# DEDICATION



The Select Board hereby dedicates the 2017-2018 Annual Report to Staff Accountant, Anna K. Pitts.

Anna joined the Town of Woodstock as staff accountant in November 1996. She has performed the duties of this position serving the Town, Village and Sewer Department since that time. Along with her experience and background in accounting Anna brought with her a sense of mischief and a zest for fun.

Halloween found Anna appropriately attired in a witch hat or pumpkin tee shirt and Christmas with a Santa hat and she owned an incredible nonmelting snow person, during the winter months. Should you see a pink motorcycle helmet cruising through Woodstock, chances are it could be Anna riding her bike to or from work, or on weekends as she explored the State of Vermont on her quest for 251 Club membership.

Born in Texas and having lived in various other states, Anna found her way to Vermont as a young woman and this is where her two sons lived most of their younger years. Anna plans to retire in June, 2019 and looks forward to visiting her grandson often. We wish Anna all good things in her retirement.

# WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

# **Town Report**

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 through JUNE 30, 2018

Chartered: July 10, 1761

<u>Area:</u> 27,776 acres

2018 Grand List: \$8,846,521

2010 Census: 3,048

# **Tax Rate**

Activity	Tax Rate
Town Highway	0.1517
Town General	0.2233
Special Articles	0.0244
Voted Exempt Education Taxes	0.0130
County Tax	0.0079
Homestead Education Tax	1.6603
Non Residential Education Tax	1.5503
Police Assessment	0.0577
(Non-village property)	

# Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall

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### Town of Woodstock Meeting Schedule

#### Select Board

Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.

### **Board of Sewer Commissioners**

Meet during the regularly scheduled meetings of the Select Board.

### **Town Development Review Board**

Meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.

### **Planning Commission**

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.

### **Design Review Board (South Woodstock)**

Meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M at the South Woodstock Fire Station (upon application only).

### **Economic Development Commission**

Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00P.M. at Woodstock Town Hall.

#### **Energy Committee**

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.

#### **Recreation Board of Directors**

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 8:00 A.M. at the Woodstock Recreation Center.

### Woodstock School Board

The WCMUUSD Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Union Middle School/High School Teagle Library. (visit <u>www.wcsu.net</u> to confirm meeting dates and locations)

### **Library Board of Trustees**

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:00 P.M. at the Norman Williams Library. To confirm place and time, call 457-2295.

### Village Development Review Board

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.

### Village Board of Trustees

Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall.

#### Village Design Review Board

Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 4:00 P.M. at the Woodstock Town Hall (upon application only).

### **Conservation Commission**

Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall (to confirm call 457-7515).

The Municipal Calendar is available at: www.townofwoodstock.org

# **TOWN OFFICIALS Elected Officials**

SELECT BOARD	YEAR	JUSTICES OF THE PEACE	-2 Year
John D. Doten, Jr.	2019	Fred Barr	2021
Jill M. Davies	2019	Dwight Camp	2021
Sonya Stover	2020	Kathleen W. Camp	2021
Mary Riley	2020	Rick Fiske	2021
L.D. Sutherland, Chair	2021	Jim Ford	2021
		Susan Ford	2021
		Matt Maxham	2021
TOWN CLERK		Mary Riley	2021
F. Charles Degener	2020	Jane Soule	2021
		Wayne Thompson	2021
TREASURER			
Candace Coburn	2019		
		GRAND JUROR	
MODERATOR		Laird Bradley	2019
Matthew Maxham	2019		
LISTERS		CEMETERY COMMISSION	
Carol Wood	2019	Fred Barr	2019
Jennifer Maxham	2020	Bruce Gould	2020
Paul Wildasin	2021	Gregory Camp	2021
AUDITORS-3 Years	2010		
Tom Debevoise - Appointed	2019	W.C.M.U.U.S.D.	2010
Nicholas Seldon	2019	Matt Stover	2019
Joseph Swanson	2020	Jessica Stout	2019
		Samantha DiNatale	2020
TOWN AGENT	1 2010	Louis Piconi	2020
William C. Dagger- Appointed	d 2019	Malena Agin	2021
		Paige Hiller	2021
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUI			
Jill M. Davies - Appointed	2019		
Matthew Powers	2020		
VACANT	2021		

# FIRST CONSTABLE Kelly Linton

2019



# TOWN OFFICIALS APPOINTED OFFICIALS

# MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Philip B. Swanson

### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Michael E. Brands, AICP

### FIRE CHIEF

David Green

<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMI</b> Dwight Camp	ENT 2019	
FIRE WARDEN- 5 Years David Green	2021	
<b>DEPUTY FIRE WARDEN</b> Emo Chynoweth	2021	
<b>TREE WARDEN</b> Don Wheeler	2019	
HEALTH OFFICER Lanie Edson	2019	
<b>INSPECTOR OF LUMBER</b> Fred Barr	2019	
<b>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b> Gail Devine, Rec Director		
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b> Philip B. Swanson2019		
<b>TOWN SERVICE OFFICER</b> Philip B. Swanson	2019	
<b>TRUANT OFFICER</b> James Otranto	2019	
<b>POUND KEEPER</b> Kelly Linton	2019	

TWO RIVERS OTTAUQUECHEE		
<b>REGIONAL PLANNING</b>	G	
COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE		
Don Bourdon	2019	

#### GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT REFRESENTATI	IV L'
Philip B. Swanson	2019

### **CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Roy Bates	2019
Tom Debevoise	2019
Jonathan Wilson	2019
Matthew Maxham	2019
Mary Riley	2019

## **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

2019
2019
2020
2020
2021

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Al Alessi	2019
Cyndy Kozara	2019
Lynn Peterson	2020
Howard Krum	2020
Bo Gibbs	2021
Bethany Powers	2021
Byron Quinn	2022

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Sally Miller, Chair	2019
Michael Pacht	2019
Susan Boston	2020
Sam Segal	2021
Sara Stadler	2021
Eric Goldberg	2022
Ben Jervey	2022

# TOWN OFFICIALS APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### **DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

(So. Woodstock)	
Charles Humpstone	2019
Lyman Shove	2020
Glenn Soule	2021

### FENCE VIEWERS

Fred Barr	2019
Richard Roy	2019
Joseph Lucot	2019

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Barry Milstone	2019
Julia Cooke – Co-chair	2019
Vacancy	2019
Jonathan Spector	2020
Charlie Kimbell – Co-chair	2020
Michael Malik	2020
Joe DiNatale	2021
Courtney Lowe	2021
Mica Seely	2021

### **BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION**

Alison Clarkson Christopher Lloyd Donald R. Wheeler Joshua Pauly Sam Segal

### **RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dave Doubleday, Chair Tom Emery Jim Giller, Treasurer Kent McFarland, Vice Chair Emma Schmell, Secretary Chuck Vanderstreet Barry Mangan L.D. Sutherland, Select Board Rep.

### **Report of the Select Board**

Serving as Chair of the Select Board in 2018 has been a privilege. Following is the report of Select Board activities for the year.

Voters rejected the first budget proposed at Annual Town Meeting in March. A revised budget was approved by the voters at a Special Town Meeting held May 15, 2018. The energy study for Town Hall has been completed and the work to be done will continue. The heating system replacement approved at the Special Town Meeting in May has been installed. A Town Hall Rejuvenation Team has been formed and a study has been completed. Additional improvements and repairs will be scheduled with priority given to safety and preservation of the historic building.

Emergency Services in the Town of Woodstock continues to be served by well-trained volunteers who are willing participants in the opportunities available for their education and advancement in emergency response. However, the volunteer population is aging, as we have read and heard throughout the Northeast and in many other areas of the country. Active, continual recruitment is showing fewer results as time moves forward. A full-time Chief of Emergency Services is proposed in the budget for 2019-2020. The time has come when efficient emergency service response requires hands on management on a regular schedule.

The process of a study has begun to plan and construct a new emergency services building in Woodstock to meet the needs of Fire, Police and dispatch services, as well as Village Police to be located in one building that addresses changing needs and energy efficiency.

Infrastructure continues to challenge us as we try to balance our needs with funding that is available. Our Town Manager continues to be resourceful in finding grant money which significantly reduces the Town's financial participation in road projects.

The Culvert replacement on Cox District Road was completed during the summer months.

The retaining wall on North Street failed, and an emergency grant was applied for and awarded for a good share of the work, which will need a final course of paving as soon as spring temperatures allow.

Storm water management projects on Densmore Hill Road have begun and will continue next summer. The historic stone arch bridge deck work has also begun. Due to a delay in guard rail approval and availability and the drop in temperature in the fall, the pavement was not completed in the autumn, however, precaution has been taken to protect what has already been put in place.

Winter weather arrived earlier than it has in many years, therefore, final paving on North Street and Densmore Hill bridge deck had to be postponed.

The deck on what is called the Post Office Bridge was replaced without delay and the bridge reopened on schedule. The finished product is certainly a visual improvement to the bridge over the Kedron Brook in the downtown area.

The Select Board remains committed to the people of Woodstock and will take all measures possible to continue to reduce energy costs in every building owned and operated by the Town. We will do our best to continue to provide the services needed while working equally hard to keep taxes in check.

I would like to thank the town manager, town employees, elected officials, volunteers for fire and ambulance and boards and commissions and members of this Select Board for their dedicated service to the Town of Woodstock.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. Sutherland, Jr. Select Board Chair

# ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

I am pleased to present my report of the Town Manager for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Total spending on municipal operations that were voted at town meeting was \$5,451,711.00 of which taxes were \$3,663,081.00 with the balance coming from other revenues. The tax rate for this fiscal year for municipal services, not including Special Articles, that were voted on separately was 41.4 cents per one hundred dollars of property value. Taxes for police services added another 0.0577 for those living outside of the Village. These taxes were approximately 18% of the total taxes you paid last year. The remainder was your state and local education taxes. As you know, a considerable amount of our local education taxes is sent to the State of Vermont to be shared with other towns. The financial records are audited by the firm of Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner which are available on our municipal website, www.townofwoodstock.org or by mail on request.

### **Town Hall**

Thanks to the voters for your approval of a \$100,000.00 loan to replace the three oil fired boilers with two efficient propane furnaces, and to do some energy saving improvements on the building.

The project was designed by a qualified consultant who estimates that the new furnaces will save approximately 15% annually on fuel costs for the Town Hall. The scope of the work also required that the oil tank be removed and that a 2,000 gallon propane tank be installed to match the fuel type with the new furnace.

The project was very successful. The building is warm, and the furnace keeps running- which is a big improvement over those that were replaced. The insulation and energy saving work will also reduce energy consumption of the building.

The last major renovation of the Town Hall occurred in 1985. The building is showing some needs for projects that will improve the safety and longevity of the building. The budget reflects an increase in the Capital spending to fund necessary projects. For example; the main building was built circa 1865 and the stage was built circa 1929. The stage is listing slightly towards the river. The Select Board will have an engineer study the problem and make a recommendation as to how best to address the issue.

### **Energy Saving in all Town Buildings**

The Select Board made an effort to improve energy efficiency in all town buildings this year because these improvements save money year in and year out in fuel consumption costs.

### **Town Purchase of Solar Generated Electricity**

The Select Board has entered into a Twenty Five year contract to purchase 500Kw of electricity that is created from solar panels. The solar panels that we are using are located on top of an industrial building in White River Jct. There are significant cost savings for the town including locked increases of 1% per year which is significantly less than Green Mountain Power gets for increases. All in all, this is a win-win for everyone.

### Economic Development Commission and the 1% Rooms, Meals and Alcohol Tax.

On July 1, 2016 all purchases of rooms, meals and alcohol became subject to a 1% tax. The revenues from the local option tax are dedicated to be spent on economic development efforts.

### Commission

The Economic Development Commission is doing an outstanding job of managing the income from the local option tax. The Commission is very frugal in the grants that it awards and requires the grant applicant to fund a portion of their project with other contributing revenues. The goal of the projects that are funded is to increase economic development and promoting Woodstock as a place to visit, live, shop, open a business and overall contribute to a more vibrant local economy.

All grants and projects that are funded by the EDC are approved by the Select Board, upon a recommendation by the EDC.

The EDC and the Select Board have retained the services of Sally Miller as our Economic Development Commission Coordinator. Welcome Sally.

**Resident status must be reported to State of Vermont ANNUALLY,** whether or not you receive any property tax breaks.

- Reporting must be completed by April 15th of every tax year.
- Extensions are **not** available, regardless of filing an extension to file your income taxes late.
- Reporting must be done on the State of Vermont form HS-122.

You may file on line at www.tax.vermont.gov. The link is on the right side of your screen in the middle of the screen. The form is also available for pick up at the Lister's Office in Town Hall, which you can fill out and then mail to the Vermont Dept. of Taxes.

### **Property Tax Break for Moderate Income Homeowners**

There is one redeeming element of the Act 60 - Act 68 Education Financing Law that is of benefit to many Woodstock residents. That is, the Legislature recognized that when they target communities of high property values to generate income to be shared with the rest of Vermont, the burden on middle income residents is too great.

The Legislature did adopt a program of limiting a moderate income person's property tax to approximately 3% of income for education expenses, for Woodstock residents. The program is called the Property Tax Adjustment program and the form, **HI-144**, must be filed with your tax return to prove residency and income. If a household income is below the threshold, the State of Vermont pays a modest amount to the Town to help pay those taxes.

### **Tax Collections**

Woodstock collects property taxes twice each year. Given the high tax bills, and the difficulty that some people have in paying this bill twice a year, I want all of our property owners to know that everyone is welcome to make partial payments toward their next tax bill. To do so, please send a check to the <u>Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 488, Woodstock, VT 05091</u> and include the name the property is held in and the tax parcel I.D. number. If you do not have this information, please call the office at 457-3456, before mailing your check.

### Highways

The State of Vermont has adopted rules and regulations that severely regulate the installation of new culverts and the replacement of existing culverts. All culvert replacements must be in conformance with VTrans Hydraulic Manual. Culverts greater than 3 feet in diameter, require a Hydraulic Analysis be performed and the replacement structure installed in accordance with the design flow of a 25-year storm along with conformance with aquatic life protection measures. In most cases the structure will be either a concrete box culvert or a small bridge.

The Cox District Road Culvert Project is an example of the size and scope of culvert replacement projects. I applied for and received a grant to design a large box culvert to replace a deteriorated culvert on Cox District Road. The existing culvert has a 6 foot wide opening. The state mandated design for the replacement structure is a 16 foot wide opening. I applied for and received a construction grant in the amount of \$175,000.00, which allowed construction in 2018. This is a state mandated, gargantuan project; it is only fitting to wait for state funds to help pay for its construction. The project has been completed and is working very well.

The stone arch bridge over the Kedron Brook at Densmore Hill Rd. has been a complicated project. With a grant of \$115,200.00, that will pay 90% of the project costs, the Select Board approved a contract with Miller construction to pour a concrete deck on the bridge, remove the giant concrete curbs and replace them with a modern guard rail. The initial design of the guard rail was not suitable. The revised design took a long time to get in production and to be installed, which pushed the project in to winter. At the time of this writing, motorists will continue to use a temporary bridge until the new deck and approaches are paved in the spring.

North St., in the Village, is supported by a stone retaining wall that collapsed this summer. We were extremely fortunate to receive a \$230,000.00 grant from the state of Vermont to reconstruct the wall and the entire drainage system on North St. My sincere thanks to the entire neighborhood for your patience during this long project.

The Legislature has passed a law that requires towns to construct road improvements such as stone lined ditches to trap fine gravels and keep them from entering the streams and rivers. I have applied for both planning grants as to how to accomplish this on each road and construction grants for work on Densmore Hill Road. I anticipate completing Densmore Hill Road this summer and starting another road also. In my mind, we have been doing great ditch maintenance by creating cut offs to get water out of the ditch and either on a field or in the woods, with great efficiency. The law is not results driven; meaning that it doesn't matter how effective our program has been. If the road is steeper than 8%. It must have a stone liner. Implementation of this law will be over many years and the total cost of this law will be in the many millions of dollars for Woodstock.

These grants are very important to enable us to maintain our infrastructure without creating a burden on our local taxpayers. We continue to apply for and receive grants from the State for culvert work, bridge maintenance and repaying of our busier town roads.

We constantly read about our Nation's aging infrastructure and our infrastructure here in Woodstock is also aging. We have done a great job of keeping up with our large bridges which span the Ottaquechee River.

The Post Office Bridge, located in front of the Post Office which spans the Kedron Brook was built in the 1930 and was is in poor condition. The new bridge deck was installed during the early spring of 2018

with the road being closed for approximately 3 weeks. This was a major project, which was completed on U.S. Route 4.

### Salt and Sand for residents

During the winter months, residents of the Town and Village of Woodstock can pick up a bucket of sand or salt at the Town Garage for personal use on private driveways. In the summer we keep a supply of gravel outside of the gate that is available for your use in small quantities.

### **Fire Department**

Our Fire Chief David Green, supervises the activities of the Fire Department, and also the activities of the Woodstock Ambulance Service.

The budget being presented at Annual Town Meeting proposes a major change in the Fire Department. The budget includes funding for a full time Chief of Emergency Services, who will oversee both the Fire Department and the Ambulance Department. There are many reasons why the Select Board decided to propose a full time Chief of Emergency Services. Among the reasons is the scarcity of firefighters and EMT's during the normal work day, there are very few fire fighters to respond during this time slot. Same for EMT's; there is a crew of EMT's assigned to respond during the day to ambulance calls. If a second call comes in, as often happens, there are not any EMT's available to respond. This requires a very long delay when Hartford sends an ambulance here on a mutual aid call.

The Chief will be an administrator and first responder. The Chief will respond to alarm calls that are reported and determine if there is a need to call out a general alarm requesting firefighters to respond. The need to move to a full time Chief is necessary for both the Fire Department and the Ambulance Department. Necessitated because of the complexity of complying with all of the state and national standards regarding firefighting and on the ambulance side because of complying with patient care standards and Medicare requirements for reimbursement.

Many of the Firefighters are also EMT's, which is a blessing for our community. Three very active volunteer firefighter/EMT are training to become paramedics. These three women are remarkably dedicated to Woodstock Emergency Services.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you have any interest in checking out joining our fire department, please give Chief Green a call at 457-2337, and have a brief conversation. You may come to one meeting and decide you are not interested, or, you may come to a meeting and become a very involved volunteer. Either way, you owe it to yourself to check it out.

We thank the townspeople of Woodstock for your generous support of the Woodstock Fire Department. We thank the firefighters for their dedication to Woodstock and their individual and collective efforts to make Woodstock safer.

The South Woodstock Fire Protection Association operates a fire department under the leadership of Paul C. "Chip" Kendall, III. The South Woodstock department is staffed with members who live in the South Woodstock community. The two departments have undertaken training (together) at all monthly drills and have arranged for the South Woodstock Fire Department to be called out for response to all calls when the main station is called. The fire department in South Woodstock is essential to fire protection in Woodstock and the surrounding communities.

#### Ambulance

The Woodstock Ambulance Service is licensed as a Paramedic Service. Misha McNabb is our Paramedic / Asst. Fire Chief. We do have mutual aid agreements with the Town of Hartford and the City of Lebanon to provide paramedic intercepts at times when Misha is not on duty.

Three of our EMT's have become licensed paramedics. I expect them to be certified and licensed this spring. This development is very exciting for our service.

The individuals who volunteer to be part of our ambulance service are highly trained, dedicated emergency medical personnel. Most are EMT's and many of our EMT's have advanced EMT training.

These folks are trained and licensed to provide a level of care that is intermediate between an EMT and a paramedic. We are all very thankful to these volunteers for the excellent service they provide to our community.

The ambulance service is always looking to take on new volunteers. If you have any interest in volunteering on our ambulance service and getting to know your neighbors one emergency at a time, please call Misha at 457-2326 during normal business hours. There are many ways to get involved and become part of this great service.

#### **Communications Dispatch Center**

The communications department provides 24-hour radio communications for the ambulance service, constables, fire department, highway department, sewer department, and the police department. We use two towers to communicate with our emergency and public works crews. Our dispatchers work with the State of Vermont E-911 dispatchers to arrange for emergency personnel to arrive at the scene. Our dispatch center is open seven days a week, twenty four hours each day.

### **Town Police Services**

The actual services provided are an emergency response at any hour of the day, on any day of the week. There is a patrol shift to cover 40 hours weekly of patrol dedicated to the area outside of the Village, built into the schedule, usually in the afternoon and evening hours. For times outside of the patrol shift, an officer is on call to respond to emergency situations in the town.

Not all 911 calls requesting service in the town receive an immediate response. If the dispatcher on duty believes that the request for service can be attended to when the daily police officer is on duty, then the response will be delayed. If it is determined that the situation demands an immediate response, an officer will be called in to respond immediately. That said, I realize that when any resident calls 911 requesting a police officer the situation is an emergency to the caller. However, our limited resources do not allow an immediate response to all calls at all times.

Many of our police officers are also EMT's and respond to certain types of critical calls with the ambulance. Since the police officer is already on the road, the response time is generally quicker than the ambulance. These town police services have been very popular with our residents.

The taxes to finance these police services outside of the village are paid for by a property tax on all property located outside of the village.

### Solid Waste

The Town of Woodstock belongs to the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUV) for the management of our waste stream. The GUV owns land located in the Town of Hartland for which an Act 250 permit to develop a permanent landfill on this site has been issued. A bridge over I-91 to access the site has been constructed. Plans to construct and develop the permanent landfill are on hold, as there is more landfill capacity in the region than there is need, due to people recycling more.

To those residents who dispose of their trash at the Hartford Transfer Station: the maximum weight that one card punch is good for is thirty pounds. It is in your best interest to squeeze as close to thirty pounds in each bag that you dispose of as you possibly can. Remember to purchase a permit and disposal punch card in advance. Each bag of trash you dispose of will cost you one "punch" on the card.

Several times a year the trash district organizes a collection of either tires, or scrap metal, or household hazardous waste in Woodstock. These collections are a convenient and inexpensive way to dispose of these pesky items.

#### Recycling

The Town of Woodstock has a mandatory recycling ordinance that requires all property owners in Woodstock to recycle glass, paper, newspaper, cardboard, steel cans and aluminum cans. Your trash disposal contractor is obligated to collect and recycle these materials for you and you are obligated to separate them out for collection. If you choose to dispose of your own trash at the transfer station in Hartford, you must dispose of the recyclable materials in the recycling center.

The Vermont legislature recently adopted Act 148 which will push recycling to new levels. The law prohibits discarding recyclable materials in a landfill. The law also begins mandating the composting of many organic materials. For example, leaf and yard waste were mandated to be composted since July 1, 2016. Food scrap composting began July 1, 2014 for generators that produce over 2 tons per week of food waste. By 2020 all food waste, from a tiny kitchen in a small apartment to a large grocery store or commercial kitchen must be composted.

#### **Septic Rules**

Regulations governing septic systems for single family residences and subdivided lots have changed significantly. More innovative/alternative systems are acceptable and failed system replacement is possible through a variance from the rules if compliance is not possible.

Since June 2, 2007 all septic systems built in Woodstock require a state septic permit regardless of when the lot was created. Also since June 2, 2007, all new residential connections to the municipal sewer system must obtain a state water & wastewater permit in addition to a town connection permit.

The nearest office of Environmental Conservation is located in Springfield, VT at 100 Mineral Street. Their telephone number is (802) 289-0603.

### **Sewer Department**

Last, but not least, I would like to report on operations at the three wastewater treatment facilities owned and operated by the Town. They are located in South Woodstock, Taftsville and the main plant is in the Village. All of our facilities are operating very well with effluent quality that meets or surpasses all permit requirements. The Wastewater Treatment facilities are licensed by the State of Vermont and each is given its own five year permit to discharge treated wastewater to the waters of the State of Vermont. The most recent license granted to the Taftsville facility required a full and complete engineering evaluation of the plant's facility and equipment. The results of this evaluation are that the facility needs a major over haul to keep functioning. Primarily the aeration tank which is made of steel, has serious rust issues that need to be repaired by welding new steel to mend the tank. Two other options were way more expensive. One option was to remove and replace the tank, the other option is to build a new sewer line that will connect the Taftsville facility with the main facility in the village. This work is out to bid and should be completed by June 2019.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Woodstock, the Select Board and all municipal employees and all of our public officials, whether elected or appointed, for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip B. Swanson Town Manager

### WARNING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING March 2, 2019 And March 5, 2019

The citizens of Woodstock who are legal voters in the Town of Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall Theatre in said Town on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., and continuing no later than 11:59 P.M., to be adjourned until the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 for the purpose of transacting during that time any business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

The citizens of Woodstock, who are legal voters in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, County of Windsor, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall Theatre in the Town Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019, reconvening at 7:00 A.M., continuing until 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of transacting during that time, voting by Australian ballot.

ARTICLE I:	The election of Town Officers for the ensuing year as required by law including: (Australian Ballot)					
	Select Board (3 year term)					
	Select Board (2 year term)					
	Town Treasurer					
	Moderator (1 year term)					
	Lister (3 year term)					
	Auditor (2 year term)					
	Auditor (3 year term)					
	Cemetery Commissioner (3 ye					
	Trustee of Public Funds (2 yea	/				
	Trustee of Public Funds (3 yea	r term)				
	Grand Juror First Constable					
	Town Agent W.C.M.U.U.S.D. (3 year term)	)				
	W.C.M.U.U.S.D. (3 year term)					
	W.C.W.O.O.D.D. (5 year term)	)				
ARTICLE II:	To see if the Town will receive and act	t upon reports	s submitted b	by the Town officers.		
ARTICLE III:	State Education Taxes on real property	To see if the Town will vote to collect the Town General, Highway, School Taxes and State Education Taxes on real property and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA Chapter 133 and fix the dates of payment as November 1, 2019, and May 1, 2020.				
ARTICLE IV:	To see if the Town will vote to pay the	Town Office	ers in accord	ance with Title 24 V	SA,	
	Section 932 as follows:					
	Select Board	\$	1,000.00	per year		
	Town Treasurer		12,000.00	per year		
	Listers		24.40	per hour		
	Constable		24.40	per hour		
	Town Clerk		30.75	per hour		
	Moderator		50.00	each time serves		

- **ARTICLE V:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to defray current expenses and debts of the Town and Sewer Department.
- **ARTICLE VI:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Million Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eight Dollars (\$6,038,508.) which includes the specified sums of money to operate each department; and to raise by taxation the amount of Three Million Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$3,920,138.) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2019-2020.

Culture and Recreation	448,745
Town Hall Building	138,100
Select Board	35,410
Executive	132,800
Administration	26,800
Finance	242,130
Town Clerk	154,760
Planning and Zoning	121,870
Town Highways	1,792,800
Cemetery Maintenance	20,000
Sanitation	33,550
Ambulance Department	609,070
Fire Department	299,010
Emergency Services Bldg. Maintenance	38,200
Constable	10,570
Town Police District	392,393
Dispatch Services	349,700
Welcome Center	36,500
Village Highway Rebate	288,000
Select Board Contingency	243,500
Capital Outlay	295,000
Economic Development Commission	270,000
Irene Bond	59,600
Total	\$6,038,508

- ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Five Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$1,605,210), which includes Eight Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$896,210) from user fees and Seven Hundred Nine Thousand Dollars (\$709,000) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2019-2020.
- **ARTICLE VIII:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) and pay each of the Trustees Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the purpose of paying the Trustees of Public Funds for services rendered, and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose.
- **ARTICLE IX:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of having the Public Trust Funds audited and approve the expenditure of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from income of the Trust Funds to pay for the Annual Audit.

ARTICLE X:	<ul> <li>Shall the voters of the Town of Woodstock urge the State of Vermont to:</li> <li>A) Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, i.e. transmission pipelines, electrical generation plants and/or industrial storage facilities.</li> <li>B) Statutorily commit to at least 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines.</li> <li>C) Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities.</li> </ul>
ARTICLE XI:	<ul> <li>Shall the voters of the Town of Woodstock request the town to do its part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:</li> <li>A) Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing town lands;</li> <li>B) Weatherizing town buildings and schools;</li> <li>C) Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping to reduce overall energy use.</li> <li>D) Encourage landowners, municipalities and farmers to implement practices that build the soil carbon sponge to cool the planet and mitigating flooding and drought.</li> </ul>
ARTICLE XII:	Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the support of the Woodstock Area Job Bank to connect individuals and businesses with members of our community who are seeking work and volunteer opportunities. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
ARTICLE XIII:	Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for Woodstock WCTV8 Public Access Television to help support coverage of ongoing events within the Town of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
ARTICLE XIV:	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from the general fund the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
ARTICLE XV:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$3,247) to help support outpatient mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (HCRS). (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
ARTICLE XVI:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Woodstock in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
ARTICLE XVII:	Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the support of Senior Solutions (formally Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

- ARTICLE XVIII: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$298) for the support of The Public Health Council of the Upper Valley to help continuing public health coordination for residents in the areas of Substance Misuse, Elder Care, Oral Health, Emergency Preparedness, and Healthy Living. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XIX: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and make youth feel supported, welcomed and included. There is no charge to attend our program. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XX: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to support the mission of WISE (Women's Information Services, Inc.) in providing free crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, prevention education, and training to community members and professionals. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXI: Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF). OHF is a nonprofit community resource that provides funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription co-payments and short term caregiver services. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- **ARTICLE XXII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to the children in Windsor County. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- **ARTICLE XXIII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Woodstock through volunteer service. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXIV: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be allocated to the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce for operational expenses of the Mechanic Street Welcome Center for FY 2019-20. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXV: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$36,100) as the Town's share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Thompson Senior Center. The Thompson is an important community resource – providing daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health, educational and social services that assist residents to age well. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE XXVI:	Shall the Town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,250) for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library. These funds are over and above the level budgeted support that the Town provides to this library for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
ARTICLE XXVII:	Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) for the support of Pentangle Arts to provide services to the residents of the Town of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
ARTICLE XXVIII:	Shall the voters of the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to help support COVER Home Repair in their home repair and weatherization services to the residents of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
ARTICLE XXIX:	<ul> <li>To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed for the buildings known as The Homestead, located on land owned by The Homestead Inc. for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)</li> <li>A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.</li> <li>B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.</li> </ul>
ARTICLE XXX:	<ul> <li>To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed for the buildings known as Mertens House, located on land owned by The Homestead Inc. for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)</li> <li>A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.</li> <li>B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.</li> </ul>
ARTICLE XXXI:	<ul> <li>To see if the Town will vote to extend tax exempt status to the South Woodstock Fire Protection Association, Incorporated, for a period of five years, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)</li> <li>A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.</li> <li>B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.</li> </ul>
ARTICLE XXXII:	<ul> <li>To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed for the buildings known as the Prosper Community House for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)</li> <li>A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.</li> <li>B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.</li> </ul>

ARTICLE XXXIII:	Petition for exemption of all local property taxes including local education, highway, and
	town general, for the land, improvements, buildings, owned by Woodstock Associates
	known as the Woodstock Recreation Center. Consisting of the recreation building, little
	theater, pools, 2.5 acres of land and the parking lot across the street for a period of five
	years. As well as the improvements and buildings used as a tree farm by the Woodstock
	Associates for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE XXXIV:** To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed below for the land and buildings owned by the Woodstock Masonic Association Inc. for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

- A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.
- B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

ARTICLE XXXV: To see if the Town of Woodstock will vote to exempt Woodstock Community Playschool (DBA Rainbow Playschool) from paying taxes on the playschool building located at 281 Barnard Road for a period of ten years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

- A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.
- B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

**ARTICLE XXXVI:** To entertain the discussion of any other business of interest to the legal voters, such discussion shall not be construed in any manner as binding Municipal action.

Dated at Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont on this 24<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019.

### By the Select Board members of the TOWN OF WOODSTOCK:

L.D. Sutherland, Chair John Doten Jill M. Davies Sonya Stover Mary Riley

> F. Charles Degener, III Town Clerk

# TOWN BUDGET

1	GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
2 3	CULTURE & RECREATION	2017/2018	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
4	Little Theater Bond Payment	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
<del>-</del> 5	Little Theater Bond Interest	5,000	5,280	5,000	4,800
6	Woodstock Council Aging	10,600	10,600	10,810	11,025
7	Parades	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
8	Town Library Contribution	144,840	144,840	2,000 147,750	150,700
9	Woodstock Rec Center	285,900	285,900	287,100	225,000
10	Fireworks	7,500	6,977	7,500	7,500
10	Elem School Space Rental	92,000	92,000	7,500	7,500
12	Pentangle	34,500	34,500	36,000	36,720
12	Total CULTURE & RECREATION	593,340	591,097	507,160	448,745
13 14		555,540	551,057	507,100	440,745
14					
16	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
10	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
18	TOWN HALL BUILDING				
19	Operating Supplies	2,500	1,249	6,000	2,500
20	Other Purchased Services	10,000	8,995	12,000	12,000
20	Custodial Services	10,000	9,378	9,000	9,000
22	Small Tools & Equipment	500	3,378	500	500
22	Utilities	40,000	29,059	36,000	34,000
23 24	Building Improvements	40,000	29,039	500	500
24 25	Bldg Repairs & Mainte	8,000	7,013	8,000	8,000
26	Loan Repayment- Boiler	0,000	7,015	22,500	21,600
20	Total TOWN HALL BUILDING	73,000	55,723	94,500	88,100
28		75,000	55,725	54,500	88,100
28 29	CAPITAL RESERVE TOWN HALL				
30	Town Hall Improvements	20,000	20,000	20,000	50,000
31	TOTAL Capital Reserve Town Hall	20,000	20,000	20,000	50,000
32	TOTAL capital Reserve Town Hall	20,000	20,000	20,000	50,000
33	TOTAL Town Hall	93,000	75,723	114,500	138,100
34		55,000	75,725	114,500	138,100
35	SELECT BOARD				
36	Salaries & Wages	5,000	4,000	5,000	5,000
37	Employer Paid Benefits	390	306	310	310
38	Legal Services	2,000	15,728	18,000	18,000
39	Community Television	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
40	Dues, Subs & Meetings	5,400	5,259	5,400	5,400
41	Printing Town Report	4,500	5,043	5,500	5,500
42	Total SELECT BOARD	18,490	31,537	35,410	35,410
43		10,450	51,557	55,410	55,410
44	EXECUTIVE				
45	Salaries & Wages	90,500	92,449	92,100	94,200
46	Employer Paid Benefits	34,000	34,441	33,500	33,400
47	Dues, Subs & Meetings	1,400	1,072	1,400	1,400
48	Manager's Pick-Up Lease	-	-	-	3,800
49	Total EXECUTIVE	125,900	127,962	127,000	132,800
		123,300	127,502	127,000	102,000

		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1		·	·		
1	OFFICE ADMINISTRATION Operating Supplies	2 200	2 2 2 2 2	2 200	2 400
2		3,200	3,333	3,200	3,400
3	Office Supplies	3,300	2,503	3,300	3,200
4	Postage	4,200	2,701	4,000	3,200
5	Equipment Maintenance	3,600	3,606	3,000	4,000
6	Machinery & Equipment	2,700	1,582	2,700	2,000
7	Communications	4,000	3,760	4,400	4,000
8	Advertising	2,500	7,466	2,500	3,500
9	Total OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	23,500	24,951	23,100	23,300
10					
11	CAPITAL RESERVE EXEC & OFFICE ADMIN	1 500	1 500	1 500	1 500
12 13	Office Equipment Computer Software	1,500 2,000	1,500 2,000	1,500	1,500 2,000
13 14	Manager's Pick-up			2,000	2,000
		1,500	1,500	2,250	- 2 500
15	TOTAL Capital Reserve Exec & Admin	5,000	5,000	5,750	3,500
16 17	Total Executive & Office Admin	154 400	157 012		150,600
	Total Executive & Office Admin	154,400	157,912	155,850	159,600
18					
19 20	FINANCE				
20					
21 22	AUDITING Professional Services	12 000	12 000	12 000	15 000
22		13,000	13,900	13,000	15,000
23 24	Total AUDITING	13,000	13,900	13,000	15,000
24 25	TREASURER				
25 26	Salaries & Wages	16,000	14,805	16,000	12,000
20	Employer Paid Benefits	1,400	14,803	1,400	12,000
27	Travel & Transportation	2,600	2,172	2,600	2,200
28	Dues, Subs & Meetings	100	-	2,000	100
30	Total TREASURER	20,100	18,110	20,100	15,300
31		20,100	10,110	20,100	15,500
32	ACCOUNTING				
33	Salaries & Wages	43,750	47,842	58,600	62,000
34	Employer Paid Benefits	13,900	15,140	16,200	19,000
35	Software Upgrade	100	-	10,200	100
36	Professional Services	200	135	200	200
37	Other Purchased Services	800	-	800	800
38	Total ACCOUNTING	58,750	63,117	75,900	82,100
39		56,750	00,117	73,300	02,100
40	TAX LISTING				
41	Salaries & Wages	74,250	74,050	74,250	76,110
42	Employer Paid Benefits	27,125	26,164	27,125	28,750
43	Operating Supplies	250	413	400	400
44	Professional Services	200	-	200	200
44 45	Other Purchased Services	350	515	350	350
46	Licensed State Support	350	-	350	350
40 47	Equip Repair & Maintenance	100	213	200	200
47	Travel & Transportation	250	394	200	250
48 49	Dues, Subs & Meetings	250	185	800	800
50	Total TAX LISTING	103,125	101,933	103,925	107,410
50		103,123	101,900	103,923	107,410

		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	COLLECTING		,	,	,
2	Salaries & Wages	16,100	16,404	16,100	16,500
3	Employer Paid Benefits	5,480	4,604	5,725	5,820
4	Legal Services	-	-	-, -	-
5	Total TAX COLLECTING	21,580	21,008	21,825	22,320
6			,	,	
7					
8	CAPITAL RESERVE FINANCE				
9	Lister's Equipment	1,000	1,000	-	-
10	Total CAPITAL RESERVE FINANCE	1,000	1,000	-	-
11		,	,		
12	Total FINANCE	217,555	218,068	234,750	242,130
13			,	,	
14	TOWN CLERK				
15	BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY				
16	Printing Supplies	2,000	1,563	4,000	1,600
17	BCA Wages	500	971	1,000	600
18	Election Wages	500	215	1,600	600
19	Total BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	3,000	2,749	6,600	2,800
20			-		
21	TOWN CLERK				
22	Salaries & Wages	54,040	59,045	62,400	63,960
23	Asst Town Clerk Wages	21,300	25,730	29,000	29,000
24	Employer Paid Benefits	45,625	41,220	47,200	50,100
25	Office Supplies	360	371	400	400
26	Other Purchased Services	300	5	300	300
27	Machinery & Equipment	600	214	500	500
28	Copier Lease	750	2,245	2,400	2,400
29	Dues, Subs & Meetings	600	583	800	800
30	Record Retention	3,200	1,725	3,200	1,000
31	Total TOWN CLERK	126,775	131,139	146,200	148,460
32		,	,	,	,
33	CAPITAL RESERVE TOWN CLERK				
34	Town Clerk Vault	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
35	Total CAPITAL RESERVE TOWN CLERK	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
36		,	,	,	,
37	Total TOWN CLERK	133,275	137,388	156,300	154,760
38		,	,	,	,
39	<b>BOARDS &amp; AGENCIES</b>				
40					
41	PLANNING & ZONING				
42	Salaries & Wages	74,800	70,133	76,000	75,820
43	Employer Paid Benefits	31,000	26,242	29,200	31,200
44	Professional Services	500	935	500	500
45	Equipment Purchase	250	52	250	250
46	Travel & Transportation	4,000	2,506	4,000	4,000
47	Dues, Subs & Meetings	6,000	5,820	6,000	6,000
48	Advertising	2,500	1,992	2,500	2,500
49	GIS Mapping	100	,	100	100
50	Conservation Commission	500	135	500	500
51	Total PLANNING & ZONING	119,650	107,814	119,050	120,870
	-	-,	,	-,	-,

		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	CAPITAL RESERVE BOARDS & AGENCIES	-	-	-	-
2	Town Plan Consulting	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
3	Computer Equip Replace	500	500	-	-
4	Total CAPITAL RESERVE BOARDS & AGENCIES	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000
5					
6	Total BOARDS & AGENCIES	121,150	109,314	120,050	121,870
7					
8	Total GENERAL GOVERNMENT	737,870	729,943	816,860	851,870
9					
10	PUBLIC WORKS				
11	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
12					
13	TRAFFIC CONTROL				
14	Operating Supplies	2,750	4,537	3,500	5,000
15	Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	500	-	500	-
16	Traffic Control Signs & Posts	1,000	2,131	1,000	2,000
17	Total TRAFFIC CONTROL	4,250	6,668	5,000	7,000
18					
19	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE				
20	Salaries & Wages	371,150	368,000	373,200	378,000
21	Overtime	48,500	74,216	50,300	55,000
22	Summer Help-Wages	4,500	1,033	4,500	2,500
23	Employer Paid Benefits	175,000	179,236	205,000	210,000
24	Operating Supplies-Maintenance	26,000	24,085	30,000	30,000
25	Office Supplies	250	304	100	100
26	Professional Services	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
27	Other Purchased Services	39,000	38,406	39,000	39,000
28	Emergency Work	-	-	1,000	1,000
29	Street Line Painting	-	-	10,000	10,000
30	Snow Dump Pollution Monitoring	7,000	10,932	2,000	2,000
31	Small Tools & Equipment	2,000	1,417	2,000	2,000
32	Rentals	1,000	815	1,000	2,000
33	Communications	1,500	3,603	1,500	3,600
34	Rubbish Removal	12,000	12,069	12,000	14,600
35	Diesel & Gasoline	53,500	57,936	53,500	60,000
36	Spot Gravel	72,000	106,599	72,000	72,000
37	Pavement Patch (Town)	8,000	7,712	8,000	8,000
38	State Mandate Stormwater Mgmt.	7,000	7,044	14,000	14,000
39	Village Street Paving	40,000	21,553	40,000	55,000
40	Road Stabilization	30,000	31,414	30,000	30,000
41	Town Road Paving	15,000	11,064	15,000	20,000
42	Pavement Patch (Route 4)	15,000	22,000	15,000	15,000
43	Roadside Tree Maintenance	12,000	19,652	12,000	20,000
44	Crosswalk Maintenance	11,000	9,532	12,000	12,000
45	Reconstruct North St Retaining Wall	-	-	45,000	-
46	Salt & Sand	178,000	200,414	190,000	190,000
47	Unclassified	12,000	-	6,000	6,000
48	Total HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE	1,142,400	1,209,033	1,245,100	1,252,800

		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	BRIDGES, CULVERTS & STORM DRAINS	2017/2010	2017,2010	2010/2015	2013/2020
2	Operating Supplies	2,000	3,502	2,000	2,000
3	Repair & Maint Supplies	6,000	13,150	6,000	6,000
4	Other Purchased Services	10,000	10,352	10,000	10,000
5	Engineering Services	1,000	3,680	1,000	1,000
6	Rentals	500	795	500	500
7	Culverts & Drains	7,500	9,577	7,500	7,500
8	Catch Basins	6,000	1,046	6,000	6,000
9	Bridge Rehabilitation	30,000	12,036	30,000	20,000
10	Total BRIDGES,CULVERTS&STORMDRAINS	63,000	54,137	63,000	53,000
11		03,000	54,157	03,000	55,000
12	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT				
13	Operating Supplies	8,000	13,188	8,000	12,000
14	Repair & Maintenance	44,000	58,005	65,000	65,000
15	Equipment Maint. Supplies	4,000	3,294	05,000	05,000
16	Other Purchased Services	4,000	3,294 1,950	5,000	3,000
17	Equipment Repair	2,000	3,285	5,000	5,000
18	Grader Lease	2,000	24,788		30,000
19	Backhoe Lease/Purchase	18,400	24,700	18,400	22,600
20	Loader Lease/Purchase	17,800	_	10,400	22,000
20	Small Tools & Equipment	1,100	446	1,100	1,100
22	Ton Truck '19 ( Alex )	13,800	13,429	13,800	16,000
22	DumpTk Lease/Purchase '16	19,500	19,369	19,700	10,000
23	DumpTk Lease/Purchase '17	20,000	-	-	-
24	DumpTrkLeasePurchase '15	19,200	19,380	19,685	-
26	Pickup Lease / Purchase	6,800	6,762	6,800	6,800
20	Equipment Purchase	200	- 0,702	0,800	0,800
28	Pickup Purchase	200		4,000	
28	F-450 Lease Purchase '19 (Ken)			4,000	16,000
30	Riding Mower Purchase			3,500	10,000
30 31	Communications	500	1,378	500	500
32	Dump Truck '19 4x4 w/ Scraper	500	1,576	500	30,000
33	Total HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	202,300	- 165,274	- 181,485	203,000
33 34		202,300	105,274	101,405	203,000
35	SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE				
36	Sidewalk Maintenance	12,000	10,458	15,000	12,000
37	Sidewalk Construction	4,000	10,430	8,000	25,000
38		16,000	10,469	23,000	37,000
39		10,000	10,405	23,000	57,000
40	STREET LIGHTS				
40	Pole Replacement	-	_	8,000	8,000
41	Street Lights	42,500	39,372	42,500	42,000
42	Total STREET LIGHTS	42,500	39,372	50,500	50,000
43 44		42,500	39,372	50,500	50,000
44 45	PARKS				
46	Operating Supplies	2,000	2,289	1,500	1,500
40 47	Paw Bags	2,000 1,400	1,315	2,900	2,000
48	Fance Maintenance	200	-	2,900	2,000
48 49	Small Tools & Equipment	200	250	250	250
49 50	Rubbish Removal	3,000	441	2,600	-
50 51	Total PARKS	6,850	441 4,294	7,450	3,950
1		0,000	4,294	7,450	3,330

		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS				
2	Utilities	19,000	23,036	21,200	24,000
3	Building Improvements	250	1,155	250	250
4	Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	3,600	4,512	3,600	3,600
5	Mechanic St. Garage Inspection	-	-	5,000	-
6	Bond Payment	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
7	Bond Payment - Interest	30,300	27,583	28,800	26,200
8	Total PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS	123,150	126,286	128,850	124,050
9					
10	CAPITAL RESERVE HIGHWAY				
11	Equip Dump Truck '17	20,000	20,000	-	-
12	Equip Dump Truck '19	35,000	35,000	-	-
13	Ton Truck '20(Ken )	12,000	-	-	-
14	Snow Blower	12,500	12,500	-	-
15	Ton Truck '19 ( Alex )	-	-	-	-
16	Utility Truck	-	-	10,000	-
17	The Green-Archway Entrances	3,000	3,000	-	-
18	General Bridge O & M	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
19	Old River Rd Culvert	15,000	15,000	-	-
20	Cox District Rd Box Culvert	20,000	20,000	-	-
21	Emergency Infrastructure	23,000	23,000	10,000	20,000
22	Pleasant St. Bridge Deck '22	-	-	10,000	5,000
23	Rt 4 Garage Generator	-	-	2,000	2,000
24	Street Drain Pipe Repair	-	-	5,000	5,000
25	Catch Basin Repair	-	-	5,000	5,000
26	Total CAPITAL RESERVE HIGHWAY	165,500	153,500	67,000	62,000
27		1 705 050	1 700 001	1 771 205	1 702 800
28 29	Total HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS	1,765,950	1,769,034	1,771,385	1,792,800
29 30	MAINTAINING CEMETERIES				
30 31	Other Purchased Services	14,000	15,595	14,000	16,000
32	Repair & Maintenance	1,000	2,078	1,000	1,000
33		15,000	17,673	15,000	17,000
34		15,000	17,075	15,000	17,000
35	CAPITAL RESERVE CEMETARIES				
36	Cemetery Improvements	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
37	Total CAPITAL RESERVE CEMETARIES	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
38		3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
39	Total MAINTAINING CEMETERIES	18,000	20,673	18,000	20,000
40		-,	-,	-,	-,
41	SANITATION				
42	Upper Valley Solid Waste	34,000	33,528	33,528	33,550
43	Total SANITATION	34,000	33,528	33,528	33,550
44					
45	WELCOME CENTER				
46	Maintenance Supplies	2,500	2,585	2,500	2,600
47	Custodial Services	19,000	18,584	19,000	19,000
48	Propane	850	1,349	1,200	1,200
49	Electricity	1,000	1,207	1,400	1,400
50	Misc Utilities	3,000	1,643	1,800	1,800
51	Building Improvements	-	-	2,000	1,000
52	Buildingg Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	3,119	3,500	4,000
53	Chamber Office Loan Principle	4,000	3,856	4,000	2,000
54	Chamber Office Loan Interest	2,000	1,995	2,000	3,500
55	Total WELCOME CENTER	33,350	34,338	37,400	36,500

	PUBLIC SAFETY	Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	AMBULANCE OPERATIONS				,
2	Chief of Emergency Services Salary & Wages	-	-	7,500	29,640
3	Chief of Emergency Services Benefits	-	-	600	17,970
4	Paramedic & Billing Salaries & Wages	80,350	79,512	73,025	69,600
5	Paramedic & Billing Benefits	33,450	30,837	34,300	33 <i>,</i> 950
6	Operating Supplies	23,000	21,798	30,000	25,000
7	Office Supplies	3,000	2,662	3,000	3,000
8	Repair & Maint Supplies	100	639	100	500
9	Paramedic Supplies	2,500	1,674	4,000	3,500
10	Billing Software	4,300	300	5,000	4,000
11	Other Purchased Services	2,600	3,602	2,600	3,500
12	EMS Responder Wages	220,000	232,411	240,000	263,000
13	Paramedic Intercept	10,000	7,523	8,000	8,000
14	Contract Services	-	21,030	-	-
15	Personal Protection Equip	1,000	194	1,000	1,000
16	Rental Quarters	-	-	5,220	5,220
17	Communications	100	-	600	600
18	Dues, Subs & Meetings	750	474	750	600
19	Medical Testing	300	-	300	300
20	Uncollectable Accounts	20,000	43,451	20,000	20,000
21	3% Tax on VT Patient Income	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
22	Medicare & Ins Allowance	100	-	100	100
23	Total AMBULANCE OPERATIONS	402,550	446,107	437,095	490,480
24					
25	AMBULANCE VEHICLE				
26	Small Tools & Equipment	1,400	556	1,400	750
27	Ambulance 1 Maintenance	2,000	1,995	2,000	2,000
28	Ambulance 2 Maintenance	4,000	1,071	2,000	2,000
29	Ambulance 3 Maintenance	2,000	7,751	4,000	4,000
30	Communications	100	275	500	500
31	Fuel	5,000	2,957	4,000	4,000
32	Total AMBULANCE VEHICLE	14,500	14,605	13,900	13,250
33					
34	AMBULANCE TRAINING				
35	Training Wages	3,000	5,832	3,500	3,500
36	Employer Paid Benefits	200	626	200	200
37	Operating Supplies	400	416	1,000	1,000
38	Professional Services	600	1,506	600	600
39	Small Tools & Equipment	100	332	100	100
40	Travel & Transportation	300	-	500	500
41	Dues, Subs & Meetings	200	408	200	300
42	State EMS Training	5,000	9,557	5,000	5,000
43	Total AMBULANCE TRAINING	9,800	18,676	11,100	11,200
44					
45	AMBULANCE COMMUNICATIONS				
46	Office Phone & Internet	1,800	1,555	1,800	1,700
47	Vehicle Cell Phones	1,000	144	1,000	1,000
48	Pagers	1,000	293	3,000	3,000
49	Portable Radios	1,000	3,415	3,000	3,000
50	Vehicle Mobile Radios	500	-	500	500
51	Total AMBULANCE COMMUNICATIONS	5.300	5.407	9.300	9.200

		Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
		2017/2018	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
1	CAPITAL RESERVE AMBULANCE				
2	Cardiac Monitors	-	-	10,000	10,000
3	Portable Computer	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
4	Ambulance 2018	25,000	25,000	25,000	10,000
5	Ambulance 2021	-	-	-	50,000
6	Pagers	-	-	2,000	2,000
7	2 way radios	-	-	3,000	3,000
8	Total CAPITAL RESERVE AMBULANCE	27,500	27,500	42,500	77,500
9					
10	HEALTH OFFICER				
11	Salaries & Wages	6,300	6,300	6,500	6,650
12	Employer Paid Benefits	480	482	480	490
13	Water Testing Supplies	100	-	100	100
14	Travel & Transportation	100	-	100	100
15	Dues, Subs & Meetings	100	-	100	100
16	Total HEALTH OFFICER	7,080	6,782	7,280	7,440
17					
18	Total AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT	466,730	519,077	521,175	609,070
19					
20	FIRE DEPARTMENT				
21					
22	FIREFIGHTING				
23	Chief of Emergency Services Salary & Wages	-	-	18,200	29,640
24	Chief of Emergency Services Benefits	-	-	1,500	17,970
25	Salaries & Wages	100,000	70,123	61,800	60,000
26	Employer Paid Benefits	10,500	5,364	5,000	5,000
27	Operating Supplies	2,500	2,523	4,000	4,000
28	Professional Services	1,750	846	1,750	1,750
29	Winter Hydrant Maint	3,600	3,500	3,600	3,600
30	Hydrant Rental	25,000	19,170	25,200	25,200
31	Travel & Transportation	200	-	200	200
32	Dues, Subs & Meetings	900	470	900	900
33	Education	2,500	776	2,500	2,500
34	CDL Licensing	500	246	500	500
35	Medical Testing	750	513	750	750
36	Fire Prevention	1,000	423	1,000	1,000
37	Total FIREFIGHTING	149,200	103,954	126,900	153,010
38					
39	FIRE COMMUNICATIONS				
40	Alarm Registration Admin	200	-	200	200
41	Equip Repair & Mainte	3,000	545	3,000	2,500
42	Machinery & Equipment	2,500	207	2,500	1,000
43	Communications	3,000	3,799	3,000	3,800
44	Security Alarm Radios	5,000		-	-
45	TOTAL FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	13,700	4,551	8,700	7,500
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		Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
		2017/2018	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
1	FIRE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT				
2	Operating Supplies	1,500	1,438	1,500	1,500
3	Repair & Maintenance	2,500	56	2,500	2,500
4	Hose Testing	-	-	2,000	2,000
5	Pump Testing	-	-	2,000	2,000
6	Engine #1 Maintenance	3,000	1,226	3,000	3,000
7	Engine #2 Maintenance	2,500	1,804	2,500	2,500
8	Engine #3 Maintenance	1,500	4,071	1,500	1,500
9	Rescue Maintenance	1,500	1,527	1,500	1,500
10	Fuel	1,500	214	1,500	1,500
11	Fire Truck 2018	-	-	-	72,000
12 13	TotaL FIRE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	14,000	10,334	18,000	90,000
14	FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT				
15	Operating Supplies	1,500	1,591	1,500	1,500
16	Equipment Maintenance	1,000	638	1,000	1,000
17	Air Pack Maint & Equip	3,000	1,878	3,000	3,000
18	Equipment Purchase	3,000	1,230	3,000	2,500
19	Small Tools & Equipment	400	434	400	400
20	Rescue Equipment	800	612	800	800
21	Bunker Gear Replacement Pieces	2,500	4,369	2,500	2,500
22	Hose Adapters	1,000	247	1,000	1,000
23	Total FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	13,200	10,998	13,200	12,700
24					
25	CAPITAL RESERVE FIRE DEPARTMENT				
26	Pager Replacement	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
27	Fire Truck	20,000	20,000	70,000	-
28	Bunker Gear	5,000	5,000	12,500	12,500
29	Generator	5,000	5,000	7,000	3,000
30	Air Pack Regulators and Frames	4,000	4,000	9,300	9,300
31	Air Pack Tanks	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
32	Boiler Replacement	-	-	2,600	-
33	LED Lighting	-	-	2,000	2,000
34	New EMS Building Conceptual Study	-	-	3,000	3,000
35	Fire Ground 2-way Radios	-	-	2,000	2,000
36	Total CAPITAL RESERVE FIRE DEPARTMENT	37,000	37,000	112,400	35,800
37					
38	Total FIRE DEPARTMENT	227,100	166,837	279,200	299,010
39			,	,	,
40	EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDINGS				
41					
42	WOODSTOCK STATION #2				
43	Maintenance Supplies	150	559	150	150
44	Propane	800	1,282	2,800	1,600
45	Electricity	950	655	800	800
46	Misc Utilities	2,600	3,809	2,900	4,000
47	Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	3,231	1,000	1,000
48	Total WOODSTOCK STATION #2	5,500	9,535	7,650	7,550
40		5,500	5,555	7,050	7,550

		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	EMERGENCY SERVICES BLDG	2017/2010	2017/2010	2010/2015	2013/2020
2	Maintenance Supplies	1,400	2,076	1,000	2,000
3	Building Custodian	4,400	4,005	6,000	5,000
4	Propane	4,500	4,722	2,000	4,800
5	Electricity	10,000	7,352	8,350	8,350
6	Misc Utilities	2,500	2,815	5,000	3,000
7	Paint Exterior of ESB	100	100	500	500
8	Equip Repair & Mainte	7,000	12,810	7,000	7,000
9	Total EMERGENCY SERVICES BLDG	29,900	33,881	29,850	30,650
10		23,300	00,001	23,000	50,050
11	Total Emergency Services Buildings	35,400	43,416	37,500	38,200
12		55,100	10) 110	57,500	56,200
13	COMMUNICATIONS				
14	connonextions				
15	DISPATCH SERVICES				
16	Salaries & Wages	209,300	211,020	220,000	225,500
17	Training Wages	2,000	1,929	2,000	2,000
18	Residency Stipend	500	1,106	500	1,500
19	EMT Stipend	600	1,742	1,200	1,200
20	Employer Paid Benefits	81,025	83,919	76,500	89,500
21	Operating Supplies	1,200	457	1,200	1,000
22	Office Supplies	1,200	692	1,200	900
23	Repair & Mainte Supplies	500	1,434	1,000	1,500
24	Repairs & Maintenance	1,200	2,234	800	1,200
25	Machinery & Equipment	600	165	900	900
26	Small Tools & Equipment	600	214	600	600
27	Tower Rental & Lease	3,200	3,101	5,000	4,000
28	Tower Maintenance	300	52	300	300
29	Communications	4,800	3,959	7,500	6,000
30	Travel & Transportation	200	200	200	200
31	Training Fees	300	-	300	300
32	Total DISPATCH SERVICES	307,525	312,224	319,200	336,600
33		307,323	512,224	515,200	330,000
34	CAPITAL RESERVE COMMUNICATIONS				
35	Recorder	2,000	2,000	3,000	1,500
36	Replace "K" Frequency	1,000	1,000	3,000	-
37	Console terminal (a)	2,000	2,000	1,000	3,000
38	Console Terminal (b)	2,000	2,000	4,000	2,600
39	Receiver/Transmitter B	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000
40	Receiver/Transmitter F	-	-	2,000	3,000
40 41	Total CAPITAL RESERVE COMMUNICATIONS	7,000	7,000	10,000	13,100
41		7,000	7,000	10,000	13,100
42 43	Total COMMUNICATIONS	314,525	319,224	329,200	349,700

	TOWN CONSTABLE	Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	TOWN CONSTABLE				
2	Salaries & Wages	5,000	4,094	7,000	7,000
3	Employer Paid Benefits	400	313	520	520
4	Operating Supplies	500	-	100	100
5	Office Supplies	200	-	50	50
6	Repair & Mainte Supplies	100	-	50	50
7	Other Purchased Services	200	20	50	50
8	Animal Control	-	-	500	700
9	Machinery & Equipment	200	-	100	100
10	Communications	200	-	1,200	1,500
11	Mileage - Blue Light	700	-	500	500
12	Total TOWN CONSTABLE	7,500	4,427	10,070	10,570
13					
14 15	TOWN POLICE DISTRICT				
16	POLICE ENFORCEMENT & ADMINISTRATION				
17	Admin Salaries & Wages	59,305	59,305	63,075	64,650
18	Enforcement Salaries & Wages	86,210	86,210	113,250	115,989
19	Admin EMT Train & Stipend	625	625	900	718
20	Enforcement Stipend	3,400	3,400	3,730	4,920
20	Admin Employer Paid Benefits	20,875	20,875	15,400	20,000
22	Enforcement Employer Paid Benefits	26,000	26,000	32,185	32,882
22	Admin Operating Supplies	555	20,000	800	656
23 24	Admin Office Supplies	185	185	250	246
24 25		315	315	350	349
25 26	Enforcement Operating Supplies	592	515	620	615
20	Weapon Maint & Supplies Professional Services	392		410	410
27	Enforcement Uniform Service	370 1,480	370		
	Bike Patrol	370	1,480	1,640 80	1,640
29 30	Officer Video Camera	93	370 93	80 40	82 41
31	Enforcement Small Tools & Equip	1,184	1,184	1,310	1,312
32	Travel & Transportation	102	102	140	113
33	Adm Dues, Subs & Meetings	555	555	750	615
34 25	Enforcement Dues, Subs & Meetings	93 46	93 46	150	144
35	Printing & Binding			50	41
36 27	Advertising	202.466	202.466	250	123
37	Total POLICE ENFORCEMENT & ADMINISTRATION	202,466	202,466	235,380	245,546
38	TOWN LAW ENFORCEMENT				
39 40		75,000	72 204	77 000	78 000
40	TPS Salaries & Wages	75,000	72,204	77,000	78,000
41	TPS Training Wages	1,300	1,293	1,300	1,300
42	TPS Stipend	2,200	-	2,200	2,200
43	TPS Training Paid Benefits	200	99	200	200
44	TPS Employer Paid Benefits	32,000	19,602	28,000	22,500
45	TPS Uniform Service	1,300	1,294	1,300	1,300
46	Extended Warranty/Patrol Car	-	-	1,200	1,200
47	TPS Vehicle Repair&Mainte	2,500	2,318	2,500	2,500
48	TPS Small Tools & Equip	500	497	500	500
49 50	TPS 4X4 Vehicle Lease	7,250	7,748	7,800	7,800
50	TPS 4X4 Radio, Lights, Radar	800	791	800	800
51	TPS Communications	-	300	300	300
52	TPS Fuel	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,750
53	TPS Dues, Subs & Meetings	93	162	125	125
54	TPS Tuition	750	400.005	750	750
55	Total LAW ENFORCEMENT	126,393	108,808	126,475	122,225

		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	POLICE TRAINING	- ,	- ,	,	,
2	Training Salaries & Wages	1,850	1,850	2,050	2,255
3	Employer Paid Benefits	111	111	150	144
4	Travel & Transportation	111	111	170	123
5	Tuition	703	703	780	779
6	Total POLICE TRAINING	2,775	2,775	3,150	3,301
7					
8	POLICE COMMUNICATIONS				
9	Radio Maintenance	111	111	123	164
10	Communications	4,255	4,255	4,346	4,510
11	Total COMMUNICATIONS	4,366	4,366	4,469	4,674
12		,	,	,	,
13	POLICE VEHICLE				
14	Equip Repair & Mainte	1,295	1,295	1,435	1,435
15	Small Tools & Equipment	222	222	246	246
16	Fuel	2,960	2,960	3,280	3,690
17	Total POLICE VEHICLE	4,477	4,477	4,961	5,371
18		,	,	,	,
19	BUILDING MAINTENANCE				
20	Salaries & Wages	555	555	820	820
21	Employer Paid Benefits	37	37	60	62
22	Propane	962	962	820	1,066
23	Electricity	666	666	740	738
24	Rubbish Removal	407	407	450	615
25	Water/Sewer	259	259	290	287
26	Building & Maintenance	500	500	410	615
27	Total BUIDING MAINTENANCE	3,386	3,386	3,590	4,203
28		,	,	,	,
29	CAPITAL RESERVE POLICE				
30	Police Computer	93	93	100	103
31	Radio System	740	740	820	820
32	Police Cruiser	5,550	5,550	6,150	6,150
33	Total CAPITAL RESERVE POLICE	6,383	6,383	7,070	7,073
34		,	,	,	,
35	Total TOWN POLICE DISTRICT	350,246	332,661	385,095	392,393
36				,	
37					
38	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
39	Highway Rebate	246,000	287,164	288,000	288,000
40	TOTAL Intergovernmental	246,000	287,164	288,000	288,000
41	-		,	,	
42	SELECT BOARD CONTINGENCY				
43	Unclassified	30,000	25,222	30,000	30,000
44	House Numbers	500	155	500	500
45	Insurance	160,000	185,672	170,000	185,000
46	Compensation Unused Sick & Vacation Time	-	-	-	28,000
47	Total SELECT BOARD CONTINGENCY	190,500	211,049	200,500	243,500
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		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	CAPITAL RESERVE SPENDING				
2	Manager's Pickup	12,000	-	12,000	-
3	Town Hall Improvements	10,000	5,150	30,000	50,000
4	Office Equipment	-	6,718	-	-
5	Computer Equipment Replacement	-	497	-	-
6	Town Clerk Vault Improvements	-	-	20,000	-
7	Restoration of Records	-	1,360	-	10,000
8	Listers' Equip/Education	-	210	-	-
9	Paving	-	-	12,000	-
10	Dump Trucks	65,000	105,000	-	-
11	Hwy Supt. Pickup ( used )	-	-	4,000	-
12	Bridges	-	31,291	60,000	35,000
13	Culverts & Stormwater	30,000	-	8,000	-
14	Ambulance Purchase 2018	-	-	80,000	10,000
15	Ambulance Equipment	-	2,500	-	-
16	Communications	5,000	-	-	-
17	Fire Dept Bunker Gear	2,000	7,666	-	-
18	Console Terminal (b)	-	-	16,000	
19	Vail Field Pave Walkways	15,000	11,825	-	-
20	Emergency Infrastructure	-	17,800	-	-
21	Trucks	-	13,200	-	-
22	Cox District Rd Box Culvert	-	-	52,000	-
23	Fire Truck 2019				170,000
24	ESB Generator	-	-	-	20,000
25	TOTAL Capital Reserve Spending	139,000	203,217	294,000	295,000
26					
27	LOSS REPAIR EXPENSE				
28	PropertyDamage-TaftsBridg	-	6,675	-	-
29	Vehicle Damage/HWY Truck	-	9,694	-	-
30	Vehicle Damage/HWY Truck	-	15,811	-	-
31	Total LOSS REPAIR EXPENSE	-	32,180	-	-
32					
33	TROPICAL STORM IRENE EXPENSES	11.000	44.600	44.600	44.600
34	IRE Bond Repayment	44,600	44,600	44,600	44,600
35	IRE Bond Interest Expense	17,600	15,548	17,250	15,000
36	Total TROPICAL STORM IRENE EXPENSE	62,200	60,148	61,850	59,600
37					
38	GRANT EXPENSE		4 7 4 0		
39 40	ORRV Grant Expense	-	4,748	-	-
40	EV ChargingStation-Grant	-	3,000	-	-
41 42	Highway Grant Expense	-	1,853	-	-
42	CoxDistrict RdGrantExpens	-	10,546	-	-
43	Energy Grant Expense	-	7,670	-	-
44 45	BetterBackRoadsGrantExpen Storm Event (FEMA) Grant	-	72,400 2,322	-	-
		-		-	-
46 47	Densmore Stormwater Grant	-	25,300	-	-
47 40	Total GRANT EXPENSE	-	127,839	-	-
48 40					
49 50	COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS				
50 51	July 4th Celebration		-	-	-
21	Total COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS	-	-	-	-

		Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
1	TRANFERS OUT	2017/2018	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
2	Transfer to Cap Reserve	_	-	_	_
3	Total TRANSFERS OUT				
4					
5	BILLINGS PARK				
6	Billings Park Expense	-	-	-	-
7	Total BILLING PARK		_	_	_
8					
9					
10	ECONOMIC DEVELOP COMMISSION				
11	Local Options Tax Revenues	230,000	-	230,000	270,000
12	Total ECONOMIC DEVELOP RESERVE	230,000	-	230,000	270,000
13					
14	Total EXPENDITURES	5,451,711	5,485,852	5,820,923	6,038,508
15					
16	EDC Grant Distributions				
17	Bluff Island Music	250	250	-	-
18	Public Relations	178	178	-	-
19	Administrative Expenses	2,500	1,320	-	-
20	WAMBA	5,500	2,189	-	-
21	Optimst Center	35,990	29,100	-	-
22	Flower Baskets	1,200	1,200	-	-
23	Community Website	69,000	64,000	-	-
24	East End Design	10,000	10,000	-	-
25	Pentangle Arts Study	25,000	25,000	-	-
26	Wireless Woodstock	6,000	6,000	-	-
27	EDC Coordinator	50,000	7,372	-	-
28	Village Revitalization	20,000	-	-	-
29	Window Displays	750	265	-	-
30	Event Management	7,500	7,500	-	-
31	Special-Emergency Funds	5,363	5,363	-	-
32	Digital Media Coordinator	20,000	2,485	-	-
33	Housing Study	14,875	10,166	-	-
34	Total EDC GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS	274,106	172,388	-	-

SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed
	2017/2018	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
CULTURE & RECREATION Culture & Recreation	E02 240	E01 007	E07 160	110 71E
	593,340	591,097	507,160	448,745
Town Hall Building	93,000	75,723	114,500	138,100
Select Board	18,490	31,537	35,410	35,410
Executive	127,400	129,462	129,250	132,800
Administration	27,000	28,451	26,600	26,800
Finance	217,555	218,068	234,750	242,130
Town Clerk	133,275	137,388	156,300	154,760
Boards & Agencies	121,150	109,314	120,050	121,870
Highways	1,765,950	1,769,034	1,771,385	1,792,800
Cemeteries	18,000	20,673	18,000	20,000
Welcome Center	33,350	34,338	37,400	36,500
Sanitation	34,000	33,528	33,528	33,550
Ambulance Department	466,730	519,077	521,175	609,070
Fire Department	227,100	166,837	279,200	299,010
Emergency Services Bldgs	35,400	43,416	37,500	38,200
Dispatch Services	314,525	319,224	329,200	349,700
Constable	7,500	4,427	10,070	10,570
Town Police District	350,246	332,661	385,095	392,393
Village Highway Rebate	246,000	287,164	288,000	288,000
Select Board Contingency	190,500	211,049	200,500	243,500
Loss Repair Expense	-	32,180	-	-
Tropical Storm Irene Debt Payments	62,200	60,148	61,850	59,600
Grant Expense	-	127,839	-	-
Community Celebrations	-	-	-	-
Town Forest	-	-	-	-
Local Options Tax Expenditures	230,000	-	230,000	270,000
Capital Reserve Spending	139,000	203,217	294,000	295,000
Town Operating Budget	4,811,711	5,023,635	5,031,773	5,224,108
Town Operating Budget				
Total Capital Reserve	271,000	259,000	265,150	249,400
Total Capital Reserve Spending	139,000	203,217	294,000	295,000
Total Economic Develop Reserve Fund	230,000	-	230,000	270,000
Total Transfers Out	-	-	-	-

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,451,711	5,485,852	5,820,923	6,038,508
	Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
Taxes	3,663,081	3,955,890	3,773,653	3,920,138
Land Use Reimbursement	254,000	235,146	248,000	248,000
In Lieu of Taxes	2,000	6,816	2,000	2,000
Delinquent Tax Penalty&Interest	125,000	117,160	115,000	115,000
Interest Earned	100	110	100	5,000
Ambulance	440,000	433,307	460,000	475,000
Town Highway State Aid	133,000	99,895	133,000	133,000
Village Highway State Aid	44,900	44,856	44,900	44,900
Village Highway Rebate	246,000	287,164	288,000	288,000
Town Hall Rent	13,000	10,075	10,000	10,000
Town Clerk Records	7,500	6,111	7,500	7,500
Licenses & Fees	45,000	38,513	45,000	45,000
Zoning Fees	12,000	9,466	12,000	12,000
Communications	64,730	61,050	64,370	64,370
False Alarm Charges	500	1,000	3,000	3,000
Moving Violations	4,000	-	1,000	1,000
Town Police FalseAlarmCharges	100	-	100	100
Permits	1,000	610	-	-
Alarm System Registrations	6,800	16,725	7,800	16,000
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,930	5,000	5,000
Sale of Equipment	-	4,000	-	-
Grant Income	-	80,888	-	-
Community Contributions	-	-	-	-
Timber Sales	-	-	-	-
Dispatch Fees	3,000	6,440	3,000	5,000
Town Forest Lease	14,000	7,500	7,500	7,500
Loan & Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-
Rent- Welcome Center	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Insurance Reimbursements	-	35,130	-	-
Local Option Tax Revenues	222,000	270,455	230,000	270,000
Rockefeller Endowment		-	60,000	60,000
State of Vermont	-	-	-	-
Village Highway	-	-	-	-
SUB-TOTAL	5,312,711	5,740,237	5,526,923	5,743,508
Transfer from Capital Reserve	139,000	203,217	294,000	295,000
Surplus	-		-	
Surplus, Town Police District	-		-	
TOTAL REVENUE	5,451,711	5,943,454	5,820,923	6,038,508

## **COMBINED FINANCIAL REPORT**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Re	evenues Town	Village	Total
Property Taxes			
Current (Net/Taxes Abated)	4,306,136	398,661	4,704,797
National Park Land Trust	$0 \\ 241.0(2)$	10,076	10,076
In Lieu of Taxes and Land Use	241,962	740	242,702
Total Property Taxes	4,548,098	409,477	4,957,575
Licenses and Permits			
Licenses and Fees	44,664	155	44,819
Boards and Agencies	9,466	9,618	19,084
In Lieu of Taxes and Land Use	241,962	740	242,702
Total Licenses and Permits	54,130	9,773	63,903
Intergovernmental			
Highway State Aid	465,200	44,856	510,056
Misc State Agency of Transportation	16,618	0	16,618
Town - Highway Rebate	0	287,164	287,164
Grants - Off Road Rescue Vehicle	4,748	0	4,748
Grant - Better Back Roads	50,840	0	50,840
Grant - Densmore Hill Road Grant - DUI Enforcement	$25,300 \\ 0$	0 5,650	25,300 5,650
Grant - Park & Ride	0	88,567	88,567
Grant - Safe Routes to School	0	257,202	257,202
Total Intergovernmental	562,706	683,439	1,246,145
-	00_,/00	000,109	1,210,110
Charges for Services *	1 - 00 -	0	1 - 00 -
False Alarms and Permits	17,335	0	17,335
Ambulance Services (net) Communications	434,306	0	434,306
Communications	67,490	0	67,490
Police Contracts & Misc Services * Note: Net of Town/Village Police Services Contra	0	27,636	27,636
Total Charges for Services	519,131	27,636	546,767
-	019,101	27,000	010,707
Fines and Forfeits Parking Ticket Fines	0	23,256	23,256
Parking Meter Revenue-Coins	0	105,306	105,306
Parking Meter Revenue-Credit Cards	Ő	37,913	37,913
Moving Violations	0	106,081	106,081
Delinquent Tax Penalties and Interest	117,160	0	117,160
Total Fines and Forfeits	117,160	272,556	389,716
Miscellaneous			
Interest Income	319	5	324
Miscellaneous	13,019	4,961	17,980
Rents	23,570	0	23,570
Total Miscellaneous	36,908	4,966	41,874
Total Revenues	5,838,133	1,407,847	7,245,980
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	Town	Village	Total
Other Financing Sources Insurance Proceeds Transfer from Capital Reserve Transfer from Trust Funds	0 0	5,240 73,653 0	5,240 73,653 0
Total Other Financing Sources	0	78,893	78,893
Total Revenue & Other Sources	5,838,133	1,486,740	7,324,873
	nditures		
General Government Select Board/Trustees			
Legislating	31,536	13,272	44,808
Executive Department	127,962	57,448	185,410
Administration	24,951	8,488	33,439
Finance Department			
Treasurer	18,110	1,475	19,585
Accounting and Bookkeeping	63,117	29,297	92,414
Auditing	13,900	13,400	27,300
Tax Listing Tax Collecting	101,934	0 0	101,934
Tax Collecting	21,008	0	21,008
Total Finance Department	218,069	44,172	262,241
Village Clerk Salaries	0	400	400
Town Clerk Department Document Recording, Etc. Board of Civil Authority	131,138 2,749	0	131,138 2,749
Total Town Clerk Dept.	133,887	0	133,887
Boards and Agencies			
Municipal Planning & Zoning	107,815	100,164	207,979
Plant and Equipment	55,725	0	55,725
Contingency Department	25,377	5,484	30,861
Insurance and Fidelity Bond Premium	185,672	73,585	259,257
Total General Government	910,994	303,013	1,214,007
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	31,000	0	31,000
Total General Govt and Transfers	941,994	303,013	1,245,007

	Town	Village	Total
Public Safety Town Constables	4,427	0	4,427
Communications Department	312,224	0	312,224
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	7,000	0	7,000
Total Communications Dept. and Transfers	319,224	0	319,224
Fire Department Firefighting Fire Communications Fire Trucks and Equipment Firefighting Equipment	103,954 4,551 10,355 10,999	0 0 0 0	103,954 4,551 10,355 10,999
Total Fire Department	129,859	0	129,859
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	37,000	0	37,000
Total Fire Dept. and Transfers	166,859	0	166,859
Police Department * Police Administration Police Office Maintenance Law Enforcement Training Communications Parking Meters Vehicles and Equipment * Note: Net of Town/Village Police Services Contract		170,628 10,760 362,444 7,428 76,016 70,188 18,672	170,628 10,760 471,962 7,428 76,016 70,188 18,672
Total Police Dept.	109,518 0	716,136	825,654 0
Transfers to Capital Project Funds Total Police Dept. & Transfers	109,518	716,136	825,654
Ambulance Department	109,510	/10,150	020,001
Operations Vehicle Maintenance Training Communications	446,107 14,605 18,677 5,407	0 0 0	446,107 14,605 5,407
Total Ambulance Dept.	484,796	0	484,796
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	27,500	0	27,500
Total Ambulance & Transfers	512,296	0	512,296
Emergency Services Department Emergency Services Bldg Woodstock Station #2	33,880 9,535	0	33,880 9,535
Total Emergency Service Dept	43,415	0	43,415
Total Public Safety	1,155,739	716,136	1,871,875

	Town	Village	Total
Highways and Streets Maintenance	1,199,599	0	1,199,599
Construction Culverts and Drains Construction and Maintenance of Bridges Traffic Control Street Lights Maintenance of Sidewalks Equipment Maintenance and Purchase Public Works Building Highway Rebate Paid to Town State Hwy Aid Paid to Town	$9,577 \\29,912 \\30,753 \\39,372 \\10,470 \\165,274 \\126,286 \\0 \\0 \\0 \\0$	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 287,164 \\ 44,856 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 9,577\\ 29,912\\ 30,753\\ 39,372\\ 10,470\\ 165,274\\ 126,286\\ 287,164\\ 44,856\end{array}$
Total Highways and Streets	1,611,243	332,020	1,943,263
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	165,500	0	165,500
Total Highways and Streets and Transfers	1,776,743	332,020	2,108,763
Health Town Cemetery Unit Public Health Services	17,673 6,782	0	17,673 6,782
Total Health Department	24,455	0	24,455
Sanitation	33,528	0	33,528
Culture and Recreation	602,002	0	602,002
Intergovernmental	234,737	0	234,737
Welcome Center	28,478	0	28,478
Special Articles Special Articles	186,497	6,729	193,226
Transfers to Capital Project Funds	0	0	0
Total Special Articles and Transfers	186,497	6,729	193,226
Property Damage Repairs	32,180	0	32,180
Irene Recovery Expense	60,148	0	60,148
Community Celebrations	3,800	0	3,800
Capital Reserve Spending	203,217	4,822	208,039
Capital Equip Purchases	0	0	0
Grant Expenses	127,839	287,921	415,760
Total Expenditures	5,411,357	1,650,641	7,061,998

## TOWN OF WOODSTOCK SPECIAL ARTICLES BUDGET

		Budget	Actual	Proposed	Proposed
Account		2017/2018	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
1-5001	GRANTS/CONTRIB-TRUST FUND				
	Audit Expense	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
	Trustee Wages	900	-	900	900
1-5001-904	Woodstock Job Bank	3,000	-	-	-
	Total GRANTS/CONTRIB-TRUST FUND	5,400	-	2,400	2,400
1-5002	GRANTS/CONTRIBUTIONS-GEN'L FUND				
1-5002-903	Visiting Nurses and Hospice for VT & NH	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
1-5002-906	SE Community Action (SEVCA)	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
1-5002-907	Pentangle	33,000	33,000	39,000	39,000
1-5002-908	Norman Williams Public Library	51,250	51,250	51,250	51,250
1-5002-916	Woodstock Council Aging	34,250	34,250	34,935	36,100
1-5002-917	Windsor County Partners	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
1-5002-918	Health Care Rehabilitation Service (HCRS)	3,247	3,247	3,247	3,247
1-5002-919	WISE	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
1-5002-920	Ottauquechee Community Partnership	5,000	5,000	-	-
	Spectrum Teen Center	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
	Green Mountain RSVP	500	-	500	500
	Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Vail Field Improvements	25,000	25,000	25,000	, _
	Woodstock Community Television	3,000	3,000	3,500	5,000
	Senior Solutions	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
	Woodstock Job Bank	-	-	3,000	3,000
	Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF)	-	-	25,000	30,000
	COVER Home Repair	-	-		2,500
	Public Health Council of the UV	-	-	-	298
	Total GRANTS/CONTRIBUTIONS - GEN'L FUND	215,497	212,997	245,682	231,145
		,		,	
	TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	220,897	212,997	248,082	233,545
	SUMMAR	Y			
	EXPENDITURES				
	Special Articles- Trust Funds	5,400	-	2,400	2,400
	Special Articles- General Funds	215,497	212,997	245,682	231,145
	Total EXPENDITURES	220,897	212,997	248,082	233,545
		-,	,	-,	,
	REVENUE				
	Taxes, Special Articles	215,497	212,997	245,682	231,145
	Transfer from Trustee of Public Funds	5,400	-	2,400	2,400
	Total REVENUE	220,897	212,997	248,082	233,545

## TOWN OF WOODSTOCK REVIEW OF TAX APPROPRIATIONS FY 2019-2020

Selectmen Executive Finance Town Clerk Administration Boards & Agencies Town Hall Building TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T Constable	Proposed Budget 35,410 132,800 242,130 154,760 26,800 121,870 138,100 851,870 10,570	Less Income 0 (16,000) (120,000) (52,500) (5,000) (12,000) (10,000) (215,500) 0	Net Taxes 35,410 116,800 122,130 102,260 21,800 109,870 128,100 636,370 10,570
Dispatch Ambulance Fire Department Building Maintenance Town Police District TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	349,700 609,070 299,010 38,200 392,393 1,698,943	$(69,370) \\ (475,000) \\ (3,000) \\ 0 \\ (1,100) \\ (548,470)$	$\begin{array}{c} 10,570\\ 280,330\\ 134,070\\ 296,010\\ 38,200\\ 391,293\\ 1,150,473\end{array}$
Highway Maintenance Sanitation Cemetery TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	$1,792,800 \\ 33,550 \\ 20,000 \\ 1,846,350$	$(465,900) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ (465,900)$	$1,326,900 \\ 33,550 \\ 20,000 \\ 1,380,450$
Recreation Library Parades Fireworks Pentangle Woodstock Council on Aging Little Theater Bond Payment TOTAL Culture & Recreation	$\begin{array}{c} 225,000\\ 150,700\\ 2,000\\ 7,500\\ 36,720\\ 11,025\\ 15,800\\ 448,745\end{array}$	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	$\begin{array}{c} 225,000\\ 150,700\\ 2,000\\ 7,500\\ 36,720\\ 11,025\\ 15,800\\ 448,745\end{array}$
Village Highway Rebate TOTAL INTERGOVT	288,000 288,000	0 0	288,000 288,000
Selectmen's Contingency Insurance Compensation-Unused Sick & Vacatior Tropical Storm Irene Expenses Welcome Center TOTAL	30,500 185,000 28,000 59,600 36,500 339,600	$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ (6,000)\\ (6,000)\end{array}$	30,500 185,000 28,000 59,600 30,500 333,600
Capital Reserve Spending Economic Development Reserve Fund Rockefeller Endowment Town Forest Lease/Timber Sales TOTAL	$295,000 \\ 270,000 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 565,000$	$\begin{array}{c}(295,000)\\(270,000)\\(60,000)\\(7,500)\\(632,500)\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ (60,000) \\ (7,500) \\ (67,500) \end{array}$
Land Use and In Lieu of Taxes Surplus TOTAL	0 0 0	0 0 0	(250,000) 0 (250,000)
TOTAL TAX APPROPRIATIONS	6,038,508	(1,868,370)	3,920,138
Special Articles TOTAL Special Articles Taxes	233,545 233,545	(2,400) (2,400)	231,145 231,145

## Sewer Budget

### Sewer Operations

		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	MAINTAINING SEWER SYSTEMS				
2	Salaries & Wages	29,000	27,458	29,200	28,500
3	Employer Paid Benefits	14,200	10,586	15,800	16,200
4	Operating Supplies	5,000	2,563	6,000	5,000
5	Professional Services	3,000	374	1,000	1,000
6	Engineering Services	21,000	6,145	21,000	15,000
7	Sewer Line Cleaning	12,000	15,391	12,000	12,000
8	Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	4,827	6,000	6,000
9	Manhole Repair & Maintenance	-	-	20,000	18,000
10	Influent pump				20,000
11	Machinery & Equipment	500	549	500	500
12	Sewer Line Mainte Equip	600	-	600	600
13	Rentals	400	-	400	400
14	I I Improvements	100	-	100	100
15	TOTAL Maintaining Sewer Systems	91,800	67,891	112,600	123,300
16 17					
18	CONSTRUCTION & MAINT. OF PLANTS				
19	Salaries & Wages	159,000	166,688	162,200	170,300
20	Employer Paid Benefits	74,000	72,321	77,250	79,420
21	Operating Supplies	52,000	47,774	50,000	50,000
22	Office Supplies	600	184	600	600
23	Repair & Mainte Supplies	7,000	3,482	7,500	7,500
24	Professional Services	5,000	7,615	2,000	2,000
25	Other Purchased Services	20,000	17,469	20,000	20,000
26	Uniforms, Protective Gear	5,000	4,723	5,000	5,000
27	Engineering Services	12,000	135	12,000	8,000
28	Laboratory Testing	20,000	15,832	20,000	18,000
29	Test/Monitor Wells	100	-	100	100
30	Repair & Maintenance	12,000	10,749	12,000	12,000
31	Small Tools & Equipment	2,000	6,919	2,000	2,000
32	Field Rental	14,000	22,032	14,000	30,000
33	Utilities	80,000	85,067	82,000	85,000
34	Communications	4,800	4,266	5,000	5,000
35	Travel & Transportation	200	467	200	200
36	Dues, Subs & Meetings	1,500	761	1,500	1,500
37	Field Lime	1,000	1,165	-	-
38	Contingency Account	10,000	810	10,000	10,000
39	Bond Repayment	37,675	37,675	37,675	37,675
40	Taxes, Licensing & Regs	2,400	1,970	2,400	2,400
41	Insurance & Fidelity Bond	32,000	33,589	44,000	44,000
42	TOTAL Constr. and Maint. of Plants	552,275	541,692	567,425	590,695

		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	SEWER VEHICLE	2017/2010	2017/2010	2010/2017	2017/2020
2	Repair & Maintenance	7,500	12,465	7,500	12,000
3	Ton Truck Lease	13,500	13,215	13,500	-
4	F-150 Lease	100	-	-	-
5	Town Mgr F-150 Lease	-	-	-	1,000
6	Fuel	6,000	6,008	6,000	7,000
7	TOTAL Sewer Vehicle	27,100	31,687	27,000	20,000
8					
9					
10	CONSTRUCTION	200.000	26.550	225 000	500.000
11	Construction	200,000	26,559	225,000	500,000
12	TOTAL Construction	200,000	26,559	225,000	500,000
13 14					
14	DEPRECIATION				
16	Depreciation	_	_	_	-
17	TOTAL Depreciation				
18					
19					
20	CAPITAL RESERVE				
21	Manager's Pick-up Truck	600	600	600	-
22	Ton Truck F-350	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
23	F-150 Pick up	-	-	3,000	3,000
24	Repairs & Maintenance	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
25	Tractor	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
26	Sludge Spreading Truck	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
27	TOTAL Capital Reserve	31,600	31,600	34,600	34,000
28		002 775	(00.420	0(( ())	1 2 (7 005
29 30	TOTAL Sewer Operations	902,775	699,428	966,625	1,267,995
31					
32	EXECUTIVE				
33	Salaries & Wages	34,000	30,166	31,000	31,800
33 34	•	11,500	8,781	-	-
	Employer Paid Benefits	,	,	11,100	10,850
35	TOTAL Executive	45,500	38,947	42,100	42,650
36					
37					
38	OFFICE ADMINISTRATION				
39	Office Supplies	1,500	1,491	1,500	1,500
40	Postage	900	-	900	900
41	Legal Services	250	-	250	250
42	Equipment Maintenance	600	411	600	600
43	Communications	3,000	1,819	2,000	2,000
44	TOTAL Office Administration	6,250	3,722	5,250	5,250

		Budget 2017/2018	Actual 2017/2018	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020
1	AUDITING				
2	Professional Services	6,500	6,500	8,800	8,800
3	TOTAL Auditing	6,500	6,500	8,800	8,800
4		-,	-,	-,	-,
5					
6	ACCOUNTING				
7	Salary & Wages	23,800	24,956	24,900	25,600
8	Employer Paid Benefits	7,800	9,694	9,100	9,315
9	Professional Services	100	-	100	100
10	Computer Expense	500	-	500	500
11	TOTAL Accounting	32,200	34,651	34,600	35,515
11	TOTAL Accounting	32,200	54,051	34,000	55,515
13	TOTAL Administration	00 450	02 020	00 750	02 215
14	TOTAL Administration	90,450	83,820	90,750	92,215
15 16	LOSS REPAIR EXPENSE				
17	TOTAL Loss Repair Expense	_	_		_
18	TO TAL LOSS Repair Expense	_	_	_	_
19					
20	CAPITAL RESERVE SPENDING				
21	Manager's Pick-Up	-	-	2,000	-
22	Pick-up	-	-	-	-
23	F-150 Payment	7,000	-	-	-
24	Ton Truck	-	-	-	-
25	Sludge Truck				225,000
26	Repairs & Maintenance	12,000	-	20,000	20,000
27	TOTAL Capital Reserve Spending	19,000	-	22,000	245,000
28					
29 30	TOTAL Appropriations	1,012,225	782 248	1 070 275	1,605,210
30 31	TOTAL Appropriations	1,012,223	783,248	1,079,375	1,005,210
32	REVENUE				
33	User Fee	779,225	778,142	817,875	896,210
34	Delinquent Penalty & Interest	10,000	11,232	10,000	10,000
35	Interest Income	2,000	,	2,000	2,000
36	Sewer Connection Fees	-	7,650	-	,
37	Miscellaneous Revenue	2,000	2	2,000	2,000
38	Transfer from Constr Fund	200,000	-	225,000	450,000
39	Surplus	-	-	-	-
40	Transfer from Cap Reserve	19,000	-	22,500	245,000
41	TOTAL Revenue	1,012,225	797,026	1,079,375	1,605,210

## FY 2018 SCHEDULE OF TAXES RAISED

Grand List			
General Property			8,834,557
Personal Property			11,964
Total Grand List			8,846,521
Taxes Billed			
Educational			
	Non-Residential Education	(5,578,235 X 1.5503)	8,647,937
	Homestead Educational	(3,266,807 X 1.6603)	5,423,880
	Personal Property Educational	(11,964 X 1.5503)	18,548
Municipal			
	Real Estate Town	(8,846,521 X 0.4214)	3,648,295
	Real Estate Village	(2,839,462 X 0.1404)	398,660
	County Tax	(8,846,521 X 0.0079)	69,888
	Town Police District	(6,007,059 X 0.0577)	346,607
Other			
	VT State Forest & Parks	1% of value	6,816
Total Taxes Bille	d:		18,560,631
Tax Accounted for as Follow	s:		
Collections			
	General Property Total Collections		17,781,679
	Delinquent Taxes to Collector		778,952
Total Taxes Acco	unt For:		18,560,631

## **REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS**

We have examined the preliminary audit of the financial statements for the Town of Woodstock for the year ended June 30, 2018. We have met with a representative from Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh - Wisner, PC, the firm retained by the Town of Woodstock to do this work. The preliminary figures seem in order and show the town within a few thousand dollars of budget. One anomaly (no doubt due to changes in the federal income tax code) was the prepayment of some property taxes due in future fiscal years, which cannot be credited to the 2017-18 year. We approve the audit as presented.

Due to requirements set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) our audit document is more than 50 pages long. For this reason, the Select Board and Auditors decided not to publish the full audit in the Town Report. If you would like to review the actual audit, a copy will be on file at the Norman Williams Public Library, the Town Clerk's Office and at the Town Managers Office. You will also be able to view the audit on the Town's web site (townofwoodstock.org) in the financial statements section. If you would like a copy mailed to you please call the Town Hall.

Town Auditors,

Tom Debevoise Joseph Swanson Nicholas Seldon

#### Town of Woodstock Trustee of Public Funds

This past year, the Town of Woodstock Trustees of Public Funds met many times (including meeting with the Village Trustee of Public Funds) to determine a clear pathway to deliver all funds in the best way possible. We discussed several investment management possibilities which resulted in distributing a request for proposal for services. All of the fund accounts have been updated with our new trustee, Jill Davies, joining the team as a signatory. We have begun to establish a better system of institutional record keeping and look forward to managing these funds in the coming year and upholding the intent of the original donors.

The following are the funds that the Trustees manage under the restrictions of the donors:

#### Park funds

Mary Billings French Memorial Park Fund

#### **Education & Scholarship funds**

Marbara Bagley Scholarship Fund Gary Francis Hersey Award Fund George C. Brockway Scholarship Fund Orley A Whitcomb Fund

#### Health & Wellness funds

Aline J. Boyce Fund Oscar Freeman Fund

#### **General funds**

John and Ehrick Gilman Fund Anna Williams Dreer Fund Common Cemetery Trust fund

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Powers and Jill Davies Town of Woodstock Trustees of Public Funds

# Town of Woodstock Trustee of Public Funds Fund Balance JUNE 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

## BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2018

	COMMON	BILLINGS/FRENCH BOYCE [CEMETERY] HERSEY  BROCKWAY] DREER   BAGLEY   FREEMAN   GILMAN   WHITCOMB   TOTAL	BOYCE	CEMETERY	HERSEY	BROCKWAY	DREER	BAGLEY	FREEMAN	GILMAN	WHITCOMB	TOTAL
	ACCOUNT	FUNDS	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	ALL FUNDS
ASSETS as of June 30, 2018												
Cash		\$56,624			\$2,415	\$1,457	\$7,139					\$67,635
Money Market	\$9,238	\$48,270	\$52,400	\$76,451			\$11,239	\$42,828	\$19,119	\$3,666		\$263,211
Investments		\$218,958	\$3,160								\$25,410	\$247,528
Due from other funds/Projects*												\$0
Total assets	\$9,238	\$323,852	\$55,560	\$76,451	\$2,415	\$1,457	\$18,378	\$42,828	\$19,119	\$3,666	\$25,410	\$578,374
LIABILITIES												
Due to other funds												\$0
Total liabilities												\$0
FUND BALANCE	\$9,238	\$323,852	\$55,560	\$76,451	\$2,415	\$1,457	\$18,378	\$42,828	\$19,119	\$3,666	\$25,410	\$578,374
Total Liabilities and	\$9,238	\$323,852	\$55,560	\$76,451	\$2,415	\$1,457	\$18,378	\$42,828	\$19,119	\$3,666	\$25,410	\$578,374
fund equity												

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#### D. Anna Williams Dreer Fund

This fund originated as a gift of real estate to the Town, the sale of which was authorized by Town vote on March 2, 1943. Assets totaling \$23,838.48 were transferred by the Board of Selectman to the Trustees of Public Funds on May 3, 1961. The Town voted that "the proceeds of the sale are to be placed in a separate fund... to be used only for charitable or educational purposes, but in no event shall the said fund be used for any purpose at all without a vote of consent of the Town of Woodstock at a regular Town Meeting".

#### E. Oscar Freeman Fund

This fund was decreed by the Hartford District Probate Court on May 18, 1935 with assets valued at \$17,390.21. The fund has the provision that the income be used for "*the benefit of the needy poor*". In recent years, income from the Freeman and Boyce Funds have been allocated to the Woodstock Visiting Nurse Association as appropriations have been warned and voted for the benefit of that organization by the Town at its regular Town Meeting.

F. John and Ehrick Gilman Fund

This fund was decreed by the Hartford District Probate Court on January 25, 1954 with assets valued at \$4,899.48. The fund, to be known as the "John and Ehrick Gilman Fund" is to be kept "*prudently invested and the income there from to be used each year for town purposes*".

#### G. Orley A. Whitcomb Fund

Under Article 20 of the Will of Orley A. Whitcomb \$5,000 was gifted to the Town, the investment income from which is payable annually to the local Kings Daughters and Sons Organization.

The Town Trustees of Public Funds have custody and control of three additional funds, namely:

- 1. The Marbara Bagley Scholarship Fund
- 2. The Gary Francis Hersey Award Fund
- 3. The George C. Brockway Scholarship Fund

The Cleveland Fund has now been totally disbursed. The Eloise Brockway Fund was combined with the George Brockway Fund savings account. The Bagley Fund has a balance of \$42,828. The Hersey Fund has a balance of \$2,415. The Brockway Fund has a balance of \$1,457. All balance information is as of June 30, 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Matthew Powers, For Trustees of Public Funds

#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING May 15, 2018 MINUTES

PRESENT: John Doten, Jill Davies, Mary Riley, L.D. Sutherland Jr., Sonya Stover Selectboard; Matt Maxham, Moderator; Phil Swanson, Manager; Jane Soule and Fred Barr, Justices of the Peace; Charlie Degener, Clerk; and approximately 65 Woodstock voters.

After reviewing points of order and procedure, Matt Maxham read out the Warning at 7:05.

Article I was moved by Sally Miller and seconded by Jeff Kahn. Sonya Stover spoke about the revision to the budget and explained how the Selectboard, after consultation with the Vermont League of Cities & Towns and others with municipal financial experience, have changed their borrowing/debt policy to be more in line with best practices. She also spoke of the necessary renovations needed at Town Hall covered by Article II. The last major renovations at Town Hall were more than 30 years ago. Sonya emphasized this budget is more of a change in timing of payment than in overall spending.

Chris Miller asked what the monetary difference is between the defeated and proposed budgets. Sonya said the new budget is about \$200,000 less. She noted we are not changing our spending, but rather our debt.

Charlie Kimbell asked how this budget would affect the tax rate. Sonya explained that this reflects an increase of approximately 3% or \$25.00 in taxes on a \$200,000 assessment. She then read an email from Tom Debevoise who was unable to attend the meeting due to evening chores. Tom spoke in support of the revised budget and the new borrowing policies.

Marian Koetsier asked if this budget includes the amount proposed in Article II. The answer was this budget includes the loan payment if Article II passes.

Roy Bates congratulated the Selectboard on its budget and pointed out that total expenditures are the same as two years ago.

Candace Coburn thanked the Board members for their hard work and asked about employee pay increases. Jill Davies said this year there will be a minor flat increase versus the merit increases of the past. Michael Brands spoke as a town employee of nearly thirty years. He spoke in favor of a merit based pay increase and the benefit to the Town of long-term employees making livable wages. These employees contribute to and support the community. Jeff Kahn, as a Village Trustee stated that merit is part of the plan.

Matt re-read the motion. Article I was voted and adopted.

Article II was moved by Marian Koetsier and seconded by Chris Miller. Chris mentioned this item has been accounted for in the Budget passed in Article I and these renovations are necessary. David Schwartzman questioned the phrase "terms advisable."

Matt re-read the motion. Article I was voted and adopted.

Article III, Other Business, was offered by the moderator. Mary Riley thanked all for attending the meeting. Sonya mentioned the Selectboard's recent inspection of potholes and said it is an issue they are aware of. Carey Agin mentioned cracks in the sidewalks.

Bob Holt moved to adjourn seconded by Anne Marie Boyd and so voted at 7:26 p.m.

Attest:

#### F. Charles Degener III, Town Clerk

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING March 3, 2018

Present on Stage: Matt Maxham, Philip Swanson, Jill Davies, John Doten, Bob Holt, L. D. "Butch" Sutherland Jr., Sonya Stover, Charles Degener

Matt Maxham gave some interesting facts from the 1918 Town Meeting, \$4,579 was spent on Highways, or \$97,000 in current funds; \$1,226 was spent on the poor after deducting income from the Town Farm, and \$150 for sheep killed by dogs.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vermont League of Cities & Town's Executive Director Maura Carroll presented Phil Swanson with the VLCT's Lifetime Achievement Award. With 32 years of service to Woodstock, Phil is currently the longest serving Municipal Manager in Vermont. Phil thanked the League for the award and also for the valuable legal assistance provided the Town over the years. Tom Debevoise recalled hiring Phil. Tom was serving on the Selectboard with John Audsley and Jack Keeling at the time. Several candidates had been interviewed and the search was down to Phil and one other candidate, who were asked to return for a second interview. After interviewing both candidates for a second time, Tom was prepared for a lengthy meeting to discuss the merits of each. Jack Keeling said "I guess we know who we'll hire. That one guy is way too smooth." And so Phil Swanson was hired. Phil informed the audience that the "Smoothy" has spent a lengthy career in the Legislature.

At 10:15 Matt Maxham called the meeting to order, mentioned points of order and read out the Town Meeting Warning.

ARTICLE I:	"The election of Town Officers for the including: (Australian Ballot)" Mary the Select Board two year term. L. D. a candidate for the Select Board three y	Riley introdu Butch Suther	ced herself a	s a candidate for
ARTICLE II:	"To see if the Town will receive and a Moved by Ed English, seconded by Su	<b>A A</b>		
ARTICLE III:	"To see if the Town will vote to collec State Education Taxes on real property under the provisions of Title 32 VSA ( November 2, 2018, and May 3, 2019." Miller, voted and adopted.	and all other that and all other that the second seco	taxes levied nd fix the da	through the Treasurer tes of payment as
ARTICLE IV:	"To see if the Town will vote to pay th VSA, Section 932 as follows: Select Board Town Treasurer Listers Constable Town Clerk Moderator	e Town Offic \$	cers in accord 1,000.00 16,000.00 23.80 23.80 30.00 50.00	lance with Title 24 per year per year per hour per hour per hour each time serves"

**ARTICLE V:** "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 to defray current expenses and debts of the Town and Sewer Department."

Moved by Tom Weschler and seconded by John Doten. Pat Hesterberg asked about sewer billing and usage. Phil explained about minimum rates and how they had been developed. The motion passed.

**ARTICLE VI:** "To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Million Forty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$6,040,323) which includes the specified sums of money to operate each department; and to raise by taxation the amount of Four Million Forty Three Thousand Fifty Three Dollars (\$4,036,053) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2018-2019." Moved by John Doten and seconded by Ed English. The moderator turned the floor over to the Select Board for a thorough examination of the budget. Bob Holt thanked everyone for the privilege of serving for the past six years and explained that he would not be presenting any portion of the budget. Sonya made a presentation to explain the budget in General terms and in comparison to other Vermont Towns. Woodstock municipal taxes are 204 out of 255. Of area towns in the new school district, only Killington has lower municipal taxes. However, Woodstock has a high Homestead Education tax. Out of 255 towns Woodstock ranks 52, meaning that only 51 Vermont towns pay less school tax. Roughly 80% of a Woodstock tax bill is paid to Montpelier to support the State's schools. The Select Board's proposed budget has 10% increase which would be roughly an additional \$200 in property taxes on a \$500,000 home. Jill made a presentation regarding proposed savings from utility bills, lack of payment to the school for use as an emergency shelter, and reduced energy costs at Town Hall along with new lighting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. She explained a change in how the Rockefeller endowment fund is managed with fewer fees. The Board has implemented a new approach to capital budgeting. Presently we incur debt to purchase items. The proposal is to change to a method of saving for our needs instead. We will need a new fire truck and Emergency Services Building in the near future. As we move to a savings policy rather than a borrowing policy there will be a bit of a financial squeeze at first. Jill then began a line by line examination of the budget. Marian Koetsier, Chris Miller, Ed English, Sari White, Byron Quinn, Alita Wilson, Tom Debevoise, Carl Huck, Sally Garmon, Susan Ford, Anne Macksoud, Joe Dinatale, participated in discussion. John Doten then took over the presentation of the budget after first telling about Jimmy Aikens' experience with his cowdog, and his humility at learning that the dog knew more than he did. Pat Hesterberg discussed the North Street retaining wall and advised a new concrete replacement rather than dry-laid stone which can create habitat for groundhogs and skunks. Al Alessi, Marian Koetsier, Chris Miller, Jeff Kahn, Sari White, Carolyn Kimbell, Heidi Lang, Bill MacDonald, Amy McElroy, Byron Quinn, Jason Drebitko, Candice Coburn, Karl Huck, Tom Debevoise, and Greg Gosselyn participated in the discussion. Butch Sutherland then led the review. Sally Garmon, Sari White, Ed English, Pat Hesterberg, Byron Quinn, and Dee Anderson participated in discussion. Sonya Stover finished the line-by-line review of the budget. After a complete review of the budget, there was discussion on the merits of purchasing things with savings or credit. Tom Debevoise spoke in opposition of the budget. Tom felt that a 10% increase is too much. The change in policy regarding the Capital Budget is misguided. There must always be some debt. Towns can always borrow more easily and more cheaply than individuals and businesses. He explained the differences between personal and municipal finances and the borrowing methods of each. This new policy is only good if Woodstock taxpayers have absolutely nothing better they could be spending their own money on. Matt Stover, Candace Coburn, Alita Wilson, Bill McDonald, Al Alessi, Tom Weschler,

Suzanne Marier, Joe Dinatale, and Byron Quinn all discussed the pros and cons of each method. Jack Anderson asked for a paper ballot, and more than six people agreed. While voters cast their ballots, State Representative Charles Kimbell and Senator Alison Clarkson gave presentations. The meeting was recessed at 1:15 for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 and the results of the paper ballot were read. 48 Yes 91 No 1 Blank.

David Brown was called to the stage. Bob Holt thanked him for his years of service on the ECFiber Board and presented him with a certificate. George Sadowsky and Bill McGowan spoke about ECFiber and the progress they are making.

Butch made a presentation to Bob, on behalf of the Select Board, thanking him for his service and dedication to the Select Board.

ARTICLE VII:	"To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$1,079,375), which includes Eight Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$817,875) from user fees and Two Hundred Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$261,500) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2018- 2019." Moved by Ed English and seconded by Chris Miller. Sari White asked how the defeat of the budget would affect this. Phil said this was a separate budget for the Sewer Corporation. Voted and adopted.
ARTICLE VIII:	"To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) and pay each of the Trustees Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the purpose of paying the Trustees of Public Funds for services rendered, and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose." Moved by Butch Sutherland, seconded by John Doten and passed.
ARTICLE IX:	"To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of having the Public Trust Funds audited and approve the expenditure of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from income of the Trust Funds to pay for the Annual Audit." Moved by John Doten, seconded by Butch Sutherland and passed.
ARTICLE X:	"To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for general improvements to Vail Field." Moved by John Doten and seconded by Ed English. Jack Anderson asked what is planned. Phil said the money will go towards rehabilitation of the 40 year old tennis courts. Bob Benz asked what the total project cost was, Phil did not have the figures. Motion passed.
ARTICLE XI:	Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the support of the Woodstock Area Job Bank to continue free employment referral services in the greater Woodstock area. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Beth Crowe, Executive Director spoke in support.
ARTICLE XII:	Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for Woodstock Community Television to help support coverage of ongoing events within the Town of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Macy Lawrence spoke in support.

ARTICLE XIII:	Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from the general fund the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Ed English spoke in favor.
ARTICLE XIV:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$3,247) to help support outpatient mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (HCRS). (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) No discussion.
ARTICLE XV:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Woodstock in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) No discussion.
ARTICLE XVI:	Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the support of Senior Solutions (formally Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) No discussion.
ARTICLE XVII:	Shall the Town appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and make youth feel supported, welcomed and included. There is no charge to attend our program. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Alita Wilson spoke in support of this article.
ARTICLE XVIII:	<ul> <li>Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to support the mission of WISE (Women's Information Services, Inc.) in providing free crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, prevention education, and training to community members and professionals.</li> <li>(By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Jackie Fisher spoke in support of this article.</li> </ul>
ARTICLE XIX:	Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF). OHF is a nonprofit community resource that provides funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription co- payments and short term caregiver services. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Adrienne Sass spoke in support of this article.
ARTICLE XX:	Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) No discussion.
ARTICLE XXI:	Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Woodstock through volunteer service. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) No discussion.

- ARTICLE XXII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be allocated to the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce for operational expenses of the Mechanic Street Welcome Center for FY 2018-19. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) George Sadowsky asked about the format of the article. Susan Ford Asked why this amount is more than what is already in the town budget. Phil said it is to support staffing, the budget is for utilities. Sonya Stover asked if they petition the Village for money, Phil said they can but do not.
- ARTICLE XXIII: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$34, 935) as the Town's share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Thompson Senior Center. The Thompson is an important community resource – providing daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health, educational and social services. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Deanna Jones, Ececutive Director spoke in support of this article. Ed English also spoke in favor.
- ARTICLE XIV: Shall the Town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,250) for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library. These funds are over and above the level budgeted support that the Town provides to this library for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Amanda Merk, Executive Director spoke in favor of the article. Byron Quinn asked if other towns support the Library. Amanda said only Bridgewater supports the Library with \$3,500 because they have no town library. Residents from towns other than Woodstock or Bridgewater must pay fees.
- ARTICLE XXV: Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) for the support of Pentangle Arts to provide services to the residents of the Town of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot) Alita Wilson, Executive Director spoke in support of the article.
- **ARTICLE XXVI:** To entertain the discussion of any other business of interest to the legal voters, such discussion shall not be construed in any manner as binding Municipal action.

"We The Town Meeting of Woodstock Vermont meeting on Saturday March 3, 2018 send a nonbinding message of positive support for Gun Violence Protection bills before the Vermont legislature: House Bill 422 and Senate Bills: 6 and 221" moved by Chris Lloyd, and seconded by Paul Regan. Alan Willard, Ed English, Pat Hesterberg, Charlie Kimbell, Jackie Fisher, Bill McDonald, Al Alessi, and Paul Regan spoke in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Charles Degener, III Town Clerk

Matthew Maxham, Moderator

## Return of Vote March 6, 2018

#### MODERATOR

MATT MAXHAM	557
BLANK	36
WRITE-IN	0
TOTAL	593

#### TOWN TREASURER

CANDACE COBURN	524
BLANK	65
WRITE-IN	4
TOTAL	593

#### **SELECTBOARD 3 YR**

L D "BUTCH" SUTHERLAND	467
BLANK	119
WRITE-IN	7
TOTAL	593

#### **SELECTBOARD 2 YR**

MARY RILEY	525
BLANK	63
WRITE-IN	5
TOTAL	593

#### LISTER 3 YR

PAUL WILDASIN	467
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WRITE-IN	3
TOTAL	593

#### AUDITOR 3 YR

BLANK	580
WRITE-IN	13
TOTAL	593

#### FIRST CONSTABLE

KELLY LINTON	497
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WRITE-IN	0
TOTAL	593

#### **GRAND JUROR**

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WRITE-IN	13
TOTAL	593

#### TOWN AGENT

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WRITE-IN	10
TOTAL	593

#### TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS 3 YR

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WRITE-IN	13
TOTAL	593

#### TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS 3 YR

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WRITE-IN	7
TOTAL	593

#### **TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS 1 YR**

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WRITE-IN	4
TOTAL	593

#### **CEMETERY COMMISSIONER**

GREG CAMP	528
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WRITE-IN	0
TOTAL	593

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR**

JESSICA STOUT	463
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WRITE-IN	0
TOTAL	593

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

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WRITE-IN	13
TOTAL	593

#### WOODSTOCK UNION HIGH SCHOOL

BOARD DIRECTOR	
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WRITE-IN	12
TOTAL	593

#### ARTICLE 8 WOODSTOCK MODIFIED UNIFIED

581

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICIT	
YES	316
NO	212
BLANK	65
TOTAL	593

#### **ARTICLE XI JOB BANK**

YES	465
NO	119
BLANK	9
TOTAL	593

#### **ARTICLE XII COMMUNITY TV**

YES	397
NO	178
BLANK	18
TOTAL	593

#### ARTICLE XIII VISITING NURSE

YES	494
NO	97
BLANK	2
TOTAL	593

#### **ARTICLE XIV HCRS**

YES	460
NO	120
BLANK	13
TOTAL	593

#### ARTICLE XV SEVCA YES 448 NO

BLANK	19
TOTAL	593

126

## **ARTICLE XVI SR SOLUTIONS**

YES	495
NO	87
BLANK	11
TOTAL	593

#### **ARTICLE XVII SPECTRUM**

YES	453
NO	123
BLANK	17
TOTAL	593

#### ARTICLE XVIII WISE

YES	471
NO	109
BLANK	13
TOTAL	593

#### ARTICLE XIX OCF

YES	433
NO	146
BLANK	14
TOTAL	593

#### **ARTICLE XX WINDSOR CTY PTNRS**

YES	408
NO	168
BLANK	17
TOTAL	593

#### ARTICLE XXI RSVP

YES	385
NO	185
BLANK	23
TOTAL	593

#### ARTICLE XXII WELCOME CTR

YES	327
NO	246
BLANK	20
TOTAL	593

#### **ARTICLE XXIII THOMPSON SR CTR**

YES	530
NO	54
BLANK	9
TOTAL	593

#### ARTICLE XXIV NORMAN WILLIAM LIBRARY

YES	364
NO	217
BLANK	12
TOTAL	593

#### ARTICLE XXV PENTANGLE

YES	358
NO	222
BLANK	13
TOTAL	593

Attest:

F. Charles Degener III, Town Clerk

Matthew Maxham, B.C.A.

Susan B. Ford, B.C.A.

Mary Y. Riley, B.C.A.

Jane P. Soule, B.C.A.

## Town Clerk's Report

This year we continued our program of digitizing and indexing our historic Land Records. Nearly half of all documents recorded since the 1770's have been digitized and indexed, and all incoming documents are processed in this manner. The bulk of our Land Records have been created in the past twenty-five years. Once we have digitized and indexed our records back to 1986, we will be able to remove the card catalogue from our vault freeing up limited space for our constantly increasing Land Records. These documents form the basis and history for all present and future real estate transactions in Woodstock and their maintenance and preservation is crucial. Vermont law continues to mandate that each Town Clerk properly manage these documents and store them in a fireproof vault.

Conservation work was performed on our book: "Meetings 1868-1904". This volume was in especially deteriorated and delicate condition. Professional conservators removed adhesives and de-acidified the pages before encapsulating them in archival grade polyester envelopes. Windsor County had a fifteen foot section of roller shelving, in pristine condition, that was no longer needed. We were able to purchase this unit and nearly double our shelving capacity. Thankfully we have been setting aside money for the conservation of our records and the expansion of our vault for many years and had money available for these necessary expenditures.

This past year we administered four Elections. While each election conducted by Australian Ballot is only one 16 hour work day, the increasing popularity of Absentee Voting has strained our resources and turned a one day event into a month long task. In addition, the implementation of Same Day Voter Registration complicates the efficient management of elections. Twenty-five percent of votes cast in the November General Election were by Absentee Ballot. In compliance with Vermont Law, and in an effort to manage this new volume of Absentee Voting, it is the policy of this office to close for business the day preceding an election in addition to Election Day. This allows Election Officials to process Absentee Ballots and prepare for the Election on the day before voting in addition to accomplishing some of the tasks otherwise relegated to Election Day. It requires the same amount of energy and resources to conduct an election whether 19 people or 1,900 vote so we encourage everyone who can to turn out on Election Day. Even at peak times, the process of voting on Election Day is generally quicker and easier for the voter. Not all people are able to get to the polls between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M on Election Day, and for those who can't Absentee Ballots are an excellent option.

Mary Riley, Carol Wood, and Joe Lucot continue to serve capably and knowledgably as Assistant Clerks. We are available to the public and maintain regular business hours of 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:30, Monday through Friday. The office is closed the day preceding Australian Ballot voting.

Remember that each dog kept in Woodstock must be registered annually by the end of March.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town for eight years as Assistant Clerk, and the past three as Clerk. I look forward to continuing my service to the people of Woodstock and thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted

F. Charles Degener III, Town Clerk

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

This being my first year as Treasurer, I have been busy getting into the "how's and why's" of our finances and am hoping my past experience in accounting may bring fresh eyes to current practices. We have instituted one big change this year – switching to a different bank. As you know from past and current financials, interest income has been very low- averaging around \$100 a year since 2014. Working with Phil Swanson, we met with all the local banks that were interested in the Town and Village accounts. We made our decision on the following criteria:

- Interest rate
- Services and Security
- Community Service

There were variables in each proposal, such as good rates with short term CD's and services offered. After reviewing each proposal carefully, Phil and I decided that Mascoma Bank offered the best benefits for the Town and Village of Woodstock. Phil and I thanked all the banks that applied (Bar Harbor, Peoples and Mascoma.) for the comprehensive proposals – their commitment to the community of Woodstock is deeply appreciated.

While the goal was to get the new accounts active on July 1<sup>st</sup>, for many reasons our first deposit did not take place until October 30, 2018. A special thank you to Betty Ann Scammell for her hard work in changing systems. We have realized interest of over \$9,000 from Oct 30<sup>th</sup> through December. Our balances fluctuate greatly- obviously very high when taxes are collected and dipping way down before the next collection date. We are now on track to make a healthy amount in interest this year and hopefully in years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Coburn Treasurer

## Board of Listers

The Board of Lister's most important duty is to produce a Grand List of all properties in Woodstock. This year has been a fairly active year for sales of properties, with 117 property transfers: 13 condos, 32 residential properties with under 6 acres, 11 residential properties with more than 6 acres, 8 commercial properties, 10 sales of land and 3 mobile homes between April 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. Last year we had 98 sales for the entire assessment year from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

We are required by state statute to have all of the assessments in town at 100% of fair market value. In order to have a clear picture of the Woodstock real estate market, we process all property transfers, and conduct an analysis of all sales which occur during the year. Woodstock's CLA (Current Level of Assessment) which is a three-year analysis of sales, is 97.78% which indicates that our assessments are reasonably close to market value.

We also oversee an extensive Current Use Program for Woodstock which currently has 187 parcels enrolled, representing 16,541.02 acres. Recent legislation requires us to value any excluded land as a stand-alone parcel, therefore, we had to recalculate values on many of our Current Use properties, resulting in significant changes in property valuation.

Another important part of our duties is to keep track of Homestead filings. <u>EVERY VERMONT</u> <u>RESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO FILE A HOMESTEAD DECLARATION FORM HS122 BY APRIL 15<sup>th</sup></u> <u>EACH YEAR WITH THE TAX DEPARTMENT</u>. The Vermont Tax Department sends us weekly electronic reports as people file their HS122 forms which insures that the correct tax rate is billed.

Woodstock Listers are elected by you, and work for you, the taxpayer. We are required to work within the guidelines of constantly changing, and increasingly complex Vermont Legislation and mandates. Listers attend training sessions and seminars as offered by Property Valuation & Review (PVR), and participate in the Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors (VALA) to improve our knowledge, and meet with other listers, all to ultimately serve you better. We take an oath to be fair and equitable while we assess all real property at Fair Market Value. Each of us in the Lister's office is a Woodstock taxpayer and we understand the burden placed upon property owners.

Throughout the year, the Lister's office is open Monday through Friday from 8am. until noon. Our office is here to provide information and assistance to any property owners and we also assist appraisers, realtors, and attorneys doing research. We encourage property owners to visit and to become familiar with their assessments and to learn how our process works. We have a wealth of information, including property files, sales information, and maps.

In an effort to make the Lister's office as accessible and user-friendly as possible, we are able to email a copy of the Grand list to you upon request. For anyone wishing to see a printed copy of the Grand List, they are available in the Lister's office, Zoning and Planning office, Municipal Manager's office, and in the Town Clerk's office. You can also reach us at 457-3607 or woodstocklisters@townofwoodstock.org

Respectfully summited,

Paul H. Wildasin, Carol M. Wood and Jennifer H. Maxham Woodstock Board of Listers

## Woodstock Ambulance Service Annual Report 2017-2018

Nationwide Emergency Services face challenges when it comes to meeting basic staffing requirements every day. As the professional field of EMS grows to meet the ever changing needs of the population we serve, EMS Providers must strive to accommodate these growths in our continuing education, reinforcement of life saving skills and encouraging continuous quality improvement. Woodstock Ambulance Service and its members face the same challenges. Some of our members average 96 continuous hours on duty. That's 96 hours they spend solely dedicated to Woodstock Ambulance Service to ensure that someone is available to keep your family safe and healthy. Ambulance members average several hours every month in multiple classes to meet credentialing requirements at the State and National levels of certification and licensing. Ambulance members accomplish these long hours on the job and in continuous training while maintaining a full time job, being a full time Mother or Father and/or otherwise being a contributing member of this community.

In 2018 we welcomed several new members to Woodstock Ambulance Service. We have welcomed Wyatt Smith, Jess Ryan-Leblanc, Kirsten Murphy, Adam Sappern, Will Tracy, Riley Quicker and Aaron Hodge as new EMS Providers to our service. Several of our members are celebrating Honorable Service Awards. Joe Swanson and Sari White are celebrating 10 years of service. Christine Gould is celebrating 5 years of service. If you see these members around town, please be sure to thank them for a job well done in striving to provide excellent service to the Woodstock Community. Woodstock Ambulance Service would like to thank the community members as well as the Town of Woodstock for its continued support as our Service grows to accommodate the ever changing field of Emergency Medical Services.

In 2018 we documented 817 calls in comparison to the 756 documented in 2017.

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
75	88
225	171
160	193
193	285
85	80
<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
79	92
23	17
25	14
53	63
562	464
14	6
	75 225 160 193 85 <b>2017</b> 79 23 25 53 562

#### WOODSTOCK AMBULANCE

AMBULANCE RUNS BY RESPONSE DISPOSITION	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit	393	368
Standby-No Services or Support Provided	85	54
Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport Required	67	115
Standby-Public Safety, Fire, or EMS Operational Support Provided	63	92
Canceled (Prior to Arrival At Scene)	38	66
Canceled on Scene (No Patient Contact)	31	14
Patient Treated, Released (per protocol)	24	36
Agency Assist	25	24
Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Unit	10	4
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)	9	23
Patient Evaluated, Released (AMA)	7	13
Canceled (Transferred to Mutual Aid)	3	2
Patient Dead at Scene - No Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	2	3
Patient Dead at Scene - Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	2	3

Respectfully Submitted,

Misha McNabb NRP EMS Division Director

## WOODSTOCK COMMUNICATIONS Annual Report 2017-2018

PHONE CALLS	2016	2017	2018	RADIO CALLS	2016	2017	2018
BRIDGEWATER	87	105	71	BRIDGEWATER	924	679	911
POMFRET	61	95	53	POMFRET	564	526	634
WOODSTOCK AMB	603	634	692	WOODSTOCK AMB	5,928	5,305	7,143
WOODSTOCK FIRE	191	136	163	WOODSTOCK FIRE	1243	903	1,023
WOODSTOCK				WOODSTOCK			
POLICE	2,183	2,583	2,297	POLICE	36,727	47,489	44,511
TOTAL PHONE							
CALLS	3,080	3,553	3,276	TOTAL RADIO CALLS	45,386	54,902	54,222

I respectfully submit my annual report to the Select Board and citizens of Woodstock.

The Woodstock Emergency Services Communications Team is on duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week and typically there is only one person on duty per shift. We provide dispatch services for Woodstock Police, Fire, Ambulance, Highway and Sewer departments, South Woodstock Fire, Bridgewater Fire and Fast Squad, and Pomfret/Teago Fire and Fast Squad.

The Communications Team is dedicated to providing the best information possible to the responding units in emergency and non-emergency situations. This is achieved by asking certain questions of the caller. The main questions consist of where the incident occurred, what it is, and the caller's information (name, date of birth, address and phone number). There are many times when people will call and ask to speak to the Police Chief or Fire Chief directly and bypass the dispatcher. The call may or may not be an emergency. In either case, the call might need immediate response. We ask that callers advise the dispatcher the nature of the call so the most efficient and effective service can be provided.

The numbers provided only give a snapshot of the Communications Department work. There are many other calls that are handled by the team that may not be logged into the system. We answer calls ranging from directions to locations, burn permits, lost or found items and animals, walk-ins about parking tickets to speeding tickets to name a few. During a high impact event such as the PI Restaurant fire, the dispatcher on duty has to send all the agencies that we dispatch for, as well as contacting all the other outside agencies to respond. In addition to the aforementioned duties, the dispatcher is also responsible for fielding everyday calls, and maintaining input into the CAD system. During high impact weather events, such as the recent snow storm that knocked down numerous trees and power lines in the area, the dispatcher is not only receiving calls from the public in reference to the trees and power lines; they are also relaying all of that information to the proper agencies for response. Please be patient and know that we are doing our best to provide the citizens with the help needed in a timely manner.

## **Town Police Report**

## Mission Statement: "To provide a safe and orderly environment in Woodstock through professionalism, high quality police service, an active partnership with the community and a concern for individual dignity by assuring fair and equal treatment for all."

First, let me take this opportunity to tell all of the residents, business people and visitors of Woodstock what an honor and privilege it is to serve as Woodstock's Chief of Police. Furthermore, the Officers, Dispatchers and staff of the Woodstock Police Department are dedicated people who work day in and day out ensuring the safety of our community. In that same vein, the success of our mission is reliant on the support we receive from the Select board, Municipal Manager and town's people and we are thankful to them.

Forty hours of patrol coverage and 24/7, 365 emergency response is provided to the Town of Woodstock by the Village of Woodstock Police Department. In addition, a police officer is always available 24 hours a day by phone if a non-emergency response is needed. During 2018, 920 service calls were handled by the Woodstock Police Department in the Town out of a total of 2,287 calls. The adjacent list of observed incidents provides additional insight into the various types of incidents handled by the Police Department.

> Did you Know?: The Busiest Month: May. The Busiest Day of the week: Friday. The Busiest Time: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.. The slowest month: December. The slowest day of the week: Wednesday

We strive to maintain a close partnership with the community and to maintain open lines of communication. During 2018 we continued to work with many other agencies, institutions and organizations throughout Woodstock and the surrounding area. (follow us on twitter at: Woodstock Police@Woodstockpolice and facebook at: Woodstock Vermont Police Department) As always we provide a high level of service to the community and perform services that make Woodstock a great place to live and work.

Fun Fact: Our most popular Facebook posts are for lost and found dogs.

The opioid crisis continues to plague communities throughout the state and nation. Many of the thefts and other crimes that we experience are as a result of this epidemic and it continues to be a primary concern to public safety. Citizens are encouraged to take proactive measures in ensuring they do not become victims by locking the doors to your homes and vehicles when away from them. The Woodstock Police Department continues to maintain a Prescription Drug Drop box in the lobby of the Emergency Services Building. Citizens can drop off any unused and unwanted prescription medication they have 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

In 2018 The Woodstock Police Department filled a Full Time Officer vacancy that was created when Cpl. James Otranto retired in 2017. We were fortunate to be able to fill it with Officer Joseph Lucot, who has been with the department as a part-time Officer since 2015. This allowed for a seamless transition since Officer Lucot was already trained and familiar with the Woodstock community. Officer Lucot is a native of Woodstock and is very familiar with the area and Woodstock residents. He is a proactive and productive Officer and will be attending the Full Time Police Officer Certification Training at the Vermont Police Academy in August of 2019.

In addition, Officer Donka was promoted to Corporal as result of Cpl. Otranto's retirement. Cpl. Donka has been with the Woodstock Police Department since 2012 and has over 35 years of policing and supervisory experience in Vermont.

Once again, I unreservedly thank all of the men and women of the Woodstock Police Department for their hard work and professionalism as well as to the other departments and personnel of the Town and Village for their assistance and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Robbie Blish

## TOWN OF WOODSTOCK CALLS FOR SERVICE 2016-2018 COMPARISON

Type of Call	2016	2017	2018	Type of Call	2016	2017	2018
911 Hang-up Call	19	29	11	Information Report	6	3	3
Accident Fatal	0	0	0	Intoxicated Person	0	0	0
Traffic Accident w/	34	30	31	Juvenile Problem	12	5	16
Damage							
Traffic Accident w/	12	8	5	Litter/Pollution/Public	1	2	1
Injuries				Health			
Agency Assistance	27	76	68	Lost/ Found Property	0	33	9
Animal Noise &	14	55	49	Noise Disturbance	5	7	5
Problem							
Assault	1	2	6	Phone Problem/ Harassment	1	1	1
Burglary	10	6	1	Property Damage, Non-	2	0	4
				Vandalism			
Burglary Alarm	61	72	79	Property/ Home Watch	160	347	341
Citizen Assist	27	33	31	Public Speaking	4	8	3
Citizen Dispute	9	1	3	Probation Violation	2	4	0
Commercial Vehicle	8	3	2	Search Warrant	1	0	0
Inspect.							
Motor Vehicle	48	60	65	Stalking	1	1	0
Complaint							
Careless & Negligent	0	0	1	Sex Offense	2	0	9
Court Time	1	7	0	Suspicious	50	63	45
				Person/Circumstance			
Criminal – DLS	0	0	4	Theft	21	12	17
Dead Body	3	1	3	Threatening	7	3	4
Directed Patrol	21	14	17	Towed Vehicle	0	2	0
Disorderly	0	9	5	Traffic Hazard	18	12	18
Conduct/Noise	10				0	-	
DUI	12	5	1	Trespassing	9	5	5
Controlled Substance	0	20	2	Unlawful Mischief –	9	8	4
Problem	1		6	Vandalism	10	1.6	
Escort	1	8	6	VIN Number Inspection	10	16	7
Family Fight/	10	8	8	Welfare/ Suicide Check	24	19	27
Domestic		11	-				
Fraud/Embezzlement	4	11	7				
				TOTAL CALLS	667	1,009	929

#### **CONSTABLE REPORT**

#### 2017-2018

The Town Constable is an elected position and each year the residents of Woodstock elect a constable to help maintain the safety of the people who live in and visit our community. As constable, I am the Animal Control Officer. This has become a challenge since we no longer have a local kennel and lost pets are now taken to Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society in Brownsville. Unfortunately, this is an inconvenience for pet owners. Please make sure your dog has a tag with your personal information and their license tag. This will allow me to reunite you with your pet without the inconvenience of retrieving them from the kennel. I have followed up on the licensing of dogs within our community. Our list continues to dwindle and through the diligence of pet owners in maintaining dog licenses- it helps reduce the stress of you losing your pet.

As Constable, I also assist several agencies such Fire, EMS and Police. Some of these duties include traffic control, parade coverage, and on-scene safety. As a reminder, we have one Constable in town and this may render longer response time in my arriving or returning your call. I ask for your patience in these times and will do my best to make my response as timely as possible.

Again I, thank you, the residents of Woodstock, for electing me to office. I attend several trainings each year at the Police Academy to ensure that I am current on changes to laws within the State. This training also allows me to recertify my credentials and ensure that I serve our community to the best of my ability.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Linton Constable

# WOODSTOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Woodstock Fire Department has responded to 155 calls for the calendar year of 2018. This year Woodstock fire department responded to 9 structure fires resulting in one million dollars' worth of damage. The fire downtown at 67 Central St. was a large loss to the community. The fire department was at the scene 18 hours, 2 Firefighters were sent to the hospital and many mutual aid departments were needed. Thankfully working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms prevented the death and injury of the tenants above the restaurant.

This year, 2 new members are currently enrolled the VT Fire academy level 1 firefighting training and will be certified June of 2019: Andrew Hubbell and Aaron Hodge.

If anyone knows of a young individual age 14-17 who has an interest in Fire or EMS, we have a cadet program for them.

Woodstock Fire/EMS Department continues to struggle with the lack of members needed, especially during the daytime (Drivers, firefighters, EMT or other special assets are needed). If you are interested in joining please contact me anytime.

One of the greatest strengths of the Fire department, is it members! Our members continue to give their time and effort to the department which is greatly appreciated by many. This is a volunteer position that takes time away from family and personal lives, and I am truly thankful for the dedication our members continue to give.

Lastly, should you have any questions, comments or suggestions or would like to visit our station please contact me at davidgreen@townofwoodstock.org.

Respectfully submitted,

David Green Fire Chief, Woodstock Fire /EMS

#### Woodstock Fire Department Calls

	2017	2018
Building fire:	4	9
Chimney fires:	4	4
Brush or grass:	4	4
Fuel spills or smell of propane:	1	5
Power lines:	3	5
Fire alarms:	39	37
Co alarms due to malfunction:	4	3
Carbon monoxide incident	3	1
Ambulance assist:	1	6
Motor vehicle accidents:	13	11
Motor vehicle fires:	1	1
Electrical fires:	0	4
Other dept. Calls:	28	65
Total calls	107	155

The Fire department's current system for the Fire chief is no longer sustainable. Currently the Fire chief is in charge of the Fire and EMS (emergency medical services), E-911 and is part of Woodstock's Emergency management. The chief is responsible for day to day operations, vehicle maintenance, training, grant writing, purchasing and many administration duties.

Woodstock Fire personnel currently consist of 50 volunteers for Fire an Ems who are paid per call, and work shifts nights/weekends for a small stipend. Weekdays are covered by EMS providers only with one Ems coordinator(paramedic), one part time employee (paid for the day, a 12-hr. shift) and one volunteer who receives a \$75 per day(12hrs) and paid per call to be available. The Fire dept has officer who covers a shift from 6pm Friday to 6am Monday on Weekends and is paid per call. The members of the fire dept are paid on call and have no requirements to be available for calls at any time.

Woodstock Fire department is losing more members than is gaining each year, due number of hours of training initially required (200 hrs.), to additional time committed for training monthly with the department and the annual requirement of training required by the State of Vermont. Studies have also shown that the numbers of people volunteering are in decline for many reasons. Woodstock also does not have a local work force of any size anymore that allows members to leave from their job here in Woodstock to respond to calls during the day. Woodstock is becoming a bedroom and a retirement community. Ems is relying more and more on out of town providers.

The current system compensates the chief for 20 hours of work per week. The current chief has a fulltime job during the week day and does his Fire department work at night and weekends which has several downfalls listed below.

- Members during the week day available for calls are a maximum of 2 to some days 0. Leaving the Town of Woodstock Grossly underprepared for emergency's, with a Chief available during business hours he will be able to respond to calls starting required help as needed.
- Vehicle maintenance is delayed long periods until someone can be found during working hours to be available to deliver the vehicle to the garage, or in-house maintenance waits until time is found among many other duties to be done.
- Doing business after hours or retuning calls can be difficult to correspond with citizens and businesses as needed to do regular department business.
- Can do an inspection to ensure public building life safety systems are up to date prior to liquor license renewals for the town.
- Will be assigned Assistant Health officer duties.
- The Chief will be certified fire inspector and can help Residents comply with State of Vermont Fire codes.
- Can engage the Schools better to embrace Fire Prevention for the Students and also talk to students about becoming Cadets with Fire Department.
- Can engage seniors, the Senior center and nursing homes with better participation for the at risk populations with fire prevention.
- Emergency operations of the power for the dispatchers and the radio systems that alert several fire depts that Woodstock dispatches for fall under the chief to ensure they continue running during power outage and mechanical failures.

In conclusion as EMS and Fire calls continue to rise our needs grow to be able to protect out citizens. Woodstock is on track this year to reach 950 fire and /ems calls. A full time Fire Chief can ensure the department is in compliance with state and Federal laws, respond to calls, and can work toward mitigating at risk population injury's and reduce the Towns chance of an incident occurring with no one from Woodstock Fire available and relying on Mutual aid which can be more than 20 minutes away.

# Fire Warden Report

Woodstock has a burning permit program in place, with this program we rarely see brush fires started by humans. In 2018 we saw only four incidents with minor burning of land, thankfully.

I would like to remind you that a permit to kindle an outside fire is required. You may obtain this permit at the fire station and once you fill out your initial permit a phone call is only required for subsequent burns. Only natural brush and wood is allowed to be burned. Construction materials, trash or other debris is not allowed to be burned, and must be disposed of properly. Snow on the ground still requires a permit to burn.

Below I have included Vermont statistics for this year's fire season.

Respectfully submitted David Green Fire chief, Woodstock Fire/Ems

State Wide 2018

Number of human caused fires - 57

Number of lighting caused fires- 2

Number of acres burned caused by human- 112

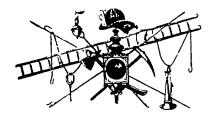
Number of acres burned by lighting-1

Total number of fires - 59

Total numbers of acres burned- 113

Ten yr total averages of acres burned - 87

Total numbers of acres burned in Woodstock - 0



# Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association

Woodstock firefighters dedicate themselves to community service and are ready on a moment's notice to rush into potentially dangerous situations to save the lives and property of fellow citizens. And the Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association (WFRA) has been there for our firefighters, their families and the entire Woodstock community for well over 100 years.

Our mission is to:

- Provide help socially, financially and spiritually to those unfortunate sick and injured firefighters and their families, and assist firefighter families in case of death.
- Raise funds to purchase and maintain important safety equipment for Woodstock Fire/EMS.
- Help with community events, such as picnics and parades.
- Provide members with dress uniforms for parades, funerals and other important events.
- Purchase and place grave markers on Memorial Day for deceased firefighters.
- Promote fellowship among firefighters in all times, good and bad.

Each year the WFRA purchases equipment that personnel need for safe and effective operations. We've used hand-held thermal imaging cameras since the 1990s to see through the thick smoke often encountered during fires. Advancements in thermal imaging technology have now reduced the size of the components and has enabled a lightweight camera and display in the firefighter's mask, keeping the thermal image in view at all times. In 2018 we purchased Scott Sight face masks, which combines a camera with a display in the mask, leaving our firefighters hands free for quickly finding and extracting a victim or injured firefighter from a building.

We also own and maintain Woodstock's first fire engine, a 1923 Maxim, restored and owned by the Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association for community events like the Memorial Day parade, thereby keeping a part of our shared historical heritage alive. At Halloween we purchased candy and fire safety materials for Woodstock Fire/EMS to pass out at the main entrance to Trick or Treating in the Village. This is a popular stop for many families and children and a great place to deliver fire safety and outreach information.

Thank you once again for your support. Visit us online at <u>https://www.woodstockfire-ems.org/wfra/</u> and please stay safe in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent McFarland, President Hannah Krawczyk, Vice President Scott Noble, Secretary

Kevin Lessard, Treasurer Ward Goodnough, officer

# Highway Department 2017-2018 Town & Village Report

2017-2018 was another productive year and there were several projects completed including; replacing the large culvert on Cox District Road with a precast culvert and reconstruction of the retaining wall and improvements to the drainage and road surface on North Street. State mandated ditching began on Densmore Hill Road and the bridge deck and guardrail on the Stone Arch Bridge at the bottom of the road were replaced. Curbing was installed on Mountain Avenue and Bond Street.

Upgrading and maintaining storm drains continues, as road salt and time deteriorate both the concrete structures and the old galvanized pipe replacing and repairing them is a continuous process. Several manholes have also been either repaired or replaced. Paving was accomplished on Mountain Avenue, Dartmouth Lane, Bond Street, and Prospect Street. Route 4 and Route 106 had thermal repairs as well as paving repairs. These repairs will help alleviate the pot holes and delamination of the pavement.

Regular maintenance of the roads continues as well with, grading, ditching, plowing, salting, sanding, culverts, tree work, etc.

I would like to thank the residents of Woodstock for their continued support of the Town & Village Highway Department, and for their patience when traveling through work areas.

I would also like to thank all of the other departments for their continued support.

In conclusion, I thank the entire highway crew. The many hats that they have to wear can be very demanding at times, yet their dedication perseveres.

Respectfully submitted, Ken Vandenburgh Town/Village Highway Superintendent

# Woodstock Wastewater Treatment Plant

### **Annual Report**

The Woodstock Wastewater Treatment department is pleased to report that all three of our treatment plants are in compliance with State of Vermont regulations.

In the past year, the improvements to the Wastewater Department have included:

- Main Plant: Replaced drive unit and motor for clarifier 2, replaced drive motor for clarifier 1, rebuilt 40hp electric motor and blower for sludge storage.
- South Woodstock Plant: Removed nuisance trees, replaced front fence with new privacy fence, improved drainage, painted building and replaced the air intake silencers on both blowers.
- Taftsville Plant: The steel air lines and valves from the blowers to aeration were replaced and a new wasting valve was installed. We also replaced the Chlorine pump which failed in November and gave us an E. coli violation; this issue was quickly resolved and there was no danger to the public.
- Collection System: Repair of manholes on Elm Street, Senior Lane and Central Street. We had Hartigan back again for three days to clean and inspect sewer lines.
- > **Pump Station:** Replaced drive shaft, coupling and assembly for the comminutor.
- New safety equipment was purchased with grant monies.

The Taftsville Treatment Plant will be getting an upgrade in 2019 which includes a new influent channel and comminutor. The tanks will be sandblasted and any necessary welding repairs done. They will then be coated with a DuraChem Polylining that will extend the life of this aging facility.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant staff thanks the residents of the Town of Woodstock for their patience when we are working in the streets and roads. We also thank the other Town and Village Departments for their continued support and assistance when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayland Lord	Timothy Lynds	Elijah Lemieux
Wastewater Superintendant	Assistant Chief Operator	Operator

# 2018 TOWN OF WOODSTOCK PLANNING & ZONING ANNUAL REPORT

Although the Town Zoning Regulations were recently readopted in 2017, 2018 saw three amendment requests. Two in South Woodstock were approved and one in West Woodstock was denied. All three were zoning map changes. This is a good demonstration that the zoning regulations are not carved in stone and may be changed at any time.

A big event impacting the Village more than the Town was the rewrite and expansion of the National Historic District for the Village. (The original historic district was established in 1970s, one of the first in Vermont. It was written in a minimalist style, essentially a list of structures with little reference to architectural style or historic importance.) The resulting document is well over 200 pages long not counting the photographs which are available in a digital format. The document adds an overview of Woodstock Village history, connecting buildings to historic events and figures. The district was expanded south to include most of the developed area of the Village. This makes sense as the majority of the homes in the Village exceed the 50 year eligibility threshold for inclusion. Three buildings of significance were added as contributing structures due to the 50 year clause. Both the Woodstock Inn and the Middle Covered Bridge were rebuilt in 1969. The former Frank Gyra home on Linden Hill is notable as a rare example of a modern architectural style included in the district.

In December of 2018, the Planning Commission finalized the rewrite of Town Plan's Energy Chapter. This is an important step which will eventually allow the Town party status in Act 249 reviews of "solar farms". These are the large solar panel facilities which generate more than 50 kilowatts electricity. The chapter will now start the adoption process which, per State mandates, will include a rewrite of the Community Facilities chapter and addition of language and maps which address large forest blocks and wildlife connectivity. One more project for the upcoming year.

The Town received a Vermont Agency of Transportation Bike/Ped grant to design an extension of the East End sidewalk to the Gallery Place Plaza. The sidewalk currently stops at the Pizza Chef restaurant. An additional State grant, the Municipal Planning Grant was awarded to the Town via the Economic Development Commission to redesign the East End River Walk along Maxham Meadow Way.

The Planning Commission continues the rewrite of the Village Zoning Regulations. Most of the changes will be clarifications and required updating of existing regulations. Multi-family housing, Short Term Rentals and signs have been the main issues. Potential expansion of the Design Review District will be an additional one.

The Town Development Review Board retains a full complement of members, however an opening will occur in early 2019. The Conservation Commission remains at full capacity with the appointment of Howard Krum, replacing an original member and former chair, Lea Kachadorian. During recent years, the Planning Commission has had a complete turnover with the exception of long term Chair Sally Miller. Newer members have transitioned well during 2018. A new member, Ben Jervey was appointed late in the year. The South Woodstock Design Review Board has held steady with 3 members. The Town would like to thank all former members for their service and commitment to the community. Please note that in March of each

year positions become available. If interested in serving on a board or commission, please submit your name to the Town Planner or the Select Board.

Overall permit activity increased slightly, adding 2 more applications than 2017, with 78 permits issued. However, administrative permits decreased significantly from 56 to 43. The ever important number of single family home permits decreased from 4 to 2. Apartment/guest house permits decreased from 3 to 0. Housing is a major concern. Home occupation permits decreased from 1 to 0. Subdivision permits increased from 2 to 3 creating 6 new lots. Lot line adjustments fell from 3 to 0. Conditional use permits, a good indicator of commercial activity, increased almost fourfold from 8 to 29. There was 1 waiver to setback request, up from 0. Bed and Breakfast permits decreased from 1 to 0. Short Term Rental permits (less than 30 days) decreased from 2 to 1. There were no Scenic Ridgeline permits issued, equaling 2017. The South Woodstock Design Review Board activity tripled with 9 permits issued.

The Town Planner/Administrative Officer Michael Brands, AICP, is now in his 30th year of service to the community. Mr. Brands continues to serve on the Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Task Force. He is also active with the Vermont Planners' Association and the Upper Valley Planners' Forum.

Lynn Beach, P&Z's recently hired assistant, replaced 15 year assistant Renee Vondle this summer. Lynn's former experience as the Town Manager's Administrative Assistant and as a zoning enforcement official in Connecticut has helped the transition move along smoothly.

Via the Town's website, Planning and Zoning clients are able to reference the town plan, regulations, applications and worksheets on-line instead of coming in for or requesting paper copies. Please take time to visit the site, www.townofwoodstock.org. Any and all suggestions for an improved service are welcome.

All comments concerning <u>any</u> planning and zoning issue are more than welcome. Please contact either Michael Brands - Town Planner, Lynn Beach - Zoning Assistant, or members of the Planning Commission. The planning and zoning process requires the input of the citizens for it to be both fair and equitable, keep the comments coming!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Brands, AICP Town Planner & Administrative Officer MBrands@townofwoodstock.org

# 2018 TOWN OF WOODSTOCK CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Conservation Commission held nine regularly scheduled meetings and a number of site visits in 2018. The Commission conducted two wetland site visits and six riparian reviews in conjunction with ongoing permit applications. There were no Scenic Ridgeline applications this year.

The Conservation Commission reviewed a number of changes to the Village Zoning Regulations and the Municipal Plan. The Village Zoning is currently being rewritten. The main effort is to coordinate riparian and wetland reviews to fall in line with that mandated at the Town level. The Energy Chapter of the Town Plan was rewritten. This will allow Woodstock a voice at the Public Service Board's table during alternative energy applications (for the most part solar farms). Late last year it was determined that the Town Plan also needs to add a section on forests concerning parcelization of large lots and on wildlife connectivity. Fortunately, the Commission has been working on these issues for the past few years, mainly concerning the Town's southwest corner. This should help expedite the rewrite process.

The Conservation Commission held one large event, a Roadside Invasive Workshop. The event was held in April just before the invasive plants start growing. The event drew numerous Conservation Commissioners from Upper Valley towns. Mike Bald, one of the more experienced Vermonters with invasive plants, Gerry Hawkes, forester and inventor, and Kevin Geiger, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission's invasive plant expert, were the main speakers. The discussion soon involved all attendees revealing the depth of knowledge and local experience dealing with the invasive species. The chief roadside invasive species are Wild Parsnip, Wild Chervil and Giant Hogweed. Japanese Knotweed was also mentioned, although it prefers the wetter areas along water ways.

The Conservation Commission applied for two State Transportation grants related to bicycle and pedestrians. A request to paint sharrows (bicycle logos) and fog lines to create 10' vehicle lanes with the remainder of pavement serving as the bike lane was denied. A second grant to design an extension of the East End sidewalk 350' east from Pizza Chef restaurant to the Gallery Place Plaza was approved. The search for consultants is underway and one should be chosen in mid-winter.

The Conservation Commission continues to work with the concept of carbon sequestration in local forests. Lynn Peterson has been the lead person on this project. Together with Zach Ralph and Michael Caduto of Sustainable Woodstock, numerous monthly workshops were held throughout the year. The State Forest Commissioner participated in the last workshop of the year, showing the State may soon be showing more interest in this subject. Trees naturally absorb carbon as they grow and serve as a storage vessel in old age. Making quality long term furniture out of hard wood is a great way to extend the carbon storage cycle. The State's current use program should be amended to recognize the importance of carbon sequestration.

During the course of the year many members attended numerous conferences and workshops held around the state. This is a valuable contribution by the members, as not all members are able to attend these important events. The members are then able to share the information gathered with the rest of the membership at the following meeting.

The Conservation Commission membership has remained constant for the past few years. Lea Kachadorian, an original member from 1989, has stepped down after many productive years of service. Her love of wetlands evolved into the 2004 Arrowwood Wetland Study that serves as the official map and catalogue of the town's Class III wetlands. This summer, Howard Krum was appointed to replace Lea and become our newest member. Should one desire to become a member please contact Town Planner, Michael Brands at 802-457-7515, mbrands@townofwoodstock.org or attend a Conservation Commission meeting which are regularly scheduled for the third Wednesday evening of each month at 7:00pm.

One does not need to be a member to attend and/or participate in Conservation Commission activities. All members of the public are invited. Conservation Commission agendas and activities are posted on three bulletin boards (the Town Hall, the Norman Williams Public Library and the EMS building in the East End) and on the Town's website: townofwoodstock.org.

# Woodstock Economic Development Commission Annual Report 2018

The Mission: The goal of the Woodstock Economic Development Commission is to plan and implement sustainable economic development in the Woodstock area. The WEDC is tasked with the following:

- To encourage and help existing and new businesses prosper, create more job opportunities, and become more environmentally conscious
- To make this a livable and welcoming community for a diverse, multi-generational population
- To promote a welcoming, sustainable Woodstock area
- To improve and make the best use of land, buildings and other physical infrastructure, and
- To develop tools to promote a sustainable economy

Summary: Since the inception of the Options Tax in 2016 the EDC has raised \$840,000 in tax revenue. 57% of this revenue (\$480,000) has been granted to a total of 35 projects, in five categories: Marketing (35% of the total funds granted), Job Creation (24%), Planning for Future Development (17%), Improving the Quality of Life (8%), and Support Activities (16%). Partly as a result of these investments, Woodstock has seen attractive economic development. Growth in options tax receipts (which is a proxy for local business revenue from food, alcohol and rooms) was 6.2% in FY2018 and 9.3% in FY2017, well above the rate of overall economic growth in the US.

The EDC has a balance of \$360,000 available for future investment, along with annual revenues of approximately \$260,000. Most of this balance was generated in FY2016 and FY2017, when the Commission was establishing its operating procedures. In FY2018 the Commission granted 99% of the funds it received, and early indications are that it will grant the vast majority of its funds in FY2019 as well.

Projects funded in 2018 included:

Community Events:

- Supported Bookstock's new initiative to help underwrite nationally known authors for keynote events.
- Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon brought musicians to the center of the village enlivening a normally quiet time.
- Granted East Ends Eats, which will build on a successful prior food truck event and help start a new business.
- Granted a Community Visioning program, which will bring together various community stakeholders to set priorities, assess existing and future community efforts, and identify areas of growth.

Helping business programs:

- Provided emergency funds for two businesses unexpectedly affected by the village bridge closing.
- Allocated funds for a new Job Bank initiative to develop the underutilized workforce in Woodstock by connecting high school students with job opportunities.
- Supported the WUHS Apparel business, which will allow students to experience running a business and sell a Woodstock promotional item.

• Extended two grants to address the growing need for childcare in Woodstock, to Rainbow Playschool & Woodstock Christian Childcare. As recent press has noted, this appears to be an increasingly urgent need in the community and one that the EDC hopes to impact.

Other EDC initiatives include:

- Housing Study Over 400 respondents added their input to the Housing Study completed in 2018. The EDC is taking next steps to determine how to utilize the information gathered.
- Hiring a coordinator to provide administrative support for the commission and assist with EDC initiatives and committees.
- Saw continued success of previously funded events like the annual Lobster Fest, the Optimist Center, and WCTV8.

#### Structure:

The EDC has four working committees. Each reports significant developments in 2018:

- Website hired marketer and new Woodstock resident Katie Berdan to generate content to
  populate a new Woodstock website, a joint venture with the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce,
  with accurate information and launch a biweekly email newsletter. Pageviews increased from
  16,000 to 54,000 between the first and last months of 2018; since its deployment in August,
  newsletter sign-ups have risen from 380 to 850, with click rates increasing from 15% to nearly 40%.
  Sign up for the community newsletter at woodstockvt.com.
- Village Revitalization hired planning firm DuBois & King, after a thorough RFP, for an overarching study of Woodstock Village areas for improvement in wayfinding, aesthetics, pedestrian engineering, and more. Though the study is ongoing, initial meetings included opportunities for public engagement.
- Recreation is working on the River Loop Trail, a new walking trail east of town. The EDC solicited and was granted, on behalf of the town, a Vermont Municipal Planning Grant in the amount of \$21,600 to update a 2000 plan, effectively leveraging existing Options Tax funds expended to generate more funds to direct toward Woodstock enhancements.
- Economic Resources put together an initiative package to help fill empty storefronts, offering a two-month rent subsidy to qualifying businesses in the metered district. The subcommittee also began to run information sessions and grant-writing workshops.

Check the EDC webpage for additional information, including applications for community grants and funded proposals.

https://townofwoodstock.org/economic-development-commission-2/

Respectfully submitted, Julia Cooke EDC Co-Chair

# **Cemetery Commissioners Report**

The Woodstock Cemetery Commissioners have been pleased with the level of care given to these historic burial grounds partly do to the increase in the support to help with the yearly maintenance.

The commissioners continue to look for ways to deal with projects and long-term maintenance with fencing, walls, trees, and older gravestones. This year there were several fallen trees that presented issues, but thankfully minimal damage to stones and fencing. The commissioners are always open to hearing from and receiving help from citizens that might want to assist in caring for the cemeteries. Or the property around them. Please remember to consult the commissioners before attempting any changes or improvements to the cemeteries.

The many burial grounds in Woodstock are important to families past and present and also provide historical value. The commissioners thank you for your continued support in caring for the cemeteries and look forward to working with you to help care for and improve the cemeteries in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Barr Greg Camp Bruce Gould Woodstock Cemetery Commissioners

# Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 72 years old in 2019. There have been many positive changes over the years; I will give a brief timeline below:

- In August of 1958 the first "small" pool was built, with funding from the Woodstock Rotary club.
- In June 1968 the "big pool" was built
- In February 2007 a major renovation project was completed removing the bowling alley and adding a Fitness Center and dance studio
  where many fitness classes, dance classes, and other programs are taught today.
- In April 2008 the construction of a new "big pool" began.
- The small pool is still used today.
- In June 2009 the new "big pool" was ready for use.
- In 2010 the lower level of WRC was fully renovated with new bathrooms, showers, floors, walls, electrical, and plumbing.
- In August 2011 Tropical Storm Irene came through with flood waters filling the small pool with silt, entering the lower level of WRC and rising to 5ft. In the theater.
- This amounted to over 250,000.00 in damages.
- The lower level of WRC had to have all the recently completed renovations ripped out from 4ft and below due to water damage. This was all repaired within two months.
- The Theater had so much water and silt, all of the electrical, plumbing, and heat was ruined, the entire lower level had to be gutted from the ceiling down, there was no heat, or electricity in the building.
- In October 2012 all repairs to the theater were complete. The theater was again habitable and rainbow preschool moved back in and all classes resumed upstairs.
- In 2015 The original wood floors in the theater were refinished and the exterior side doors replaced.
- In 2016 the Carpet in the front office was replaced with wood, and we replaced two treadmills as well as two pieces of weight lifting
  equipment in the gym.
- In 2017 we replaced the lift station and sewer pumps in the theater, we also added two more treadmills to the gym, and two new spin bikes to the studio.
- In 2018 we added a step mill to the gym, we replaced the pump and several lines for the small pool, and we did some much needed tree removal of dead trees.

Over the past years at Town Meeting I have noticed that our position in this community can be confusing at times. I will explain our funding clearly and briefly.

The Woodstock Recreation Center is a 501 C3 non-profit; we have a very small trust from Marion Faulkner that amounts to roughly 10% of our total budget. The funds we generously receive from the town amount to roughly 30% of our total budget. The other 60% of our budget is made up of fundraising, our annual appeal, grants and user fees.

The other area that seems to be unclear at times is Vail Field, WRC does not own Vail Field we maintain Vail Field. The playground that was built is owned by the town/village. The WRC along with community members and Woodstock Rotary club volunteered to build it to save the community money. Any special projects or improvements at Vail field are through the town/village with support and oversight from WRC.

I hope this clarifies some of the most common questions that arise, as always your continued community support and input is invaluable to us, we hope you continue to see the benefit in your partnership with the WRC. Please contact Gail Devine Executive Director, for further details or to offer your support, contribution, or expertise.

Sincerely, Gail Devine Executive Director

Current WRC full time Staff: Gail Devine – Executive Director Joel Carey – Assistant Director Kerri Elkouh – Office Administrator

The staff and board of the WRC are committed to the goals that have been set forth and continue to strive toward improvements that will benefit the entire community.

Current Board members: Chair– Dave Doubleday, Vice-Kent McFarland, Secretary- Emma Schmell, Treasurer- Jim Giller, Select board Rep.- Butch Sutherland, board members at large: Tom Emery

December 21, 2018

Spectrum Teen Center 70 Amsden Way Woodstock, VT 05091



The Spectrum Teen Center has been serving teens for 22 years in grades 9-12. In 2017, we opened our program up to middle school. Our teens are from the six sending towns that make up the Windsor Central Supervisory Union.

In 2017, we tried something new and took teens into the community. We noticed that our attendance increased exponentially. We have worked to develop community connectedness with other groups, organizations and businesses in an effort to offer great teen events.

Over the past year we offered two Miniature Golf/Pizza Night where we had approximately 40 teens. Over 150 teens attended Ice Skating Night with the Union Arena with a DJ and strobe lights. Each month during the school year, we partner with Artistree and feature "Branch Out Teen Nights". We had several pizza nights at Pizza Chef where our average attendance was 40-50 teens. We featured a Comedy Night at the Woolen Mill Comedy Club in Bridgewater where professional comedians performed for upperclassmen. We partnered in several teen movie nights at the Town Hall Theater with Pentangle, offered a night of swimming at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center and more! All these events were **FREE for teens!!!!!!** 

> Enthusiastically, Heather Rubenstein & Joni Kennedy



inspire,

community

# SUSTAINABLE WOODSTOCK

Sustainable Woodstock seeks to organize and empower members to integrate

environmentally, economically and socially responsible practices in all aspects of their lives to create a sustainable community. The organization's volunteer-based action groups encourage a vibrant community, promote a thriving local economy and educate about how to conserve and protect natural resources.

We are deeply grateful for the energy, enthusiasm and hard work of our dedicated board members, volunteers, partners and supporters. Our heartfelt thanks to Sally Miller for her legacy of achievements as executive director during the first decade of Sustainable Woodstock (SW). The year 2018 saw strong participation in our community programs, events and projects:

• ENERGY: Fighting climate change begins at home. In 2018 the SW Energy Action Group (SWEAG) focused on creating more energy-efficient housing, including successful "button up" weatherization campaigns. We completed seven low-income weatherization projects in collaboration with COVER Home Repair & SEVCA. SWEAG brought Woodstock's first community solar array (100kW) to the brink of groundbreaking at the new Route 12 location of Rainbow Playschool. Phil Swanson signed the "Mayors Ready for 100% Clean Energy Pledge!" SW helped the town conduct audits of municipal buildings, evaluate solar feasibility of municipal building roofs, write the updated Town Energy Chapter and work toward the town's signing of a 425kW Power Purchase Agreement in order to obtain all of the municipal government's electrical needs from solar energy. We staged a successful inaugural Solar Showcase during Summer Fest.

• FIVE TOWN SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE: During the second year of promoting regional sustainability initiatives in Woodstock and the surrounding towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret and Reading, SW supported the Bridgewater Area Community Foundation's campaign to save the Bridgewater Schoolhouse and will assist in planning a resilient community center. We established a Bridgewater Listserv in collaboration with Vital Communities, recruited volunteers to conduct water tests of Kedron Brook and completed an eight-month work-study series on managing regional forests for carbon storage and sequestration. SW received approval to plant 300-400 trees in West Woodstock to protect homes at the Riverside Mobile Home Park. We are working with regional partners to make mass transportation alternatives available along the Route 4 corridor. SWEAG also participated in the Weatherize Upper Valley Program in the five surrounding towns.

• **RECYCLING:** The Recycling Action Group encourages Woodstock residents to recycle as much of their waste as possible. At our community recycling day in April we collected 3 tons of electronic waste and shredded 1 ton of paper. Our facilitation of waste collection at public events, like the Covered Bridges Half Marathon, typically diverts 75 percent of the waste generated and sends hundreds of pounds of compost to local farms.

• EAST END PARK: The East End Action Group (EEAG) made great strides toward realizing the vision forged in the East End Gateway Conceptual Plan. Over the last five years, community volunteers and partners donated hundreds of hours to develop a riverfront park in Woodstock village: planting trees, shrubs, and perennials; cutting down invasive plants; creating an edibles garden; making and installing wooden picnic tables and stone benches. Students contributed time and labor to make the park significantly more eco-friendly, user-friendly, and FUN—creating a beautiful "glade" with log benches and inspirational messages. The EEAG is now engaged in a major push to fund and complete the grand vision for the park.

• **COMMUNITY GARDENS:** We had a productive growing season at our two community gardens at King Farm and Billings Farm, with more than 35 people growing food and flowers for their families. We gathered for workdays and potlucks, exchanged recipes and farming tips and enjoyed the company of fellow gardeners. Billings Farm kindly approved the (2019) construction of several cold frames to extend the early growing season.

• OUTREACH & EDUCATION: SW educates the community about sustainability issues through our weekly *Vermont* Standard newspaper column, website, social media, e-newsletter, speakers and Climate Change & Sustainability monthly film series (with Pentangle Arts), which was attended by over 600 people (10 screenings) in 2018. Our monthly "Green Drinks" social gatherings (five years and running) encourage conversations around climate change, local food and other initiatives. All activities and programs are open to the community.

• NAKED TABLE: Under the leadership and sponsorship of Charles Shackleton, Miranda Thomas and our enthusiastic crew of volunteers, we completed our 10th Annual Naked Table fund-raiser on Woodstock's Middle Covered Bridge. Naked Table 2019 will mark the Middle Bridge's 50th anniversary.

• SUSWOO GLOBAL: We continue to build partnerships with Sustainable Woodstock, UK; Sustainable Woodstock, Ill. and others to share programs and explore ways to educate and engage our communities with global perspectives.

We gratefully acknowledge generous support from individuals and organizations, including Woodstock Foundation, Woodstock Rotary, Woodstock Garden Club, Pentangle Arts, Woodstock Chamber of Commerce, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Billings Farm, Change the World Kids, WUHS AP Environmental Science Students, Ottauquechee Health Foundation, ShackletonThomas, Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission, Connecticut River Conservancy, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Optimist Center, Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District, Vital Communities and others.

In 2019 we will celebrate SW's 10th anniversary by working with our partners and the Town on several major new initiatives, including a campaign to reduce the volume of single-use plastic products in Woodstock.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Caduto, executive director director@sustainablewoodstock.org 802•457•2911

# PENTANGLE

Town Hall Theatre 31 The Green / Woodstock, VT 05091 info@pentanglearts.org www.pentanglearts.org 802.457.3981

Pentangle's Board of Trustees, members and staff are grateful to the residents of Woodstock and the Town of Woodstock for their continued support of our efforts to make our community a more vibrant, creative and stimulating place to live.

We remain committed to the following guiding principles to inform all our programming, including Arts in Education and Community outreach and engagement.

- To provide programming that appeals to all ages.
- To create opportunities for audiences and artists to make meaningful connections in our community.
- To nurture the artistic talent of our community members.
- To foster creative thinking through Arts in Education programs that are immersive and experiential.
- To engage underserved constituencies in creative activity.
- To return the generosity of our community for our organization with free programing.
- To be a reliable steward of Woodstock's historic Town Hall Theatre.
- To ensure that the Town Hall Theatre remain a thriving, open, and accessible community resource for a wide variety of uses.
- To be fiscally responsible.
- To support our local non-profit community.
- To be a catalyst for cultural, social and economic development.
- To seek mutually beneficial partnerships with businesses who support our mission.

#### Here are the highlights of upcoming season:

- Creative Dance and Movement In-School Residency and After-School Camp
- The Center for Cartoon Studies Residency at WUHS
- Professional live musicals based on children's literature for grades pre-k-6
- 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Brown Bag Concert Series
- Pentangle's Wassail Weekend program of concerts, theatre and holiday movies
- Summer Theatre Camp for Area Youth
- Summer Creative Movement and Dance Camp for Area Youth
- Thank you, Thursday Free Movie Series
- Forty-two Weekends of Feature Film Screenings
- Vermont Symphony Orchestra's 2019 Summer Festival Tour presented with the Woodstock Inn and Resort
- Climate Change and Sustainability Film Series co-presented with Sustainable Woodstock

Your continued support is so important to the many area residents who depend on Pentangle's stewardship of the Town Hall Theatre, a vital gathering place where friends, neighbors, and visitors share camaraderie and world class entertainment. We thank you for your time and consideration. Don't hesitate to contact us for more information at <u>director@pentanglearts.org</u>, or 457-3981.

Respectfully Submitted, Alita Wilson Executive Director (802) 457-3981



Annual Report to the Town Of Woodstock For Fiscal Year 2017-2018

### Mission:

The Norman Williams Public Library's mission is to enrich the intellectual and cultural life of the greater Woodstock community by providing access to literature, culture, current information and technology; promote the love of reading; foster the free and open exchange of ideas; serve as a gathering place for people of all ages; and support lifelong learning for all.

The library works to improve the lives of Woodstockers. During fiscal year 2017-2018 the library counted 76,060 visitors. Visitors came to the library to use computers, borrow books and other materials (70,855 items circulated), join friends for events, games, crafts and programs, attend informational meetings and lectures and enjoy a quiet place of refuge.

#### Helping Woodstock children and teens succeed:

Librarians at Norman Williams Public Library are continually developing new programs and services to help youth learn literacy, computer, arts and other formative skills. In 2017-2018 the library expanded afterschool programs to include: arts and crafts with healthy snacks, tutoring and homework help, computer skills training, mentoring, child-led book club for grades 5-8, kids knitting club, "Culinary Kids" cooking classes. The library also continued to support early childhood literacy skills by offering daily Storytimes for preschoolers and babies. These library Storytimes provide excellent learning opportunities for the very young, and they also build supportive community networks for parents, pre-school teachers and caregivers. 3,441 children participated in library programs.

# Life-changing technology tutoring for adults:

The library offers 7 computers, two printers, two copiers and a fax machine for public use. According to library records, 3,600 people made use of public computers in 2017-2018. The library also offers individual, one-on-one tutoring regarding use of computers, cell phones, tablets and other devices. 355 separate technology tutoring sessions were offered in 2017-2018. Norman Williams Public Library's technology tutoring improves lives and opens pathways for success. During the last year, library staff helped Woodstockers update electronic resumes, store and organize family photos, communicate with grandchildren over Skype and Snapchat, and prepare required documents for local, county and state. A librarian helped one woman prepare her resume, send it via email and the library was pleased to learn that this woman got the job!

# **Enrichment and entertainment for Woodstockers:**

The library offered 437 programs themed for adults of all ages. 6,730 people enjoyed programs at the library. Adult programs included: weekly bridge games, weekly knitting groups, a monthly poetry reading group, and weekly Mah Jong games. The library offers a wide variety of book discussions, arts & crafts classes, musical experiences, lectures and author talks. Townspeople report that these interesting and entertaining activities expand their social networks and create more opportunities for people to go out and enjoy the Village of Woodstock.

# Library extends beyond walls of our building:

In 2017-2018 library staff continued to offer programs and services beyond the walls of the library building. Staff took field trips to the Woodstock History Center and the Marsh-Billings Rockefeller National Park. Library patrons were treated to library field trips to the Hall Art

Foundation. Children's librarians offered programs at the Woodstock History Center Old Time History Fair, the Rainbow Nursery School & Stafford Commons. Technology Tutoring is offered every other week at the Thompson Senior Center.

# Investing in Woodstock – caring for library facility and grounds:

2017-2018 was a year of continuing to improve and invest in the historic library building and refresh the grounds. Chippers was hired to remove dead trees and underbrush from the back lot and will aerate, fertilize and repair the lawns beginning in spring of 2019. Library trustees are in the midst of fundraising to invest in important repairs to the HVAC system. Fundraising is also underway to invest in state-of-the-art audio visual equipment to benefit the entire community.

# Respectfully submitted,

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Amanda Merk, Executive Director

# **Trustees:**

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### **BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION Report 2018**

The **Billings Park Commission (BPC)** oversees Woodstock's town parks: Billings Park, the 141 acres on Mt. Tom adjacent to both the Faulkner Park and the National Park, as well as the 65 acre park on Mt. Peg. The BPC is an active participant in the Woodstock Trails Partnership, a consortium of interested parties, devoted to enhancing, improving and promoting the over 30 miles of Woodstock area trails accessible from our Village Center. In addition to regular maintenance and oversight of the parks, we participate in a number of events designed to promote the beautiful and extensive trail system in Woodstock.

The Faulkner Trust has continued to finance the restoration of the trail up from Faulkner Park to the South Peak summit which is nearing completion. This fall saw the next installment of this work – its focus being the rebuilding of several significant sections of stone retaining wall. Some of our biggest challenges face us as this project approaches the steep pull to the South Peak. This work represents a partnership with the Faulkner Trust, the National Park Service (NPS), the VT Youth Conservation Corps and professional trail builders Peter Jensen & Assoc.

We continue to benefit from the expertise of Jennifer Waite, whose time and talent we are able to draw on through our technical assistance grant from the National Park's Rivers and Trails Program. Her experience, contacts and insights are invaluable and we are extremely grateful for this ongoing assistance. With her help, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Walk Woodstock Trail Map was published last year. It is available at the National Park and at the Village Visitor's Center.

BPC is working with the Woodstock Resort Corp to improve signage at Mt. Peg. We installed some new trail signs and have plans and a cost estimate for a new kiosk with map for the on Mt Peg. In addition we hosted NPS interns on Mt. Peg for continued invasive plant control. And, the BPC has sent out an RFP for a Park Management Plan to several foresters/wildlife managers. We hope to be able to adopt a plan in 2019.

This fall we worked with NPS and the Town to clean out the Girl Scout Cabin on Mt. Tom's Cemetery Trail. It has been neglected and misused in the last few years. As a result, this spring we will be exploring opportunities for its future purpose and use with possible community partners. It has great potential. If you have an idea as to how it might be used, please be in touch.

2018 saw another successful Trek to Taste on Mt. Tom to celebrate National Trails Day (the first Saturday in June). During this now well established annual event showcasing our trails, hikers trekked to taste some delicious local food and reviewed our local Farm to School projects.

And finally, we say goodbye and thank you to Kathy Avellino and Marc Weinstein, who have resigned from the BPC. The BPC is grateful for their service and support of our town parks.

Respectfully,

Alison Clarkson, Chair Chris Lloyd, Josh Pauly, Sam Segal and Don Wheeler Commissioners



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# The Woodstock Area Job Bank

"Bringing together people who need work with people who need workers."

Since 1974 the Woodstock Area Job Bank has helped people in our community by matching those looking for work with those having jobs to be done.

Today the jobs listed vary from full-time professional to hourly household work – and everything in between. This valuable referral service has always been offered <u>free of charge</u>.

# What's happening at the Job Bank?

- We provide individuals in our community with valuable work experience, exposure to new work environments, and opportunities to sharpen their skills.
- We provide businesses and families the opportunity to connect with workers in our community and even serve as mentors on the job.
- We support volunteers! We're continuing our effort to promote volunteer opportunities in the area.
- We maintain an interactive website that allows employers to post jobs directly online AND the ability for job-seekers to register their skills online.
- We're collaborating with area nonprofits to better serve our community by developing and maintaining a "Bit Time" List of workers available for small and one time jobs.

# How are we doing?

- Our requests for workers continue to grow each year. There are over 500 active job seekers on our list. In 2018 employers posted 581 jobs.
- The Job Bank serves job-seekers, volunteer-seekers and employers throughout the greater Woodstock area.

# How are we funded?

This year our funding request to the Town of Woodstock remains <u>level</u> with last year.

While we do receive some funding from area towns - Woodstock, Hartland, Bridgewater, Barnard, Pomfret and Reading - our budget is limited. These funds will help toward operating expenses as we continue offering in-person, online, and telephone resources and strive to expand service hours.

The Woodstock Area Job Bank is a 501 c-3 organization We thank the voters of Woodstock for supporting this worthy organization!

# Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2018 Overview Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **TRORC 2018 YEAR-END REPORT**

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

#### Technical Assistance

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

#### **Creative Economy and Public Health**

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

#### **Emergency Management and Preparedness**

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

#### **Municipal Energy Plans**

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

#### **Transportation**

TRORC is managing the Department of Environmental Conservation's Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. We have 29/32 municipalities participating with \$460,000 grant funding in the Region to construct projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, improvement and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. TRORC continues to seek and obtain VTrans grants under many state grant programs.

Specifically in Woodstock this past year, we organized a tabletop exercise for emergency services, prepared a Municipal Planning Grant application, and prepared a VTrans Bike and Pedestrian sidewalk scoping application by Gallery Plaza. We also prepared a VTrans Better Roads Grant application for a road erosion inventory, and provided various grant assistance for ditching work along Densmore Hill Road.

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

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard



#### ECFiber 2019 Report to the Town of Woodstock

Woodstock is a founding member of ECFiber, a not-for-profit consortium of 24 towns in eastcentral Vermont, dedicated to building a community-owned, fiber-optic network to deliver high-speed Internet to every home, business, and civic institution in its territory. Preference is given to reaching as many unserved locations as possible, with a focus on back roads and outlying neighborhoods.

During 2018, ECFiber expanded its network to 3200+ active customers, with new routes and coverage in a number of towns. Our transformation into a Vermont Communications Utility District two years ago has given us access to the Municipal Bond market, which we have used to raise about \$24 million of funds for network construction to date.

Parts of South Woodstock are already connected to the ECFiber network through West Reading. Through the efforts of David Brown, a cybercafé was established at the South Woodstock General Store allowing the public to sample ECFiber service.

The good news for 2019 is that ECFiber is building a trunk line through Woodstock to connect Barnard and Pomfret on the north to Reading and West Windsor on the south. From the north, two spurs will come from Barnard on Route 12 and through Pomfret meeting at the junction of the Pomfret Road and Route 12. A line will be built from Route 12 down Prosper Road to the fire station on Route 4. It will then continue south, crossing Route 4 and the Ottauquechee and making a wide loop on Fletcher Hill Road connecting to the network in South Woodstock Center. At the same time, network will be built on most of the side and branch roads that connect to this entire route through Woodstock. For the exact routes and what is to be built on side roads, see the map on the <u>https://ecfiber.net</u> home page.

ECFiber is Woodstock's best chance to obtain high bandwidth broadband Internet connectivity throughout much of the town, providing and very high-speed internet service at very reasonable prices. If you live anywhere near where the new service is to be provisioned, or anywhere else in Woodstock for that matter, we strongly urge you to go to the ECFiber web site, <u>https://ecfiber.net</u> and subscribe. Subscribing lets ECFiber know that you are interested in possible service at your location, helping them to plan their network buildout. There is no obligation, and there is no deposit to subscribe. You will be contacted when service is available to you.

For more information, visit ECFiber at https://ecfiber.net or contact us, your Woodstock town delegates to ECFiber, by emailing us at woodstock@ecfiber.net. We will be happy to explain how you can get true high-speed internet service for your home or office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Orcutt and Bob Merrill

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

# GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The GUVSWMD, established in 1992, comprises 10 Upper Valley towns. The District provides an integrated system for waste management for both solid waste and unregulated hazardous waste through recycling and reuse programs, food diversion and composting. GUV also provides special collection events for bulky and household hazardous waste, paint, electronics, tires, and fluorescent bulbs. In addition, the District offers technical assistance, outreach, and education programs to area residents, businesses, schools, and municipalities.

Direct services provided by GUV to Woodstock and District residents in fiscal year 2018:

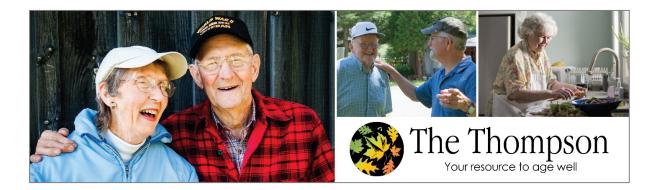
- Events were held in Norwich, Thetford, Sharon, Strafford, Vershire, Woodstock, and Hartford where we collected 15.6 tons of tires; 1.2 tons of scrap metal; 5.7 tons of electronics; 11.6 tons of "big" trash/construction & demolition debris; and thousands of fluorescent bulbs and batteries.
- 409 GUV residents (26 from Woodstock) participated in household hazardous waste events held in Norwich in September 2017, Vershire in October 2017, and Hartford in June 2018. 11.1 tons of hazardous material were collected, including 1,456 gallons of paint.
- 145 GUV residents attended our four backyard composting workshops where we sold 88 Soil Saver composters and 55 Sure-Close food scrap pails. A record 57 people attended the workshop at the So. Woodstock Firehouse on June 28.

In FY 2018, Phil Swanson was the Woodstock representative to the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank him for his dedication and ongoing support of our work.

Tips to remember:

- The next household hazardous waste collection will be Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Hartford Recycling Center. Stay tuned for other 2019 HHW dates and locations.
- Recycle **paint**, **fluorescent bulbs**, and <u>all **batteries**</u> (except vehicle) at the transfer station. Visit <u>www.paintcare.org</u> or <u>www.call2recycle.org/vermont/</u> for more info.
- Food scraps will be banned from residential trash as of July 1, 2020.

The District's 2019 "What To Do With..." Guide and Collection Event Schedule will be available at Town Meeting, the Town Clerk's office, or at <u>www.guvswd.org</u>. For information call Ham Gillett at 802-674-4474 or email hgillett@swcrpc.org.



# The Woodstock Area Council on Aging (The Thompson Center)

Your First Resource for Aging in our Community

The Thompson helps seniors age well in our rural community. We provide timely support and services and are a resource and advocate on issues related to aging.

More than 1,500 seniors benefited from Thompson services over the past year (more than 50% from Woodstock) – through home delivered meals, local and out-of-town rides, delicious lunches at the Center, exercise classes, social events, tax and insurance help, medical equipment, by volunteering, and much more!.

As the local resource and advocate for seniors and their families in Pomfret, Barnard, Bridgewater, Woodstock, and surrounding communities, The Thompson is so much more than our building located in West Woodstock. Last year we launched our Aging at Home initiative to provide additional supports to people where they want to be, at home. We provided hundreds of referrals to resources and vetted service providers as well as "days of service" for help with odd jobs for seniors at home.

The senior population in our area continues to grow in size and in age, and we see the utilization of Thompson services growing as well. Meals served increased again this past year to 19,801, and the rides provided increased from 4,014 to 4,805. Participation in exercise and other programs has increased as well. Your continued support will help to ensure the success of this valuable community resource. Together, we truly can enrich the experience of aging in our area.

Please contact us at info@thompsonseniorcenter.org or 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at www.thompsonseniorcenter.org or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted, Deanna Jones, Executive Director

# VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Woodstock, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 VNH made 3,507 homecare visits to 160 Woodstock residents. This included approximately \$125,280 in unreimbursed care to Woodstock residents.

- <u>Home Health Care:</u> 1,889 home visits to 130 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- <u>Long-Term Care</u>: 312 home visits to 9 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- Hospice Services: 1,273 home visits to 15 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- <u>Skilled Pediatric Care:</u> 33 home visits to 6 residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Sincerely,

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

# Health Care & Rehabilitation Services Narrative Report for FY18 for Town of Woodstock

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

During FY18, HCRS provided 1722 hours of services to 36 residents of the Town of Woodstock. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Woodstock.

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



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#### Woodstock Annual Town Report FY 2018

Green Mountain RSVP connects volunteers 55 and over to opportunities at nonprofit organizations with a positive impact to the towns within Bennington, Windsor, and Windham Counties. We are sponsored by the Southwestern VT Council on Aging (SVCOA).

As part of our Healthy Living focus, we partner with some of the following volunteer stations: Meals on Wheels providers, transportation programs, food pantries, The American Red Cross, AARP/VITA Tax Programs, Bone Builder Exercise classes, and mentor programs in local schools. We also partner with many other nonprofits, like senior meal sites, hospitals, museums, libraries, and knitting projects.

We provide annual recognition and social events for volunteers. We issue a bi-monthly newsletter in each county. We help support nonprofits with background checks and liability insurance for RSVP volunteers. Our motto is do good, feel good! Volunteering benefits the volunteer and their community.

GMRSVP trains instructors and provides weights and materials in order to offer the popular Bone Builders program at the Thompson Senior Center twice weekly, led by local residents. 12 local residents attend this class regularly. We have a volunteer who delivers for Meals on Wheels to an average of 9-12 people weekly.

Your Town's funds are essential for us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) – Senior Corps. Your partnership within the Woodstock community can truly make a difference for Windsor County with local volunteers helping their neighbors.

You are welcome to contact Corey Mitchell in our Ascutney office at (802) 6744547.Thank-you for your continued support.



RSVP is Supported in part by The Corporation for National and Community Service Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

# **Southeastern Vermont Community Action**

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; and reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Intervention, (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Homelessness Prevention, Micro-Business Development, SaVermont (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Woodstock we have provided the following services during FY2018:

Weatherization: 5 homes (11 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$64,002 Emergency Heating Systems: 1 home (5 people) received heating system repairs at a cost of \$307

- **Micro-Business Development:** 1 person received counseling, technical assistance & support To start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$1,550
- **Tax Preparation:** 6 households (10 people) received tax credits, refunds and other benefits valued at a total of \$31,901
- VT Health Connect Navigation: 1 household (1 person) received assistance to enroll or make changes in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$332
- **Family Services:** 14 households (34 people) received 60 services, valued at \$727 (including crisis intervention/resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

**Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 6 households (11 people) received 12 assists valued at \$5,871 **Housing Assistance:** 2 households (4 people) received 2 assists valued at \$2,955 **Thrift Store Vouchers:** 2 households (4 people) received goods & services valued at \$15

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of state, federal, private and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Woodstock for their support.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) 91 Buck Drive Westminster, VT 05158 (800) 464-9951 or (802) 722-4575 <u>sevca@sevca.org</u> www.sevca.org



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# Town Narrative - Woodstock For July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Windsor County Partners is in its 5<sup>th</sup> decade of building healthier communities through youth mentoring. Our community-based PALS (Partner Always Lend Support) program extends across the county. Mentored youth learn life skills, provide community service and participate in cultural and athletic activities. In our surveys, 100% of the young people in our PALS program report that having a mentor has made a difference in their life.

WCP creates partnerships where mentors are matched with a child. Matches are made up with children up to age 12. Since matches are renewed annually, mentored children range in age from 7 – 18. These mentoring partnerships meet for 2 hours per week for at least a year or longer.

In FY 2018, WCP served and supported 24 community-based mentorships, with children from 10 local towns. Collectively, these mentors volunteered over 1900 hours. Our mentees were distributed among 19 Windsor County public schools. Our surveys demonstrate the positive affects of mentoring. Mentors (94%) report that their mentee is gaining social skills. Mentee parents (94%) said that they would recommend mentoring to others and mentees (89%) reported feeling hopeful about the future.

WCP has invested in three part-time regional outreach coordinators who will better serve the towns in their region, increase the number of mentors recruited and the number of mentor matches. We welcome Samantha Cronin, who is the regional coordinator for Woodstock. Going forward, we are pursuing a partnership with the WCUD EmpowerUp Program which offers school-based mentoring.

Financial support from Windsor County helps ensure the well-being of children and their families. For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website <u>www.windsorcountypartners.org</u> or contact us at <u>ProgramsWC@outlook.com</u> 802-674-5101. WCP thanks the voters of Woodstock for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Robert Coates

end violence will be a change lives

January 17, 2019

Charles Degener and Selectboard Town of Woodstock P.O. Box 488 Woodstock, VT 05091

Dear Charlie and Selectboard members,

WISE is very grateful for the support of local Upper Valley communities, including the town of Woodstock, to assure that WISE services are available for all residents. WISE respectfully requests \$2,000 in support from the town of Woodstock for 2019. Federal and state grants only fund a portion of the total cost for WISE operations, which necessitates our reliance on the generosity of private funders and municipalities.

WISE is the sole provider of 24/7 crisis intervention, advocacy, and supportive services for victims of domestic and sexual violence in 21 towns in New Hampshire and Vermont, including the town of Woodstock. Last year WISE provided crisis intervention and advocacy services to 1,260 victims of domestic or sexual violence, many of whom were parents of young children. This number represents an increase of 849 new requests for services since the previous year, and over 3,964 hours of advocacy services.

The mission of WISE is to lead the Upper Valley to end gender-based violence through survivorcentered advocacy, education, and mobilization for social change. WISE provides a year round, every hour of every day crisis line, assuring that callers can speak with a live, trained person at any time. The crisis line is free and confidential as are the other types of support provided by WISE: emergency housing; in-person advocacy for victims at emergency rooms, police stations, and courthouses; crucial safety planning; securing legal aid; and healing support through writing groups, yoga classes, sobriety meetings, and therapeutic horseback riding experiences. Additionally, WISE routinely trains law enforcement and medical personnel on Lethality Assessment - a screening used to identify victims at high risk of homicide by their intimate partner.

Each year WISE experiences an increase in victims needing services. The number of people impacted by opiate misuse and addiction in the Upper Valley (as in many areas) continues to grow and stress the

Program Center • 38 Bank Street • Lebanon, NH 03766 • 603-448-5922 • fax: 603-448-2799 24-Hour Crisis Line: 603-448-5525 (local) • 866-348-WISE (tollfree) • www.wiseoftheuppervalley.org resources of many social service organizations, including WISE. Domestic violence remains the leading cause of violent death in NH and VT. WISE remains committed to building relationships with organizations - medical and social service providers, housing sources, lawyers and others in the community - in order to provide victims with connections that can enhance their safety and long-term well-being. As community support grows, the strength it takes for victims to reach out for assistance is enhanced. Supporting people in crisis and educating community members is crucial to eliminating domestic violence and abuse.

Community support such as the appropriation from the Town of Woodstock, truly makes a difference in the ability of WISE to provide comprehensive support to victims of violence. The WISE website (<u>www.WISEuv.org</u>) has important resources identifying intimate partner violence, how to increase personal safety, and guidance in supporting a loved one experiencing domestic violence, sexual abuse, or stalking. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peggy O'Neil

Executive Director



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# Vermont Department of Health Local Report WOODSTOCK, 2019

# At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters.

Your local office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number above. Available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs. In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

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



Learn more about what we do on the web at <u>www.healthvermont.gov</u> Join us on <u>www.facebook.com/VDHWRJ/</u> Follow us on <u>www.twitter.com/healthvermont</u>



#### GREEN UP VERMONT P.O. Box 1191 Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191 (802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259 greenup@greenupvermont.org www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary, with 22,700 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit organization, not a state agency. With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces. Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit <u>www.greenupvermont.org</u>.

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover fourteen percent of our operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and two part-time staff people.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online through our website.

Follow our blog for updates throughout the year! You can also link to Green Up Vermont's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages by visiting our website.

Save the date: Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Day is May 4, 2019. A Vermont tradition since 1970!



# ANNUAL REPORT

# <u>SENIOR SOLUTIONS</u> (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERV VERMONT)

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

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

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

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

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

This is a summary of services provided to Woodstock residents in the last year (9-1-17 through 8-30-18).

(802) 885-2655 Fax (802) 885-2665 Toll Free (866) 673-8376 Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119 **Information and Assistance**: <u>71</u> Calls and Office Visits. Our toll-free Senior HelpLine (1-800-642-5119) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan for the future, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also described at <u>www.seniorsolutionsVT.org</u>.

**Medicare Assistance:** <u>51</u> residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, "boot camps" for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Social Services**: We provided <u>9</u> elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based services for <u>110.25</u> hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

**Nutrition services and programs**: <u>40</u> Woodstock seniors received <u>4,894</u> meals at home and many received congregate meals from Thompson Senior Center through Woodstock Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

**Caregiver Respite:** Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases. One resident is receiving this grant.

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

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

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

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation provides grants and supports programs to help meet health and wellness needs in Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

# OTTAUQUECHEE HEALTH FOUNDATION

#### Who We Are:

**Mary Hawkins** President **Denise Dupuis** Vice President Harry Wollman Treasurer Mary Young-Breuleux Secretary Mark Boutwell **Richard Brooks** Jeff Dillon **Eric Fritz** Michael Kilcullen Janet North Matteo Saadat Kaveh Shahi

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For more than 20 years, the Ottauquechee Health Foundation has fostered health and wellness in our communities through support for education and initiatives, and grants to help our neighbors meet their healthcare needs. OHF helps people with limited financial resources to access health and wellness services they might not otherwise receive, including medical care, dental care and dentures, hearing aids, eyeglasses, counselling and caregiver support.

Today, as throughout its history, OHF is strengthened by the many people, organizations and businesses that make our efforts possible. We are honored by the participation of our members, the hard work of our volunteers, and the generosity of our donors. We are especially grateful for the support provided to us from the Town of Woodstock. As a result, OHF is vital, strong and committed to the health and wellness of our communities.

In 2018, OHF provided 241 grants through our Good Neighbor Grant Program, of which 44% were supplied to Woodstock residents.

#### What We Do:

Tayo Kirchhof

**Beth Robinson** 

Executive Director

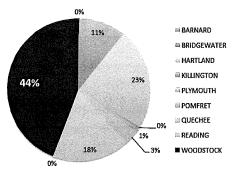
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Staff

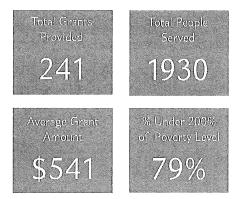
- OHF provides gap funding on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for the high costs of health and wellness services. Last year OHF approved more than \$124,000 in health and wellness grants.

- OHF understands the importance of keeping abreast of the changing needs of our communities, and supporting those needs through education and pilot programs that focus on prevention. **OHF is currently planning multiple education forums and events as well as focusing on new initiatives for 2018/2019.** 

#### 2018 (9/30) GNG by Town - \$



#### FY 2017



- OHF works in partnership with area health providers and organizations to provide care coordination and support. In addition, local health providers discount their services, to allow our neighbors to access health and wellness services at a more affordable rate. In fact, \$124,000 in 2017 grants enabled access to over \$165,000 in health and wellness services.

#### **Contact Us:**

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#### **Mentoring Advisory Board**

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#### **Empower UP Staff**

Annie Luke Program Coordinator <u>mentoring@wcsu.net</u> (802) 457 - 1317

*Empower Up - Windsor Central Mentoring Program* (previously known as Ottauquechee Community Partnership's Mentor and Buddy Program) has been matching mentors with WCSU students since 1999. This WCSU-wide initiative strives to build positive intergenerational relationships between adult role models and students.

Empower UP Mentoring program is grateful for the local funding support from towns. Community support is essential to sustain this program and serve the maximum number of students in the district.

#### **2019 Annual Report** WCSU Mentoring Program

#### Highlights of work this past year:

- Empower up has continued to maintain and support 16 mentor/mentee matches.
- In order to increase capacity to mentor more students, Program Coordinator has performed outreach to 4 area businesses with mid – large employee bases. The purpose of the outreach was to increase awareness of the program and encourage adult employees as mentors.
- Through collaboration with ArtisTree, mentors and mentees were celebrated in a fun crafting event. This collaboration continues to support the program in many ways including vouchers for free classes for mentoring matches.
- In collaboration with Woodstock faith based community, supported mentor recruitment challenge event by delivering Mentoring Information Evening. Purpose of the event was to increase awareness of the program and encourage adults to become mentors.
- Engaged professional marketing consultant to develop new program branding materials. With local prevention coalition funding, materials were printed "in kind" and then distributed widely for program promotion. Materials are targeted for the community in general, adult mentors, and parents.



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#### 2018 Annual Report

OCP worked closely with WCSU Administration to embed the mentoring program into the school district so that all students have equal access and opportunity to the program.

#### Highlights of work this past year:

- Continued to maintain mentoring matches and recruit / train caring, quality mentors
- Convened six meetings of the WCSU Prevention Team to identify priority issues related to our young people who are at risk and build a plan to increase healthy behaviors
- Distributed over 750 RX drug prevention materials through Woodstock Pharmacy
- Coordinated Drug Take Back Day with the Windsor County Sheriff whereby 594 pounds of medications were collected across the County
- Collaborated with Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission to further establish a Regional Health Advisory Council and work on Town Health and Wellness Committee

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#### **OCP Staff**

Melanie Sheehan Executive Director msheehan@ocpvt.org

Biz Alessi Outreach Coordinator biz.alessi@gmail.com

As of June 30, 2018, OCP has ceased as an area non-profit and the WCSU now oversees the district's mentoring program. In addition, expanded programs at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and the Mt. Ascutney Prevention Partnership will ensure our community benefits from ongoing substance misuse prevention infrastructure and implementation activities.

Community members wishing to continue to support OCP initiatives are encouraged to make donations to WCSU with the memo: Empower UP mentoring.

#### Windsor County Update Assistant Judges Jack Anderson & Ellen Terie

#### FY 2019-2020 Budget

Once again the Assistant Judges have worked to produce a budget that is responsible and prudent while mindful of the tax burden upon property owners. The budget calls for \$ 448,185 to be raised by taxes, an increase of \$8,327 (.0189%) over the current FY 18-19 budget. The new budget calls for \$ 566,841 in total spending, an increase of \$25,816 (.0477) over the current FY budget. It should be noted that for the first time ever, the County will not be responsible for commissioning Notaries Public. This function has been taken over by the Office of Professional Regulation within the Secretary of State's Office. This will result in a loss of revenue for Windsor County of approximately \$17,000 over the next four years.

Pursuant to Title 24 Sect. 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5 (2017).

#### **Courthouse Renovation Bond**

2019 marks the sixth year of the \$2 million bond repayment. The bond was issued for ten years at 2.83%. This year, the amount to be billed to the towns will be \$235,751 (\$200,000 principal; \$35,731 interest). This billing is NOT part of the county budget, but a separate assessment.

#### Other News

On July 17 a sprinkler head failed on the second floor at the County Building at 62 Pleasant Street, over the Sheriff's front offices. It happened in the wee hours of the morning, but we were not aware of it until 6 AM, after thousands of gallons had flooded the building. Ceilings and walls were soaked through, and floors and rugs had to be ripped up. For a short while, power was out. Ceiling lights were ruined, and the Sheriff's Department's phone network was destroyed. There was a lot of water to clean up on the second floor, first floor and basement.

Our Building Superintendent, Bruce Page, oversaw the recovery effort and took responsibility for a lot of the work. The Sheriff's office, where most of the damage occurred, stayed open through the ordeal. The rehabilitation offered the opportunity to update and refurbish as well, and within a few short weeks all was repaired and back to normal. Fortunately, the County's property and casualty insurance covered 100% of the cost.

Many thanks to Bruce for his yeoman service and to the following vendors: ServPro, Viking Electrical Services, D. Burke Paint and Drywall, Vermont Life Safety, Carpet Mill USA and Green Mountain Plumbing and Heating.

Thanks also to our County Clerk, Pepper Tepperman, who worked with our insurance adjustor, kept track of invoices and payments, and generally kept us organized throughout. We Assistant Judges are fortunate to work with such dedicated staff and grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Windsor County.

#### WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WINDSOR CENTRAL MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union District (the "District"), comprising the voters of the Towns of Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock (all Grades PK-12), and the Town of Barnard (Grades 7-12), are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Woodstock High School/Middle School Teagle Library, located in Woodstock, Vermont, on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- <u>Article 2</u>: To elect a Clerk who shall assume office upon election, and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.
- <u>Article 3</u>: To elect a Treasurer who shall assume office upon election, and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.
- Article 4: To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid District officers.
- Article 5: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District authorize the board of directors under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

Article 6: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

#### MARCH 5, 2019 – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTION

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union District are hereby further warned and notified to meet at their respective polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, during the polling hours noted herein, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

<u>Article 7</u>: The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect the following:

- Barnard: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022
- Bridgewater: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022
- Bridgewater: one school director for the remaining two years of a three year term to expire 2021
- Plymouth: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022
- Plymouth: one school director for the remaining year of a two year term to expire 2020
- Reading: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022
- Woodstock: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022
- Woodstock: one school director for a three year term to expire 2022

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend eighteen million, ninety five thousand, eight hundred thirty four dollars (\$18,095,834), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,994 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3% higher than spending for the current year.

The legal voters of Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District are further warned and notified that an **Informational Meeting** will be held at the Woodstock Union Middle School library in the Town of Woodstock on **Monday, February 25, 2019**, commencing at 6:00 P.M., for the purpose of explaining the 2019-2020 proposed budget.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019. Paige Hiller, WCMUUSD Board Chair

#### POLLING PLACES

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Barnard	*	Barnard Town Hall	*	10 am – 7 pm
Bridgewater	*	Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office	*	8 am – 7 pm
Killington	*	Killington Town Hall	*	7 am – 7 pm
Plymouth	*	Plymouth Municipal Building	*	10 am – 7 pm
Pomfret	*	Pomfret Town Hall	*	8 am – 7 pm
Reading	*	Reading Town Hall	*	7 am – 7 pm
Woodstock	*	Woodstock Town Hall	*	7 am – 7 pm

# AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

The financial records are being audited by RHR Smith & Company for the year ending June 30, 2018.

Copies of the completed audit, when available, may be requested by calling the Finance Director of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union at 802-457-1213, extension 1089.

# An itemized Windsor Central Unified District budget can be found at www.wcsu.net.

### Report from the Superintendent

The 2017-18 school year was a planning year for the new Windsor Central Unified District and the district became operational on July 1, 2018. Work began in the spring of 2018 will be continuing through spring of 2019 to develop a 5 year strategic plan for our district that will provide a roadmap and vision for the future. This plan will ultimately drive budget development and investment priorities for the merged district. This year, the following priorities were identified as the FY20 budget was developed:

#### Contractual Obligations - Moving to a single contract (\$755,000)

• This budget moves all educators on to a single salary grid, removing the discrepancies that existed between districts prior to the merger, standardizes the number of days teachers work at all campuses, and covers the contractual 11.8% increase in health care costs.

#### Adjustments Related to Addressing Student Enrollment and Facility Issues

- This budget integrates TPVS (The Prosper Valley School) students into WES but provides funding for maintaining TPVS facility.
- This budget moves RES (Reading Elementary School) students in grades 4-6 to WES.
- This budget removes 1.5 administration and nursing positions from TPVS but maintains .6 principal position for TPVS students
- This budget removes 1.6 Administration positions from RES while adding an additional classroom paraprofessional position.
- This budget reduces unified arts positions at both the elementary and WUHSMS levels to adjust for declining enrollment and for the consolidation of grade levels at the elementary level.

#### Investments Related to Improved Student Outcomes

- This budget standardizes unified arts offering at the elementary level across campuses including Spanish 3 times per week in grades 4-6.
- This budget supports investments in instructional coaching at both the elementary and WUHSMS level
- This budget provides full-day free Pre-K programs at each of our 2019-20 elementary campuses (WES, KES, and RES).

#### Establishment of a Line Item for Capital Improvements

This budget establishes a \$150,000 line item for district capital investments.

Sincere thanks is extended to the many community members, educators, and students who are contributing to the dialogue around the vision and future or our district.

Warm Regards, Mary Beth Banios Superintendent, Windsor Central Supervisory Union

# **Treasurer's Delinquent Sewer Tax Register**

# February 1, 2019

#### <u>2013S</u>

Wasp Snack Bar

#### <u>2014S</u>

Hirschbul, Michael Wasp Snack Bar

#### <u>2015S</u>

Hirschbul, Michael Holmes, Glenn Estate Holmes, Glenn Estate Holmes, Glenn Estate

#### <u>2016S</u>

Anderson, Mark & Wendy Brown, Sabrina Brown, Sabrina Costello, Kenneth Fennessey, James W. Fraser, Richard Hirschbul, Michael Holmes, Glenn Estate Holmes, Glenn Estate Homes, Glenn Estate Milligan, Penny Ploss, Richard & Patricia Sluicer, Christopher

### <u>2017S</u>

Anderson, Mark & Wendy Brown, Sabrina Brown, Sabrina Costello, Kenneth Fennessey, James W. Hall, Sonya H. Harrison, W. W. Rodes Haynes, Diana Henderson, Gareth & Christine O. Hirschbul, Michael Holmes, Glenn Estate Holmes, Glenn Estate Homes, Glenn Estate Milligan, Penny Ploss, Richard & Patricia Schimmelpfenning, Paul & Annaliese Simon, Lydia Simpson, Doris M. Estate Simpson, Doris M. Estate Sluicer, Christopher Smith, Jay W. Stackhouse, Lynda G. United States Post Office

Grand Total of Delinguent Sewer Taxes

\$ 40,272.79

### TREASURER'S DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX REGISTER

### **FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

#### <u>2010</u>

Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou

<u>2011</u> Holmes, Gordon H.

<u>2014</u> Davidson, Murray

#### <u>2015</u>

Bahrakis, Patty K. Davidson, Murray Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou Holmes, Gordon H. Panoushek, Stephen Stackhouse, Lynda G.

#### <u>2016</u>

Bahrakis, Patty K. Burns, James & Elizabeth Davidson, Murray Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou Holmes, Glen Estate Holmes, Gordon H. Panoushek, Stephen Prindle, Janice Simpson, Doris M. Estate Sluicer, Christopher Stackhouse, Lynda G. Tsouknakis, Nicholas Wilson, Jennifer & Edwards, Mary Wilson, Jennifer & Edwards, Mary

#### <u>2017</u>

Adams, Jeffrey D. Arnold, Andrew E. Bahrakis, Patty K.

#### 2017- Continued

Bell Jr., Charles D. Birch Wood Inc. Brosnahan, Barbara Brown, Sabrina Burns, James & Elizabeth Cooper, Ellen F. Davidson, Murray Dimick, Nina Estate Dr. Casiere Property Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou Fox, Neal Hall, Sonja Holmes, Glen Estate Holmes, Gordon H. Hutchins, Jennifer Kinne, Beverly Lestan, Theresa Lindauer, Kenneth E. Neil, Gary R Ottauquechee Meadows Condos **Ox Hill Construction** Panoushek, Stephen Ploss, Richard & Patricia Prindle, Janice Sharpe, Mary O. Simpson, Doris M. Estate Sluicer, Christopher Smith, Janet B. Sprague, Larry A. & Angela Stackhouse, Lynda G. Townsend, Ryan R. & Desree M. Tsouknakis, Nicholas Wilson, Jennifer & Edwards, Mary Wilson, Jennifer & Edwards, Mary Wright, Charles

#### Grand Total of Delinguent Property Taxes

<u>\$ 299,378.48</u>

# **Treasurer's Delinquent Property Tax Register**

# February 1, 2019

<u>2010 Total</u>	<u>\$    611.85</u>
<u>2011 Total</u>	<u>\$ 2,188.27</u>
<u>2014 Total</u>	<u>\$ 2,892.25</u>
<u>2015 Total</u>	<u>\$ 22,190.50</u>
<u>2016 Total</u>	<u>\$ 78,781.55</u>
<u>2017 Total</u>	<u>\$ 192,714.06</u>
Grand Total of Delinguent Property Taxes	<u>\$ 299,378.48</u>

# **Treasurer's Delinquent Sewer Tax Register**

# February 1, 2019

<u>2013S Total</u>	<u>\$    1,490.51</u>
<u>2014S Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,447.46</u>
<u>2015S Total</u>	<u>\$ 3,004.84</u>
<u>2016S Total</u>	<u>\$ 14,626.17</u>
<u>2017S Total</u>	<u>\$ 19,703.81</u>
Grand Total of Delinguent Sewer Taxes	<u>\$ 40,272.79</u>

### **LOCAL LEGISLATORS**

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