

Town of Albany, VT 2018 Annual Report

For year ending December 31, 2018



Dedicated to:

Janet Marie (Morey) Reed

September 6, 1949 – December 16, 2018

2018 Dedication in Memory of Janet Reed

Each year the auditors of the Town of Albany have the responsibility of deciding whether or not we want to make a dedication for the annual town report. There are many residents in this town who have given much of their time and numerous talents that it becomes harder each year to make the choice. This year the task was a little easier for us. With the passing of one of our own auditors with whom we have spent countless hours, we dedicate the 2018 Annual Report to Janet Reed.

Janet married her husband Allen, in 1983. They were no strangers to this area. Together they successfully managed many farms in the surrounding towns. They raised four children and many, many grandchildren. Janet believed in and taught them the simple and rewarding life of dairy farming. In 2005 Janet, Allen, and their family moved to Albany. Here they leased a farm from Jean and Norman Flint on Route 14. In 2014, they purchased that farm.

Janet was an amazing woman and possessed many talents. In the early years of her life she was a real estate agent, enjoyed landscaping, and built several homes in the area, a talent she learned to master the tools of, from her father. She was an author of her own book, wrote poetry, and had a keen, natural eye for wild life photography.

She loved her community. She served as part of Albany's auditing committee for the past six years. Janet was very involved in our Town Library. I spoke with others that worked with Janet; they could not say enough about her good deeds. Rachel Lafont, our Librarian for many years, recalls that she would have been lost in the computer world, if not for Janet's help. Janet made the library a better place, and states "she will be missed." Marsha Mongeon worked with Janet on the Library Board of Trustees. When Marsha joined the board in early 2000, Janet held the position of the Board's Treasurer. She reminded me that Janet was the driving force behind the library grants that we received. One such grant from the Historic Preservation program in 2010 realized the amount of \$27,000 which was used to make improvements not only to the library, but to the Town Hall as well. Marsha also noted that Janet was instrumental in helping the library qualify under the Vermont State Library rules and regulations to be certified. There is much more that we could share about this selfless and loving person, however space is limited.

Janet will be missed by so many. She was always there whenever anyone needed help; doing all of this while battling with cancer since 2011.

We thank God for the life of Janet, and with this dedication, we thank Janet for the many hours she devoted to our Town.

OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF ALBANY
For the year ending December 31, 2018

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Auditor's Report Year ending 2018

In our opinion, the financial statements for the Town of Albany referred to herein, present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Town's activities.

We reviewed all the funds in bank accounts, accounts payable, accounts receivable, Select Board orders, journals, ledgers, taxes, delinquent taxes, Fire Department, Town allotted funds and all other accounts held by the Town.

All bills presented to the Select Board for payments; we reviewed for accuracy, properly signed and paid. We have found that all financial accounts to be in order.

Thanks go to the Select Board for finding Brandy Inkel to help us as auditor for the last month. It makes the job a lot easier with three auditors.

With Janet Reed battling cancer and finally passing, we spent many extra hours at the auditing task, and she will be truly missed by all for her expertise.

And lastly, thanks again to Debbie Geoffroy for her support in helping us complete our audit.

Respectfully Submitted: January 29, 2019

H. Jane Rayner and Frank Jarvis, Albany Town Auditors

Treasurer's Report

Liabilities:

Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 3,160.71
Bond Principal & Interest Payment	42,305.60
Grader Payment	25,092.56
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept.	27,967.92
Highway Surplus – (Class 2, 3, & 4 Roads)	43,081.95
General Fund – Select Board Admin. Asst.	<u>8,175.88</u>

Total Liabilities:

\$ 149,784.62

Assets:

Delinquent Taxes	\$ 45,209.83
Cash on Hand	<u>454,210.47</u>

Total Assets:

\$ 499,420.30

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2018

\$ 324,645.09

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2019

\$ 349,635.68

Increase in Assets

\$ 24,990.59

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Gary Heath Mason
Town Clerk / Treasurer	Debra Ann Geoffroy
Assistant Clerk / Treasurer	Gloria Chicoine
Select Board	Phillip Beaudry, 2019 Brian Goodridge, 2020 S Christopher Jacobs, 2021 Select Board
Road Commissioner	Matthew Kittredge, 2019
School Board	Traci Lamarche, 2020 Neil Urie, 2021
Listers	Susan Richardson, 2019 Dylan Kinsey, 2020 Cathy Wilder, 2021
Auditors	Frank Jarvis, 2019 H. Jane Rayner, 2020 2021 Position Vacant Select Board
Constable	Michael Nelson
Town Agent	Kat Tolman
Town Grand Juror	Debra Ann Geoffroy
Delinquent Tax Collector	Jennifer Foehr-McKenzie
Director of Union School	Thomas Chaffee, Cathy Wilder
Justices of the Peace	Chad Tollmann, Cheryl Dewees, & Carl Chaffee
	Danielle Cote-Sukkaew elected 11/18/18 to replace Carl Chaffee who resigned

APPOINTEES:

Chair of the Select Board	S Christopher Jacobs
Clerk of the Select Board	Terri Campbell
Sexton: Town Cemeteries	Ruth Cross
Road Foreman	Paige Horner
Town Fire Warden & Emergency Management Coordinator	Gary Heath Mason
Tree Warden	Christopher Daniels
Pound Keeper	Vacant
Town Health Officer	Pam Krupa
911 Coordinator	Cathy Wilder
Planning Commission	Term Expires 2019, John Nielsen & Rob Dewees Term Expires 2020, Neil Urie & Jean Degre Term Expires 2021 Ed O'Leary, Melissa Larabee (3) Vacant Positions

**WARNING
TOWN MEETING 2019**

The legal voters of the Town of Albany are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Albany Town Hall, Tuesday, March 5, A.D. 2019 at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T. to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1. Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$825,073.00 ? Voting done by Australian ballot at the Albany Town Hall between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Art. 2. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear and dispose of the Auditor's Report.

Art. 4. Shall the Town of Albany assess a tax in the amount or \$13,022.31 for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$22,822.64 for Ambulance Service to the Town. \$17,822.64 for Orleans Emergency Unit and \$5,000.00 for Glover Ambulance Squad.

Art. 6. To see if the voters will change/set the Tax Due Date to the second Wednesday in November for collection of Taxes until voted otherwise.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes collected by the Town Treasurer.

Art. 8. To elect a Road Commissioner for a term of 1 year.

Art. 9. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.

Art. 10. To elect all other officers required to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting.

SELECT PERSON: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

LISTER: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

AUDITOR: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

AUDITOR: FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

1ST CONSTABLE: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

GRAND JUROR: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

TOWN AGENT: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$120,000.00 to defray all other expenses Of the Town not otherwise provided for. (General Fund)

- Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$230,000.00 for the maintenance of Class 2 & 3 Town Highways within the Town.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of Blacktop.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$6,000.00 for the summer maintenance of Class 4 roads within the Town.
- Art. 15. To hear the Report of the Planning Commission pertaining to Town Solar initiative and To spend up to \$55,000.00 for the purchase and installation of solar system for the Town.
- Art. 16. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to investigate improving public access to Hartwell Pond over the 0.71 acre parcel adjacent to Hartwell Pond, said parcel being Acquired by the Town of Albany by tax sale on October 10, 2017.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$25,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department to pay the members a small stipend for their work and trainings.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$16,000.00 for the maintenance of the Town Cemeteries & compensation for a Town Sexton.
- Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$500.00 for the Emergency Management Coordinator to attend trainings.
- Art. 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
- Art. 23. Will the Town raise the sum of \$4,000.00 to finance Recycling.
- Art. 24. To see how much if any, the Town will appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Albany Town Library.
- Art. 26. To see if the voters wish to continue the Albany Community Dinner held on the 2nd Monday of each month and raise a sum not to exceed \$1,500. in support of this event.

Art. 27. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$1,000.00 in support of The Albany Food Shelf and direct the Select Board to assess a tax sufficient to meet The same.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$14,169.00 for appropriations as requested, And direct the Select Board to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

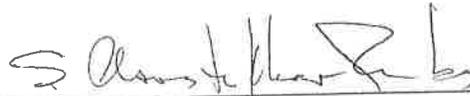
PLACE	2019 Request	2018 Amount
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
VT Center for Independent Living	150.00	150.00
Northeastern VT Development Association	706.00	706.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	988.00	988.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	200.00	200.00
Umbrella	700.00	700.00
Lake Region Senior Center –Voters removed last year	500.00	500.00
Orleans County Citizen Advocacy Program	500.00	500.00
VT Green Up, Inc.	50.00	50.00
American Red Cross, VT & NH Upper Valley Region	250.00	250.00
North Country Animal League	400.00	400.00
Orleans County Historical Society	525.00	500.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.	500.00	500.00
Rural Community Transport	600.00	600.00
VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	100.00	100.00
Albany Historical Society	1,000.00	1,000.00
Craftsbury Community Care Center	3,250.00	3,000.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	300.00	300.00
	\$ 14,169.00	\$ 13,894.00

Art. 29. Will the Town vote to exempt from taxation the Maple Valley Grange Hall and land Pursuant to Title 32, Section 3840 of V.S.A. This building and lot are owned by the Maple Valley Grange and must be voted on every 5 years.

Art. 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Art. 31. To adjourn.

Dated at Albany, Vermont, January 22, 2019.



S Christopher Jacobs



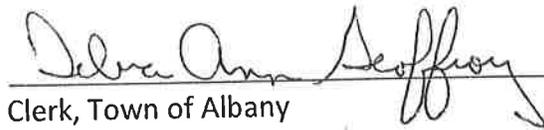
Phillip Beaudry and Brian Goodridge



Select Board, Town of Albany

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

ATTEST:



Clerk, Town of Albany

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING 2018

- Art. 1. NEKWMD Budget – Passed - \$760,519.00
- Art. 2. Moderator – Gary Heath Mason, 1 year term
- Art. 3. Sheriff’s Department Budget – Passed - \$12,643.02
- Art. 4. Auditor’s Report – Passed
- Art. 5. Taxes Collected by Town Treasurer - Passed
- Art. 6. Road Commissioner – Select Board, 1 year term
- Art. 7. Delinquent Tax Collector – Debra Ann Geoffroy, 1 year term
- Art. 8. Select Person – Chris Jacobs, 3 years term
Lister – Cathy Wilder, 3 years term
Auditor – Janet Reed, 3 years term
1st Constable – Select Board, 1 year term
Grand Juror – Kat Tolman, 1 year term
Town Agent – Michael Nelson, 1 year term
- Art. 9. General Fund - \$110,000.00 - Passed
- Art. 10. Class 2 & 3 Roads - \$230,000.00 - Passed
- Art. 11. Blacktop - \$20,000.00 - Passed
- Art. 12. Class 4 Roads - \$7,500.00 - Passed
- Art. 13. Planning Commission to pursue solar for Town – Passed to explore, no dollar amount passed
- Art. 14. Create Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept. - Passed
- Art. 15. Re-appropriate Fire Dept. funds to new name – Passed
- Art. 16. Fire Dept. Budget - \$25,000. / Vehicle Replacement - \$3,500. – Passed
- Art. 17. Glover Orleans Ambulance - \$6,000.00 – Passed
- Art. 18. Cemeteries - \$16,000.00 - Passed
- Art. 19. Emergency Management Coordinator - \$500.00 – Passed
- Art. 20. Authorize Select Board to borrow money - Passed
- Art. 21. Recycling - \$4,200.00 – Passed
- Art. 22. Memorial Day - \$150.00 – Passed
- Art. 23. Library - \$7,000.00 - Passed
- Art. 24. Appropriations –Requests for \$13,894.00 – Passed*
- Art. 25. Other Business – No Dumping signs on Larabee Hill / Change Town Meeting to Saturday /ACT on General Store revitalization / Library events and hours / Pledge of Alliance / Moderator meeting skills.
- Art. 26. Adjourn – Passed

*If you would like to see information on the various agencies listed in Article 24, please go to the Town Clerk’s Office to request them.

Albany Selectboard Message

Highlights of 2018 and Requests for 2019

Roads:

The road crew was busy with two large grant projects during the summer and fall. Center Hill Rd. had a large outcropping of ledge removed, with new culverts added and ditches redone to make the entire length of Center Hill Rd. comply with the new State standards for erosion prevention. Another section was redone on Larabee Hill. This section has always been a problem due to the steepness of the road, and the amount of water that flows down it. These projects were done with grant money, with the Town having to inject 10% of our own money to secure these types of grant funds. A new box culvert was also installed on Page Pond Rd. This was a much larger project that was predominantly funded thru the State, and required an outside contractor to complete. Hence, the road had to be closed for a few weeks.

This year, the road crew will focus on getting more gravel out onto the roads. With the amount of grant projects over the last two years, gravel had been placed on the back burner, but now these needs will be addressed. We hope Mother Nature cooperates by giving us a little more moisture this summer to help control the dust. The chloride we use is activated by moisture, so when it doesn't rain, the chloride dries up. Also, you can't grade the road when it is so dry, as you are working with nothing but powder on the top layer. We shall wait and see what summer brings us.

Recycling/Garbage:

The recycling and garbage continues to be a well-managed service for our community. As we exceed our garbage goals, this service remains self-funded. Also with the extra revenue we will again offer (2) Bulky Days – May 18th & October 5th plus (1) Hazardous Household Waste Day – May 18th.

Cemeteries:

The Selectboard officially took control of the Albany Village Cemetery on May 1st and successfully engaged Ruth Cross as our Town Sexton. At a special town meeting, a simple list of rules was created for Albany Village and all the other Town cemeteries. Also last year, desperately needed tree removal was completed at the Rowell Cemetery. For 2019 we will be focusing our attention on fences, repairing some roads in the Albany Village cemetery, and resetting cemetery stones to straighten them upright as funding allows.

Budgets:

We finished 2018 coming within our budget on most items with the exception of the General Fund. The General Fund is over a substantial amount due to the *Sanville vs. Town of Albany* lawsuit which is discussed on a separate page. After subtracting out this lawsuit's legal fees, we were still over budget by approximately \$3,000.

General Fund:

Last year we raised \$110,000. As we ran a little over budget, this year we will be asking for \$120,000. The increase will help us do some further maintenance on the Fire Dept. and Town Clerk buildings, such as pressure washing. We would like to thank *Ruth and Reg Cross* for donating their time to repaint the interior of the Town Clerk office; the Town only had to supply the paint. Some of this increase we are asking for will cover our new town lawyer. Angela Ross always provided the Town with little or no cost guidance which was very much appreciated for many years! It seems nowadays every step you take involves consulting with a lawyer. Luckily, we still have enough left over to fund our administrative assistant for another year; this funding was approved a few years back and was earmarked specifically for this purpose.

Roads:

Last year we raised \$230,000. We will be asking for the same amount in 2019.

Blacktop:

Last year we asked for \$20,000; we will be asking for \$20,000 again. One thing to note is this year is our turn to receive paving funds from the State. We use this fund to help meet our percentage of money required to match what the State gives us for paving.

Class 4 Roads:

Last year we asked for \$7,500. We will be asking for \$6,000 this year. We strive to start each year with a balance of \$10,000. This year we brush hogged both Pitkin Rd. and Dwyer Rd. It was very difficult to do any repairs on these roads since trying to access them would scratch the Town trucks up.

Cemeteries:

Last year we raised \$16,000. We will be asking for the same amount in 2019.

Recycling:

Last year we raised \$4,200. We will be asking for \$4,000 in 2019.

Hope everyone has a good winter and we look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 5th at 9:00AM, Albany Town Hall.

Many Thanks, Albany Selectboard

Sanville vs. Town of Albany Lawsuit

Dear Albany Taxpayers:

The Selectboard thought it is important to keep everyone up to date on the Hartwell Pond Lawsuit, hence we are providing you with this narrative. The 40 acres on Hartwell Pond was donated to the Town of Albany back in 1955. In the deed it was stated that "the land was to be used for a memorial 4H forest, for use by young people in particular, and for 4H recreation and forestry purposes". After hearing at a Town Meeting that the plantation timber was in bad shape and needed attention, we decided to take a closer look this property.

It was brought to our attention that the land had language in the deed that needed to be followed. After reading the deed, the Selectboard felt that the deed was being violated by doing nothing with the property. Therefore, the Selectboard met with the County Forester and the UVM Extension Service representative (who oversees 4H in the State of Vermont) at the property, to review options for this parcel. The Selectboard drafted a memo outlining what we thought would be proper uses for the property to accomplish the donor's wishes and also to benefit the Town's people and the public in general, without raising taxpayer money to accomplish the below stated goals.

- Harvest timber on property, removing 75 year old plantation that had not been thinned over the years and was starting to die off and blow over.
- Create a parking area for school buses etc. using existing log landing.
- Make an additional access on the lower portion of property to be closer to the pond for easier non-motorized boat access to the pond.
- Erect a small pavilion and a few campsites (maybe a little flat patch to pitch tents) for 4H, school, and the public to use.
- Build a pathway/trail to Hartwell Pond, for people to carry canoes and kayaks down from the upper area, and for school children and 4H groups to study the shoreline.

The one thing we knew was that something had to be done with the plantation, however the remaining steps still needed to be researched and more fully developed as we moved forward in the process.

The County Forester gave us two recommendations on the plantation. One was to do patch cuts and hope the remaining trees, which were in the 75 year old range, would not blow over. Being red pine, it is prone to wind damage. The other option would be to cut the whole plantation and let it regenerate, or do some replanting with 4H groups, school children and townspeople. The Selectboard chose the latter option. The Selectboard also wanted to move quickly as to take advantage of record high softwood prices. In hindsight, if the plantation had been managed over the past 60 years, it could have been in a more viable condition.

After the plantation was cut, a lawsuit was placed against the Town to stop any further work on the property. The lawsuit, Sanville vs. Town of Albany, is trying to place a permanent injunction on this property so it would not be open to the public. The

Selectboard feels that we can fully meet the deed requirements and still allow the general public to have use of the property.

Two weeks passed from the time the Town was notified to cease logging before the town could have their day in court. The judge said that the timber could be pulled out, but all money after the logger was paid, was to be placed into an escrow account so the Town could not use it. The Selectboard had previously approved at a regular Selectboard meeting to open a checking account where all logging money from this property would be deposited and be used solely on this property. Within the two-week period that the Town could not extract and ship the logs to the mill, the softwood market took a huge dip in prices, resulting in the loss of \$15,000- \$18,000 dollars in timber value; a direct loss due to Sanville vs. Town of Albany. The Selectboard would like to note that our Town's attorney and UVM's attorney read the deed and did not think that any of our activities would go against the deed language. At this point all that was done was harvest the softwood plantation.

The Town went to court and expressed that we did not think this lawsuit could be brought against the Town because the person that filed it was not a town resident, and they have no actual interest, and by not being a relative of the grantor of the land to be able to take the land back. The grandson of the grantor was found by the party suing the Town and was in court to say he felt the Town violated the deed and now wants the land back. However, he also stated he would probably sell it back to the landowners on Hartwell Pond. He also said he wasn't sure if he was going to bring legal action against the Town in order to take back the land, since he claims the deed was violated.

It was decided by the Judge that this nonresident could bring the lawsuit against the Town and also added the grandson into the lawsuit even though he had not at the time of this writing, asked to join the lawsuit. The Selectboard feels the Judge overstepped his decision and made some assumptions that may not be accurate. One item that the party suing the Town is adamant about is that the Town does not have the right to allow people to use this property to gain access onto Hartwell Pond, since it does not say in the deed that the 'general public' could use the land. The Selectboard feels this is not an accurate interpretation. If the land was granted to the Town the grantor must have expected the public to be on the property. If the land was just for 4H, it could have been deeded directly to UVM Extension Service since they have overseen 4H activities in Vermont since 1913.

It should also be noted that in our Town Plan, it was stated that the townspeople wanted to be able to recreate on this property. Another item to keep in mind is that every taxpayer has contributed thru their taxes for the Town to have this property. The Selectboard feels this is very unfortunate that Sanville vs. Town of Albany was brought against our Town. The Town has done nothing wrong and we feel the need to defend this asset that the town owns. Litigation is a very expensive process, however keep in mind the Town is responding to a lawsuit that was brought against the Town. We hope to have more updates at Town Meeting. Thank you for your support on this issue!

Town of Albany Selectboard - January 8, 2019

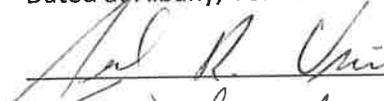
**WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING
ALBANY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

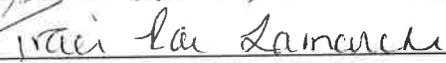
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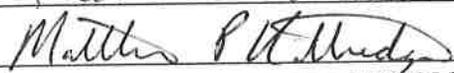
The legal voters of the Town School District of Albany are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Albany on Tuesday, the 5th day of March 2019 at 1:00 pm to transact the following business, namely:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the district officers.
- Article 3: To elect the following officers as provided by statute:
- A) A school director for a term of three years.
 - B) A school director for the Lake Region Union High School District for a three-year term.
- Article 4: To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money to pay indebtedness and current expenses of the District.
- Article 5: To act on any other business, which may legally come before, said meeting.
- Article 6: To adjourn.

Dated at Albany, Vermont this 17 day of January 2019.

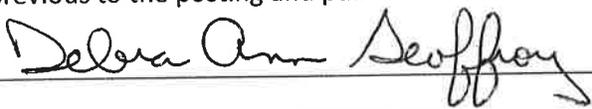






ALBANY SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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



ALBANY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

General Orders

School Tax	\$ 1,077,752.07
Salaries, Social Security & Medicare (Town Share)	92,519.32
Appropriations, Dues & Taxes	80,296.85
Transfer of Funds to Promise Grant Account	56,135.67
Bond Loan – principal & interest to Bond Bank	43,405.90
Overpayment of Taxes	28,326.14
Insurance	25,876.50
Administration Expense	13,496.71
Legal Fees	11,980.83
Trash Expense	9,366.39
Cemetery Mowing (6 Town Cemeteries)	9,310.00
Re-Appraisal Fund – Grand List Maintenance/Fair Market Value Study	6,365.00
Town Hall & Library	4,510.36
Town Office Maintenance	3,500.00
Utilities – Town Office	3,056.86
Recycling	2,534.06
Cemetery Tree Removal	2,500.00
State of Vermont – Dog License Surcharge	1,520.00
Retirement – Town Share for Clerk/Treasurer	1,440.00
Auditor Memorial	960.00
EMC Conference (Gary Heath Mason)	334.19
Angela Ross Trust Account – Tax Sale	306.56
Mileage Reimbursement – Animal Control Officer	93.74
Mileage Reimbursement – Lister's Field Visits	<u>87.75</u>
Total	\$ 1,475,674.90

Summer Road Orders

Culvert Replacement – Page Pond Road	\$ 96,600.00
Labor	45,620.78
Equipment Rental – Grant Projects	15,000.00
Gravel & Sand –Screening at Town Pit	11,905.00
Fuel & Lubricant	11,817.51
Chloride	11,562.56
Trucks, Repairs & Maintenance	11,482.42
Equipment Rental	9,258.00
Culverts	7,887.50
Erosion Stone	6,250.03
Salt for Winter Sand	4,915.64
Roadside Mowing	4,438.65
Engineering – Page Pond Road Culvert	4,112.50
Bridge Decking & Railing	3,041.45
Tree Removal	2,583.00

Retirement, Town Share – Road Crew Personnel	2,447.47
Garage Security System	2,416.32
Erosion Mat	2,116.00
Mileage Reimbursement	1,906.98
Utilities	1,316.67
Garage Tools & Supplies	1,209.26
Uniform Service	1,077.51
Street Sweeping	900.00
Gravel Pit Work	725.89
Johnson Road – Winter Maintenance	700.00
Dense Grade Ledge	617.56
Chain Saw Purchase	616.38
Road Signs	563.68
Grass Seed	311.72
Pump Holding Tank at Town Garage	299.00
Watershed Mgt. Division – Admin. Fee	240.00
Chainsaw & Weed Wacker Repair	183.20
Chloride Trailer & Sprayer Repair	170.92
Gabian Stone	169.51
Pit Class	150.00
Electrical Repair	79.12
Insurance	60.00
Erosion Control Workshop	50.00
Camera Memory Cards	34.99
Mulch Hay	25.00
Total	\$ 264,862.22

Winter Road Orders

Labor	\$ 56,108.77
Fuel & Lubricant	30,432.24
Grader Payment	25,092.56
2012 Truck Payoff	25,030.04
Insurance	22,863.50
Culvert Replacement - Page Pond Road	20,000.00
Blacktop	20,000.00
Equipment Rental	12,095.00
Grader & Loader	10,752.83
Trucks, Repairs & Maintenance	5,656.82
Wings, Sanders, Plows & Chains	4,458.13
Retirement, Town Share – Road Crew Personnel	3,008.54
Utilities	2,096.96
Explore Possible Gravel Source	1,800.00
Screening Sand at Town Pit	1,628.00
Garage Tools & Supplies	1,548.67
Garage Overhead Doors – repairs & replacement	1,475.00
Mileage Reimbursement	1,467.39

Uniform Service	1,239.12
Radio Repair	927.00
Engineering, Page Pond Road Culvert	450.00
Legal Fees	450.00
Screening Gravel at Town Pit	427.50
Electrical Work at Town Garage	412.00
Welder	308.36
Chloride	87.96
Yearly Fire Extinguisher Service	78.82
Time Cards	70.00
Bucket Tines Repair	60.00
Generator	59.39
Chain Saws	37.99
Road Signs	37.94
Bridge Supplies	29.28
Advertising	25.18
Mulch Hay	25.00
Pre-Employment Drug Test	20.00
Pressure Washer	17.49
Core Charge	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$ 250,287.48

ROAD SUMMARY

Available Road Funds:

Town Highway Tax (includes Class 2, 3, 4 and Blacktop)	\$ 257,500.00
State of Vermont – Highway Aid	112,241.99
State of Vermont – Grant Reimbursement on Page Pond Road Culvert	104,940.00
Town Grader Tax	25,092.56
State of Vermont – Better Roads Grant / Center Hill Road	20,000.00
Northwest Regional Planning Commission Grant /Hitchcock Hill Road	9,225.00
State of Vermont – Engineering Grant – Page Pond Road Culvert	4,308.75
Town of Lowell- Plowing & Sanding 2017-2018 Season	4,000.00
Town of Lowell – Eden Road & Bailey Hazen Road Work Reimbursement	1,903.50
Alfred Larrabee – V-Box Sander Sale	1,300.00
State of Vermont – Civil Fines Reimbursement	1,222.62
VLCT PACIF – Grant Reimbursement on Garage Security System	1,208.16
Town of Calais – Grader Blade Sale	1,200.00
Overweight Permits	235.00
Burlington Communications – Overpayment Reimbursement	160.00
Peters’ General Contracting, Inc. – Sale of 2 yds. of sand	16.00
Road Surplus Carry Forward	<u>33,299.79</u>
Total Available Road Funds for 2018	\$ 577,853.37

Total Road Expenses:	
Summer Road Orders	\$ 264,862.22
Winter Road Orders	<u>250,287.48</u>
Total Road Expenses for 2018	\$ 515,149.70

Road Surplus **\$ 62,703.67**
Of the Road Surplus please note that \$25,092.56 is for the Grader payment due in April 2019 and \$3,675.23 is Class 4 road money. Therefore the surplus carry forward amount is actually \$33,935.88.

2017 – 2018 Comparisons

	2017	2018
Loader & Grader	\$ 5,263.13	\$ 10,752.83
Fuels & Lubricants	30,569.21	42,249.75
Winter Sand & Salt	15,816.11	13,948.64
Plows, Sander, Wings & Chains	9,364.47	4,458.13
Blacktop	20,000.00	20,000.00
Culverts	7,675.51	7,887.50
Gravel & Stone	26,505.93	11,347.04
Chloride	8,352.05	11,650.52
Road Signs	1,878.61	601.62
Garage Tools & Supplies	2,600.14	2,757.93
Radios	387.50	927.00
Truck Repairs & Maintenance	23,312.81	17,139.24
Chain Saws & Weed Wacker	527.93	837.57
Grass Seed	491.97	311.72
Uniform Service	2,764.81	2,316.63
Bridge Supplies	84.15	3,070.73
Welder	333.88	308.36
Chloride Pump, Tank & Trailer	762.72	170.92
Mulch	-0-	50.00
Work Orders & Time Cards	69.00	70.00
Electrical Work & Repairs	570.96	491.12
Advertising	125.88	25.18
Erosion Mat	1,850.00	2,116.00
Road Camera	22.99	34.99
Overhead Door Repair	297.00	1,475.00
Tree Removal	75.00	2,583.00
Pressure Washer Repair	-0-	17.49
Generator	-0-	59.39
Bucket Tines Repair	-0-	60.00
Core Charge	-0-	10.00
Garage Security System	-0-	2,416.32
Dense Grade Ledge	-0-	617.56

BLACKTOP MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2018	\$ 26,990.80
Income: Town of Albany – 2018 Tax Raised	20,000.00
Income: Community National Bank – 2018 Interest	<u>46.22</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 47,037.02
Expenses – None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2018	\$ 47,037.02

CLASS 4 ROAD WORK – 2018 BREAKDOWN

Equipment Rental	\$ 3,750.00
Gravel	672.00
Dense Grade Ledge	617.56
Legal Fees	450.00
Town Trucks	347.63
Town Labor	266.00
Town Grader	168.75
Mileage Reimbursement	33.25
Town Loader	<u>22.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,327.19
Total Funds Raised in 2018	\$ 7,500.00
2017 Carry Forward	<u>2,502.42</u>
Total Class 4 Road Surplus as of December 31, 2018	\$ 3,675.23

This Class 4 Road work was done on Gluck Road, Burbank Road, Centebar Road (class 4 section), Goddard Lot Road, Pitkin Road (class 4 section), Horace Way Road, Daniels Road (class 4 section), and Dyer Road.

BREAKDOWN OF YEARLY INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Total Paid	\$ 48,446.00
Road Fund Share	\$ 22,863.50
General Fund Share	\$ 25,582.50
Town share of General Fund Share	\$ 16,932.00
Fire Department Share of General Fund Share	\$ 10,095.00
Both Shares paid for by Town, not Fire Department	

RECYCLING REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2018	\$ 1,652.87
Income: 2018 Tax Raised for Recycling	\$ 4,200.00
Town of Irasburg - ½ Share of Cost	4,134.51
Gates Salvage - Metal Dumpster at Center	309.85
Tire Recycling -	<u>149.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 10,446.23
Expenses: Attendant	\$ 5,905.25
Recycling Pick-Up Fee	960.00
Plowing & Sanding	945.00
Electric at Recycling Building	293.77
Tire Pick-Up Fee	285.00
Attendant reflective jacket	<u>50.29</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 8,439.31
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2018	\$ 2,006.92

TRASH REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2018	\$ 3,297.04
Income: Trash Disposal	\$ 10,455.00
Town of Irasburg - ½ cost of bulky days	<u>1,568.53</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 15,320.57
Expenses: Myers Container Service Corp. - Trash Dumpster	\$ 6,192.09
Myers Container Service Corp - Bulky Day Dumpsters	2,310.70
NEK Waste Mgmt. District - Surcharge on Bulky Day Dumpster	411.51
The Chronicle, Inc. - Bulky Day Advertising	210.60
NEK Waste Mgmt. District - Compost Pick-up	173.50
Pick & Shovel - Heater for Attendant	42.99
Reg Shatney - Gas for vehicle to stay warm	<u>25.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 9,366.39
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2018	\$ 5,954.18

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

The Town raised \$110,000.00 in tax dollars for the General Fund in 2018.

Breakdown of General Fund Expenditures:

Salaries	\$ 44,051.90
Insurance	25,876.50
Social Security & Medicare – Town Share	13,803.82
Administrative Expense	12,857.77
Legal Fees	11,980.83
Town Office Maintenance	3,500.00
Appropriations, Dues & Taxes	2,246.00
Town Hall/Library Fuel	2,151.47
Retirement – Town Share, Town Clerk/Treasurer	1,440.00
Electric – Town Office	1,307.66
Fuel – Town Office	1,249.20
In Memory of Town Auditor	960.00
Electric – Town Hall & Library	676.19
Plowing & Sanding – Town Hall/Library	645.00
Water Rent – Town Office	500.00
Pumping Septic – Town Hall & Library	390.00
Tax Sale	306.56
Furnace Repair – Town Hall	184.70
Water Rent – Town Hall/Library	125.00
Door Lock – Town Hall	99.17
Mileage Reimbursement – Animal Control Officer	93.74
Mileage Reimbursement – Listers	87.75
Outdoor Signs – Town Hall	53.40
Yearly Fire Extinguisher Service – Town Hall/Library	33.32
Cellar Stairs Light – Town Hall	28.61
Felt Pads for Tables – Town Hall	21.53
Recycle Container – Town Hall	<u>19.97</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 124,690.09
Total over Budget	\$ 14,690.09
Less Legal Fees	<u>11,980.83</u>
Total over Budget less Legal Fees	\$ 2,709.26

TOWN'S FIXED ASSETS & TOWN'S VALUE OF BUILDINGS & LAND

Town Hall Building & Land – Main Street	\$ 248,900
Town Office, Fire Station & Land – Main Street	\$ 841,500
Town Gravel Pit, Land & Garage – Delano Road	\$ 117,600
Town Garage, Sand Shed & Land – Center Hill Road	\$ 205,000
Recycling Center Building & Land – Main Street	\$ 46,000
Land near Hartwell Pond w/ .71 acre recently obtained – Hartwell Pond Rd.	\$ 116,500
Ball Park – Main Street	\$ 35,700
Town Cemeteries – various locations	\$ 125,600

Plus: Trucks, Grader, Loader, Culvert Thawer, Plows, Sanders, Wings, Chloride Trailer & Sprayer, Fire Trucks & Equipment

RE-APPRAISAL ACCOUNT REPORT

Balance as of January 4, 2018	\$ 39,708.92
Income: State of Vermont – Grand List Maintenance	\$ 6,365.00
Town of Irasburg – Lister Training ½ cost	67.50
Community National Bank – 2018 Interest	21.85
Sale of Mapping CD's	<u>15.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 46,178.27
Expenses: NEMRC, LTD – Annual CAMA Disaster Recovery Agreement	\$ 652.39
VT. Dept of Taxes – Marshall & Swift Cost Tables 7/16-6/18	501.50
NEMRC, LTD – CAMA Seminar for 2 Listers	270.00
Apex Software – Maintenance Renewal – 1 year	<u>215.00</u>
Total Expenses for 2018	\$ 1,638.89
Balance of Funds as of January 4, 2019	\$ 44,539.38

CEMETERY REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2018	\$ 1,858.06
Income: Town of Albany - 2018 Tax Raised	<u>\$ 16,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 17,858.06
Expenses: Andre Lamarche – Mowing (5) Town Cemeteries	\$ 6,560.00
Dennis Walker – Mowing Village Cemetery	2,750.00
LaBounty & Sons Tree Service – Tree Removal	2,500.00
Ruth Cross – Sexton Stipend	2,000.00
St. John of the Cross Cemetery – 2018 Appropriation	<u>600.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 14,410.00
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2018	\$ 3,448.06

The Town received ownership of the Village Cemetery in 2018. The funds turned over to the Town from the Albany Cemetery Association were placed into a separate account. The Albany Cemetery Association had earmarked most of these funds for special projects, so the Select Board decided at their Nov. 20th meeting to honor those projects and the money received will remain separate for now. The balance of this fund is \$10,280.74. The money from sale of lots at all Town cemeteries and burials is deposited into this fund.

GOOD NEIGHBOR ACCOUNT

This is the payments from Green Mountain Power for the Wind Towers.

Balance as of January 1, 2018	\$ 127,591.08
Income: Green Mountain Power – 2017 Payment	\$ 60,278.62
Community National Bank – 2018 Interest	<u>2,706.10</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 190,575.80
Expenses: None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2018	\$ 190,575.80

This is the 6th year of a Ten year payment. This money was voted to be an equipment replacement fund.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION FUND

This fund is intended for upgrades to the Town Hall.

Balance as of January 1, 2018	\$ 369.02
Income: Pie & Poetry Event	9.00
Community National Bank – 2018 Interest	<u>.38</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 378.40
Expenses: None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2018	\$ 378.40

TOWN RECEIPTS

January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Beginning Cash on Hand 1/1/18	\$ 457,152.41
Received from:	
STATE OF VERMONT	
Highway Aid	\$ 112,241.99
Page Pond Road Culvert Replacement	104,940.00
Promise Grant Funds	56,135.67
Hold Harmless Payment – Current Use	39,117.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment	23,114.30
Better Roads Grant – Center Hill Road	20,000.00
Grand List Maintenance	6,365.00
Engineering Grant – Page Pond Road Culvert Replacement	4,308.75
Civil Fines Reimbursement	1,222.62
PILOT Payment	420.33
Recording Fees	150.00
	<u>\$ 368,015.66</u>
TOWN TREASURER	
2018 Property Taxes	\$ 1,423,669.85
Recording Fees	9,231.25
Surcharge on Dog Licenses	1,520.00
Dog License Money	1,076.00
	<u>\$ 1,435,497.10</u>
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	
2017 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 26,048.41
2017 Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,903.97
2017 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	1,754.13
2017 Delinquent Taxes from Attorney A. Ross	20,564.52
2017 Interest on Delinquent Taxes from Attorney A. Ross	3,393.16
2017 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes from Attorney A. Ross	1,645.16
2018 Delinquent Taxes	52,278.59
2018 Interest on Delinquent Taxes	795.29
2018 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	4,266.87
	<u>\$ 112,650.10</u>
MISCELLANEOUS	
Overpayment of 2018 Property Taxes	\$ 21,540.54
2017 Tax Sale Redeemed Properties	21,466.65
Recycling Attendant – Trash Disposal Fee	10,455.00
Northwest Regional Planning Commission – Grant Reimbursement	9,225.00
Overpayment of 2017 & 2018 Delinquent Taxes & Fees	6,785.60
Lake Region Union High School – True-Up Refund	5,444.92
Albany Library Association – Librarian Payroll	4,413.31
Town of Irasburg – ½ Cost of Recycling	4,134.51
Town of Lowell – Plowing & Sanding 2017-18 Season	4,000.00
Community National Bank – Interest on Checking	3,348.59
Town of Lowell – Eden Road & Bailey Hazen Road Work	1,903.50
Town of Irasburg – ½ Cost of Bulky Day	1,568.53
Albany Community School District – True-Up Refund	1,543.59
Alfred Larrabee – V-Box Sander Purchase	1,300.00

Town of Calais – Grader Blade Purchase	\$ 1,200.00
VLCT PACIF – Town Garage Security Camera Grant	1,208.16
David Rowell – Post Office Lot Rent	1,200.00
Promise Grant – Reimbursement for Employee Hours	698.38
Staples – Voided Check	618.94
Frank Jarvis – Town Hall Rent	500.00
Reynolds & Son – Voided Check	436.10
Gates Salvage – Metal Dumpster at Recycling	309.85
Voided Check – Credit Fire Dept. Funds	262.20
Over Weight Permits	235.00
VLCT PACIF – WC Audit Refund	175.00
Burlington Communications – Overpayment	160.00
Tire Collection at Recycling	149.00
Promise Grant – Reimbursement of Office Supplies & Postage	53.44
Lister’s Workshop Reimbursement	20.00
Peter’s General Contracting – 2 yds. of Sand	16.00
Photo Copies	4.00
	<u>\$ 104,375.81</u>

Total Receipts **\$ 2,020,538.67**

Total Receipts, plus cash on hand - 1/1/18 **\$ 2,477,691.08**

Disbursements:

Select Board’s General Orders	\$ 1,450,674.90
Select Board’s Summer Road Orders	\$ 264,862.22
Select Board’s Winter Road Orders	\$ 250,287.48
Select Board’s Fire Department Orders	<u>\$ 57,655.71</u>
Total Orders Paid	\$ 2,023,480.31

Ending Cash on Hand - 12/31/2018 **\$ 454,210.77**

To Balance w/Checking Account **- .30**

\$ 454,210.47

TREASURERS TAX ACCOUNT

Collected by Treasurer		
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 1,423,669.85	
Pre-bate Credits	327,886.03	
Lease Land Credit	<u>6.00</u>	
Total Tax Collected by Treasurer		\$ 1,751,561.88
Delinquent Tax		<u>97,488.42</u>
Total Tax to be accounted for:		\$ 1,849,050.30
Taxes Collected by Delinquent Tax Collector		\$ 52,278.59
Taxes Collected by Treasurer		<u>1,751,561.88</u>
Total 2018 Taxes Collected		\$ 1,803,840.47
Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/18		\$ 45,209.83
Total 2018 Taxes to be accounted for:		\$ 1,849,050.30

2018 Tax Rate	Homestead Tax Rate	1.8473
	Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.9097

TREASURERS SUMMARY

SALARIES & SOCIAL SECURITY – General & Road Orders

Paige Horner – Road Foreman/Truck Driver	\$ 54,182.75
Jonathon Rowell – Road Laborer/Truck Driver	44,067.05
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Town Clerk/Treasurer	24,000.00
Kristin Urie – Librarian	10,211.25
Reginald Shatney – Recycling/Trash Attendant	5,905.25
Gloria Chicoine – Assistant Clerk/ Treasurer and Office Cleaning	5,704.64
Therese Campbell – Select Board Administrative Assistant	3,768.75
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Delinquent Tax Collector	3,394.10
Cathy Wilder – Lister & 911 Coordinator	2,692.13
Susan Richardson – Lister & Ballot Clerk	2,359.88
Ruth Cross – Sexton	2,000.00
Gary Mason – Road Laborer/Truck Driver	1,914.00
Samuel Peters – Road Laborer/Truck Driver	1,770.00
S Christopher Jacobs – Select Board	1,400.00
Brian Goodridge – Select Board	1,400.00
Phillip Beaudry – Select Board	1,400.00
H. Jane Rayner – Auditor	960.00
Francis Jarvis – Auditor	960.00
Janet Reed – Auditor	960.00
Carl Chaffee – Mowing Ball Park & Behind Town Clerk Office	900.00
Dylan Kinsey – Lister	422.50
Donna Owens – Animal Control Officer	388.50
William Doherty – Constable	300.00
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Town Clerk Fees (not paid for by Town)	9,381.25
EFPTS – Social Security & Medicare – Town Share	13,803.82

APPROPRIATIONS, DUES & TAXES – General Fund

Albany Community School District	\$ 700,754.40
Lake Region Union High School District	376,997.67
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department	25,000.00
Orleans County Sheriff's Department	15,619.69
Orleans County Treasurer	13,437.16
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department – Vehicle Replacement Fund	3,500.00
Glover Ambulance Squad, Inc.	3,000.00
Orleans Emergency Unit	3,000.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	3,000.00
Craftsbury Community Care Center	3,000.00
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	2,096.00
Albany Historical Society	1,000.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	988.00
Northern Vermont Development Association	706.00
Umbrella, Inc.	700.00
Rural Community Transport	600.00
St. John of the Cross Cemetery	600.00
Lake Region Senior Center	500.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy Program	500.00
Orleans County Historical Society	500.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.	500.00
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	450.00

North County Animal League	400.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	300.00
American Red Cross	250.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	200.00
Albany Memorial Day	150.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	150.00
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	100.00
Vermont Green-Up, Inc.	50.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE & UTILITIES – General Fund

The UPS Store – Town Report Printing	\$ 2,475.00
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Town Office	1,307.66
Fred’s Energy – Town Office Fuel	1,249.20
Andre Lamarche – Town Office Plowing & Sanding	1,230.00
US Postal Service – Town Envelopes	1,222.80
Consolidated Communications – Town Office Phone & Internet	998.88
PC Med – New Town Officer Clerk/Treasurer Computer	996.49
Staples Direct – Yearly Office Supplies	855.60
UniFirst Corp. – Town Office Floor Mats	826.42
US Postal Service – Town Report Postage	779.00
US Postal Service – Town Lister Envelopes	616.80
Canon Financial Services – Copier Lease	606.00
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent at Town Office	500.00
The Chronicle, Inc. – Advertising	446.27
Kofile Technologies – Land Records Volume & Index	411.18
W.B. Mason – Office Supplies	393.69
Canon Solutions America – Copier Maintenance	235.20
PC Med – Computer Repair	222.74
Community National Bank – Check Order	217.87
IDS, Inc. – 2019 Dog Tags & License Forms	199.04
J & S Electrical – Yearly Fire Alarm Inspection	155.00
Card Services Center – Door Mail Slot for Town Clerk Office	133.00
Andy Bedard – Ballot Box	100.00
US Postal Service – Overweight Letters & Absentee Ballot Postage	72.42
US Postal Service – Town P.O. Box Rent	62.00
VLCT – Moderator Workshop	60.00
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Service – Yearly Service for Town Office	42.06
VLCT – Open Government Workshop (2 attendees)	40.00
UMCTA – Yearly Membership	35.00
Putney Press – Vermont Government Directory	33.45
US Postal Service – Certificate of Mailing for Listing Purposes	30.80

TOWN HALL & LIBRARY – General Fund

Fred’s Energy – Heating Fuel	\$ 2,151.47
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric usage	676.19
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	645.00
Juddy’s Septic Tank – Pumping Septic	390.00
Fred’s Energy – Town Hall Furnace Repair	184.70
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent	125.00
Card Services Center – Side Door Lock	99.17
UniFirst Corp. – Library Floor Mat	82.00
VT Correctional Industries – Outdoor Signs	53.40

St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Service – Yearly Service	\$	33.32
Terri Campbell – Reimbursement for Cellar Stairs Light		28.61
Card Services Center – Recycle Container		19.97
Terri Campbell – Reimbursement for Table Felt Pads		11.97
EM Brown – Table Felt Pads		9.56

RECYCLING – General Fund

NEK Waste Management District – Recycling Pick-up	\$	960.00
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding		945.00
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric usage		293.77
K-N-S Tire Recycling – Tire pick-up		285.00
Card Services Center – Attendant Reflective Jacket		50.29

TRASH AT RECYCLING – General Fund

Myers Container Service, Inc. – Trash Dumpster	\$	6,192.09
Myers Container Service, Inc. – Bulky Day Dumpsters		2,310.70
NEK Waste Management District – Bulky Days Surcharge		411.51
The Chronicle, Inc. – Advertising for Bulky Days		210.60
NEK Waste Management District – Compost Pick-up		173.50
Pick & Shovel – Heater		42.99
Gas		25.00

MISCELLANEOUS – General Fund

Promise Grant Funds – Grant Money	\$	56,135.67
US Bank – Bond Principal & Interest		43,405.90
Overpayment of Taxes		21,540.54
Monaghan, Safar, Ducham PLLC – Legal Fees		10,880.83
Overpayment of Delinquent Taxes & Fees		6,785.60
Andre Lamarche – Town Cemetery Mowing (5 Cemeteries)		6,560.00
Re-Appraisal Account – Yearly Grand List Maintenance		6,365.00
Phillip Beaudry – Town Office Maintenance		3,500.00
Dennis Walker – Town Village Cemetery Mowing		2,750.00
LaBounty & Sons Tree Service –Tree Removal at Rowell Cemetery		2,500.00
Vermont State Treasurer – Dog License Surcharge		1,520.00
James Barlow, PLC – Legal Services		1,100.00
In Memory of Town Auditor		960.00
Gary Heath Mason – Reimbursement for EMC Conference		334.19
Angela Ross Trust Account – Tax Sale		306.56
Animal Control Officer Mileage Reimbursement		93.74
Town Lister Mileage Reimbursement		87.75

**2018 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES
AS OF 12/31/2018**

Anderson, Paxton & Katherine	\$	1,433.70
Begin Jr., James Oliver		463.43
Buckman, Frank & MacGregor-Mason, Bonnie		2,364.76
Ciofalo, John & Castano, Thomas		900.24

Desmarais, Raymond & Alison	\$ 2,094.94
Gordon, Lynn	2,870.28
Herman, Mary	114.65
Hornbacher, Mark	485.04
Jackson , Alfred, Jr.	5,079.43
Judkins, Clarence, Jr. & Danielle	1,789.39
Kelley, Dawn	32.51
Koellmer, Fabio	2,159.87
Loukes, Alexis	729.96
Mason, Carol	558.71
Mason, Robert	95.49
Mason, Shawn	1,128.76
Palin, Loretta & Breault, Bruce & Ellen	1,486.22
Plosinski, Victor ***	2,232.60
Reed, Allen	3,384.31
Rooney, Nancy	2,624.36
Rundgren, Eric	154.67
Schneider, Michael & Nucci, Anthony	2,321.76
Smith, Sean & Candace	534.72
Steele Family Living Trust	1,043.82
Trail, Elizabeth	2,885.46
Von Stackelberg ***	13.58
Wald, David, Trustee of Dorothy L. Ong Trust	2,297.01
Williams, Stacy & King, Charles	2,381.39
Young, Leland & Debra	1,548.77
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAX AS OF 12/31/2018	\$ 45,209.83

*** indicates all or part payment made after 12/31/2018

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 Report of Select Board Controlled Funds

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/18	\$ 59,925.33
Income: Town of Albany – 2018 Taxes Raised	\$ 25,000.00
Voided check to Reynolds & Son, Inc.	436.10
Voided check to VT State Firefighter's Assoc.	262.20
Total Available Funds for 2018	\$ 85,623.63
 Expenses:	
Reynolds & Son, Inc. – Equipment Replacement	\$ 23,888.55
Vianor Tire & Auto Service – Rims & Tires for 4-wheel drive Truck	3,544.50
VT Fire Extinguisher – Service & Replacements	2,883.65
Clark's Tire Center – Truck Repair & Inspection	2,840.23
Fred's Energy – Station Fuel	2,242.58
Clark Communication Electronics - Radio Repair & Supplies	2,185.70
Consolidated Communications – Station Phone	1,741.99
Park View Garage – Truck Repair & Inspection	1,608.36
Reynolds & Son, Inc. - Air Compressor Service	1,502.63
Riverside Garage - Truck Service & Inspection	1,495.03
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Station Electric Usage	1,401.73
The Traffic Sign Store – Safety Signs & Stands	1,206.45
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	910.00
State of VT – Wildland Fire Gear Grant	770.28
Fred's Energy – Diesel for Trucks	676.02
Burlington Communications, Inc. – Service Calls	592.50
JA Kaufman Mechanical Contractor – Heating System Repair	557.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts – Truck & Station Supplies	547.95
Northeast International Mutual Aid – Fire School & Dues	525.00
Membership Service Time at Station Cleaning	522.00
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent	500.00
Center Fire Sales – Chimney Rods and Fire Clothing	471.70
Home Depot – Station Supplies	415.80
Reynolds & Son, Inc. – Traffic Cones	398.89
J & S Electric – Yearly Alarm Inspection & Batteries	395.00
Alert-All Corp. – Fire Prevention Week at School	352.00
Raymond Flint – Truck Repair	344.50
Albany VT Fire & Emergency Response Assoc. - Reimbursement for postage, generator gas, VT State Firefighter Membership and Supplies	328.63
South Bay Auto – Tanker Headlight	320.00
EJ Prescott – Dry Hydrant Repair	289.91
VT State Firefighters Assoc – Yearly Membership	256.00
Membership Reimbursement for Mileage & Postage	253.04
Round Hill Fence & Security – Annual Alarm Monitoring	252.00
Gate's Electric, Inc. – Generator Service	210.00
Newport Rental Center – Core Drill Rental & Safety Glasses	205.87
Station Cleaning by Member	204.00
Spates the Florist – Service Flowers	202.00

EM Brown & Son – Gloves, Trash Bags, Wired Night Lights	\$	188.05
The Front Desk – Printer Ink, Copier Paper, Pens		151.65
Fred’s Energy – Generator Propane		126.85
Step Stools		55.00
VT Correctional Industries - Outdoor Signs		53.40
Bob’s Quick Stop – Food		27.27
VT DMV – Truck Registration		<u>12.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$	55,655.71
Balance of Funds as of 12/31 /2018	\$	29,967.92

ALBANY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – VEHICLE REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT

Balance of Funds as of 1/1/18	\$	32,051.14
Income: Town of Albany – 2018 Tax Raised		3,500.00
Community National Bank – Interest		<u>46.23</u>
Total Income:	\$	3,546.23
Total Available Funds as of 12/31/2018	\$	35,597.35

Greetings Albany Community,

The Albany Community School is a gem in the Northeast Kingdom. I have been blessed to have my job as principal at the most beautiful school in the world. We have an amazing 50-acre campus, and a building which would be the envy of any district in the state. It's a sign of the Albany community's commitment to the future, the education of children. I thank you for that. You should be proud.

In addition, inside that building is wonderful group of kids. Life in the Kingdom poses challenges for families – it's not always an easy place to live. But our kids show up every day ready and eager to learn. I've taught thousands of kids in my 27 years in education, and your kids are the kids I most want to be with. They are no-nonsense, hardworking and well behaved. This makes coming to work each day a delight.

These kids are served by excellent teachers and paraprofessionals. It's been a great privilege to start my career as a principal with these dedicated folks helping me. Being a teacher (or para) in Albany is the very definition of being a rural educator, which is a very special type of teaching. These folks do it well.

Enrollment continues to rise, peaking this year at 82. I expect it to be around the same next year. That's good news.

But Albany is still a very small school, and we know that small schools are being called into question by statewide politicians and policy-makers, who do not understand what a school means to a rural community. It is so much more than a place to educate. It's a community center, as well as a source of identity and belonging.

I spend a great deal of time working on the sustainability of the Albany Community School. The path to staying open and vibrant is through the excellence of our academic programs. Nobody is going to close a school that's hitting it out the park in terms of student learning.

As I wrote last year, our excellence is based on three ideas:

- **Universal instruction** – we will deliver a program of instruction that benefits every child, regardless of circumstance.
- **School Safety** – every child and adult at Albany Community School shall feel safe and be safe in mind and body.
- **Systems** - we will build a solid foundation under our wonderful programs.

Universal instruction means that we will create consistency of expectations across classrooms. For students who struggle, this is critical. For the bulk of our population, consistency means that students can focus on their academics.

Systems are challenging in a small school, partly because they sometimes don't seem necessary because the school is so small and personal. They are important because people change. One

of our most important new systems here in Albany is our new Education Support Team (EST), in which a group of our best teachers work together to give an academic boost to kids who need it.

Another improvement we've instituted is a revised master schedule. We have scheduled specials classes, recess and lunch in a developmentally appropriate fashion that places academics in the center of everything we do. The school has settled down a lot this year, and the students are behaving better and working harder.

I continue to work closely with Julie Lavine, the preschool principal, and Noni Moore, the Head Start Director. We really have two schools under the same roof. The more we work together, the more successful our kids will be. Examples of our cooperation include creating a single fenced playground suitable for both schools, sharing of computer technology, the Family Room, and Noni's service on our school safety committee.

I strongly believe that resources and cooperation for the benefit of our preschool students ensure student achievement when those students move into the Albany Community School. I really enjoy and appreciate sharing the building with our preschool.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your principal, and thank you for sharing your children with us!

Yours truly,
Steve Owens, principal
Albany Community School

Albany Community School

ENROLLMENT (as of 12/31/2018)

	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Elementary (K-6)	68	64	57
Secondary (7-8)	13	11	14
Secondary (9-12)	<u>32</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>39</u>
Total	113	111	110

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Orleans Central Supervisory Union has engaged RHR Smith & Company to audit the school districts for the year ended June 30, 2018. The audited financial statement for Albany School District is available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office, 130 Kinsey Road, Barton, VT 05822.

ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES AT 6/30/18

	BALANCE 7/1/2017	RECEIVED 2017-18	INTEREST EARNED *	EXPENDED 2017-18	BALANCE 6/30/2018
DOUGLAS FUND	\$ 3,177.60	\$ -	\$ 11.14	\$ -	3,188.74
BEVANS FUND	\$ 647.29	-	2.27	-	649.56
RESERVE FUND *	\$ 39,500.89	110,000	121.33	117,510.00	32,112.22
EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 69,895.89	-	79.85	69,950	25.74
ESTATE OF EZRA CHAFFEE	\$ 253.45	-	0.89	-	254.34
JANE DAVS MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 698.10	200	-	150	748.10
GEORGE FREDERICK MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 300.00	-	-	-	300.00
	\$ 114,473.22	\$ 110,200.00	\$ 215.48	\$ 187,610.00	\$ 37,278.70

Orleans Central Supervisory Union

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 07/01/2017	\$ 1,101,636.99
Income:	\$ 10,553,203.76
Interest:	\$ 3,601.12
Expense:	
School Board Orders:	\$ 5,262,776.21
Payroll:	\$ 5,153,876.81
Ending Balance 06/30/2018	\$ 1,241,788.85

**ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
PROGRAM FINANCIAL REPORT**

	FUND BAL	PROPOSED RECEIPTS	PROPOSED EXPENSES	PROPOSED FUND BAL
FY19	7/1/2018	2018-19	2018-19	6/30/2019
ART	7,538	94,608	92,488	9,658
Audits	15,330	42,000	42,000	15,330
Central Office	65,876	619,110	680,118	4,868
COFEC Building	22,711	197,112	193,521	26,302
EEE/PRE-K	(141,524)	901,949	787,239	(26,814)
Mainstream	129,769	4,151,504	4,129,609	151,664
Music	2,292	154,935	157,558	(331)
Nurse	27,129	41,195	56,105	12,219
Physical Education	(3,414)	112,299	111,484	(2,599)
Transportation	0	779,753	779,753	0
Food Service Coordinator	2,480	28,247	30,430	297
Education Media	620	84,710	85,330	0
Curriculum/Improv. Of Instr,	(4,115)	74,651	74,802	(4,266)
	ANTICIPATED FUND BAL	PROPOSED RECEIPTS	PROPOSED EXPENSES	PROPOSED FUND BAL
FY20	7/1/2019	2019-20	2019-20	6/30/2020
ART	9,658	85,784	95,442	0
Audits	15,330	26,670	42,000	0
Central Office	4,868	696,999	701,867	0
COFEC Building	26,302	179,672	205,974	0
EEE/PRE-K	(26,814)	674,189	647,375	0
Mainstream	151,664	4,345,885	4,497,549	0
Music	(331)	162,955	162,624	0
Nurse	12,219	46,222	58,441	0
Physical Education	(2,599)	118,862	116,263	0
Transportation	0	797,135	797,135	0
Food Service Coordinator	297	31,235	31,532	0
Education Media	0	98,197	98,197	0
Curriculum/Improv. Of Instr,	(4,266)	83,625	79,359	0
Behavior Specialist	0	36,016	36,016	0

Superintendent's Report

2018-2019

I would like to start by thanking school board members, community members, parents, students, staff, teachers, and administration. You all contribute to making the Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU) a special place. I am excited about the teaching and learning happening in our schools and the dedication of everyone working to provide the best opportunities for students.

This year, I will continue to focus on the following areas:

- Fostering Educational Excellence
- Developing Quality Leadership and Staff
- Connecting School and Community
- Aligning Resources with Needs

Under “Fostering Educational Excellence”, I am supporting boards as they review and revise policies, and develop meeting agendas that are focused on the work of the Board. I visit all schools on a regular basis and talk with principals, teachers, staff, and students about the learning that is happening. I am currently working on developing a recognition system that celebrates the dedicated teachers and staff that work in OCSU.

“Developing Quality Leadership and Staff” includes holding regular administrative team meetings focused on building the knowledge and skills of administrators so that they can support their teachers and staff in continued growth. I also meet individually with all administrators to support them in leading their own schools. Director of Instruction Mike Moriarty and I collaborate to plan for professional development that meets the needs of teachers, support staff, and administrators. In order to improve my own knowledge and skills I meet regularly with other superintendents and attend workshops on topics specific to my role.

The area “Connecting School and Community” is one that is extremely

important to focus on. We know that it is critical that we partner with families and community members in order to serve the needs of all students. Over the last year we've developed an active social media presence and we are using both Facebook and Twitter to "tell our story". As a member of the Vermont Rural Education Collaborative (VREC) we are partnering to raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing rural schools.

"Aligning Resources with Needs" is an area that we must focus on if we are to maintain a strong system that offers a high-quality education to our students at a cost our communities can afford. My work in this area includes meeting with representatives from Wildbranch to ensure that we are using technology to make our systems more efficient. I've also been working with central office staff to streamline their work so that they can offer high-quality support to schools. Business Manager Heather Wright and I collaborate to ensure that finances are on track, and that budgets are developed that meet the needs of both schools and community members.

As the world of education, and the world in general, continues to change, we must do so as well. If we build and maintain a strong system that focuses on the areas above, we'll be able to weather these changes and OCSU will remain the special place that it is.

Respectfully,

Beverly Davis, Superintendent

Lister's Message

We would like to thank everyone for your continued support. The annual Property Information Letter that we send concerning changes is the most efficient way for keeping records up to date. We also appreciate having your contact information on file, by way of e-mail or phone, and hope it's easier for you to contact us.

By Vermont Law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of homestead must file a Homestead Declaration (form HS-122) annually by the April 15, 2019 filing deadline. If eligible, it is important that you file so you are properly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property. Filing later may result in a penalty.

Our email address is albanylisters@gmail.com
And phone number is 802-755-6100

Please contact us with any concerns you may have. Thank You.

Sue Richardson, Cathy Wilder, Dylan Kinsey

Report of the Planning Commission for the 2018 Town Report

During 2018, the Planning Commission worked on the following topics, among others:

- Solicited and evaluated proposals from independent solar developers to install a solar electric system for the Town of Albany that would supply all municipal electric consumption requirements.
- Whether the Town should participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and adopt flood plain regulations, including surveying residents potentially affected and delivering a report to the Select Board.
- Helped with approval of the application process by the Town for a VT. State grant to install an EV (electric vehicle) charging station to be located in front of the Town Clerk's office.
- The preliminary and on-going plans of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center (COC) to develop a ski route from the COC to the Albany Community School to enable students to have a ski program connected to the COC.
- Provided Town representation in Montpelier to secure *Village Center Designation* for Albany.

Respectfully submitted by:

John Nielsen, Chair / Ed O'Leary, Vice-Chair / Rob Dewees, Secretary
Melissa Larabee / Neil Urie

Albany Historical Society, 2018

Respectfully submitted by James Oliver, Museum Curator

The Historical Society continued its tradition of open houses on Memorial Day and Labor Day. As in 2017, we played a part in the town's Albany Day festivities. We participated in the planning for Albany Day and pleased to have vendors open for business in front of the Historical Society. Large crowds visited and were part of events throughout the village. The Historical Society welcomed visitors throughout the day, some of whom had never come into the museum before. The day was, once again, a great success.

Within the Historical Society, the membership has taken up a growing concern about the condition of the museum itself. The building is now more than 160 years old having served the community as a school for almost 150 years and now as the museum. Notwithstanding replacement of the roof and partial insulation of the basement, major problems remain and must be addressed if the first floor display area of the museum is to remain secure for the collections and welcoming for visitors.

In October, Paul Daniels and Jim Oliver invited Ms. Jenna Lapachinski of the Preservation Trust to visit the museum. She spent more than an hour with us and offered advice – and encouragement – concerning preservation of the museum. In addition, she suggested agencies and organizations that might be able to assist in any changes or upgrades we might undertake. We welcome any ideas or suggestions from the community concerning the future of the museum.

Finally, we thank Lori and Tony Schneider for their gift of a large, framed composite photograph of the state legislature. We are most appreciative of these gifts and contribution of papers, photographs, and other material we receive from the community. They constitute the basis of the museum's collection.

As always, we are happy to open the museum to visitors by appointment. Please contact either Paul Daniels or Jim Oliver and one of us will arrange to show you the collections. We are deeply appreciative of the support rendered by the Town and we look forward to welcoming you to the museum and membership in *your* Albany Historical Society!

Albany Public Library Report

Last year was a year of growth for the Albany Public Library. Our crew of volunteers grew from 3 to 12, and with their help we expanded library hours to include Saturday mornings. We offered many summer programs and community classes, and we saw more visitors to the library than the previous year.

The library is expanding as a community gathering place. At the end of the summer, the Albany Book Group started, and has grown steadily since then, meeting monthly to discuss a wide variety of books. In August, the library organized a Hunter Safety course at the Town Hall with 20 participants, and this winter we hosted a visit with live birds from the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, which drew 90 people to the Town Hall to learn about owls. Over the course of the year, five different community groups held their regular meetings in the library, and we exhibited the work of four local artists.

In 2018, the library was awarded five grants totalling over \$10,000 in funds from the Vermont Community Foundation, the Children's Literacy Foundation, and the Pleasants Fund. These grants supported the library by covering the costs of summer library programming, improvements to the library space, library collection expansion, the online catalog collaboration with the Craftsbury Public Library, and the start of the Winter Playspace, a weekly gathering in the Town Hall for families with children 0-5. The library now has insulated window blinds to help cut down on the cost of heat in the winter, as well as new book bins built by Albany resident Brian Tingley. With funds from the Vermont Community Fund, we have joined Listen Up Vermont, which gives library patrons access to thousands of downloadable audio and ebooks.

On Labor Day, the reading bathtub made its journey from the Historical Society to the library via the Albany Day parade, aboard a trailer surrounded by kids, Cathy Wilder (current Trustee) and Rachel LaFont (former Librarian), pulled by Neil Fromm's team of horses. On any given day at the library now you may find a pair of feet propped on the tub rim, a book peeking up over the top, as a young patron settles in for a good long read.

We were saddened by the passing of long-time library Trustee Janet Reed in December. Janet shared many of her talents with the library: her love of books, her grant-writing skills and her creative spirit helped the library be a more vibrant place. We are grateful for all of the work she did as a Trustee, and we will miss her.

Thank you for supporting the Albany library this year, by checking out books, stopping by to use the computers, coming to library events, volunteering, making donations and sharing ideas. If you haven't yet come by, please do! You may recognize one of the names signed on the reading bathtub, or find just the book you've been looking for. And if we don't have it, we can always get it for you through interlibrary loan.

Please reach out with your questions and ideas. If there is something you'd like to see offered at the library, please let us know. You can call 755-6107, email albanypubliclibraryvt@gmail.com, or reach out to one of the library Trustees.

- Kristin Urie, Librarian

PO Box 194, Albany, VT 05820 www.albanypubliclibraryvt.org
Open Hours: Tuesdays 12-4 pm, Thursdays 9 am- 4 pm, Saturdays 9-11 am

LIBRARY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 2018

INCOME: 2018 Taxes Raised	\$ 7,000.00
Albany Library Association	<u>4,413.31</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 11,413.31
EXPENSES: Salary for Librarian	\$ 10,211.25
Town's Share of Social Security & Medicare on Wages	781.17
Town's Share of Workers Comp on Wages	51.07
Floor Mat	<u>\$ 82.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,125.49
BALANCE OF FUNDS AS OF 12/31/18	\$ 287.82

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR/FIRE WARDEN

Beginning Balance January 1, 2018	\$140.91
Town Meeting, March 6, 2018, voted and passed to raise \$500.00 for the Emergency Management Coordinator to attend trainings.	+\$500.00
UVM Extension Town Officers Education Conference April 10, 2018 located at Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier, Vermont	
Conference fee- check 21162 date 5-8-18	-\$65.00
Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference September 7 and 8, 2018 located at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vermont. Two(2) days lodging- check 21575 date 11-13-18	-\$269.19
Ending Balance December 31, 2018	\$306.72

The mileage to Fairlee, Vermont from Albany, Vermont was 79 miles one way. The mileage to Montpelier, Vermont from Albany, Vermont was 47 miles one way. I did not request, or get paid reimbursement for mileage. I am only indicating the mileage to report how far away the conferences were located.

Emergencies:

In accordance with dispatch reports, an ambulance responded to Albany for 47 incidents(Orleans-39, Glover-3, and Barton-5). The Albany Fire Dept. was dispatched for 22 incidents.

I continue to encourage everyone to check on your family, friends, and neighbors, especially the disabled, elderly, and those with medical conditions during significant weather events and/or power outages. You can also provide me with a name and address of yourself or anyone that may need to be checked on during these occasions. I will check on those individuals myself or have someone from emergency services(Fire, EMS, etc.) check on them. By the way, this list will not become public information and only certain people/agencies needing to know will be provided the information. Also, as a reminder, please do not use generators inside homes, basements, crawlspaces, or attached garages due to the possibility of you, your family, or pets being exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Fire Warden:

As Town Fire Warden, I attended the annual Forest Fire Warden training session in Lyndonville, VT on April 10, 2018. Three brush fires, and two illegal burns were reported in 2018. Two of the brush fires were caused by tree limbs touching a powerline due to weather. Both illegal burns was due to people burning household trash/debris. As a reminder, please contact me for a burn permit before doing any open burning when there is no significant snow on the ground. Only the burning of NATURAL VEGETATION is permitted. Household trash, tires, paint, oil, or plastic are a few examples of what is not permitted.

Gary Heath Mason, EMC/Fire Warden

albanysix@yahoo.com text or call 802-673-7185

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

NAME	PARENTS
Arianna Phylamina-Marie Poginy	Brittany Kathleen Seguin & Dylan Christopher Poginy
Griffin Thomas Talmadge	Raffaela Mary Riha & Joseph Gregory Talmadge
Adalyne Faith Peters	Natasha Lee Lemieux & Donald Edwin Peters Jr
Reveille Win Atwood	Addie Lynn Atwood & Tanner Charles Atwood
Xander Leo Benoit	Kiya Ruth Benoit & Dakota Rayne Benoit
Levi James Larry Davio	Kaitlin Marie Adams & Joshua James Ryan Davio
Dawson Andre Bathalon	Sierra Dawn Draper & Dustin Andre Bathalon
Sebastian Jay Orzolek	Kara Ann Lemieux & David Joseph Orzolek

IN MEMORIAM

NAME	AGE
Elizabeth J Hastings	37
Ryan Caine Lewis	33
Ruth E. Grimes	77
John M. Hillyard	70
Janet Marie Reed	69
Laine Alan Ross	21

MARRIAGES

Kathleen Lillian Sullivan & Matthew Karl Wimmer
Anne Hennigan Jantzen Myers & Tobin Porter-Brown
Maegen Jeanette Garthwaite & Kyle William Casey
Debra J. Poulin & Lyle J. Noyes

TOWN INFORMATION

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL: 911

FIRE STATION NUMBER: 755-9240

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2019

March 5	Town Meeting
March 5	School Meeting
March 16 (11:30am-12:30pm @ Town Hall)	Rabies Clinic
April 1	Listing Begins
April 1	Dog License Due
May 4	Green Up VT Day
May 18	HHW & Bulky Day
May 27	Memorial Day
September 2	Albany Day
October 5	Bulky Day
October 9 (subject to change to Nov. 13)	Taxes Due
November 11	Veterans Day

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS / OFFICE PHONE 755-6100

Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Wednesday - 9:00AM to 7:00PM and Saturday - When Required

Regular Selectboard Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month;

7:00PM at the Town Clerk's Office

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday - 4:00PM to 7:00PM and Saturday - 8:30AM to 1:00PM

Trash Disposal is during the same hours as Recycling:

\$2.00 / 13 gallon bag \$3.00 / 30 gallon bag \$5.00 / 64 gallon bag

HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY PLEASE

TOWN GARAGE PHONE: 755-6300

Albany/Irasburg Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

1030 Main St. Albany, VT .

Wednesdays, 4:00pm-7:00pm & Saturdays, 8:30am – 1:00pm

 SORT ITEMS 	
<p style="text-align: center;">NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES & OFFICE PAPER (JUNK MAIL)</p> <p>Mix together - catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts and paperback books, colored paper, white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper can be in this category except: <i>NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CORRUGATED CARDBOARD & BROWN KRAFT BAGS & BOXBOARD</p> <p>Remove excess tape. Staples are OK. Please no strings, handles, or bags with plastic layers. <i>NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food waste, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED*</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TIN CANS</p> <p>Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans (A magnet will stick to tin but not to aluminum).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*MUST BE RINSED*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</p> <p>Labels OK. Flattening not required. Snack bags and candy wrappers are not aluminum foil.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*MUST BE RINSED*</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">GLASS (ALL COLORS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin)*</p> <p>Any color bottle or jar. <i>NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, lids, metal or wood. NO light bulbs.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLASTIC BAGS</p> <p>Must be labelled #2, #4, or #5. Any color accepted. Includes bubble wrap. <i>No Ziploc bags.</i></p>
<p>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers</p> <p>2 Gallons or smaller / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</p> <p>Look for the recycling number stamped on the container. Labels are OK, please crush larger containers. #5 accepted if it's a food container. <i>NO black plastic of any kind. NO automotive fluid bottles. NO vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices. These are trash.</i></p>	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>NO...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>DIRTY OR UNRINSED ITEMS</u> <u>Black Plastic containers</u> <u>Plastic Containers larger than 2 Gallons</u> </div>	

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

FOOD SCRAPS: All food scraps, including meat, bones, dairy. Please remove PLU stickers. No plastics, metals, paper.

SPECIAL WASTES: Oil, Oil Filters, Electronics, Automotive batteries, Rechargeable batteries, Alkaline batteries, Aerosols, Hard cover books., Fluorescent light bulbs.

HOUSEHOLD TRASH: \$3.00/30 gallon bag. Check our Calendar or contact Town Clerk's office for Bulky Waste Event information. Fees subject to change, call Town Office for latest pricing. Residents can also contract with local haulers for curbside collection services. Check out our Licensed Hauler List on our website.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, Monday – Friday, May through the end of September in Lyndonville, and special events throughout the District June – September. Call for details.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602 On the web at www.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org



List of Items NOT ACCEPTED for Recycling
Please put the following items in your trash unless otherwise stated

Unacceptable Plastics Include:

Any **black** plastic containers
Motor oil, gas containers
Pesticide containers
Styrofoam of any kind
Planting pots and trays
Plastic furniture
Plastic Toys
Coffee Makers
Coat hangers
Vinyl Siding
Maple Tubing
CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases
Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size
Hard, rigid plastic (if it shatters, it's not accepted)

Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Woven plastic bags
Nylon Bags
Ziploc Bags

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers
Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)
Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans
Large Pieces of Metal
Nails, Screws, Fasteners
Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers
Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind
Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes
Cardboard with metallic interior
Single-use coffee cups
Soiled Cardboard
Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)
White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)
Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers
Paper plates, cups, bowls
Single-use cups
Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal
Incandescent light bulbs
Automotive lights
Pyrex
Porcelain

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)
"Biodegradable" cutlery, bowls, plates, utensils
Food utensils
Plates, bowls, cups
Plastic bags
Styrofoam
Keurig cups

2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

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

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 1, 2018 to October 15, 2018. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

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

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

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

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

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

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

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

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

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

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

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

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

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$73747.59

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

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

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

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

CALL THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY OR HAVE ITEMS NOT ON THIS LIST

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2019 NEKWMD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 27	Cabot Bulky Day, Cabot Recycling Center, 8am-3pm
MAY 1	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection by appointment in Lyndonville begins
MAY 4	Danville Bulky Day 8am-3pm & HHW Collection 8am-12pm Danville Stump Dump
MAY 11	Brighton Bulky Day, Brighton Recycling Center, 9am-2pm
MAY 11	Guildhall Bulky and HHW Collection, Guildhall Town Hall, 8am-12pm
MAY 18	Albany Bulky Day & HHW Collection, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-12:30pm
MAY 25	Bloomfield Bulky Day & HHW Collection, Town Clerks Bloomfield, 8am-12pm
May 30-June 1	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD facility Lyndonville, Appointment required
JUNE 1	Derby HHW Collection, Derby Recycling Center, 9am-1pm
JUNE 8	Westmore HHW Collection, Westmore Transfer Station, 9am-1pm
JUNE 8	Brighton Bulky Day, Brighton Recycling Center, 9am-2pm
JUNE 15	Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm
JUNE 22	Westfield HHW Collection, Westfield Transfer Station, 8am-12pm
JULY 6	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Hatchery Brook Rd., Averill, 8am-1pm
JULY 6	Holland HHW Collection, Holland Recycling Center, 8am-12pm
JULY 13	Brighton Bulky Day, Brighton Recycling Center, 9am-2pm
JULY 27	Newbury HHW Collection, Newbury Town Garage, 8am-12pm
AUGUST 3	Maidstone Bulky Day, 1342 Rte.102 Maidstone, 8am-12pm
AUGUST 10	Brighton Bulky Day, Brighton Recycling Center, 9am-2pm
AUGUST 10	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Rte. 105 UTG Building, Ferdinand, 8am-1pm
SEPT 5, 6 & 7	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD Facility, Lyndonville, Appointment required
SEPTEMBER 14	Brighton Bulky Day, Brighton Recycling Center, 9am-2pm
SEPTEMBER 14	Danville Bulky Day, Danville Stump Dump, 8am-3pm
SEPTEMBER 21	HHW Collection, NEKWMD Office, No appointment necessary, 8am-3pm
SEPTEMBER 28	Cabot Bulky Day 8am-3pm & HHW Collection 8am-12pm Cabot Recycling Center
OCTOBER 4	HHW Collection by appointment in Lyndonville ends
OCTOBER 5	Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm

For information on these events and others, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at (802) 626-3532, 800-734-4602, by e-mail at progmgr@nekwmd.org or check the updated calendar of events at www.nekwmd.org

Executive Committee Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEKWMD Executive Committee



Kirk J. Martin
Sheriff

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ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
2018 REPORT – TOWN OF ALBANY

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided 220.50 hours of patrol services to the Town of Albany during 2018. The enclosed chart breaks down the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations.

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

First, I would like to thank the voters of Orleans County for their support this past year and for re-electing me to serve as your sheriff. It is a job that I do not take lightly and realize the many positive services and programs that the sheriff's department provides to the community.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in the lobby of the sheriff's department. Added this past year is the ability to dispose of small amounts of needles and sharps. Each month this program is responsible for getting several pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

For the past three years the department has provided a School Resource Officer at North Country Union High School and for the past year we have had a School Resource Officer at Lake Region Union High School. This has proven to be a valuable asset to both schools and the community. The officers in both schools have been nationally certified as School Resource Officers. The SRO's help protect lives and property for the citizens and school students, investigate criminal activity committed on or adjacent to school property, and to answer questions that students may have about criminal or juvenile law, just to name a few of their duties.

In 2018 Deputy Chase Walters took over the management of the traffic safety programs that the department participates in. The department receives grant funding from the Governor's Highway Safety Office and by having a dedicated officer managing the programs the department is better able to accurately submit traffic data to the program, resulting in more funds being available in the future for targeted traffic enforcement and equipment.

In November longtime Deputy Jonathan MacFarlane left the department for other ventures. I would like to thank Deputy MacFarlane for his nearly 10 years of service to the department and the citizens of the county. We also welcome Deputy Douglas Morrill and Deputy Nicolas Stellar to the department as new hires in 2018.

In December the sheriff's department celebrated the 11th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We also received generous support from many local area businesses and several individuals. **Thank you!** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 250 school children.

Like many other employers, we continue to have increases in medical insurance premiums as well as pay increases for veteran officers. I am requesting a 3% increase for 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirk J. Martin, Sheriff

Town of Albany - Total Law Incident Report

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Agency Assist	2
Alarm	1
Citizen Assist	1
Citizen Dispute	1
Directed Patrol	3
Driving While License Suspended	2
DUI - Alcohol or Drugs	1
Intoxicated Person	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	3
Service of Abuse Prevention order	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	3
VIN Number Inspection	4
Total Incidents for Town of Albany	23

Town of Albany - Total Arrest Report

Driving Under the Influence	1
Driving While License Suspended - Criminal Offense	2
Excessive Speed	1
Total Arrests (counts) for Town of Albany	4
Total Arrests (persons) for Town of Albany	4

Town of Albany - Total Traffic Violation Report

Total Traffic Tickets	20
Total Warnings	15



To the Voters of Albany:

Since 1950, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been the regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. We are the only combined regional planning and economic development organization in Vermont, serving the largest geographic region of the state – the beautiful Northeast Kingdom.

Each year we request dues from our member communities. These funds are vital to us as they help defray the costs of providing direct assistance to the 50+ municipalities and scores of businesses in our region.

Local governance has become increasingly complex. NVDA has steadily expanded our service offerings, which now include, but are not limited to:

- Land use planning at the local and regional level – including town plans, zoning bylaws, and on-call technical assistance for local officials;
- Transportation studies, infrastructure inventories, and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS data services;
- Grant writing and administration for community and regional projects;
- Direct business support and referral services to employers in our region.
- Energy planning and water quality planning and implementation to help communities meet new statutory requirements;
- Emergency planning and assistance with flood hazard plans and regulations;
- Economic development planning to grow and strengthen businesses in our communities;
- Benchmarking and reporting for investments made in the region's USDA Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone – a program that has brought millions of dollars to the region;
- Maintaining a federal Foreign Trade Zone designation to improve the competitiveness of companies that import in our region;
- Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials.

How is this relevant to Albany? In 2017, NVDA staff provided the following services in your community: Facilitated Albany's LEOP Adoption, provided technical assistance with Town Plan and ordinance adoption and assisted with a Grants in Aid Project on Hitchcock Hill Rd to address storm water problems

NVDA's municipal dues are based on a very affordable \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost-effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

At our annual meeting Albany was "confirmed" as a planning community by the NVDA board, which allows your community to benefit from a number of planning initiatives. We look forward to pursuing these opportunities with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director

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, 2019.**

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/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Town of Albany Cemetery Guidelines

Any commercial cement, concrete, stone placement, landscaping work to be performed should be coordinated through Town Sexton.

No bushes, shrubs or trees will be planted in Town Cemeteries. Removal of problem causing trees is up to the discretion of Town Sexton and Selectboard.

All decorative items should be placed within a defined border area and in an orderly fashion, to facilitate safe mowing.

Fresh flowers or plants are encouraged. Any dead/damaged flowers within the defined borders of a plot will be removed by the Town Sexton at their discretion by Nov. 1st.

Be respectful of all graves. Flags and/or veteran markers are never to be removed, only replaced as necessary on graves.

The right to close cemetery roads when conditions are poor will be reserved by the Town Selectboard.

~ established at Special Selectboard Meeting 10/1/2018

Promise Community Grant in Albany, 2018

The Promise Community Grant was awarded to Albany through the work of a committed group of Albany Community members with the purpose of strengthening supports for families that have children between the ages of 0-5. Through community dinners and conversations with Albany families, priorities arose for specific projects. We focused on these four areas:

Building Community
Literacy
Food Access
Space Development/Road Safety

Local families, volunteers, and organizers were able to strengthen supports by providing more opportunities for people to come together to increase our social connections. We held community events such as singing workshops, cooking and nutrition workshops, a family dance and winter sleigh ride for Albany Preschool.

The Promise Community Grant provided funds for the Town to insulate the ceiling, install ceiling fans, and refinish the floors of the Town Hall, where indoor winter play space days are now held once a week. The grant funds helped to purchase recreational equipment for the winter play space, as well as strider bikes and beginner xc-skis for 3-5 year olds at the Albany Preschool. We collaborated with the Albany Preschool as well as the Albany Library to provide book giveaways, story hours, math and learning events, and nutrition classes for parents with young children. With funds to purchase board books and bags, the preschool started a Welcome Baby Visit program, visiting families with new babies in Albany. Funds were also used to purchase equipment and tools to strengthen the Farm to School program at the school, and the preschool playground.

We addressed access to healthy food by expanding the Food Shelf located at the Albany Methodist church to include regular weekly hours, a freezer, and a larger quantity and selection of food. We also held a free Community Dinner on the 2nd Monday of every month, topping out at 108 attendees at July's Taco Dinner! Promise Community Grant funds also purchased a large events tent for the Town, as well as picnic tables for the ballfield, the school, the library and a contemplation bench for the Historical Society.

Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, organized, or donated to help make these events and improvements happen. We feel this collaborative effort helped make our already friendly community an even better place to live. This grant, awarded by the VT Department of Children and Families to Craftsbury and Albany, ended on December 31st. Albany utilized \$61,815.32 of the funding. We hope your continued participation and enthusiasm will help sustain these fun events into the future.

With many thanks,
Albany Promise Community Steering Committee

ALBANY, VT COMMUNITY DINNERS

Monthly Albany Community Dinners were launched in April 2018, funded by the Albany Promise Community grant. They have been hugely popular, topping out at 108 attendees including toddlers, teens, middle aged, and retired folks. An opportunity for community members to share a delicious and healthy free meal each month, right in Albany, helps create a more caring and inclusive community. Many people return month after month and say these dinners are a great way to connect with community members they might not otherwise meet.

The monthly dinners have taken place the 2nd Monday of every month for the past ten months. Rotating venues have included the Albany Community School, the Albany Methodist Church, the Albany Fire Department, and the Albany Town Hall. Volunteers help cook, set up, serve, and/or clean up. We have received generous food donations from local farms such as Pete's Greens, Bonneview Farm, Pearce's Pastured Poultry, Heartwood Farm, Jasper Hill, to name a few.

Despite the food donations and volunteers, feeding such large crowds costs money. Food staples and supplies cost from \$125-\$200 per meal. When not at the school, we cook at the Albany Methodist Church and pay use fees of \$25-\$50 for propane and heat, depending on the season.

2018 Community Dinners were coordinated by the Albany Promise Community Project Coordinator, a position which ended at the end of the 2018 grant year. She will be replaced by a Community Dinner Coordinator who will receive a \$150 monthly stipend for 10-15 hours of work per month. Responsibilities include procuring local food donations, outreach, coordinating volunteers, fundraising, planning the menu, calculating quantities, shopping for ingredients, managing the kitchen, facilitating meetings, communications, and keeping track of donations.

The total annual costs for food and supplies, Coordinator stipend, outreach, and use/utilities fees comes to \$4400.

We are seeking \$1500 from the town to help defray the costs of continuing free monthly Community Dinners in Albany, VT. We will raise the bulk of the funds from other sources. Hope to see you at the next dinner!

ANNUAL EXPENSES

Food & supplies: \$175/month.....	2100.00
Community Dinner Coordinator (10-15 hrs/month).....	1800.00
Outreach.....	100.00
Utility Fee for use of Church kitchen.....	400.00
TOTAL.....	\$4400.00

ALBANY VERMONT FOOD SHELF

The Albany Food Shelf is committed to providing quality food to people in our community who are in need. Food insecurity affects many people in the greater Albany area. We are located in the basement of the Albany United Methodist Church on Rt. 14 in Albany, Vt. We are open on Thursdays from 3:00 to 6:00.

Last spring, Promise Community grant funds allowed for an increased volume and variety of food to be purchased monthly. Our revitalization efforts raised visits from a few people a month, to 19 visitors and 47 family members served per month. We expanded to include a freezer and two more industrial-standard shelving units. Grant funding also paid for a part-time Coordinator to manage operations. Now that that grant has ended, we are looking for ways to ensure that the Albany Food Shelf continues to be a consistent and reliable food source for families experiencing food insecurity. We expect the number of families served to grow in 2019 as word spreads.

Local farms, organizations and individuals donate food when they can. The Church as well as the Albany Library have food-drop boxes. Donations are an indispensable yet not wholly dependable source of necessary food staples. The bulk of our food must be purchased. In 2018, we spent \$250 per month on food. In December, we became a Vermont Food Bank Network Partner, which means we are eligible to purchase reasonably-priced wholesale, sometimes free, food. This should reduce our food costs to \$200 per month or less.

Visiting hours are staffed by five to six regular volunteers. The Food Shelf Coordinator works 10-15 hours per month to perform outreach, seek and procure food donations, purchase food, coordinate volunteers, track demographic data, manage communications, and seek continued funding.

The total annual costs for food and supplies, Food Shelf Coordinator stipend, outreach, VT Food Bank membership fee, and utilities fees comes to \$4525.

We are seeking \$1000 from the town to help defray the costs of operating the Albany Food Shelf. We will raise the bulk of the funds from other sources.

2019 Expenses

Food Purchases 12 months@ \$200/month.....	2400.00
Food Shelf Coordinator Stipend (10-15 hrs--\$150/month).....	1800.00
Vermont Food Bank Network Partner Member fee.	75.00
Outreach.....	100.00
Church Utilities Fee	150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$ 4525.00

Winter's Bouquet

By Janet Reed

**Some might think I'm crazy,
If I told you so,**

**That I was picking flowers,
On my walk today through snow...**

**Against the snow white background
On this warm & spring like day...**

**I found this patch of flowers,
And brought home a nice bouquet...**

**Of asters & yarrow
& goldenrod, too.**

**Turned brown from the
winter's frost & snow cover, new.**

**Standing out in the winter's light
This beauty so brings**

**Like the sweeping brook rambling,
On its way into spring...**

**Soon daisies & clover
& mayflowers, do,**

**Brings a new kind of color
& warm sunshine, too.**

**A gentle reminder
Of a beauty that lasts,**

**Not just in your mind,
But, on a sink shelf in a glass...**

**Janet Marie Reed
September 6, 1949 – December 16, 2018**