits:	15 ($20.00 fee to the State)
Special Event Permits:	21 ($35.00 fee to the State)
Educational Sampling Event Permits:	1 ($250.00 fee to the State)
	Total fees collected by the Town: $1220.00
	Total fees collected by the State: $2685.00

Solid Waste Disposal: A total of 143.18 tons of solid waste were hauled away from the Stratton Transfer Station in 2017. Of this, 51.72 tons (36.1%) were recycled. **Pay-As-You-Throw statistics**: Stratton has collected $8,044.25 [fees] and $212.67 [sale of scrap metal], totaling $8256.92 in revenues and paid out $16,606.24 to Casella Waste Systems, Inc. in solid waste removal expenses (this includes tipping fees and zero-sort handling fees).

Voter Statistics: As of December 31, 2017, Stratton had 184 voters on the Voter Checklist. 23 new voters applied to the checklist and were added this year, while 16 voters were removed from the checklist for various reasons. Seven voters remain as inactive / challenged and are subject to be removed per the statutory procedures. 33 voters attended the Town Meeting of March 7, 2017 and 34 voters were present for the subsequent Annual School Meeting.

David Kent Young
Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen
2017 Annual Report

In September of this year, Rona Hicks passed away. She had been an advocate for Stratton for many years, serving as Chair of the Planning Commission, as well as a Justice of the Peace. Our condolences go out to her husband, Allan Hicks, and to her friends and family.

During the Town Meeting of 2017, all incumbent members of the Select Board, whose terms had expired, were re-elected to their positions. At the subsequent organizational meeting, Albert Dupell was reappointed Chairman and Larry Bills was reappointed Vice-Chairman. Kent Young was reappointed Secretary.

Projects accomplished over the course of 2017 included: 1) Paving approx. 2.2 miles of the West Jamaica Rd., 2) 28 culverts across Stratton-Arlington Rd., west of the Town Hall were replaced and patch-paved, in anticipation of paving that section of road in 2018. 3) Painting / refinishing of the interior of the Old School House by Ron Chiodi was completed 4) The Town Office doors were replaced by Paul Bernard 5) Cameras were added to the Town's security systems and these systems were converted / upgraded for monitoring by a new service provider. 6) New Subdivision Regulations prepared by the Planning Commission were adopted in September.

Paul Bernard was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). Allan Hicks was reappointed as Zoning Administrator and Ray Hawksley was reappointed as Health Officer and Assistant to the Zoning Administrator. Kent Young was appointed the Town's Representative to the Windham Solid Waste Management District and Renee Mulkey was re-appointed as Representative to the Windham Regional Commission.

The Board thanks volunteers who have helped with Town events and projects this year. Thanks to Lorraine Weeks-Newell and Helen Eddy for coordinating Green-Up Day. Thanks to the Town Office employees, the Road Crew, Helen Eddy, Nancy Ferrucci and Sally Wadsworth for organizing and decorating for this year's Holiday Party. We also wish to thank all those who donated goods for the Jamaica-Wardsboro Community Food Pantry.

Al Dupell, Chairman of the Selectmen

Stratton Planning Commission
2017 Annual Report

The Commissioners wish to give their condolences to Zoning Administrator, Allan Hicks, for the loss of his wife, Rona, in September. Rona had served on the Planning Commission for many years, much of which she had served as the Chair.

This year, Rob Wadsworth and George Rigoulot were re-elected to the Commission. After Town Meeting, the Commission re-appointed Kent Young as Chairman, Ray Hawksley as Vice-Chairman, and John Wadsworth as Secretary. Kent Young agreed to take meeting minutes.

The major project undertaken by the Planning Commission during 2017 was the revision and adoption of the Town's Subdivision Regulations, with the assistance of Windham Regional Commission Planner, John Bennett. A final draft was completed for a Planning Commission Public Hearing held in August. The Legislative Public Hearing was held in September, after which the Selectmen adopted the ordinance. The Subdivision Regulations (2017) became effective at the beginning of October.

During the past year, the Commission approved a permit submitted by Lorraine Weeks-Newell to convert her garage to a retail shop. This is the first business approved within the newly designated Village District that extends out around the Town Hall.

The Commission also held the sequential public hearings required for an application for a major subdivision located at the end of North Rd. in Stratton. A decision regarding this project was still pending at the end of the year.

All Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public. We meet regularly on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Stratton Town Office. Meeting minutes can be found posted at the Town Office, Town Garage and Stratton Mountain Post Office, as well as on the Planning Commission page of the Town of Stratton's website: www.townofstrattonvt.com.

Kent Young
Planning Commission Chairman

ZONING REPORT
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Name	Permit Type	Date Issued	Permit Fee	911 Fee
Snow Bridge HOA	Caretaker Bldg.	08/17/2016	$ 45.00	$35.00
Poole	Addition	08/29/2016	$ 30.00	
Falcone	Addition	09/15/2016	$ 75.00	
Wadsworth Co. (Eberstein)	Garage Conversion / Renovation	10/26/2016	$ 40.00	
Micioni / Fire Tower	Patio Renovation	02/06/2017	$ 20.00	
Goldberg	Addition / Renovation	05/16/2017	$ 430.00	
Weeks-Newell	Garage Renovation / Change of Use	05/02/2017	$ 20.00	
Total Fees Collected			$ 660.00	$35.00

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Name	Permit Type	Date Issued	Permit Fee
Nelson	Septic Repair	10/08/2016	$ 20.00

Listers' Report 2017

The Board of Listers consists of Kent Young, Candie Bernard and Allan Hicks. This year, the Listers heard seven Grievances, with one appeal to the Board of Civil Authority, none of which were then appealed to the State level. On September 8, the Listers' participated in the 2016 Appeal of the Board of Civil Authority's decision to the State Appraiser, regarding the property of Robert and Abigail Grossman (Solstice 90B). This decision was submitted to the Town in December, 2017 with an adjustment and the Grand List was promptly corrected.

In October, an Errors and Omissions stipulation was determined by the Listers and approved by the Selectmen, which effectively reduced all residential units at the Landmark at Stratton by 50%, due to a major structural deficiency, which has resulted in the closure of the 3rd and 4th floors of that structure since June and the scheduled closure of the 2nd floor when repairs are to be made. The Listers were not made aware of the deficiency until June, following the Grievance deadline. Assessments for those units will be reconsidered next April.

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) used to determine the 2017 Education Property Tax Rates was 98.34%. The State Non-Residential Education Tax Rate for 2017/18 was $1.5609. The Residential Education Tax Rate was additionally adjusted per the Statutes by penalizing the Town Residents for exceeding the average tuition cost per student, resulting in a rate of $1.5958. The Municipal Tax Rate was set at $0.0983; therefore, Stratton's total property tax rates were $1.6941 for homestead properties and $1.6592 for non-residential properties. Please see the "Grand List" pages within the Town Report for property assessment details and visit the Assessors' Page at the Town of Stratton website - www.townofstrattonvt.com for more information on property values.

Currently, Stratton contracts with:

1) Brett Purvis and Associates for professional appraising.
2) Visions Inc. for appraisal software and support.
3) Cartographics Technologies, Inc. for tax mapping and software support.

All appraisals of Stratton properties can be viewed on the internet via our website.

Kent Young, Listers' Chairman

2017 DOG REPORT

LICENSES ISSUED:

58 dog licenses were sold in the Town of Stratton in 2017 Licenses issued were for:

53 spayed female or neutered male dogs
5 unneutered male or un-spayed female dogs

Fees collected for 2017: $552.00 (of which $290.00 was sent to the VT State Treasurer).

SCHEDULE OF FEES:

If you own or keep a dog or wolf-hybrid that is six months or older on or before April 1, the license fee is:

Neutered male or spayed female – $9.00
Un-neutered male or un-spayed female – $13.00

After April 1st an additional 50% is added to the fee:
Neutered male or spayed female – $11.00
Un-neutered male or un-spayed female – $17.00

To register a dog or wolf-hybrid, as a neutered male or spayed female, a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the animal has been sterilized must be given to the Town Clerk.

To license a dog or wolf-hybrid, the owner/keeper shall give the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the dog or wolf-hybrid has a current approved vaccination against rabies.

A current vaccination means:

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All vaccinations following the initial vaccination will be valid for 36 months.

Town of Stratton
Cemetery Commission

We continue to place flags on all veterans' graves before Memorial Day, and we ensure that all cemeteries are mowed at least once each month during the summer, immediately prior to the major holidays of Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day. We wish to thank Stuart Chapin for doing an excellent job of mowing and trimming our cemeteries at those times. 17 single gravesites were deeded in North Cemetery this year. Two interments occurred in North Cemetery (John Wyman and Donald Adams) and two interments occurred in Ball Cemetery (Mildred Hoffmann and Douglas Forrester).

Kent Young, Cemetery Commission Chair

STRATTON MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE CO, INC					
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual to date	Budget
OPERATIONS INCOME	**2016-2017**	**2016-2017**	**2017-2018**	**2017-2018**	**2018-2019**
BEGINNING BALANCE					
TOWN OF STRATTON	47,150.00	47,150.00	52,150.00		65,650.00
POST OFFICE RENT	7,000.00	4,083.00	7,000.00	4,083.31	7,000.00
STRATTON CORP	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00		11,000.00
GRANTS	0.00	1,402.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL INCOME	**65,150.00**	**63,635.00**	**70,150.00**		**83,650.00**
FUNDRAISING-DONATIONS		16,630.00		10,870.00	
EXPENDITURES					
ELECTRICITY	1,500.00	540.00	1,500.00	547.33	1,200.00
TELEPHONE	700.00	319.00	700.00	372.71	600.00
HEAT	6,000.00	1,186.00	6,000.00	1,651.61	6,000.00
INSURANCE	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
FIRE POND	0.00	5,390.00	0.00		0.00
BUILDING INPROVEMENT FUND	5,000.00	112.00	10,000.00	1,951.81	10,000.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	136.45	2,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	52.00	0.00	142.26	0.00
POSTAGE	0.00	47.00	1,000.00	480.95	0.00
CLEANING/BUILDING SUPPLIES	0.00	50.00	0.00	152.32	0.00
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	500.00	450.00	0.00
TOOLS	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	0.00	1,777.00	2,000.00	1,864.00	2,000.00
RADIO REPAIR	0.00	0.00	0.00	311.60	0.00
EQUIPMENT MAITENANCE	0.00	0.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
SCBA	0.00	221.00	0.00		0.00
EXTINGUISHERS	0.00	191.00	0.00		0.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	28,176.00	0.00	14,914.28	23,500.00
NEW SCBA	0.00	0.00	15,000.00		0.00
TURNOUT GEAR	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
TRAINING	0.00	414.00	500.00		500.00
DUES AND ASSOCIATION FEES	0.00	224.00	400.00		300.00
REIMBURSEMENT PER POINTS	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00		30,000.00
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	0.00	1,040.00	0.00	943.18	0.00
CPA	500.00	0.00	500.00		500.00
SECRETARY POSITION	2,600.00	425.00	2,600.00	325.00	2,600.00
INCIDENT REPORTING SOFTWARE	600.00	0.00	600.00	659.94	600.00
XMAS PARTY	0.00	0.00	0.00	770.00	0.00
STRATTON MAGAZINE	0.00	75.00	0.00		0.00
ACS FIRE COMPANIES.COM	0.00	0.00	0.00		350.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**41,900.00**	**63,239.00**	**69,800.00**		**83,650.00**

STRATTON MOUNTAIN
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

5 Brazers Way Stratton Mtn., VT 05155
802-297-2950 www.smvfco.com
John Waite-President
Mathew Underwood-Chief

The Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company responded to 77 calls in 2017.

5-- Sprinkler Alarms
7- CO Alarms
1- Fire (structure, vehicle, and forest)
37- False Alarms
7- Motor Vehicle Accidents
7- Gas Alarms, Smoke Conditions, and Fuel Spills
13- Other (Mutual Aid, Landing Zones, Power lines down)

SMVFCO is celebrating 50 years of service. There is a great article in the winter edition of the Stratton Magazine regarding the history of the fire company. You can find it at www.strattonmagazine.com.

The Fire Company continues to raise funds independently in 2017 through a fundraising mailing, post office rental, and making use of local and state grants that were available.

The Company is in the process of updating our SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) and have purchased 8 at this point to replace our outdated models. We still have 6 more to replace at a cost of forty eight thousand dollars.

We currently have fifteen members, but as always the Fire Company is in need of more volunteers. The need for non-firefighting individuals is as important as for firefighters. Any interested parties should contact Matt Underwood or attend a meeting, held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Fire Station at 6:30 P.M.

TOWN OF STRATTON
Minutes of the
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 10:03am. Selectman, Al Dupell, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk took the roll. Initially, 31 voters were present; therefore, 16 votes constitute a majority. Guests present were Officer William Young of the Windham County Sheriff's Dept., and Larry Geller, who owns a home in Stratton. The Moderator asked new attendees to introduce themselves, after which Shane and Alexa Boatright did so, as did Melissa Walker.

The Moderator read the following Articles and conducted the meeting as follows:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
Kent Young nominated Diana Stugger. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred. Diana Stugger was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.
Kent Young moved to approve the Town Report. Chris Liller seconded. Discussion: The Moderator noted a mistake in the list of Officers and asked for an amendment to correct the name of the current constable to Boomer Walker. Kent Young so moved DR Holton seconded. A voice vote approved the amendment. The Moderator then read from the Selectmen's report within the Town Report, which recognized the long service of Joann Liller, who retired from the Board of Auditors this year. She also read the Selectmen's appreciation of individuals who had volunteered services to several town events and projects during the past year. With no other discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote on the article as amended. The ayes were unanimous and the Town Report was approved as amended.

ARTICLE 3: To elect Town officers as required by law:

Town Clerk (one three-year term): Al Dupell nominated Kent Young. Larry Bills seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded. All concurred. Kent Young was elected Town Clerk for a three-year term.

Treasurer (one three-year term): Candie Bernard nominated Alyson Marcucci. Al Dupell seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconded. All concurred. Alyson Marcucci was elected Treasurer for a three-year term.

Selectman (one three-year term): Kent Young nominated Greg Marcucci. DR Holton seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Greg Marcucci was elected Selectman for a three-year term.

Selectman (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated Al Dupell. Kevin Robinson seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. Al Dupell was elected Selectman for a one-year term.

Selectman (one one-year term): Larry Bills nominated Kevin Robinson. Chris Liller seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded. All concurred. Kevin Robinson was elected Selectman for a one-year term.

Planning Commissioner (one four-year term): Kent Young nominated George Rigoulot. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. George Rigoulot was elected Planning Commissioner for a four-year term.

Planning Commissioner (one four-year term): Kent Young nominated Rob Wadsworth. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred. Rob Wadsworth was elected Planning Commissioner for a four-year term.

Lister (one three-year term): Kent Young nominated Allan Hicks. Larry Bills seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred. Allan Hicks was elected Lister for a three-year term.

Auditor (one three-year term): Hellen Fuller Eddy nominated Stacie Chiodi. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Stacie Chiodi was elected Auditor for a three-year term.

Auditor (one three-year term): No nominations. The Moderator asked for a motion to pass over this position and if anyone is interested to fill it they can contact the Selectmen. All concurred and the position was passed over.

Cemetery Commissioner (one three-year term): Larry Bills nominated Kent Young. Kevin Robinson seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. Kent Young was elected Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.

Delinquent Tax Collector (one one-year term): Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Candie Bernard. Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. Candie Bernard was elected Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term.

Trustee of Public Funds (one one-year term): Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Alyson Marcucci. Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. Alyson Marcucci was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

Constable (one one-year term): DR Holton nominated Boomer Walker. Rob Wadsworth seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. Boomer Walker was elected Constable for a one-year term.

Grand Juror (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated John Waite. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot.

Chris Liller seconded. All concurred. John Waite was elected Grand Juror for a one-year term.

Town Agent (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated John Waite. Greg Marcucci seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred. John Waite was elected Town Agent for a one-year term.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required. Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 4 was approved.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses. Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 5 was approved.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following appropriation requests:

American Red Cross	*500.00*
Community Food Pantry	*500.00*
CURRENT	*250.00*
Grace Cottage Foundation	*7,000.00*
Green Up Vermont	*50.00*
Groundworks Collaborative	*500.00*
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	*500.00*
Historical Society of Windham County	*250.00*
LaMarche Scholarship Fund	*500.00*
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	*1000.00*
Senior Solutions	*500.00*
SeVEDS.	*648.00*
Valley Cares, Inc.	*335.00*
VT Center for Independent Living	*500.00*
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	*100.00*
VT Trails and Greenways	*85.00*
Visiting Nurse Association	*600.00*
Wardsboro Public Library	*5,000.00*
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	*5,000.00*
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	*3,000.00*
Windham County Humane Society	*400.00*
Winhall Library	*2,100.00*
Women's Freedom Center	*750.00*
TOTAL	***$30,068.00***

Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. Discussion: John Waite questioned why the article gave $500.00 to VT Center for Independent Living, when the request letter asked for only $105.00. Speculation was that it was a typo. Kent Young said that the article can be amended to include other changes if desired. George Rigoulot asked about the increase for the Wardsboro Library. Candie Bernard pointed out their request letter which explained salary increases for the librarian and other issues. John Wadsworth asked why Rescue Inc. was not included. The Selectmen explained that they

bill the town for services, so they are not included as an appropriation. Lorraine Weeks-Newell said that she was disappointed that the Selectmen refused to include the request from the Betty Boop bus. The Selectmen said that currently no one in Town used that service. She replied that since it had been submitted, it should have been included so the Town could decide whether or not to remove it. Kent Young explained that the Selectmen have the choice of including a request by letter. If it had been a request by petition of 5% of the voters, then it would have had to be included in the Warning. Shane Boatright asked Lorraine Weeks-Newell to explain the service, which she did, after which Mr. Boatright agreed to pay the request from his own pocket. Following the discussion, no one asked to amend the Article; therefore, the Moderator asked for a voice vote on Article 6, as warned and the article was approved.

At 10:35AM, 33 voters were present – 17 votes constitute a majority.

***ARTICLE 7**: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of $52,150.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.* Kent Young so moved. Steve Goldfarb seconded. Discussion: Shane Boatright asked if the Hunters' Supper held in November also raises funds for the Fire Dept.. Chris Liller explained that this Article raises money for the Stratton Mt. Fire Co., while the Hunters' Supper is a fundraiser for the Wardsboro Fire Dept., which is the fire company for the neighboring town. He explained that the Wardsboro Fire Dept. was appropriated funds in Article 6. Mr. Boatright asked if Wardsboro would respond to his house if he had a fire and Chris Liller replied that it would. Both fire companies provide service to Stratton, as all the towns in the area provide mutual aid to their neighbors and may even respond to more distant towns if necessary. James Saulnier asked who would respond to his house on Rte. 100. Chris Liller stated that West Dover would probably respond first, but Wardsboro and Stratton would also respond. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 was approved.

***ARTICLE 8**: To see if the Town of Stratton will vote to exempt the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company from municipal and education taxation on its lands and buildings located at 5 Brazers Way in Stratton for a period of five (5) years, from July 1, 2017.* Chris Liller so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 was approved.

***ARTICLE 9**: To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.* Larry Bills so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 was approved.

***ARTICLE 10**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $972,913.11 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).* John Waite so moved. Larry Bills seconded. Discussion: A question about the Town Garage was deferred to the Article 11 discussion. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 10 was approved.

***ARTICLE 11**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $910,800.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).* John Waite so moved. Kent Young seconded.

Discussion: John Wadsworth asked if the construction on the Town Garage is complete and wanted to know why there were expenses for repairs to the roof, since it was new. Al Dupell explained that there had been leakage or a condensation problem in the building, which could not be pinpointed. The company that installed the building worked with the town to correct the issue, but it was not resolved, so the Town had an independent inspection performed and had the Town Attorney pursue a resolution with the architect and the manufacturer. Ultimately, the Selectmen decided that it was not worth the expense of a lawsuit the Town would likely not win and that the roof should have had a membrane installed anyway, so they decided to proceed with having the membrane installed. This seems to have resolved the problem. DR Holton asked if the town had any additional large projects planned. Al Dupell responded that there are none. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 11 was approved.

***ARTICLE 12**: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.* Shane Boatright introduced himself and his wife, Alexa and explained that they had moved into town about two years ago from Alabama and decided to become residents here. He inquired about various issues concerning taxes, the local economy, and schooling and he expressed some of his concerns about each – a general discussion ensued. At 11:00am, the Moderator informed the voters that the School Meeting must begin and stated that the current discussion could continue after the School Meeting. At this time, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjourn: Al Dupell moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:

Moderator – Diana Stugger

Approved by the Selectmen:

Albert Dupell

Chris Liller

Larry Bills

Greg Marcucci

Kevin Robinson

TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Diana Stugger, the Moderator, called the meeting to order at 11:00AM. The Clerk took the roll and 34 voters were present. 18 votes constitute a majority.

The Moderator read the following Articles and conducted the meeting as follows:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, as required by law. Al Dupell nominated Diana Stugger. Kevin Robinson seconded. Larry Bills moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Kevin Robinson seconded. All concurred and Diana Stugger was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Stratton School District Officers, as required by law: School District Director - One three-year term. Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Lorraine Weeks-Newell. Tom Montemagni seconded. Larry Bills moved the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot. Kevin Robinson seconded – all concurred and Lorraine Weeks-Newell was elected School Director for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 3: To set the Annual 2017-2018 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the amount of $15,000.00 per pupil for students in grades K-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA T.16 sections 823 & 828. Boomer Walker so moved. Betsey Wadsworth seconded. No Discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – all were in favor and the article passed.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2017-2018 K–6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K–6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district. Al Dupell so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – all were in favor and the article passed.

ARTICLE 5: To set the Annual 2017-2018 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of $16,700.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district. Boomer Walker so moved. Betsey Wadsworth seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – all were in favor and the article passed.

ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2017-2018 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7–12, excluding those students covered in Article 3 and Article 5, who are residents of the school district. John Waite so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – all were in favor and the article passed.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend $690,592.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of $15,944.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.0% higher than spending for the current year. Chris Liller so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – all were in favor and the article passed.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district. Larry Bills so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – all were in favor and the article passed.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Stratton School Board to apply to the Vermont State Board of Education for approval to adjust the district's supervisory union from the Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) to the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) pursuant to 16 VSA 261 (b). Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. Discussion: Sian Read asked what is the purpose of this change. Tom Montemagni explained that currently the State is implementing Act 46, which requires School Districts to meet certain goals and will require many school districts to merge with other school districts with similar educational systems. He stated that Stratton has organized an Act 46 Study Committee, which is a requirement of Act 46. It consists of himself, Stacie Chiodi and Melissa Walker. The School Board has also interviewed an attorney familiar with Act 46, John Everett, for guidance in complying with Act 46. The Board and Committee currently intend to pursue an independent status, and will develop a presentation for this decision to present to the State. Meanwhile, they also had decided to pursue this changeover from the WCSU to the BRSU, because nearly all of our students attend schools in the BRSU. Therefore, if Stratton is forced to merge with other districts, we will be aligned with the correct Supervisory Union. Mr. Montemagni went on to explain that we had, over the past year, considered merging with districts similar to Stratton, i.e. Winhall, Sandgate and Searsburg, all tuitioning towns, but that those choices had drawbacks, including the fact that currently, at their Annual School Meeting, Winhall intends to pay only State average to independent elementary schools, including the Mountain School, meaning that parents will have to pay the difference, unless they vote it differently today.

With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote. All were in favor and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. With no further business, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Al Dupell so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 11:25a.m..

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:

Diana Stugger

Moderator – Diana Stugger

Approved by the Stratton School Directors

Thomas J. Montemagni

Thomas Montemagni

Siobhan Eddy Young

Siobhan Eddy Young

Lorraine Weeks-Newell

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American Red Cross
Vermont & New Hampshire Upper Valley Region
Regional Headquarters
29 Mansfield Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401

American Red Cross

January 1, 2018

Dear Friend,

Many people never think they will need the American Red Cross of Vermont & New Hampshire Upper Valley Region—until an unexpected event occurs and their lives are turned upside down.

Danese, who lost everything in an apartment fire, was able to turn to the American Red Cross thanks to you. "What's so amazing to me about the Red Cross is the compassion, the patience and the care that they provided. And I found out that they were volunteers," Danese shares. "When you experience something as devastating as this, you need the right people around. And they [Red Cross], were the right people."

Neighbors like you ensure that the Red Cross and our dedicated network of volunteers can be there day or night when disasters like devastating home fires, ice storms and other emergencies strike.

That's why I am asking you to renew your financial support of the American Red Cross with a generous donation of $575, $650 or any amount to our 2018 Annual Campaign today.

Over the last year, the American Red Cross of Vermont & New Hampshire Upper Valley Region has helped 505 families. As your past support proves, you don't have to live next door to be a real neighbor. The people you have helped may not know your name, but they certainly know your compassion, generosity and humanitarian spirit.

(over, please)

I hope you can continue your support which will help the Red Cross play a vital role unlike any other in our community and across the country, ensuring we can continue to:

- Provide food, shelter, comfort and hope in times of crisis.
- Provide lifesaving training to help people prevent and respond to tragedies in communities like ours.
- Ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their families are connected and remain strong through emergency communications support, pre-deployment briefings and by providing help for service members who need to return home due to personal crises.

Please send your gift to our 2018 Annual Campaign today, and know that you will save the day for the countless people across America who need the Red Cross. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maria Devlin

Maria Devlin
CEO

P.S. The enclosed Red Cross supporter card is a proud symbol of your commitment to look after the health and safety of your family, friends and others in your community. Please accept it with our thanks for your continued support today!

Animal Control
200 Vermont Route 30
Bondville VT 05340
Cell: 802-688-4020

Annual Report for the Town of Stratton

Animal Control Officer: Patrick Salo

The Animal Control Officer is responsible for the enforcement of the Vermont State Laws pertaining to animals. The officer responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control laws by telephone or police dispatch. The officer also investigates complaints of vicious, diseased, neglected or abused animals. Impounded animals are cared for at the officer's kennel. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption.

The Animal Control Department makes every effort to insure that all functions of the department are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople. The Animal Control Officer provides assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully.

Reminder: All dogs six months and older must be licensed. Dog Licenses are issued in the Town Clerk's Office. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be shown and if the dog is spayed or neutered a veterinarian certificate must be shown.

Unlicensed dogs: The animal control officer is responsible for the enforcement of the dog licensing laws. A dog without tags will be considered unlicensed and unvaccinated and fines may be issued.

BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER

March 2018

Dear Sending Town Communities:

We are pleased to submit our tuition for the 2018-2019 school year. BBA continues to be a driver of economic and population growth for our region, and as our enrollment has grown, we are able to offer broader programming while keeping tuition increases to a minimum. Our tuition for the upcoming school year will be $17,065, a 2.2% increase from its current level.

As we all know, we have faced various challenges in the political arena, most recently from the State Board of Education, which sought to implement rules that would have been detrimental to our role within our sending communities. Thanks in no small part to the tremendous showing of support from residents throughout BBA's sending towns, the proposed rules were rescinded and a study committee was formed to ensure that any changes protect the unique relationship of BBA and other independent schools serving our surrounding communities.

As a school, we continue to reflect on the rapidly changing nature of education in the 21st century. Our faculty is deeply engaged in addressing the question, "How great does/can learning get at BBA?" and we are thinking forward about the people, programs, facilities and technology that we need not only to serve our students today, but to constantly improve and adapt so our students are prepared to face the uncertainties and opportunities of the future. Through it all, our overarching objectives are to be a school that brings out the best in each and every student and to be a source of strength to all our sending towns.

We recognize the long-term financial challenges faced throughout the state as our education system grapples with declining student enrollment, increasing education costs, and tax rates that many find challenging. The creation of the Taconic and Green Consolidated School District is a major step forward in ensuring access to a BBA education while creating opportunities to manage educational costs. In addition, we will continue to fundraise, draw funds from our endowment, and attract international students creating over $3.5 million in additional revenue above and beyond town tuition. Thus, in a very meaningful way, you get much more than you pay for at BBA.

In presenting a modest tuition increase, we are working to maintain educational affordability while upholding the very high-quality standards that this community needs and deserves.

We thank you for your support and partnership.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster

Seth B. Bongartz
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Burr and Burton Academy Budget

	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018	Budget 2018-2019
OPERATING REVENUES AND GAINS			
Domestic tuition and fees	$ 11,411,710	$ 11,679,205	$ 11,936,148
International tuition and fees	2,632,970	2,933,400	3,040,176
Food service	376,908	415,000	415,000
Contributions and grants	992,975	900,000	900,000
Endowment draw	805,267	759,590	760,000
Other	101,847	137,200	75,000
Total revenue	16,321,677	16,824,395	17,126,323
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and wages	8,589,994	8,939,352	9,254,017
Employee benefits	3,134,754	3,256,645	3,375,838
Total personnel	11,724,748	12,195,997	12,629,856
Advertising	21,635	23,250	25,000
Commissions, fees and subscriptions	352,000	326,085	350,000
Depreciation of buildings, technology equip and software, f&f, equipment & vehicles	1,337,296	1,391,736	1,379,783
Equipment and leases	127,607	145,857	150,000
Insurance	198,019	214,959	210,000
Interest	54,922	55,000	55,000
Professional development	94,191	127,985	100,000
Professional fees	143,999	61,200	100,000
Purchased services and service contracts	811,810	793,060	800,000
Repairs and maintenance	185,945	250,000	250,000
Room and board	205,325	249,400	265,000
Scholarships and awards	31,475	58,531	59,000
Supplies	776,975	821,330	800,000
Telephone and postage	78,687	82,317	80,000
Transportation and travel	362,400	492,973	475,000
Utilities	281,364	351,560	310,000
Total operating expenses	16,788,398	17,641,240	18,038,639
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	$ (466,721)	$ (816,845)	$ (912,315)

Burr and Burton Academy
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Deerfield Valley Rescue Inc. P.O. BOX 854 WILMINGTON, VT. 05363

November 29, 2017

Town Of Stratton
9 Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

To Whom It May Concern:

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. provides emergency ambulance service to part of the town of Stratton. DVR is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 20 volunteers, two full time paid staff and part time seasonal attendants.

Unlike most EMS agencies in the state, Deerfield Valley Rescue has not been supported by tax dollars from the towns we serve. At this time Deerfield Valley Rescue is requesting for appropriation of $1,500.00 from the Town of Stratton. This would be for the 2018 fiscal year.

If the select board or budget committee has questions please feel free to contact us we would be happy to answer any questions.

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. would like to thank you for your consideration of this contribution it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Heidi S. Taylor
Business Administrator, DVR

Jamaica/Wardsboro
COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
Hunger has no place in our community

December 5, 2017

Town of Stratton Selectboard
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

To the Board:

It is with gratitude that the Board, volunteers and clients of the Jamaica-Wardsboro Community Food Pantry extend our thanks for the town meeting appropriation of $500. This gracious gift from the people of Stratton arrived as we prepared for our busy holiday season. It is your continuing kindness and support helps us provide for the special needs of our clients: families with young children, the elderly and those who by illness or circumstance experience food insecurity in the course of their lives. We believe that hunger has no place in our community and your ongoing support assures that we can continue to serve our neighbors.

We thank you for your generosity and look forward to continuing to serve the people of our communities.

Blessings,

Elaine Beckwith

Emergency Contact & Information:
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P.O. Box 179
Jamaica, VT 05343

The Community Food Pantry Inc. is a 501-c-3 organization.
www.communityfoodpantryvt.org

GraceCottage
FAMILY HEALTH
& HOSPITAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Private donations and town appropriations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region.

On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support.** You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

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

FY 2017, by the numbers:

21,805: Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health

3,992: Patient days in hospital

2,835: Emergency Dept. visits

5,893: Outpatient Rehab visits

2,196: Diagnostic Imaging visits

4,126: Community Health Team visits

55,557: Prescriptions filled

3,427: Visits to Wellness classes and events

2,537: Individual donations to Grace Cottage

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Dear Select Board/Town Clerk: October 2017

Please consider Green Up Vermont's request for your community's financial support. We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. This guide remains the same as in previous years:

For towns under 1,000 population . . . . . $ 50
For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 . . . $100
For towns over 2,000 and under 3000 . . . $150
For towns over 3,000 and under 4000 . . . $200
For towns over 4,000 population $300

Sincerely,
Melinda Vieux
President, Green Up Vermont

Town report information for Green Up Day, May 6, 2017
(This is available for download at www.greenupvermont.org under "About Us.")

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

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

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

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

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

Groundworks Collaborative was established in 2015 as a result of the merger of the Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center and Morningside Shelter (having been in existence for 27 and 36 years respectively). Groundworks provides ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities in the greater Brattleboro area. The following are our direct service programs:

FOODWORKS

Groundworks Food Shelf – Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (and Tuesday afternoons for seniors only), the food shelf provides emergency food for over 1000 individuals per month, and over 800 households per year.

HOUSINGWORKS

Groundworks Shelter – Our year-round 30-bed shelter for families and individuals offers an extended stay and provides all residents intensive case management. The Shelter operates at capacity throughout the year and maintains a waiting list for entry.

Seasonal Overflow Shelter – Open from November – April, the SOS provides a warm place to sleep and a hot meal each night for those with nowhere else to go.

Day Shelter – Groundworks provides a safe place where our neighbors experiencing homelessness can come in out of the weather and access services such as email, telephones, laundry, showers, coffee and snacks, lockers, and a kitchen to prepare a meal.

SUPPORTWORKS

Housing Case Management – Our team of case managers work with people who are currently and formerly experiencing homelessness to help them find and/or maintain stable housing. Our case management model includes weekly home visits (once housed) to ensure that clients are setting and meeting goals to address the challenges that led to their homelessness.

Representative Payee Service – provides financial management by serving as an intermediary between those receiving Social Security disability payments and their benefits. The program ensures that rent and basic living expenses are paid before spending money is disbursed to clients, which keeps participants in good financial standing, thereby preventing future threat of homelessness.

HEALTHWORKS

Mental Health Collaborative – Groundworks Shelter hosts an on-site Mental Health & Addiction Treatment Counselor from the Brattleboro Retreat for 16 hours each week keeping valuable connections to the Retreat's services available, even as residents leave the Shelter. This program will scale up in 2017 to include an additional full-time Mental Health Clinician who will split their time between Groundworks Drop-In Center and the Seasonal Overflow Shelter.

Vulnerable Population Care Coordinator – A Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Registered Nurse is available to clients on-site at Groundworks Drop-In Center and Groundworks Shelter, as well as at the Seasonal Overflow Shelter for 24 or more hours each week. The program provides basic wound care, and medication management services, as well as the vital work of connecting our clients with primary care physicians.

basic needs met with dignity

PO Box 370, Brattleboro, Vermont 05302 | GroundworksVT.org | 802.490.2951

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY17 for Town of Stratton

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

Request for Support from the Town of Stratton

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of $500.00 from the Town of Stratton at the 2018 Town Meeting to help defray the cost of services to its residents for the Mental Health Walk-In Clinic. In the year ending June 30, 2017, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,504 residents of Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community are:

Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services: HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. Adult services include assessment, treatment including individual, group, couples, and family counseling, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. It is the philosophy of HCRS that people are resilient and therefore capable of overcoming difficult experiences and recovering from mental illness and substance abuse. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals and families of whom we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

Children, Youth, and Families Program: The Children's Division provides a comprehensive system of care for youth experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services for youth and their families including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite and case aid services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, crisis response and emergency respite services, a mental health program specifically for young children up to six years old, and an employment assistance program for youth in transition who have significant emotional disturbances.

Developmental Services (DS): The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person being served receives an individually written program to meet his or her needs. Children with a developmental disability are served through a collaboration with the Children's Division.

Residential Services: Residential Services offers residential care from short term crisis stabilization, to intensive residential care, to therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals the appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs. The Residential continuum of care is comprised of a total of 38 beds spanning five individual programs.

Emergency Services: The Emergency Services Team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Stratton for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

For inclusion in 2017 Town Report:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY

The Historical Society of Windham County was founded in 1927 to preserve our County's history for present and future generations. This year, the Society celebrated its 90th anniversary.

In 1936, the Museum was built in Newfane to house the extensive collection that came from all the towns in the County. This now contains over 8,000 artifacts which are displayed in changing interpretative exhibits. The Museum's archives of manuscripts and documents are also available for research or special interests. School visits are encouraged.

This year, the Historical Society completed the restoration of the 1880 Newfane Railroad Station and a grand opening of the West River Railroad Museum was held in October, 2017. The Station was one of ten depots along the West River Railroad which ran from Brattleboro to South Londonderry. The restored Railroad Station provides a visual and accessible presentation for a broad audience, as well as an engaging teaching tool for educators and parents.

We hope you share our belief that all our towns would be poorer if our rich local history was ever lost. Your support will help us to maintain the collection and continue our policy of free admission. We are open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 5:00, from Memorial Day weekend until mid-October. Please visit our website for more information, the latest news and schedule of events: www.historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org.

Thank you.

Donna-Marie La Marche Sikes
76 East Lake Shore Trail,
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absdms@sbcglobal.net

January 2, 2017

Ken Young
Town Clerk
Stratton, VT

Dear Ken Young,

Thank you for contacting me about the Matthew La Marche Scholarship Fund at Leland and Gray Union High School. The Scholarship is given only to graduates of Leland and Gray Union High School who have good grades. A description of the Matthew La Marche Scholarship Fund is attached in the email.

If there is a student planning to attend/attending Vermont Technical College who has financial need, they are a priority. It is preferable that the students are from Stratton or Wardsboro. However, if no one is attending Vermont Technical College or is not from Stratton or Wardsboro, other colleges/universities and town's students will be considered, as long as there is a financial need and someone applies.

At the end of May 2016, there was a balance of $18,167.87 in Matthew's Scholarship Fund. Two scholarships of $500 each were given in 2016, one to a recipient from Stratton who was attending Vermont Technical College.

We appreciate the annual donation of $500 given to the Matthew La Marche Scholarship Fund in the past and hope that your kind generosity of $500 will continue annually. We would very much like to continue to honor Matthew's memory as long as we can.

Sincerely,

Donna-Marie La Marche Sikes

LONDONDERRY VOLNNTEER RESCUE SQUAD
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad responded to 471 calls in 2017. This is down slightly from our high of 513 calls last year. The location of these calls are as follows: 3 in Andover, 10 in Jamaica, 12 in Landgrove, 118 in Londonderry, 67 in South Londonderry, 32 in Peru, 27 in Stratton, 68 in Weston, 17 in Windham, 82 in Winhall, 1 in Ludlow, 1 in Manchester and 2 in Chester. There were 31 calls at the following ski areas: 17 at Bromley, 8 at Stratton, and 6 at Magic Mountain.

Of these calls: 264 were illnesses, 106 injuries, 58 motor vehicle accidents, 16 stand-by calls, and 27 public assists. We responded to 12 mutual aid calls, while 34 calls resulted in other services coming to our aid. Our members initiated Advanced Life Support measures and interventions on over 200 calls. These interventions includes: starting 127 pre-hospital IV's, cardiac defibrillations, and administration of albuterol, zofran, epinephrine, narcan, aspirin, nitroglycerin, morphine, fentanyl, dextrose (D50) and Nitrous Oxide. We used a Paramedic Intercept service 5 times and called in the DHART helicopter 6 times. Sixty-one percent of our calls were daytime calls between the hours of 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Of the patients we transported, 28 were younger than 18 years of age while 183 patients were over 65.

Our Squad membership has remained steady this past year. We gained two members while losing four members. This brings our total membership to forty-five members. Eleven of these members are ambulance drivers with CPR training, nine Emergency Medical Responders, nine Emergency Medical Technicians, eleven Advance Emergency Medical Technicians, and five Paramedics. We just completed an EMR class at our building with the hopes of getting a few more new members, once they have finished testing. We are always looking for new members, especially those who can respond to daytime calls. Please go to our website at (londonderryrescuevt.org) to check us out and to down load our applications.

Within our squad we have our Londonderry Technical Rescue which does all of the vehicle extrications, back country rescues, cold water rescues, low angle rescues, etc. in our coverage area. This department is also growing with over thirty members.

Since we have such long transports to the area hospitals, we try not to be on scene any longer than ten minutes. You can help us keep this time to a minimum by being prepared for when the ambulance arrives at your residence. Often patients (or families) in distress can't remember what medications they are on, or what they are being treated for. Each of you can help us out by creating a simple list that includes such things as your name, mailing address, date of birth, past and current medical treatments and/or conditions, and a **list of your current medications**. Please have this list available so that it's handy when we arrive on scene. **It's your life that we can save with this knowledge and time saved.**

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad has seen a large increase in prescription drug, opiate abuse and deaths in recent years. This is a national problem that affects us all, no matter where we live. To help combat this problem and to better treat the patients that we transport, LVRS has started using Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) for pain control. This will cut down on our use of giving opiates for pain

and to better control pain for recovering addicts that refuse opiates. We are one of the few ambulance services in Vermont to use Nitrous Oxide.

Our coverage area changed slightly this past year. We are no longer covering the Rawsonville area of Jamaica. We are now covering the Andover Ridge area of Andover. This resulted in very little difference in the square miles that we cover which continues to be between 250 and 255 square miles.

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is a licensed Paramedic Service. We are a highly trained, professional Squad that is run and staffed completely by volunteers. I want to thank our members and their families for the time, commitment, and sacrifices that they have made in taking our Squad to the level that it has achieved. LVRS is the only transporting ambulance service in the State of Vermont that does not bill for any of our transports or services. This is only made possible by the continued generosity and support of the communities and the residents that we serve.

Thank You,

William "Pete" Cobb Jr.
President, LVRS

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year 2017, the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad had expenses totaling $156,864.33. There were 471 calls at an average expense of $333.05 per call.

Wilma Tremarco
Treasurer, LVRS

Rescue, Inc.

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

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

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

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

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

Senior SOLUTIONS
Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont

ANNUAL REPORT

SENIOR SOLUTIONS
(COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT)

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont - has served the residents of Stratton and the Southeastern Vermont region since 1973. Our main office is located at 38 Pleasant Street in lower level of the Nolin-Murray Center building. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Many of our services are available regardless of income or assets. However, we target our resources to those older adults with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. Senior Solutions can help caregivers assess their family's needs and options, connect with resources and local programs that meet their needs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for family members.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Vermont is the second oldest state in the country (median age) and within Vermont the highest concentration of elders is in Windsor and Windham counties. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has been largely stagnant for many years. This means that financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. This past year these included grants from the Christopher Reeve Foundation to serve people with paralysis, from Efficiency Vermont to conduct home energy visits and help older adults save money on their electric bills and from the Holt Ames Fund to increase our outreach to vulnerable elders. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. We also seek donations from the public and have established a planned giving program through the Vermont Community Foundation.

We strive to develop new programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year we trained instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and started a new program, aquatics for people with arthritis. We provide financial support to volunteers interested in starting new evidence-based wellness programs.

(802) 885-2655 Fax (802) 885-2665 Toll Free (866) 673-8376
Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119

This is a summary of services provided to Stratton residents in the last year (9-1-16 through 8-30-17).

Information and Assistance: 28 Call and Office Visit. Our toll-free Senior HelpLine (1-800-642-5119) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan for the future, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also described at www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Medicare Assistance: 6 residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, "boot camps" for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: We offer congregate meals in Jamaica. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Transportation: Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Other Services: Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities and home-based mental health services. Senior Solutions has a flexible "Special Help Fund" that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of Stratton.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

BRATTLEBORO DEVELOPMENT CREDIT CORPORATION

SeVEDS
Advancing Southern Vermont

September 15, 2017

Mr. Albert Dupell
Selectboard Chair
P.O. Box 146
W. Wardsboro, Vermont 05360

Dear Mr. Dupell:

Since 2007, Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS), an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), has been developing long-term regional economic development strategies that generate growth and prosperity in the Windham Region economy. SeVEDS board members and BDCC staff have been meeting with municipal boards and officials throughout the Windham Region time frame - annually since 2012, or this Spring and Summer or scheduling this Fall. This has been a tremendous experience for us and a great opportunity for towns to learn more about the progress of the regional economic development efforts underway. Those efforts include: the expansion of rural economic and workforce development networks through the Southern Vermont Economy Project, the growth of our regional paid college internship program and of Fast Tracks to Success, our high school career awareness program, as well as support and programming for entrepreneurs and small businesses through INSTIG8, the Southern Vermont Business Accelerator and the creation of the green building and services Ecovation Hub. This past year alone, 180 Windham County high school Sophomores participated in the Sophomore Summit, 200 Windham County high school students participated in Fast Tracks visits to local employers, 23 interns placed were placed in paid internships with Windham Region businesses, and 35 young adults earned post-secondary credentials and obtained jobs at Grace Cottage, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, GS Precision and The Hermitage.

These projects are part of implementing our region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS)to grow the region's economy. Our award winning, federally approved CEDS covering the 27 towns in the Windham region is reviewed on an annual basis and must be renewed every five years. In 2019 SeVEDS, will partner with the Bennington Regional Commission to complete the first ever, Southern Vermont CEDS encompassing the Southern Vermont Economic Zone, a region designated by the Vermont Legislature in 2014 as having significant economic development needs. This Zone CEDS development will serve as the five year renewal and expansion of the existing Windham Region CEDS. Over the next 18 months stakeholders across Southern Vermont will be invited to data presentations, discussions analyzing trends and conditions, and to refine the long term economic goals and objectives of Southern Vermont into 2024. Ongoing participation in the planning process from community leaders, municipalities, businesses and town residents has enabled our progress in implementing programs and aid to overcome our very real demographic and economic challenges.

The BDCC invests significantly in the implementation of the SeVEDS led initiatives encompassed in the CEDS. The scale of the demographic challenges we are working to overcome exceeds the resources of our existing organizations. We have been working to build the capacity necessary internally, and among our partner organizations, to make meaningful progress. Since 2012, we have been supported regionally by taxpayers in the towns of Brattleboro, Dover, Guilford, Londonderry, Marlboro Newfane, Putney,

Rockingham, Vernon, Westminster, Weston, and Wilmington with $370,000 in municipal funds. SeVEDS initiatives have also received state and federal funding from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), the Vermont Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Commerce. We continually seek to leverage regional public dollars to secure private support from employers, individuals and foundations to deliver programs and projects that help improve the region's economy. In FY17 SeVEDS and BDCC leveraged many years of strategic investments and capacity building, by using an additional $70,881 of municipal funding, along with the state's FY16 investment in SeVEDS and BDCC of $158,000 to obtain $6,000,000 of grants and investment to produce over $42 million in projects and program impacts.

In support of the continuation of the regional efforts, SeVEDS is *again requesting municipal funding for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. We are asking all towns in the Windham Region to contribute towards this regional economic development effort at the rate of $3.00 per person, based on town population.* **We are asking the Town of Stratton to include the request as an article on its 2018 Town Meeting Warning to: appropriate $648.00 (based on population of 216) to support continued implementation of SeVEDS efforts.**

Many towns over the years have chosen to include the funding request in their budget or list the funding request as a separately warned article to be voted upon at Town Meeting day. We welcome the opportunity to make the case directly to voters and talk about the importance of the regional planning efforts on Town Meeting Day. Some towns request petitioning for the appropriation to be included on the warning. Petitioning has become the single biggest stumbling block to increasing the number of municipalities contributing to this regional effort. While we have successfully petitioned in five towns over the last two years, the staff time spent petitioning throughout the towns is significant and takes away from program implementation. We ask that you consider this request as we plan to follow up and schedule a time for staff to meet with the Selectboard to answer any questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to following up with the board on this request.

Sincerely,

Adam Grinold
Executive Director
Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation
76 Cotton Mill Hill
Brattleboro, Vermont 05301

SOUTHERN VERMONT
Therapeutic Riding Center

3 Cross Country Circle – Wilmington, VT 05363 www.sovtrc.org (802) 221- 4409

December 1, 2017

Mr. D. Kent Young
Town Clerk
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Mr. Young,

As a representative of Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center, I am writing to request consideration for a 2018 appropriation from Stratton. We currently serve 21 clients from Southern Vermont, with several who reside in Stratton and neighboring towns. Along with the care of our equine team and equipment maintenance, we underwrite the cost of lessons for many of our participants. Without subsidies, these people with special needs would be unable to afford to participate.

SVTRC's mission is to enrich, educate and expand the lives of individuals with special needs through Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT). Founded in 2010 in Newfane, we are a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) Member Center and a nonprofit corporation under IRS code 501(c) (3). In 2016, SVTRC moved to Wilmington; since the move, Executive Director, Amber Thibodeau has led the program, and we have hired a second, part-time instructor. The Board of Directors is comprised of six dedicated volunteer members from surrounding towns.

SVTRC offers EAAT to participants aged 4 and older with varying special needs including Autistic Spectrum Disorder, MS, ADD/ADHD, Spinal Cord Injuries, Blindness, Developmental Delays, Cerebral Palsy and Anxiety. Our program started with just a few individual riders and each year, we have increased the number of people we serve. We intend to continue that trend, offering this important intervention to more people in the community.

SVTRC offers six 8-week sessions throughout the year focusing on three distinct programs:

- *Therapeutic Riding* - developing riding skills and providing exercise to individuals with physical, cognitive and emotional needs
- *Horsemanship* - learning basic horse care, safety and behavior
- *Vocational Education* - developing career skills in horsemanship, horse care and behavior

The goal is for the participant to improve coordination, balance, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral skills, while progressing in equestrian skills. Lessons include both mounted and unmounted activities with the horse in our indoor arena, outdoor arena, round pen or trails.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for more information.

Respectfully,

Meredith L. Kenyon
SVTRC board member, volunteer, and participant
West Townshend, VT
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STRATTON MTN. RESCUE

A DIVISION OF THE
CARLOS OTIS STRATTON
MOUNTAIN CLINIC

December 30, 2017

Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

RE: Stratton Mountain Rescue - Ambulance Fund Appropriations Request

PO BOX 617
STRATTON MOUNTAIN, VT
05155

78 FOUNDERS HILL ROAD
STRATTON MOUNTAIN, VT
05155

802-297-2300
CARLOSOTISCLINIC.ORG

To whom it may concern:

Please find this as a request for $6,000 to support the purchase of a new ambulance for Stratton Mountain Rescue (SMR). SMR is owned and operated under the Carlos Otis Stratton Mountain Clinic, Inc., a not-for-profit medical facility serving the Stratton Mountain Resort and surrounding communities.

SMR provides emergency response, rescue, and ambulance transport service to a portion of the towns of Stratton, Winhall and nearby areas through the established mutual aid system.

Annually, the Town of Winhall and Stratton Corporation support the Stratton Mountain Rescue Ambulance Fund with a $6,000 donation.

If you need any further information, please feel free to contact us at any time. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Seth D. Boyd
Executive Director
Carlo Otis Stratton Mountain Clinic, Inc

STRATTON MTN. RESCUE

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November 21, 2017

Dear Town of Stratton,

When it comes to medical emergencies, a system of rapid response and advanced life support care is vital for positive medical outcomes. Stratton Mountain Rescue is committed to being available for rapid responses when you need us and we are asking for your help.

Our fully equipped ambulance can be a life-saving vehicle; however, age, weather, and mileage all play a role in its lifespan. Today, we are asking for your support in the purchase of a new emergency vehicle to continue to provide this critical service to our community.

Our team's expertise in emergency rescue, response, and transport is a crucial resource to each of our families, our friends, and us. With a new vehicle, our team of emergency medical technicians and paramedics will continue to be at-the-ready to provide care for Stratton Mountain Resort and throughout the surrounding community.

Important updated features of the new emergency vehicle include:

- Adding 4-wheel drive reliability for our winter terrain
- Onboard WiFi for advanced communications with regional hospitals
- Improved Advanced Cardiac Life Support telemetry capabilities and cardiac monitoring
- An "auto-load" patient stretcher for enhanced patient comfort and safety
- Improved child safety and seating for pediatric transports
- Improved attendant seating and safety restraints

Stratton Mountain Rescue is a division of the Carlos Otis Stratton Mountain Clinic, Inc. and operates based on charitable donations. Your financial support is the foundation of being able to serve our friends and neighbors.

"Thank you for seeing to it that such a wonderful group of medical professional is available for emergencies. As a homeowner and member of the community for more than nine years, I want everyone to know that Stratton Mountain Rescue is there should they ever need it."

Please join the others who have contributed as we work toward fundraising $250,000 for the purchase of a new, highly equipped advanced ambulance. Every amount is helpful in allowing us to continue to provide the best possible care. Contact us to learn about how you can support this important campaign.

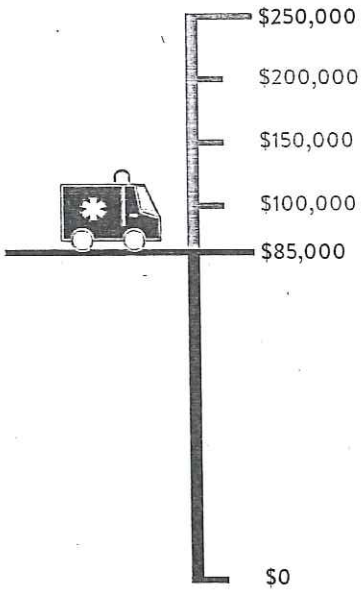
Thank you,

Frances G. Dorsky

Fran Dorsky
President of the Board of Trustees

WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL



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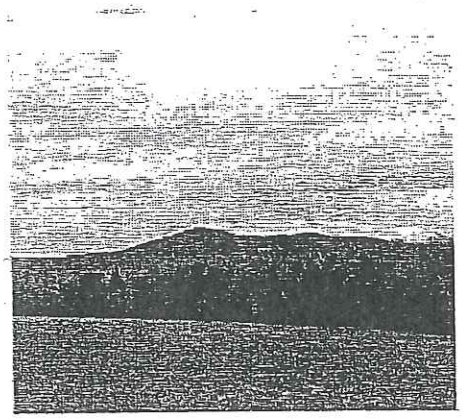

Mt. Abraham and fall colors on display in Lincoln, Vermont – Green Mountain National Forest

Green Mountain National Forest

The full Town Meeting Report is available for your review at the Town's website:

www.townofstrattonvt.com

on the "Town Meeting / Report" page.

"The Green Mountain National Forest's Annual Report for the 2018 Town Meeting"

Valley Cares

P.O. Box 341 • Townshend, VT 05353
www.valleycares.org • 802-365-4115

November 29, 2017

Re: humanitarian request

Dear Selectboard,

Valley Cares respectfully requests $335 in continued support from the Town of Stratton at Town Meeting in 2018.

Valley Cares helps seniors in Stratton remain safely in their homes; and if the time comes for them to move, we provide safe, affordable independent and assisted living options "right down the road." Since opening our doors 10 years ago, West River Valley Senior Housing has been "home" to 220 residents in our independent, supportive and assisted living housing. Our kitchen has provided over 60,000 meals for the local Meals-on-Wheels program. We have loaned out durable medical equipment to any community member in need, free of charge (over 1,500 such rentals!) Even our newest program, SASH (Support And Services at Home), has benefited 100 older adults living in their own homes in surrounding communities.

Many of our services – such as Meals on Wheels and SASH tai chi classes – are offered free of charge to members of the community-at-large. Although we charge for housing and care services at West River Valley Senior Housing, we subsidize these costs – recognizing that virtually all seniors are on fixed incomes.

We enjoy serving your community and are grateful for your financial assistance. Your support helps us to continue providing these services to residents of your community.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Sincerely,

Susanne Shapiro

Susanne Shapiro
Executive Director

At Valley Cares, it is our mission to provide high quality, affordable, housing and compassionate care allowing seniors to age in place with respect and dignity.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF STRATTON
SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: $500.00

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'17 (10/2016-9/2017) VCIL responded to over **3,000** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **358** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **13** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **165** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **80** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **98** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **534** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **49** people and provided **22** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Windham County office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY '17, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2017 Overview
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 138 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

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

VLCT is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. The organization provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. VLCT represents cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and loudly, and also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities.

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

During the 2017 calendar year, in addition to providing responses to more than 3,700 telephone inquiries, holding 16 training sessions, and following approximately 300 separate pieces of legislation, 13 summer study committees, and developing VLCT's legislative platform with five municipal policy committees, VLCT celebrated its 50th anniversary. Throughout the year, VLCT recognized local officials and employees who have served a number of communities for 50 years, and highlighted some of the many successes of the organization and local government during the last 50 years. It was also an important year to look ahead, to consider new ideas, and to think about new programs and ways of delivering services to members that will address their changing needs in the coming years. VLCT launched a new website in June 2017 that, despite a few initial glitches, has functioned well and serves as a better connection point for members, thanks to consistent updates, new information, and easier navigation tools. VLCT has also moved the majority of its mission-critical IT systems to the "cloud" in an effort to provide more security for member information, greater protection against hacking attempts, and greater redundancy of access that will help the organization remain operational following a disaster scenario. The move to the cloud also reduces the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment.

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

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

VERMONT

State of Vermont
Department of Health
Brattleboro District Office
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Brattleboro, VT 05301
HealthVermont.gov

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[fax] 802-254-6360
[toll free] 888-253-8805

Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Stratton

Your local health district office is in Brattleboro at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community.

For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: The Health Department's 3-4-50 initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three (3) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diet that lead to four (4) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and lung disease that result in 59% of death in Windham county. The local office is working to get these sector partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help to reduce the chronic disease in our state.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served 980 pregnant women and children to age five in the District with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is $50 per person per month. WIC Clinics are held in Wilmington, Brattleboro, Townshend and Westminster.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017 (January-November) we responded to about 96 cases of reportable diseases in the District. In 2017, $15,014,203 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, including $938,595 in the Brattleboro District.

Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In the Brattleboro Health District, we are fortunate to work with 5 prevention coalitions who, in collaboration with other community partners, educate the community through forums, meetings and trainings about the importance of substance abuse prevention. The work includes working with youth and schools, medical practitioners and pharmacists. It supports efforts across the continuum of care including treatment, recovery and maintenance. For more information on your local coalition, visit: http://www.healthvermont.gov/local/brattleboro/alcohol-and-drug-abuse-prevention

Other: The district office supports Town Health Officers by providing annual training. This year twelve area Town Health Officers attended a training on hoarding disorder and how to best help the person in a hoarding environment.

VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

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

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, go to
https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf

State of Vermont
Dept. of Taxes

Dear Town Clerk:

In a review of income tax filings during 2017, we found about **65% of Vermont taxpayers qualified** to file their federal and state taxes for free through Vermont Free File, but **only about 2% of those eligible actually used Free File**. Once again, we are enlisting your help to distribute Vermont tax information to your community. We particularly want to get the word out about free tax help available to eligible Vermonters.

Free help is offered through several organizations. This year, we are emphasizing free tax services and assistance for eligible Vermonters through Vermont Free File, MyFreeTaxes, VITA/TCE, the AARP Foundation, and the IRS Agent Virtual Delivery Service.

As usual, we also are publicizing how to obtain paper forms. Requests for paper forms continue to decline as more taxpayers e-file their returns, but we recognize there is a still a need for those who prefer to file using paper forms or who do not have access to a computer and the internet.

This year, we have two color posters and a bookmark with information about free tax help and how to get paper forms. If you received a packet of similar materials (along with a Vermont Income Tax Return Booklet) in the mail last year, expect to receive them again.

These resources are also available online on our website:

- Color poster: Free Tax Help for Vermonters
- Color poster: 4 Ways to Get Your Vermont Income Tax Forms
- Bookmarks (2 sides): Free Tax Help for Vermonters/4 Ways to Get Your Vermont Income Tax Forms
- 2017 Income Tax Return Booklet—Coming soon at http://tax.vermont.gov/tax-forms-and-publications/individuals

Taxpayers may also find the following online through myVTax at www.myvtax.vermont.gov:

- File a Homestead Declaration
- File a Property Tax Adjustment Claim
- File a Renter Rebate Claim
- Generate a Landlord Certificate
- Check the Status of Your Return

Thank you for helping us distribute Vermont tax information to your community.

Lynette Kemp | Tax Education Supervisor
Policy, Outreach, and Legislative Affairs | Vermont Department of Taxes

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
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November 9, 2017

Re: **Request for FY18 Appropriation, Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program**

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **19 years** of the program, **1054 grants** totaling **$2.32 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

Over the past several years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. In 2017 we increased the maximum grant award amount from $4,000 to $5,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing RFP systems are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. In 2015 we began considering applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year. Please be on the look-out for the grant announcement post-card in March 2018.

The annual budget of the Rural Fire Protection Program is $190,000 per year, $110,000 of which is awarded in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the

program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a $100 appropriation in your 2018 town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received almost **$10,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

214 Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report of the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case it is required. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas Maclay

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Jill Arace, Executive Director
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Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

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Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
Bill Barry, Berlin VFD
Tess Greaves, Vermont Forest Parks & Recreation
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Jenny Nelson, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Christine Kaiser, Kaiser Farm, Stowe VT

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Stratton, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 84 homecare visits to 6 Stratton residents. This included approximately $5,088 in unreimbursed care to Stratton residents.

- Home Health Care: 84 home visits to 6 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Stratton's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jeanne A McLaughlin

Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

Wardsboro Public Library
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December 26, 2017

To the Town of Stratton,

The continuing willingness of the Town of Stratton to help support the operating expenses of the Wardsboro Library is much appreciated. This year the Library is requesting for fiscal 2018 - 2019 the amount of $5,125.00. This represents an increase of $125 over the $5,000 Stratton provided the Library in 2017.

At the 2017 town meetings the Library Trustees found it necessary to ask both Wardsboro and Stratton for major increases to make up for the fact that our requests over the past 8 years had fallen far short of the increasing annual costs of operating the Library.

This year's request is based on our best estimates of the increases in our expenses likely to occur during the next towns' fiscal year. It is our intent to do that year by year as we go forward so that we do not fall far short of the needed funding as occurred in the past.

We count on the Town of Wardsboro to cover the cost of the wages of the Library employees and the voters responded last year with a major increase to make that possible. It should be noted that those employees do not receive either health insurance or retirement benefits, unlike other town employees who are employed enough hours to be considered full-time.

Other operating costs of the Library, for example, books, supplies, programs, computers, and fiber optic WIFI and even cleaning, must be raised by the Trustees. The help from the Town of Stratton is an important factor in making that happen. During this past year the five Trustees conducted at least seven fund-raising events as well as our annual donation request letter. That was in addition to the requests to the Towns of Wardsboro and Stratton. Because we have no borrowing authority, any shortfalls become the full responsibility of the Trustees to make that up if the bills are to be paid.

We are grateful to the taxpayers, donors and patrons for continuing to support operating our extraordinary facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Backus, Mark Fernandes, Sheri Lewis, Nancy Perkins, Jeremy Schrauf - Trustees

Wardsboro Fire and Rescue
PO Box 151
Wardsboro, VT 05355
(802) 896-6760 Non Emergency

January 2, 2018

Town of Stratton Selectboard
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Stratton Select Board,
Please Include the Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Department for $5000.00 and Wardsboro Rescue for $3000.00 in your appropriations for the coming year.

We are grateful for your generous support in the past, and look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully,

Warner Manzke, Chief

Windham County Humane Society
Town Report July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Description of Services:
The Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) is a non-profit organization serving all residents of the towns of Windham County, Vermont. The mission of WCHS is to ensure the safety and well being of animals as well as enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.

Animal Intake and Outcome numbers: 1,816 animals came in to WCHS:

- 640 appointments at our Wellness clinic
- 332 animals were surrendered by their owners
- 14 animals were seized by law enforcement
- 280 animals were brought in as strays
- 475 animals came as transports from regions of the country were the euthanasia rate is high due to overpopulation
- 75 animals that were adopted out were returned to WCHS

Outcomes

- 851 animals were adopted
- 157 animals were reunited with their owner
- 50 animals (<5%) were euthanized for health or behavior issues. *WCHS does not euthanize for time or space.*
- 27 Animals were euthanized for owners who could not afford veterinary clinic fees for this service
- 13 animals died in care
- 24 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations
- 3 animals were dead on arrival.

The average length of stay for animals was 12 days. Total expenses for WCHS in 2016-17 were $537,288.

Spay/Neuter
WCHS hosts spay/neuter clinics for income eligible residents of Windham County. A simple application is required. The WCHS provides financial assistance to applicants who can't afford the fees and free spay/neuter for free-roaming, un-owned cats.

- WCHS spayed/neutered 381 cats, 73 dogs and 8 rabbits public animals and 449 shelter animals

Pet Care Assistance
This program provides basic preventative care, including vaccines, at low-to-no cost to low-income pet owners. Pet owners must apply and provide proof of residency in Windham County and proof of financial need

In 2016-17, we provided:

- Distemper vaccine to 68 dogs and 207 cats
- Rabies vaccine to 295 animals
- Microchips to 23 animals
- 502 doses of flea/tick preventative
- 90 doses of wormer
- 92 bags of prescription food

WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Keith D. Clark, Sheriff
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Stratton Report

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided an augmented police service to the people of Stratton FY2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) in the amount of $60000, or approximately 2000 hours of service for the year. Our office was able to provide 1921 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to 90 calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY17, we issued a total of 50 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to $5386.40 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 16 warnings were issued and 90 calls for service were answered.

Incidents	Qty
911 Hangup	1
Accident - damage	1
Assist - Agency	1
Assist - Citizen	1
Assist - Motorist	5
Burglary	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Property Watch	1
RFA - Service	1
Suspicious Event	3
Theft	1
Traffic Hazard	1
Traffic Stop	70
Vandalism	1
VIN verification	1
Grand Total	**90**

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Keith D. Clark

The Windham Regional Commission

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

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

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

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

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 24 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We coordinated the formation of the Green River Watershed Alliance, which builds off of the successful Saxtons River Collaborative, with funding through the High Meadows Fund. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. One provides assistance to schools and other public buildings to install modern wood-fueled heating systems. The other provides grants for renewable energy development. We've helped towns apply for grants to conduct road erosion inventories, and to do work to reduce road erosion. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (http://windhamregional.org/towns). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a $1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is $483. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2018, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

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2017 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) Mandated by Vermont Agency of Natural Resources:
Re-TRAC Reporting: WSWMD tracked tonnages of recyclables collected under the District's collection services for member towns.
SWIP Annual Requirements: Towns/solid waste entities are required to implement state materials management policies and meet a set of standards, deliverables, and Universal Recycling requirements.

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

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

Programs:

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

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

Grants:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Robert L. Spencer
Executive Director

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust

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

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

Homeownership Center

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

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

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

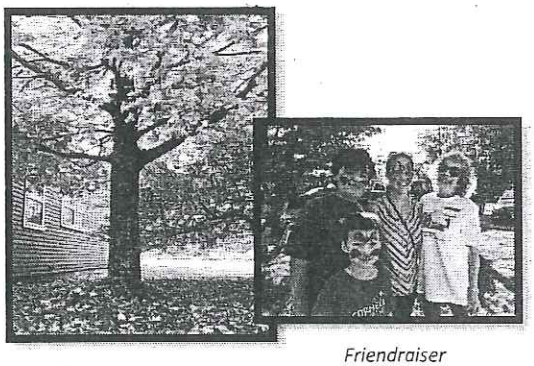
Rental Housing Development Program-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable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

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

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

Winhall Memorial Library
Annual Report
July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

Thank you for the support of the town and community. The enthusiasm for the library is infectious. The library is evolving with the times, as a dynamic space, with great books and media! Our patronage continues to grow, with regular attendance at each of our events.



Friendraiser

380 New Books added in FY 16/17	Over 230 Audiobooks in our collection	Over 200 DVDs (More than half received in donations)	220 Library Cards issued in FY 16/17	Over 300 Community Luncheon attendees/average 30 each month
	10 children completed Summer Reading Challenge	25 community members attended Summer Programming Kick-off	5 Artists Showings/2 Art Openings with over 50 in attendance	

Monthly Events at the WML

- Third Thursday Community Luncheon (12pm)-in collaboration with the Winhall Community Arts Center
- Book Discussion-books provided by the library each month
- Cookbook Club- the second Thursday of each month (will be compiling a cookbook to benefit the library and the food shelf)
- Winhall Memorial Library's Writers' Group the first Tuesday of each month (formed at the request of community members)
- Movie showings in conjunction with the Winhall Community Arts Center

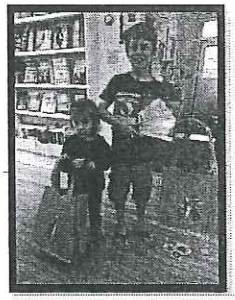
Magician Tom Joyce

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram
View our website:
www.winhallmemoriallibrary.org

Email winhalllibrary@comcast.net to be added to our monthly newsletter list.

Patron Computers, printer, and Free Wi-Fi

Library Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays 2pm-6pm
Saturdays 9am-1pm



First two children to complete the summer reading challenge.

Notable Highlights

Local Author Sonia Meyer attended our July Book Discussion to discuss her novel *Dosha.* Sonya generously donated copies of the book to all attendees.

The library was granted 30 copies of Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson, by Vermont Reads. These books were distributed to our patrons and a lively book discussion was held in April.

A lovely patron donated the beautiful quilt that we raffled off in September.

In July, a small group from the Burr and Burton Access program attended a field trip to the library.

The Winhall Memorial Library was an active participant in the Vermont Passport to Libraries program this summer. We were happy to stamp the passports of the visitors.

Local resident, Helen Vail, is currently displaying her husband's covered bridge exhibit at the library. Helen attended school in the building. We have a picture from 1935 with her and her fellow classmates. Helen proudly tells the story of how it was her job to feed the wood fired furnace.

There has been progress made in inventorying and automating the library collection.

The community came out to support the library at our annual Friendraiser; where we sold books, gave out free hotdogs, had face painting, and enjoyed music from the Merry Pranksters.

Winhall Memorial Library in the News!

The library has been featured in the October 12, 2016 issue of **The Message** and in a **GNAT News Project** feature in July 2017.

The library was featured in a full color program for the **Vermont Fairy Tale Festival**, which was given out to 550 attendees. The library was represented with a tent based on Little Red Riding Hood.

Thank you!

Thanks to the town for funding this amazing little library. I have set great goals for the library, and am happy to have the backing and support of the community.

Thanks to my trustees who support me in every way, while giving me the freedom to steer the library into the future.

Thanks to the wonderful volunteers; the library would not be a success without your help.

A special thanks to Laura Gianotti of the Winhall Community Arts Center! Laura's support, advice, and friendship has helped me to become a part of this wonderful community. The collaboration and partnership with the Community Center has been integral to the success of the library.

Thank you to our amazing patrons!

-Dawn Santos-Librarian/Director

Board of Trustees

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Women's Freedom Center's

Statement of Services
And
Report to the Town of Stratton

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and southern Windsor Counties. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,700 crisis telephone calls and provided hundreds of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to 638 women, 17 men, and 478 children who had been abused. In addition, we provided over 200 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout Windham County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,

Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

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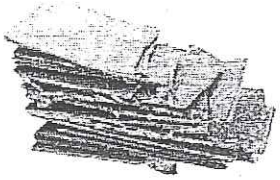
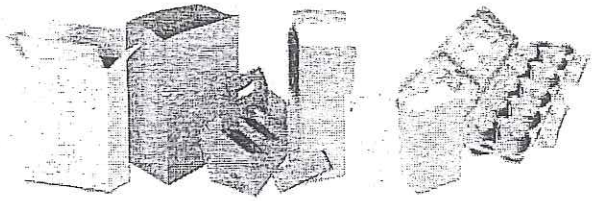
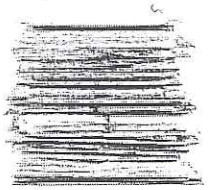
CARDBOARD/PAPER



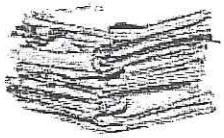
Corrugated Cardboard
(wavy center layer)



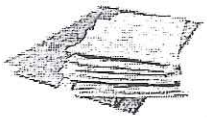
Boxboard and Paper Cartons
(dry-food boxes, cores, paper bags, egg, milk, and juice cartons)



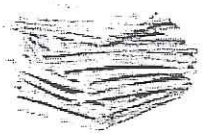
File Folders and Office Paper
(all colors)



Newspaper
(all sections, inserts)



Mail and Greeting Cards
(junk mail, envelopes)



Magazines and Phone Books
(catalogs, soft cover books)

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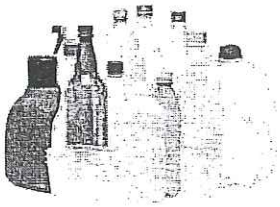
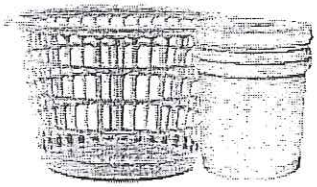


Plastic Containers
(#1–#7)



Large Rigid Plastics
(5-gallon pails, laundry baskets)

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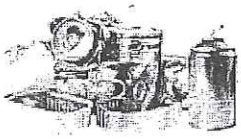

Empty Metal and Aerosol Cans
(aluminum, tin, foil)

GLASS

Glass Bottles
(food jars, beverage)

⊘ NOT ACCEPTED:

Plastic bags or wrapping, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, pyrex or other heat treated glass, ceramics, paper towel, facial tissue, styrofoam, recyclables containing food waste, paints, oils, hazardous material, needles, syringes, VCR tapes, CDs/DVDs, scrap metal, pots, pans, batteries, hard-cover books, clothing/textiles, wood/lumber, yard trimmings, 3-ring/spiral notebooks

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Town Garage Email:	garage@townofstrattonvt.com

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Selectmen:	2nd & 4th Monday of the month – 7:30 PM – Town Office
Planning Commission:	1st Wednesday of the month – 7:00 PM - Town Office
School Board:	1st Thursday of the month – 7:00 PM – Town Office
Volunteer Fire Co.:	2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month – 7:00 PM Meetings are held at the Fire House – 5 Brazers Way

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Town Garage Refuse/Recycling Hours:	Tues., Thurs., Sun. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Recreation Area Hours :	Lighting available as needed
Animal Control Officer:	Pat Salo 802-297-1032 Cell: 802-688-4020

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE & RESCUE	911
KEENE MUTUAL AID:	603-352-1291

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Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting