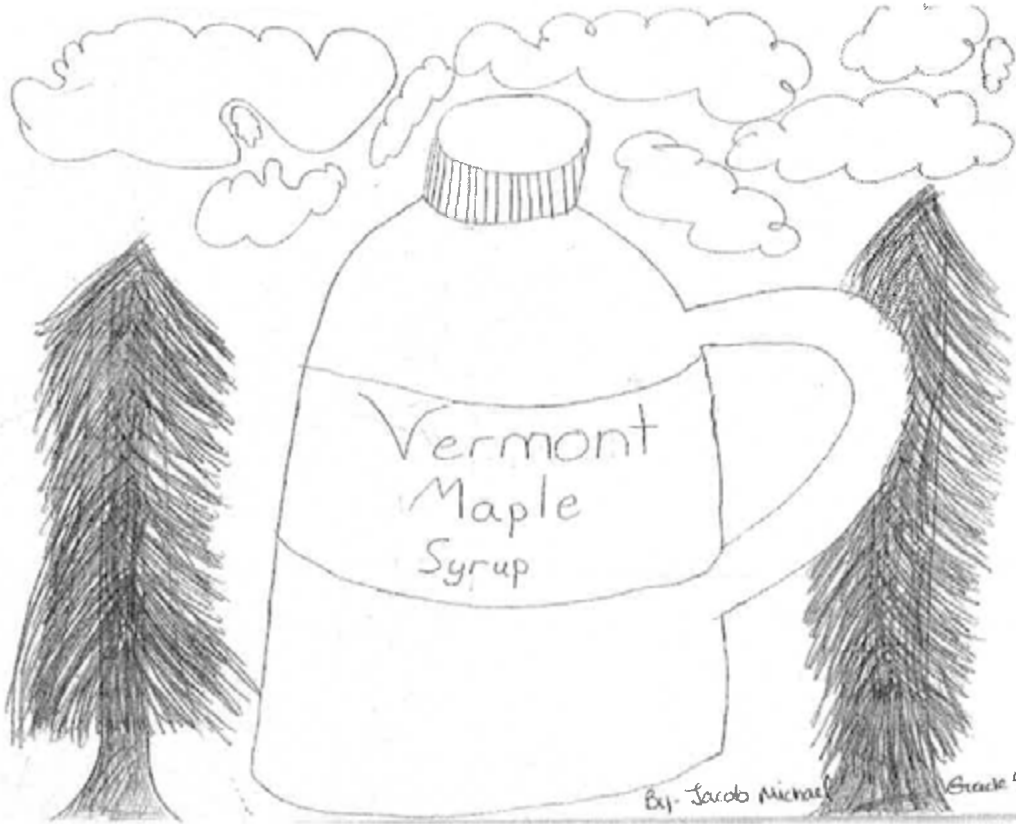


Town of Lowell



Annual Town & School Report
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
2017



By: Jacob Michael Grade 4



By: Danielle Kim Grade 8

ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 2017
Town of Lowell, Vermont



Food shelf donations will be collected this year at Town Meeting.

Please bring any non-perishable items with you to the
Lowell Graded School on Tuesday March 6th, 2018.
The F.O.L.K Group will have collection bins set up for your donations.

Donations will also be accepted at the
Town Clerk's Office throughout the month of February.

Thank you for your support.

Register your dog:

Dog tags will be available for purchase on Town Meeting Day.

- \$9 spayed/neutered \$13 unaltered
- Must have current rabies vaccination and copy of certificate.

All dogs must be licensed by April 1, 2018

NOTE: PLEASE BRING A COPY OF THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING

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Announcements & Reminders:

- All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the Australian ballot system at the Lowell Graded School.
- **Polls will be open this year at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.**

The recycling bins at the Town Garage are open to the public on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. There is a staff member on site to assist you and answer any questions you may have about acceptable items.

- You must file a HS122 Homestead Declaration Form **each year** with your annual state tax return to receive the residential tax rate from the Town. For more information please see www.tax.vermont.gov

2018 DATES TO REMEMBER:

Rabies Clinic	March 24	9:00 a.m. To 10:00 a.m.	Lowell Fire Station
Green Up Day	May 5	All Day	Vermont
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	May 5	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT
Tire Collection Event	May 19	8 a.m. to 12 noon	Lowell Town Garage
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	July 7	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	October 6	7:30 a.m. To 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT

TOWN OF LOWELL TIRE COLLECTION EVENT



MAY 19, 2018

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

LOWELL TOWN GARAGE

**You are invited to bring any unwanted tires to
the Town Garage for disposal.**

8 TIRES MAX. PER FAMILY/ NO RIMS

Cost: Car/ Truck (13"- 19.5") \$1.00

Truck (19.5") \$3.00

Tractor Trailer (22.5"- 24.5") \$7.00

For more information, call the Town Clerk's Office at (802) 744-6559 or
email cpion@lowelltown.org

Town of Lowell

Tire Collection Event



REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

Dogs Licensed (2016)	207
Penalties	\$ 61.50
Special Licenses	\$ 30.00
Total License Fees Received	\$ 1,819.49
Fees Paid to VT State Treasurer	\$ 841.00

DOG REMINDER

ALL DOGS 6 MONTHS & OLDER MUST BE LICENSED BY
APRIL 1ST, 2018

50% Penalty charged after April 1st, 2018

Dog License Fees:

\$ 9.00 each neutered or spayed

\$13.00 each not neutered or not spayed

The Animal Medical Hospital will host a Rabies clinic for
\$15.00 per rabies vaccination on
SATURDAY- MARCH 24th, 2018 ONLY
from 9:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.
at the Lowell Fire Station

LICENSING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.
(YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION AT TIME OF LICENSING)

PLEASE NOTE

All dogs, cats, ferrets & wolf/ hybrids must be vaccinated against rabies.

TOWN OF LOWELL- DOG ORDINANCE

An ordinance establishing regulations for the control of domestic pets and wolf-hybrids has been adopted by the select board since October 5, 2004 and took effect on December 6, 2004.

No owner, keeper or other person shall permit a dog or wolf-hybrid owned by him or under his or her keeping or control, to run at large; such person found in violation shall be subject to civil penalties or other enforcement remedies – as provided by law.

A copy of the ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office.

Household Hazardous Waste



2018 Collection Days



Saturday May 5

Saturday July 7

Saturday October 6

7:30 am to 11:30 am

Event to be held at the;
New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc.
(WASTE USA) landfill facility on Airport Road in Coventry

This event is **FREE** and open to the RESIDENTS of
Newport City, Coventry, Barton & Lowell

If you qualify as a small quantity (CEG) business, and wish to dispose of your hazardous waste, arrangements for disposal and payment must be made in advance and at least one week prior to the event.

Proof of residency will be required.

Materials Accepted at the Event:

Acids, Adhesives, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Cements, Charcoal Lighters, Chlorine, Cleaning Fluid, Degreasers, Disinfectants, Drain Cleaners, Dry Gas, Epoxies, Dyes, Fiberglass Resins, Flea Powders, Furniture Strippers, Hair Removers, Herbicides, Insect Repellents, Lacquers, Lubricants, Mothballs or Flakes, Nail Polish Removers, Oven Cleaners, Latex Paints, Oil Based Paints, Paint Removers, Paint Thinners, Permanent Solutions, Pesticides, Photo Chemicals, Rat Poisons, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners, Rust Solvents, Wood Preservatives, Spot Removers, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Tub and Tile Cleaners, Turpentine, Varnish, Weed Killers, Wood Polishes, Wood Stains, Fluorescent Light Tubes/Lighting, Mercury Containing Products, Roofing Tar & Driveway Sealer.

Materials NOT Accepted at the Event:

Asbestos, Automotive and Marine Batteries, Tires, Used Oil, Explosives or Shock-Sensitive Materials, Ammunition, Radio-Active Wastes, Pathological Wastes, Infectious Waste, Medicines, Dioxins, Compressed Gas Cylinders, Electronic Waste, Asphalt.

If you have any questions about the event or acceptable materials please call;
(802) 334-8300



FREE PLANNING EVENT

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

— GET STARTED AT —

COLLEGE & CAREER PATHWAYS 2018

WORKSHOPS ON ALL THINGS COLLEGE
AND — *NEW THIS YEAR!* —
SKILLED TRADES & APPRENTICESHIPS.

CHOOSE FROM:

MARCH 17

Saint Michael's College

MARCH 24

NVU-Johnson

APRIL 7

Castleton University

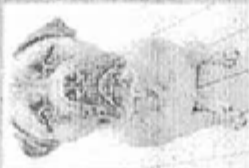
Register at vsac.org/CCP18

College & Career Pathways is funded by VSAC and by Vermont State GEAR UP, a federally funded program.

VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a viral infection passed from animals to other animals or humans, usually through a bite. The virus affects the brain, and is nearly always fatal (causes death). Here's how we control rabies in animals and reduce transmission to people.



1. VACCINATE DOGS

Rabies shots protect dogs and people. Because dog vaccination is common in the United States, people don't get rabies from dogs like they do in countries where dogs are not vaccinated.

2. VACCINATE CATS

In the last 25 years, most of the rabid domestic animals in the US have been cats. Cats are almost 5 times as likely as dogs to get rabies - but you can prevent this by vaccinating them.



3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE

Many Vermont wildlife are vaccinated with an edible vaccine through a bait drop. Do not touch or feed wildlife.

4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE

If you are bitten or scratched by an animal or find a bat in a room where you were sleeping, wash any wound thoroughly. Call your doctor and the health department. 1-800-4-RABIES. You may need to get post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), a series of shots that keep the virus from making people sick.



ONE HEALTH VERMONT

VERMONT VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

For more information:

802-878-6888

www.vtvetg.org

Town Clerk's Office

Services offered at the Town Clerk's Office:

- **Purchase/update/renew hunting & fishing Licenses**
- **DMV Renewals for auto & snowmobile registration**
- **License your dog**
- **Obtain certified vital records – Birth/Death/Marriage**
- **Obtain property tax maps, listers valuation cards or copies of property deeds**
- **Pick up building permits & zoning by-law information**
- **Voter registration**

The Town is now accepting Credit Card payments for all services and fees. This is no-charge to the Town but will cost the user a convenience fee (2.45% or \$3 minimum per transaction). As always cash & check are accepted with no additional fees.

If you have any questions or need assistance with services offered at the Town Office, please don't hesitate to contact us or stop by during our new extended business hours.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday

9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Lowell Town Clerk's Office
2170 VT Rte. 100
Lowell, VT 05847
Tel: (802) 744 6559
Fax: (802) 744 2357

LIBRARY HOURS:

With Librarian on Duty...

Tuesday – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Without Librarian on Duty

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

- (Please check in with Town Clerks Office for Library access)

2017

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MODERATOR:	Alden Warner	2018
TOWN CLERK:	Sandy LaDeau	2019
TREASURER:	Sandy LaDeau	2019
SELECTMEN:	Dwight Richardson	2020
	Richard Pion	2018
	Alden Warner	2019
SCHOOL DIRECTORS:		
	Steven Mason	2018
	Jason Blay	2019
	David Legacy	2020
UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR:	George Swanson	2019
1st CONSTABLE:	Darren Pion	2018
AUDITORS:	Arlon Warner	2020
	Priscilla Matten	2018
	Gordon Spencer	2019
ROAD COMMISSIONER:	Calvin Allen	2019
LISTERS:	Lerry Chase	2020
	Mark Higley	2019
	Chris Hager	2018
		2019
TOWN AGENT:	Andre Tetreault Sr.	2018
GRAND JUROR:	Andre Tetreault Sr.	2018
LIBRARIAN:	Reglne Griswold	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES:	Gina Arel	2022
	Gynette Manning	2018
	Jill Legacy	2020
	Gail Sicotte	2021
	Fay Starr	2021
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:	Daphne Dolan-Christiansen	
	Sadie Willey	
	Gilbert Hill	
	Steven Mason	
	Jeff Parsons	

OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:	Sandy LaDeau
ADMINISTRATOR ASSIST./ASSIST. CLERK:	Christy Pion
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	Darren Pion
HEALTH OFFICER:	Carol Wood- Koob
SERVICE OFFICER:	Steve Mason
FIRE WARDEN:	Gerard Nick
ASST. FIRE WARDEN	Marc Sicotte
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Gordon Spencer
ZONING COMMISSION:	Sam Thurston
	Keith Christiansen
	Rolf Koob
	Charles Boulmetis
	Vacancy

WARNING
LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following articles of business:

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:

All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the
Australian ballot system at the Lowell Graded School.

Polls open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

- ARTICLE 1:** To ELECT **SCHOOL MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2:** To ELECT an **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a two year term.
- ARTICLE 3:** To ELECT an **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a three year term.
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** approve the School Board to expend \$1,735,799.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year 2019. It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,329.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.74% higher than spending for the current year. The overall budget has decreased 5.52% from the current year.
- ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use \$75,000.00 of the unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2016-2017 school year, to reduce taxes in the 2018-2019 school budget?
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer to the Building Maintenance Fund \$5,920.00 of unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2016-2017 school year?
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer to the Tax Stabilization Fund \$23,452.00 of unallocated, unaudited General Fund balance from the 2016-2017 school year to be used in future budgets when the tax rate is to increase more than 3 cents?
- ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.
- ARTICLE 9:** To adjourn.

TOWN MEETING:

- ARTICLE 10:** To ELECT **TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 11:** To HEAR and ACT upon reports of **TOWN OFFICERS**.
- ARTICLE 12:** To ELECT the following **OFFICERS** required by law:
- | | |
|------------------|-------------|
| a. SELECT PERSON | 3 year term |
| b. LISTER | 3 year term |
| c. AUDITOR | 3 year term |

- d. 1st CONSTABLE 1 year term
- e. 2nd CONSTABLE 1 year term
- f. TOWN AGENT 1 year term
- g. GRAND JUROR 1 year term
- h. LIBRARY TRUSTEE 5 year term

ARTICLE 13: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$280,000.00** for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 135,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS**?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 135,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS**?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 25,000.00** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT**?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the legal voters allow the Select Board to **transfer** the **Kingdom Community Wind CD** and the **People's United Bank CD** to a savings account to borrow from until property taxes are received, to save the town interest cost?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the legal voters authorize the Select Board to **APPOINT** a **TOWN CLERK** pursuant to 17 V.S.A. & 2651e?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the legal voters authorize the Select Board to **APPOINT** a **TOWN TREASURER** pursuant to 17 V.S.A. & 2651f?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 6,000.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 3,000.00** for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL** teams?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 1,000.00** for the **JR. HOOP BASKETBALL** teams?

ARTICLE 23: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$ 3,500.00** to the **ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC.** for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency?

ARTICLE 24: Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

- a) **\$ 500** to AMERICAN RED CROSS
- b) **\$ 250** to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC
- c) **\$ 50** to GREEN UP VERMONT
- d) **\$ 450** to HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOC. CAMPERSHIP FUND
- e) **\$ 250** to JAY AREA LOCAL FOOD SHELF
- f) **\$ 200** to JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. - AMERICAN LEGION
- g) **\$ 300** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. – ORLEANS COUNTY COURT DIVERSION
- h) **\$ 300** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
- i) **\$ 923** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- j) **\$ 200** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES INC
- k) **\$ 659** to NORTHEASTERN VT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- l) **\$ 500** to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- m) **\$ 450** to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- n) **\$ 500** to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER

- o) \$ 200 to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE VERMONT
- p) \$ 700 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- q) \$ 825 to UMBRELLA
- r) \$ 100 to VACD - VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- s) \$ 200 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- t) \$ 90 to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- u) \$ 85 to VT TRAILS & GREENWAYS

Total for above appropriations = \$7,697.00

PLEASE NOTE: Individual service reports printed in back of town report.

ARTICLE 25: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town.

ARTICLE 26: TO ADJOURN.

SELECTBOARD:

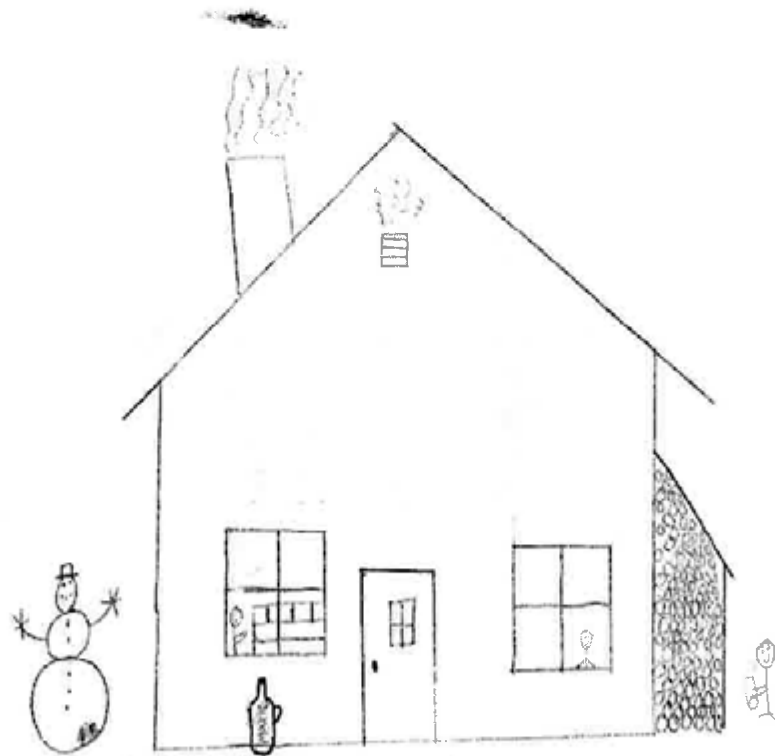
Richard Pion, Chairman
Dwight Richardson
Alden Warner

SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Steve Mason, Chair,
Jason Blay
David Legacy

ATTEST:

Sandy LaDeau – Town Clerk / Treasurer
Received for posting: January 23, 2018



TREASURER'S REPORT OF PUBLIC MONEY

The Archie Powers Memorial Trust at People's United Bank for the Town of Lowell Recreational Park was created in 1985.

- \$1,267.66 was drawn out to complete the building at Gelo Park in 1997.
- \$2,500 was withdrawn in 2005 towards matching grant funds for the Playground Fund.
- \$1,500 was withdrawn in 2012 towards Security Camera.

This account has a balance as of 12/29/17 of \$7,454.21.

Town of Lowell CD at People's United Bank earned interest of \$152.70.

This account has a balance as of 12/29/17 of \$43,825.69.

Kingdom Wind CD at Community National Bank earned interest of \$341.26

This account has a balance as of 12/29/17 of \$137,049.15.



SUMMARY OF 2017 TAXES

EDUCATION TAXES RASIED					
	TAX RATE	X	GRAND LIST VALUE	=	TOTAL RAISED
Non-Residential Education	1.59	X	415,939.00	=	661,343.01
Homestead Education	1.3524	X	392,283.00	=	530,523.53
Local Agreement (Veterans Exemption)		X		=	-
Town Tax		X		=	-
TOTAL TAX				\$	1,191,866.54
TOTAL STATE PAYMENTS				\$	130,859.80

MUNICIPAL TAXES

REVENUE	
Town Tax Raised	0.00
Payment Received From GMP	575,375.00
Local Agreement (Veterans Exemption)	0.00
Current Use / State Land	3,505.11
State Equalization	789.00
ESTIMATED REVENUE:	
Office Revenue – Licenses, Fees, Etc.	11,407.35
HS131 State Prebates	3,646.20
Delinquent Tax Penalty	7,071.80
Delinquent Tax Interest	8,642.51
TOTAL:	\$ 610,377.01

EXPENSES

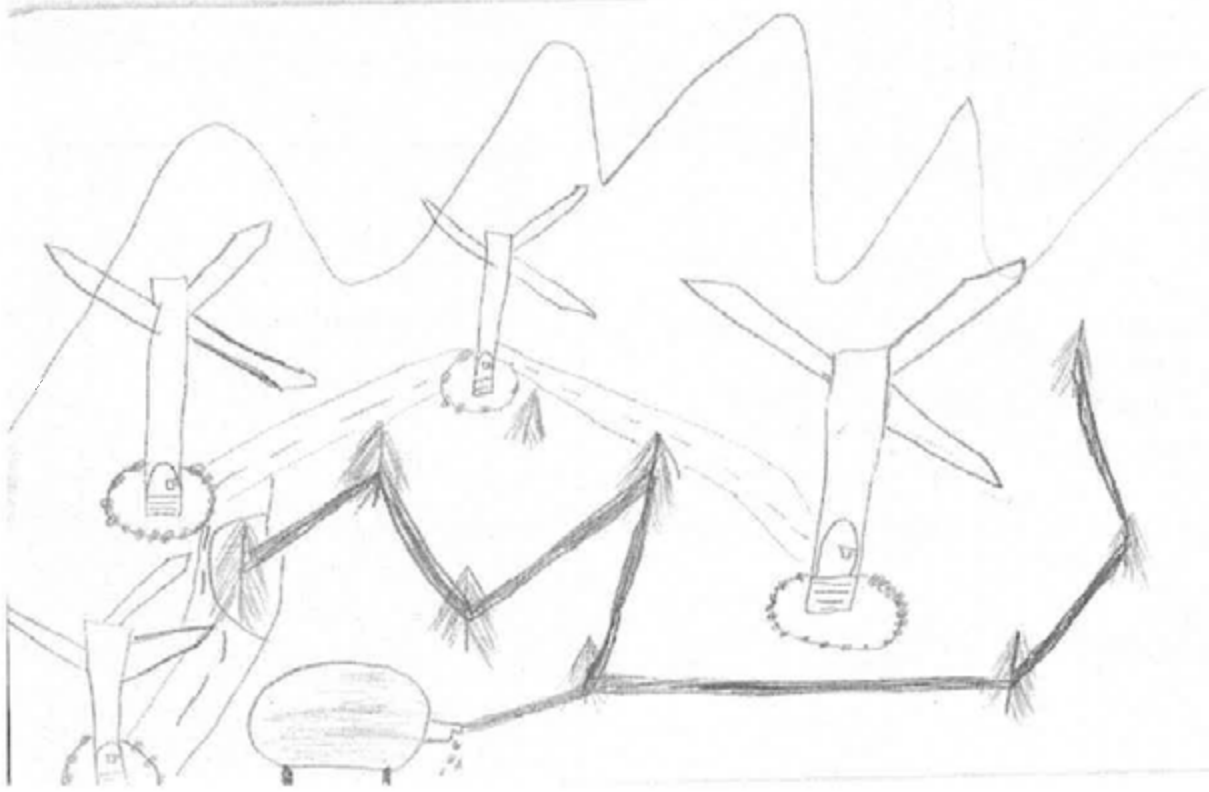
Summary of Voted Money

Select Board Assessments - Town Liabilities	280,000.00
Summer Roads	125,000.00
Winter Roads	125,000.00
Fire Department	25,000.00
Library Assessment	6,000.00
Little League T-Ball & Jr. Hoop	4,000.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	3,500.00
Voted Appropriations	7,697.00
TOTAL:	\$ 576,197.00

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

TOTAL DELINQUENT TAX RECEIVABLE AS OF 12/31/2017	
DELINQUENT TAX RECEIVABLE	106,550.43
DELINQUENT INTEREST RECEIVABLE	8,642.51
DELINQUENT PENALTY RECEIVABLE	7,071.80
TOTAL AS OF 12/31/2017	\$122,264.74

PROPERTY TAXES, INTEREST AND PENALTIES DELINQUENT AS OF 12/31/2017						
YEAR	TAXES DUE	INTEREST DUE	PENALTY DUE	TOTAL		
2014	939.92	521.70	75.19	1,550.91		
2015	1,062.24	414.21	84.98	1,577.36		
2016	20,063.40	3,396.13	938.16	24,397.69		
2017	58,492.90	1,690.13	4,513.34	64,696.37		
TOTALS	\$ 80,558.46	6,022.17	\$ 5,611.67	\$ 92,192.30		



By: Kelcee Doaner - Grade 4

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

2017 DELINQUENT TAX	2016 DELINQUENT TAX
Albrecht, Creed	Besette, Crystal
Besette, Crystal	Gosselin, Danny Sr.
Bonneau, Donald	Joiner, Billy
Brasseur, Krystal	Machia, David
Champagne, Larry	Mayo, Cecil Jr.
Clark, Peggie	McLeod, Michael
Coleman, William	McTighe, James & Danielle Dambach
Collins, David	Morin, Joseph
Cota, Jason	Pion, Bruce & Laurie
Donna, Patrick	Schachter, Gary
Gosselin, Danny Sr.	St Onge, Joseph
Hoadley, David	Villeneuve, David
Jackson, Alfred	Warner, Shawn Daniel & Marcia
Joiner, Billy	Wynn, Ricky & Cindy
King, Joshua & Ashley	
Labarron, Brian	2015 DELINQUENT TAX
Langmaid, Randy & Tonya	McLeod, Michael
Machia, David	Machia, David
Martin, Harold Jr.	
Mayo, Cecil Jr	2014 DELINQUENT TAX
McAllister, Barbara	Machia, David
McKee, Lance	
McTighe, James & Danielle Dambach	
Morin, Joseph	
Ormsbee, Deborah	
O'Rourke, John	
Pion, Bruce & Laurie	
Pion, Christopher	
Pion, Jeremy	
Postras, Jason & Misty	
Randall, Jason & Ashley	
Richardson, Jamie	
Savery, Joseph	
Schachter, Gary	
Sotherden, Jason	
St Onge, Joseph	
Villeneuve, David	
Vincelette, Jonathon	
Warner, Marcia	
Warner, Shawn Daniel & Marcia	
Warner, Vernon	
Wescom, Wendell Jr.	
Winters, Keith & Grace	
Wynn, Ricky & Cindy	

2017 Town of Lowell Audit Report

Numerous General Ledger Accounts have been added to the list for audit verification on a quarterly basis. The Town Auditors are in the process of adding written instructions for each reconciliation step.

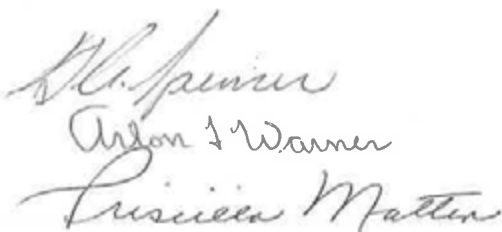
After a thorough review of the last professional audit report, which was performed in 2016, the town auditors determined to move into the Accrual System of Accounting to comply with GASB's (Government Accounting Standards Board) rules and procedures for Municipal Accounting. The Federal Government put these out for the States to mandate , but so far, Vermont recommends utilizing this system, but has yet to make it an order. The town Auditors and Treasurer have decided to make the transition now, so Lowell will be prepared when the GASB rules and procedures do become mandatory in Vermont.

Some of the major changes:

1. A Balance Sheet has been added that identifies the Net Value of the Town of Lowell. This includes a listing of properties (Equipment, Buildings, and Land) worth over two million dollars.
2. Classification of income and expenses are based on new guidelines.
3. The format of the town report has changed to meet the new requirements. We will continue to look for reporting improvements and will welcome suggestions.

We would like to thank the staff for working diligently with us as we moved through major changes and into another era of "record keeping".

Thank you,


Arlon J. Warner
Lucinda Matten
Lowell Town Auditors

TOWN OF LOWELL
DECEMBER 31, 2017
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:

Current Assets:

Checking	173,337.37
Trust-Archie Powers	7,454.21
Town MM Reserve Fund	43,825.69
KCW Reserve Fund	137,049.15
Accounts Receivable	12,811.00
Total Current Assets:	374,477.42

Long Term (Fixed) Assets:

Net Equipment	262,375.00
Buildings	1,509,400.00
Land	525,800.00
Total Long Term Assets:	2,297,575.00

Other Assets:

Delinquent Taxes/Fees Receivable	93,512.83
Total Other Assets:	93,512.83
TOTAL ASSETS:	2,765,565.25

LIABILITIES:

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	10,963.23
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TOWN OF LOWELL
DECEMBER 31, 2017
BALANCE SHEET
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Accrued Payroll	5,182.17
Employee Health Care Payable	0.00
Prepaid Property Taxes	4,201.84
Deferred Revenue:	
Delinquent Property Taxes	80,558.46
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	6,022.17
Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	5,611.67
Other costs on Delinquent Taxes	1,320.53
Total Deferred Revenue	93,512.83
Escrow from Tax Sales	3,825.72
Dog License fees to State	0.00
Marriage License fees to State	0.00
Due to Fish & Wildlife	0.00
Long Term Liabilities:	
Note Payable-Fire Truck	150,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	413,860.07
NET ASSETS(FUND BALANCE)	2,351,705.18
NET ASSETS + LIABILITIES	2,765,565.25

TOWN OF LOWELL
REVENUE/EXPENSE
STATEMENT
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

DESCRIPTION:	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Over/(Under) BUDGET
REVENUES:			
Current Year Taxes		917,832.78	917,832.78
Current Use Tax		3,505.11	3,505.11
GMP Contract to Tax		575,375.00	575,375.00
Delinquent Taxes Received	8,714.73	106,550.43	97,835.70
Interest on Delinquent Taxes Received	706.87	8,642.51	7,935.64
Penalty on Delinquent Taxes Received	578.40	7,071.80	6,493.40
TOTAL TAX REVENUE:	10,000.00	1,618,977.63	1,608,977.63
STATE REVENUE:			
HHW Grant		1,403.06	1,403.06
State - Local Fines	250.00	242.00	-8.00
State Equalization Payments		739.00	739.00
Appraisal Revenue-State		5,967.00	5,967.00
TOTAL STATE REVENUE:	250.00	8,351.06	8,101.06
LICENSES:			
Dog Licenses	1,369.24	972.50	-396.74
Beer Licenses	422.39	300.00	-122.39
Marriage Licenses	84.48	60.00	-24.48
DMV Renewals	90.11	64.00	-26.11
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	33.78	24.00	-9.78
TOTAL LICENSE REVENUE:	2,000.00	1,420.50	-579.50
FEES/PERMITS:			
Recording Fees	4,911.30	8,657.00	3,745.70
Copying Fees	962.26	1,696.15	733.89
Certificate of Vital Statistics	277.42	489.00	211.58
Truck Weight Fees	136.16	240.00	103.84
Green Mtn. Pass	1.13	2.00	0.87
Posted Land Fees	14.18	25.00	10.82
Misc. Fees	67.06	118.20	51.14
Research Time	130.49	230.00	99.51
Zoning Permits	334.78	660.00	325.22
Driveway Permits	15.22	30.00	14.78
TOTAL FEE/PERMIT REVENUE:	6,850.00	12,147.35	5,297.35
OTHER REVENUE:			
Land Rent		150.00	150.00
Tire Event		939.44	939.44
Interest on A. Powers Fund		26.05	26.05
Interest on Town MM Reserve		152.70	152.70

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JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

DESCRIPTION:	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Over/(Under) BUDGET
Interest on KCW Fund		681.66	681.66
Interest on Money Market		569.43	569.43
Interest on Office Sales Checking		6.09	6.09
Computerization Revenue		1,840.00	1,840.00
Rent of Gravel Pit	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Misc.		21.77	21.77
Restoration Revenue		1,839.00	1,839.00
Little League/Tball Dues/Fund Raisers		1,061.00	1,061.00
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE:	2,000.00	9,287.14	7,287.14
STATE AID FOR ROADS:			
State Aid to Roads, Class 2	54,500.00	49,571.68	-4,928.32
State Aid to Roads, class 3	27,500.00	27,514.74	14.74
State Emergency Grants	0.00	8,245.58	8,245.58
Other State Road Grants	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOTAL STATE AID FOR ROADS REVENUE:	82,000.00	97,332.00	15,332.00
EQUIPMENT REVENUE:			
Use of Town Loader		13,510.00	13,510.00
Use of Town Grader		20,650.00	20,650.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT REVENUE:		34,160.00	34,160.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	103,100.00	1,781,675.68	1,678,575.68
EXPENSES:			
SELECTBOARD STAFF/SERVICES/BENEFITS:			
Town Clerk	15,486.51	16,803.60	1,317.09
Town Treasurer	14,174.86	15,380.40	1,205.54
Select Board	4,174.93	4,530.00	355.07
Listers	12,838.27	13,930.13	1,091.86
Town auditors	2,891.62	3,137.55	245.93
Zoning	1,124.37	1,220.00	95.63
Civil Board	55.30	60.00	4.70
Ballot Clerks	976.92	1,060.00	83.08
Health Officer	139.63	151.50	11.87
Constable/Animal Control	645.13	700.00	54.87
Ass't Clerk/Treasurer	17,390.94	18,870.00	1,479.06
Recycling Attendant	2,923.83	3,172.50	248.67
Town Administrator	5,803.89	6,297.50	493.61
FICA Expense	4,708.75	5,109.22	400.47
Medicare Expense	1,101.33	1,195.00	93.67
Minicipal Retirement	2,640.49	2,865.06	224.57

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DESCRIPTION:	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Over/(Under) BUDGET
Health Insurance	9,922.75	10,766.66	843.91
Mileage	0.00	629.05	629.05
TOTAL SELECTBOARD STAFF/SERVICES/BENEFITS EXPENSES:	96,999.54	105,878.17	8,878.63
INSURANCE/OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:			
Legal	5,575.33	4,549.82	-1,025.51
VLCT Dues & Fees	2,618.67	2,137.00	-481.67
Workers' comp.	12,822.54	10,464.00	-2,358.54
Property Insurance	5,777.74	4,715.00	-1,062.74
Liability Insurance	12,791.91	10,439.00	-2,352.91
Unemployment Ins.	1,703.30	1,390.00	-313.30
Public Official Ins.	3,710.50	3,028.00	-682.50
TOTAL INSURANCE/OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXPENSES:	45,000.00	36,722.82	-8,277.18
OFFICE EXPENSE:			
Office Supplies	3,051.04	3,732.02	680.98
Office Equip. Repairs	1,746.47	2,136.27	389.80
Postage	1,919.38	2,347.78	428.40
Advertising	222.17	271.76	49.59
Printing Town Reports	618.38	756.40	138.02
Dog Tags/Books	108.40	132.60	24.20
Tax Mapping	2,084.70	2,550.00	465.30
Computer Support	9,415.14	11,516.56	2,101.42
Training	842.48	1,030.52	188.04
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE:	20,008.18	24,473.91	4,465.73
TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE:			
Utilities	9,097.97	10,787.72	1,689.75
Town Office cleaning/Supp	1,933.32	2,292.39	359.07
Town Office Repairs/Maint	3,968.72	4,705.82	737.10
TOTAL OFFICE UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:	15,000.00	17,785.93	2,785.93
TOWN GARAGE UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE:			
Utilities	8,813.01	5,811.58	-3,001.43
Town Garage Repairs/Maint	4,619.04	3,045.94	-1,573.10
Town Garage/office Supplies	1,567.96	1,033.96	-534.00

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DESCRIPTION:	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Over/(Under) BUDGET
TOTAL GARAGE UTILITIES & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:	15,000.00	9,891.48	-5,108.52
SOLID WASTE EXPENSES:			
Green Up Day- Removal	209.55	120.00	-89.55
In Town Recycling	15,893.53	9,101.48	-6,792.05
Tire Event	1,845.79	1,057.00	-788.79
Hazardous Waste Events	2,051.12	1,174.58	-876.54
TOTAL SOLID WASTE EXPENSES:	20,000.00	11,453.06	-8,546.94
OTHER SELECTBOARD MISC. EXPENSES:			
Lister computer-Hardware		215.00	215.00
Lister Training		69.00	69.00
Interest Expense-Line of Credit	3,654.12	2,295.54	-1,358.58
Restoration Exp.	0.00	342.88	342.88
County Tax	20,707.59	13,008.64	-7,698.95
Misc.	479.11	300.98	-178.13
TOTAL SELECTBOARD MISC. EXPENSES:	24,840.82	16,232.04	-8,608.78
APPROPRIATION EXPENSES:			
Ambulance	13,000.00	14,164.00	1,164.00
Mountain View Cemetery	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Lowell 8th Grade Trip	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Local School Assessment	662,562.99	337,544.70	-325,018.29
High School Assessment	348,211.97	689,610.97	341,399.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
NE Vt. Development Assoc.	659.00	659.00	0.00
NEKLS-Adult Learning Center	200.00	200.00	0.00
NEK Human Services	923.00	923.00	0.00
Umbrella Step O.N.E.	600.00	600.00	0.00
Vt. Ctr. Independent Living	90.00	90.00	0.00
NE Area Agency on Aging	300.00	300.00	0.00
American Legion Jay #28	200.00	200.00	0.00
American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	0.00
Jay Food Shelf	250.00	250.00	0.00
Orleans Historical Society	375.00	375.00	0.00
Orleans Citizen Advocacy	500.00	500.00	0.00
Prevent Child Abuse - Vt.	200.00	200.00	0.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	0.00
Rural Community Transport	700.00	700.00	0.00
Hazen Notch Summer Camp	450.00	450.00	0.00
Green Mountain Farm to Sc	250.00	250.00	0.00

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DESCRIPTION:	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Over/(Under) BUDGET
Vermont Rural Fire Protec.	100.00	100.00	0.00
Pope Frontier Society	500.00	500.00	0.00
Vt. Assoc. for Blind	200.00	200.00	0.00
Vt. Trails & Greenways	85.00	20.00	-65.00
Cornucopia	225.00	0.00	-225.00
Jr. Hoop Basketball	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
NE Kingdom Community Act.	300.00	300.00	0.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENSES	1,041,931.96	1,059,186.67	17,254.71
SPORTS FUND EXPENSES:			
Supplies, Uniform, Trophy, Umpire Expenses	680.58	1,101.68	421.10
Insurance	369.42	598.00	228.58
Ball Field Maint.	1,949.99	3,156.52	1,206.53
TOTAL SPORTS FUND EXPENSES:	3,000.00	4,856.20	1,856.20
ROAD EXPENSES:			
SUMMER:			
Rd. Comm. Salary	20,000.00	26,415.00	6,415.00
Other Salaries	25,000.00	21,466.44	-3,533.56
Payroll Tax Expenses	3,220.00	3,479.44	259.44
Payroll Retirement Expense	2,500.00	1,909.25	-590.75
Payroll Health Care Expense	6,650.00	8,172.50	1,522.50
Hired Equipment -Summer	32,000.00	47,448.50	15,448.50
Hired Equipment-Road Ditching	3,500.00	10,239.88	6,739.88
Hired Equipment - Road Mowing	6,500.00	3,870.00	-2,630.00
Hired Equipment-Albany	350.00	767.25	417.25
Hired Equipment - Sweeper	1,500.00	6,310.00	4,810.00
Ditching Fabric	3,500.00	3,447.75	-52.25
Diesel Surcharge	750.00	1,697.53	947.53
Gravel	5,200.00	0.00	-5,200.00
Crushed Stone	0.00	212.26	212.26
Chloride	5,500.00	5,104.75	-395.25
Paving	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Cold Patch	500.00	1,323.35	823.35
Culverts	6,000.00	9,636.19	3,636.19
Beaver Trapping	200.00	50.00	-150.00
Use of Town Grader - Summer	10,000.00	13,790.00	3,790.00
Use of Town Loader - Summer	20,000.00	8,925.00	-11,075.00
Additional Grants (Expenses Included in summer Road Expenses)	9,122.79	0.00	-9,122.79
Carryover Funds from Prior Year	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Misc.	200.00	885.75	685.75

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DESCRIPTION:	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Over/(Under) BUDGET
TOTAL SUMMER ROAD EXPENSES:	164,192.79	175,150.84	10,958.05
WINTER:			
Road comm. Salary	20,000.00	31,790.00	11,790.00
Other Salaries	32,500.00	36,612.85	4,112.85
Payroll Tax Expenses	3,800.00	5,222.07	1,422.07
Payroll Retirement Expense	1,000.00	2,220.16	1,220.16
Payroll Health Care Expense	6,900.00	7,005.00	105.00
Hired Equipment	60,000.00	76,114.00	16,114.00
Hired Equip - Stone Roads	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Diesel Surcharge	3,000.00	5,226.44	2,226.44
Sand	4,000.00	825.00	-3,175.00
Stone for Roads	5,000.00	0.00	-5,000.00
Salt- winter Roads	15,000.00	15,512.41	512.41
Road Stakes	1,000.00	921.96	-78.04
Town of Albany-Plowing	4,000.00	8,000.00	4,000.00
Use of Town Grader-Winter	7,530.00	6,860.00	-670.00
Use of Town Loader- Winter	15,000.00	4,585.00	-10,415.00
Additional Grants (Expenses included in Winter Rd. Expense)	9,122.79	0.00	-9,122.79
Carryover Funds from Prior Year	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Misc.	200.00	170.00	-30.00
TOTAL WINTER ROAD EXPENSES:	190,052.79	201,064.89	11,012.10
TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES:	354,245.58	376,215.73	21,970.15
FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES:			
Building & Grounds	981.71	1,040.00	58.29
Fire House Supplies	164.75	174.53	9.78
Snow Removal	1,231.85	1,305.00	73.15
Utilities	3,332.09	3,529.95	197.86
Insurance	2,971.55	3,148.00	176.45
Postage	109.50	116.00	6.50
Christmas Stipend	4,696.14	4,975.00	278.86
Training	471.97	500.00	28.03
Misc.	607.53	643.60	36.07
Dues/Membership	415.34	440.00	24.66
Pagers/Radio Repair	1,433.27	1,518.38	85.11
Gear	2,917.39	3,090.62	173.23
Equipment	965.56	1,022.89	57.33
Equipment Repairs	4,355.82	4,614.47	258.65
Deisel/Gas	203.48	215.56	12.08

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Librarian Salary	3,512.42	2,775.00	-737.42
Librarian Assistant	136.70	108.00	-28.70
Payroll Tax Expense	268.75	212.33	-56.42
Books/Magazines	2,020.10	1,595.99	-424.11
Postage	62.02	49.00	-13.02
TOTAL LIBRARY EXPENSES:	6,000.00	4,740.32	-1,259.68
ROAD & BRIDGE (EMERGENCY) EXPENSES:			
Road Signs	2,787.88	1,189.95	-1,597.93
Traffic Light/Barriers	808.29	345.00	-463.29
Bridge Expenses	8,403.83	3,587.00	-4,816.83
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE (EMERGENCY) EXPENSES:	12,000.00	5,121.95	-6,878.05
GRAVEL PIT EXPENSES:			
Maintenance of Pit	0.00	3,960.00	3,960.00
Crushing of Stone	2,000.00	22,000.00	20,000.00
Building & Supplies	0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
Carryover of Prior Year Funds	27,160.00	0.00	-27,160.00
TOTAL GRAVEL PIT EXPENSES:	29,160.00	29,160.00	0.00
AUDIT FUND EXPENSES:			
Audit Expenses		2,043.80	2,043.80
Carryover funding	2,043.80		-2,043.80
TOTAL AUDIT FUND EXPENSES:	2,043.80	2,043.80	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	1,745,874.37	1,759,208.34	13,333.97
GAIN/(LOSS) - 2017 ACTIVITIES		22,467.34	

LOWELL PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ZONING BOARD

The Lowell Zoning Board needs new members and asks any town resident who wishes to serve the town to inform a member of the Select Board or the Zoning Board.

Lowell Zoning Board meetings are open to the public. The regularly scheduled meeting time is the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Lowell Town Offices on Route 100..

Please remember that most buildings and alterations whether commercial or residential need a permit. Permit applications may be picked up from the Town Clerk or the Zoning Administrator.

The Board welcomes your feedback and encourages your input so please feel free to contact any board member with questions and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Christiansen, Charles Boulmetis , Sam Thurston, Lowell Planning Board and Board of Adjustment (Zoning Board)

LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lowell Historical Society is pleased to announce we will be having our Spring lecture series again after the absence of a few years. On Wednesday May 23rd. at 6:30 at the Lowell School we will present Jess Robinson, State Archeologist who will speak on the Archaeological History of the Northeast Kingdom. Although not as numerous as other parts of New England a number of important pre columbian artifacts have been found in the Northeast Kingdom, including Lowell. This lecture will tell about this and more.

The Lowell Historical Society's yearly scholarships of up to \$200 will again be offered to graduating Lowell Seniors attending any schooling who is enrolling in college. The award will be chosen among those submitting an essay on any aspect of Lowell history. You may base your essay on interviews with family, friends and residents, written sources like diaries, old newspapers and published books and from direct observation of remains of the past (rock wall foundations of now gone buildings, etc).

Essays are due Monday May 14th and should be sent to Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Town Offices, 2170 Vermont Route 100 in Lowell or emailed to samueltthurston@gmail.com. The essay should be no less than 500 words. Any questions may be directed to Sam Thurston at 744-6859 or samueltthurston@gmail.com

If your ancestors were born in Lowell there is a great source for research and study in the Betty Kelley Archives, which is located in the Town Clerk's office and may be used anytime the Town Clerk's office is open. Compiled by Betty Kelley, this cabinet has a folder for practically every family born in Lowell from the earliest settlers to the end of the Twentieth Century. It contains extensive genealogical dates, photocopies of obituaries and weddings and other newsworthy articles. Occupations are sometimes noted, and some stories and reminiscences are included.

The Lowell Historical Society maintains a history room in the Town Offices which is open to the public by appointment. It contains numerous interesting artifacts from the Lowell of the past, including photos, old town reports, maps, old school photos, newspaper and magazine and articles on Lowell, census data, records and other historical data. If you have not visited it for a few years come, look: you may be surprised at how we keep accumulating interesting things.

The Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the donations of historical photographs, artifacts and genealogical materials that we receive. Any letters, documents, maps, photos, postcards, artifacts, reminiscences etc. that may help us to document the history of Lowell are most welcome.

All our meetings are open to all and everyone is welcome. We are a small society and your presence would be most welcome. Our next meeting will be announced at the lecture.

LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

	FY2016	FY2017
Prior Balance - Checking	\$ 1,772.10	\$ 1,978.98
Prior Balance - Money Market	\$ 4,403.32	\$ 4,409.95

REVENUE:		
Donations		
Fundraisers	507.50	263.36
Interest - Checking	0.86	1.03
Interest - Money Market	6.63	6.61
Membership Dues	15.00	40.00
Sale of Bethany Dunbar's article on Betty Kelly	400.00	109.00
	929.99	420.00
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 7,105.41	\$ 6,808.93

DISBURSEMENTS:		
Bethany Dunbar - Research	480.00	
Candy Bars for Fundraiser	36.48	129.45
Membership VT Historical Society		45.00
Northland Journal Subscription		45.00
Scholarship	200.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 716.48	\$ 219.45

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENDING BALANCE	\$ 6,388.93	\$ 6,589.48
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F.O.L.K. (Friends of Lowell Kids)

F.O.L.K. is a group of community members dedicated to supporting the needs of all of the children in the Town of Lowell. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Lowell Graded School. It has been great to welcome some new members this year and community members are always welcome to join! You can find out more about what we are doing by following us on Facebook, emailing us at friendsoflowellkids@gmail.com, or talking with any member.

2017 was another busy year for F.O.L.K. In January, we sponsored a program with the Vermont Institute of Natural Science who brought live owls and a hawk to the school so that children could learn how these beautiful creatures survive in our area. We also invited Vermont illustrator and author Bruce Lee to the school to do workshops with students. They enjoyed hearing about his many failures and the lessons he's learned along the way. The F.O.L.K. scholarship was awarded to Tyler Wright, who wrote a great essay entitled "Growing Up a Lowell Kid." We helped the Lion's Club put on their exciting annual BINGO for the 8th grade D.C. trip. We were able to help sponsor two other trips for students: the Magical History Tour for grades 3-5 and the Odyssey of the Mind team's trip to World Finals in Michigan. Trees were purchased for the school grounds: a sugar maple for shade on the playground and two apple trees to help provide lessons and fruit by the garden out front. The 2017 Town of Lowell F.O.L.K. Festival brought together many community members for a day of fun. Finally, our Hunters' Breakfast and raffle drawing was a well-attended event to end our busy year.

We would like to thank all of you who were able to come out and support our F.O.L.K. events throughout 2017. We really are in awe of how supportive our small town is! Many local residents and businesses contribute to each event, and we truly count on our neighbors to donate time, items and ideas so that we can continue the work we do. Unfortunately, liability issues still persist with the upcoming Town of Lowell F.O.L.K. Festival. We are continuing to research ways to put on this day of fun responsibly. Anyone interested in helping to plan the festival are invited to a **special planning meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:30pm at the school**. We welcome your ideas and look forward to another great year!

Sincerely,

Carla Raboin, Keri Willey, Jennifer Blay, Cheryl Clarke, Mandy Kneeland,
Sonja Blodgett, Becky Dizazzo and Samantha Santaw-Wright

2018 F.O.L.K. EVENTS

Tuesday, March 6th

Donations for the Jay Area Food Shelf will be collected at Town Meeting

Saturday, March 10th

BINGO at St. Ignatius Parish Hall to benefit 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, May 2nd

Deadline for High School Senior Scholarship Applications

Saturday, September 15th

Annual Town of Lowell F.O.L.K. Festival

Saturday, November 10th

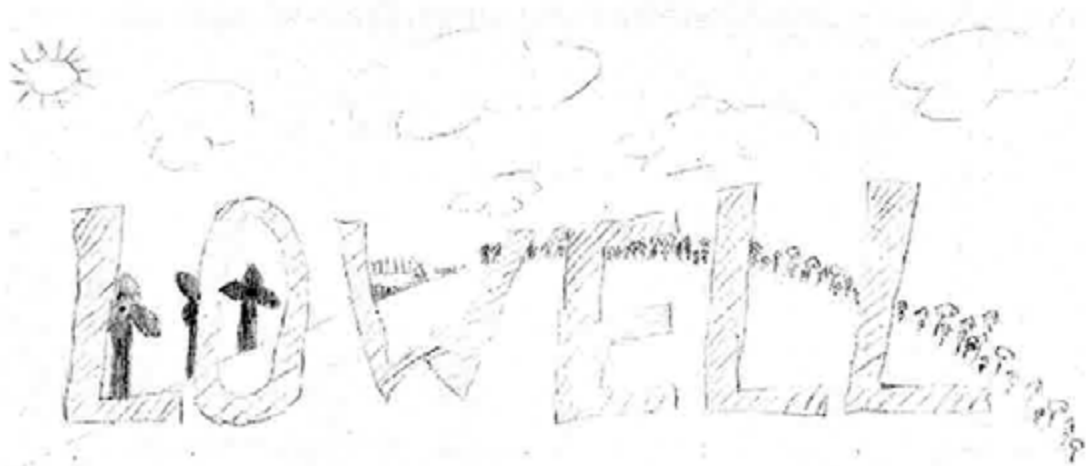
Hunters' Breakfast & Raffle Drawing

FOLK (Friends of Lowell's Kids) ACCOUNT

	FY 2016	FY2017
Prior Balance	8,110.28	6411.21
REVENUE:		
Donations	100.00	25.00
FOLK BINGO	1,044.00	1,753.50
FOLK Festival	2,426.50	2,202.05
Hunter's Breakfast	2,963.08	2,518.00
Petty Cash	200.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	6,733.58	6,498.55
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	14,843.86	12,909.76

DISBURSEMENTS:		
FOLK BINGO	1,044.00	1,692.00
FOLK Festival	275.00	504.00
Hunter's Breakfast Raffle	500.00	466.99
Hunter's Breakfast	102.99	70.00
Miscellaneous - Bingo Supplies	-	61.50
Playground	5,294.72	567.00
Scholarship Program	200.00	200.00
School - Field Trips	500.00	1,350.00
School - Storyteller	215.94	70.58
School Supplies Donated	300.00	
School - Special Programs		655.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	8,432.65	5,637.07

FOLK ENDING BALANCE	\$ 6,411.21	7,272.69
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By: McKenna Blay - Grade 7

LOWELL CEMETERY ACCOUNT		
	FY 2016	FY2017
Prior Balance - CHECKING	\$ 7,042.71	\$ 5,969.84
REVENUE:		
Grave Prep	25.00	100.00
Memorial Funds	685.00	170.00
MA Mutual Interest	785.93	769.84
Town Assessment	4,500.00	4,000.00
Total Revenue	5,995.93	5,039.84
TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 13,038.64	\$ 11,036.68

DISBURSEMENTS:		
Clearing Fence Line	1,890.00	648.77
Co-Op Ins.	125.00	125.00
Flag Pole & Cement	250.00	282.03
Filling Sunken Graves	89.00	133.77
Lawn Mowing & Trimming	2,920.00	3,130.00
Stone Repair		69.65
Trees	488.74	477.00
Website		106.43
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 5,762.74	\$ 4,972.65
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE	\$ 7,275.90	\$ 6,064.03
SAVINGS	\$ 1,148.26	\$ 1,149.40
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND	\$ 8,424.16	\$ 7,213.43

LOWELL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Lowell Cemetery Association manages the care and finances of the Mountain View Cemetery.

Its mission is to maintain, improve and beautify the cemetery. Thanks to town funding, volunteer effort, and contributions of material and equipment, several improvements were made in 2017:

- Brush overgrowing the western fence line was cut and removed
- Flagpole to display the American flag was erected
- Identification and map of veteran markers was completed
- Vault door was secured and painted
- Eastern boundary fence was erected
- Three maple trees were planted
- Many sunken graves were filled and reseeded

In order to provide necessary ongoing maintenance and support additional improvements, the Association requests town funding of 44,000 for 2018. In addition to grounds care, the funds would be used for projects currently under consideration: erecting additional fencing, painting the tool shed, developing new roads and installing road boundary markers.

www.lowellmountainviewcemetery.org

**Lowell Volunteer Fire Department
Letter from the Chief**

2017 was a busy year for the Lowell Fire Department with 33 fire related calls. We responded to 3 house fires, 13 car accidents, 7 mutual aid calls and 10 other fire related calls.

Our membership remains strong with 24 very active firemen. We have also taken delivery of a new 2018 tanker truck with money received from the Town of Lowell, along with the sale of the old tanker. The new tanker holds just over 3,400 gallons of water and has automatic transmission along with all required equipment. We would like to thank the voters of Lowell for the purchase of the new truck and to invite you stop in and look.

**Fire Chief
Calvin Allen**

FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

Anyone in the Town of Lowell wishing to have an open fire must first receive a "Written Burn Permit" from the local Fire Warden, or Deputy Fire Warden. You may find their telephone numbers posted around town. All burn permits are free.

This year there WERE 146 permits issued by the Fire Warden, Deputy Warden and Town Fire Chief. The Fire Warden and Deputy Warden should be the first to call for a permit as they are updated daily on fire weather danger and conditions. As you may have seen at the town green there is a daily fire danger sign to let residents know of the fire danger level. This is updated daily during spring, summer and fall fire seasons.

We wish to thank everyone who called for a permit this year before burning. And please help prevent forest fires.

**Respectfully Submitted: Gerry Nick- Forest Fire Warden
Marc Sicotte- Deputy Warden**

By: Jazmine King – Grade 6



**LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND**

	FY 2016	FY2017
Prior Balance	\$ 20,128.99	\$ 11,798.78
REVENUE		
Donations	500.00	695.00
Donations - Jam Session	2,274.00	2,566.68
Great Auk Wireless - Internet	825.00	975.00
Interest (Savings)	10.61	6.92
Sale of Old Rescue Van(2016)Tanker(2017)	3,500.00	8,500.00
Services Rendered	1,040.00	155.00
T-Mobile	9,100.00	12,195.33
Signs		15.00
Total Revenue	\$ 17,249.61	\$ 25,108.93

Returned to Checking from jam session kitty (reduced kitty from \$100 to \$50)

50.00

TOTAL REVENUE & BALANCE	\$ 37,428.60	\$ 36,907.71
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DISBURSEMENTS

Christmas Dinner	1,021.25	905.68
jam Session & Fire House Supplies	93.21	73.18
Miscellaneous-Books & Training Manuals	42.85	100.00
New 2017 Tanker Truck		8,170.00
Note: Town voters voted to approve \$150,000.00 - Price of new truck: \$158,170.00 - the diff. came out of this acct.		
New Rescue Truck Lettering		230.20
New 2006 Rescue Truck Deposit	20,000.00	
New Rescue Truck Set-Up Costs	2,470.72	
Postage	18.79	17.22
Rescue Truck Loan Payments	1,700.00	10,200.00
Training	225.00	
Vehicle Registrations & Inspections	58.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 25,629.82	\$ 19,696.28
TOTAL REVENUE	37,428.60	36,907.71
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	25,629.82	19,696.28

EQUIPMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 11,798.78	\$ 17,211.43
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LOWELL VITAL RECORDS

The names listed were printed with permission

BIRTHS

Name	Mother	Father	Date
Wyatt William Sowden Sims	Katherine Sims	Jeffery Fellingner	6/1/17
Ethan Raymond Geoffroy	Cory Geoffroy	Marc Geoffroy	7/17/17
Gabriel David Robitille	Shannon Robitille	Joshua Robitille	8/19/17
Makenzie Lillian McAllister	Jennifer Marie Pion	Ethan McAllister	11/12/17

Total number of Births Recorded in Lowell for 2017:

5 Births

MARRIAGES

		Date
Jennifer and Bobby Limlaw	MARRIED ON	8/26/2017

Total Number of Marriages Recorded in Lowell for 2017:

7 Marriages

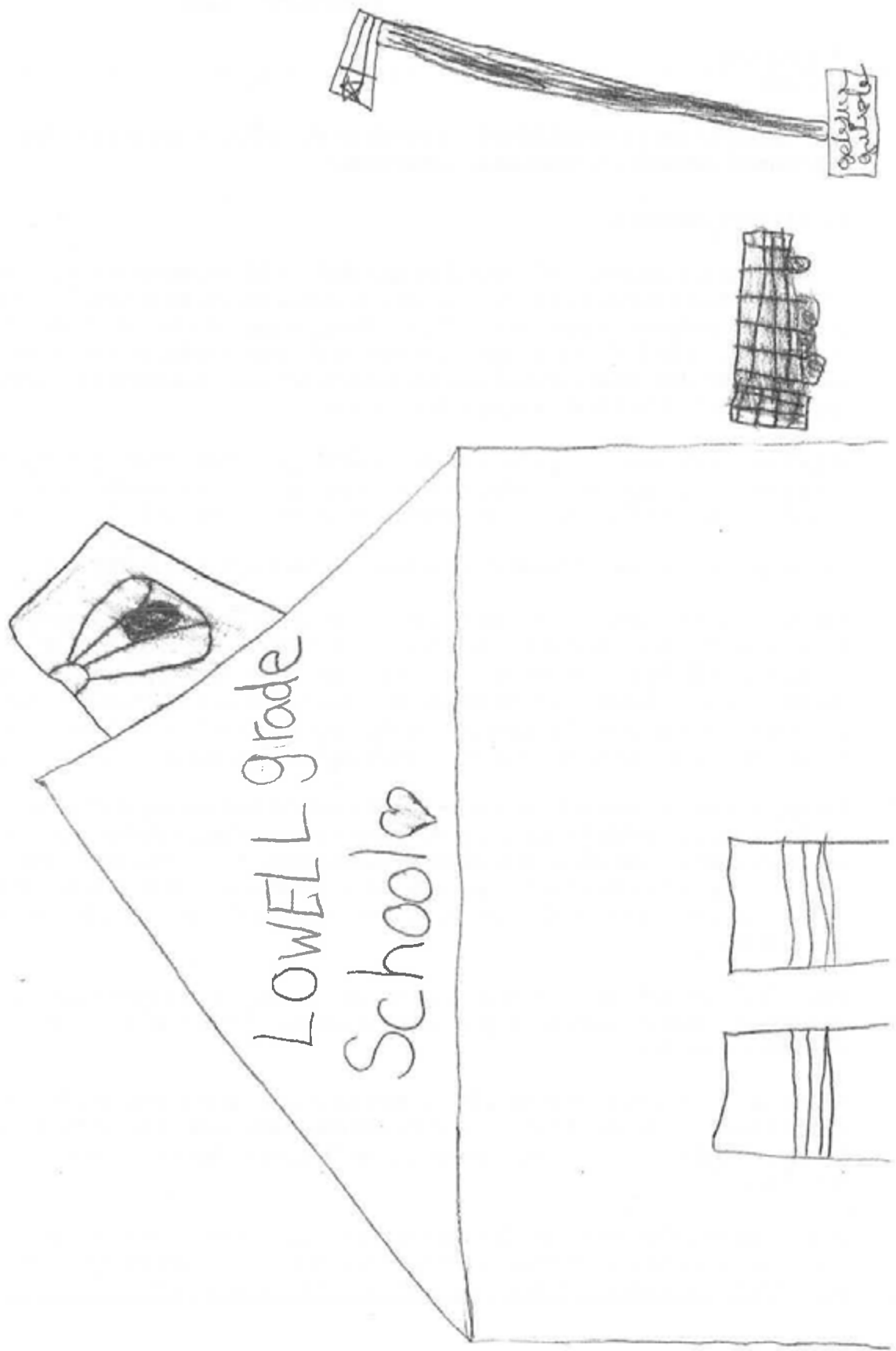
DEATHS

Name	Residence	Birth Place	Age	Date
Joanne B. Nolin	Derby, Vt	Newport City, Vt	68	Mar. 13 2017 Died in Lowell
George C. Frisbee	Lowell	Boston, Mass	71	April 19, 2017
Lucille M. Hoadley	Lowell	Newort City, Vt	87	June 5, 2017
Ilene E. Richardson	Lowell	Lowell, Vt	91	June 26, 2017
Elizabeth E. Doherty	Lowell	Lowell, Vt	100	July 6, 2017

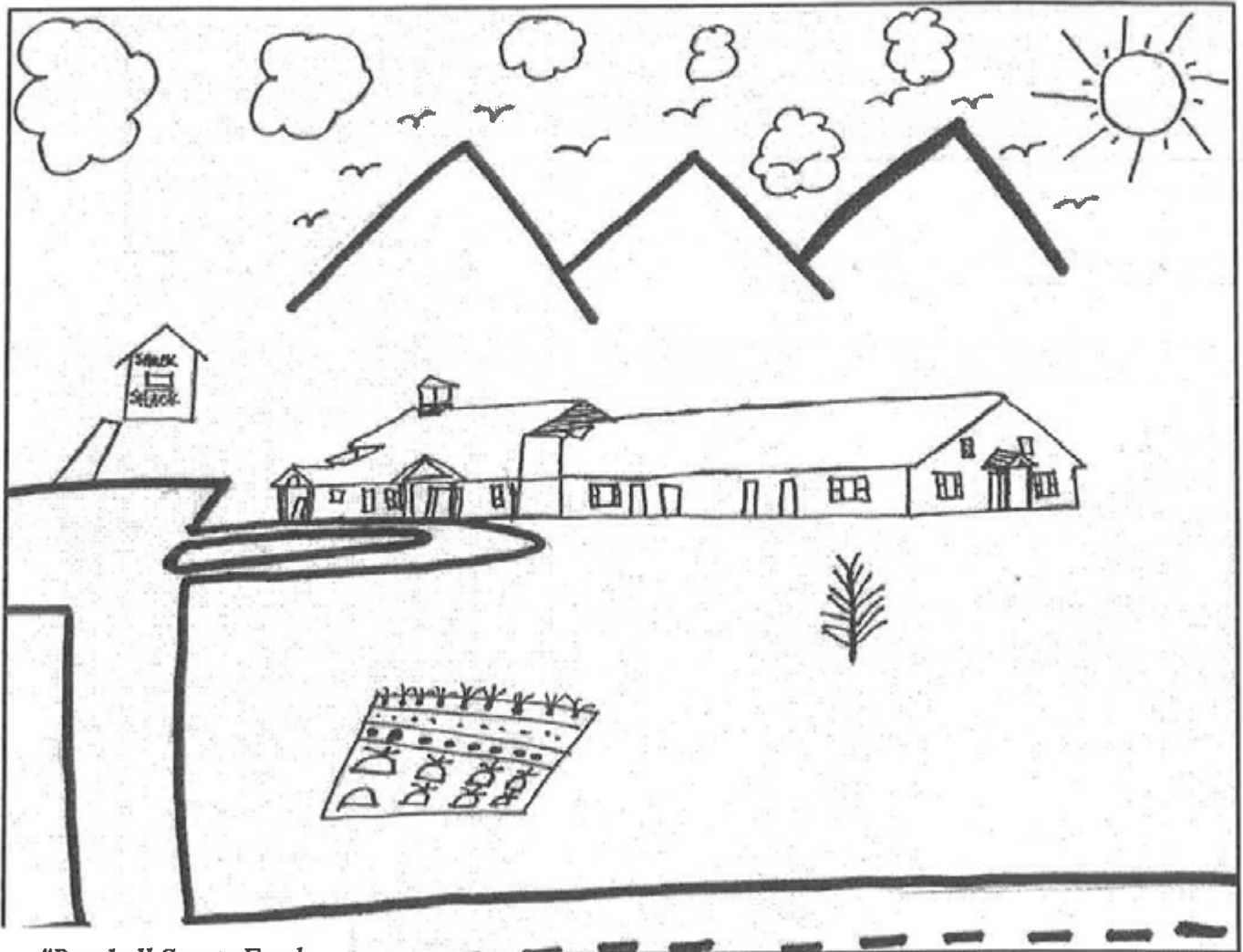
Total Number of Deaths Recorded in Lowell for 2017:

9 Deaths

NAOMI 2 grade



SCHOOL REPORTS



"Baseball Sports Fund:

We had 48 students ages prek through age 12 play baseball here at Lowell Graded School. We registered teams with the Cal Ripken program. Roger and Debbie Willey worked the snack bar again making even more improvements. Thank you for your support! We had 5 teams this year from T-Ball through minors with 4 girls playing Majors in another town and 1 boy playing Majors in another town. Our minors girls team had an outstanding season going undefeated though 16 games as well as placing first in a 10U Tournament in Newport. Congratulations to all involved, that is a major achievement! We would like to thank all the volunteers who make this all possible for the children in our community.

If you have questions about baseball programs please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Thank you,

Ryan and Mandy Sargent

LOWELL GRADED SCHOOL
52 Gelo Park Road
Lowell, Vermont 05847-9796
(802) 744-6641 (phone)
(802) 744-9989 (fax)

Anita Gagner
Principal

John Castle
Superintendent

“The mission of Lowell Graded School is to provide a safe, challenging and engaging learning environment that promotes achievement and is tailored to individual student needs.”

Dear Lowell Community,

Every year as I prepare to write this letter, I am reminded how blessed we are to be part of such a caring, compassionate community. Lowell Graded School has become more than an educational facility. Folks rely on the school for much more than an education for their children. It is comforting to know that we can call on each other for help and advice. Our small rural school strives to be a prevailing force with an encouraging influence for the children, “our children,” in the community. The children of the community belong to all of us. Whether we have a child in school or not, we are *all* responsible for their well-being, including their education.

We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team. Teachers and staff perform many extra tasks outside of their job descriptions. Folks are working continuously to help each and every child reach their maximum potential. Our school is a lot like a family. Staff and students spend more waking hours together at LGS than at their own home.

This year our school received two outstanding accolades, which I am very excited to share with you:

On March 18, 2017, Lowell Graded School’s division I Odyssey of the Mind Team took first place at the Vermont State Tournament. This win led to a trip to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals competition in Lansing, Michigan. The trip was made possible by the generous and enthusiastic support of families, friends and local businesses. The money required was raised in record time to enable the team to take advantage of this incredible opportunity. The team from Lowell placed 37th in their division. An impressive showing given their rookie status, nerves and exhaustion. Lowell Odyssey of the Mind team thanks the many people who helped make this trip a reality. This was an experience of a lifetime.

The second honor occurred in October when Lowell Graded School was one of 27 out of 155 participating schools to receive the title of VTPBIS Exemplar School. Vermont Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (VTPBIS) is a statewide initiative to aid schools in developing proactive support systems to improve the social climate and academic competency throughout the school. Some of the practices that we have in place include monthly student celebrations, the implementation of Personalized Learning Plans, Student Led Conferences and school wide Celebrations of Learning, just to name a few.

May of 2017 marked the 37th year our 8th grade students have had the prodigious opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. On behalf of Lowell 8th grade classes, past and present, a huge “Thank You” for everything you do to support our annual trip to Washington D.C.

On October 20, 2017, Lowell Graded School conducted an evacuation drill that bordered on reality. This drill took careful planning and teamwork between LGS, Lowell Fire Department, Troy Fire Department, Missisquoi Valley and Newport Ambulance services. This hands-on opportunity gave all the chance to come together and practice what could be lifesaving skills.

We are committed to providing quality instruction that engages students and advances meaningful outcomes. The most critical decisions related to our school must regard student learning. I am confident we are on the right path for progress, which shows continued improvement. Please join us at a future school-community event.

Sincerely,
Anita Gagner

A Letter from the Lowell School Board – January 2018

The Lowell Town School Board has a long tradition of examining our efforts to provide the best education for our students – an education that is most efficient *and* fiscally responsible. In the past few years we, along with other towns in the supervisory union, have been taking a hard look at how we can best use the mechanisms of North Country Supervisory Union to preserve our governance structure, and insulate ourselves from drastic swings in fiscal vagaries while trying to determine how to provide the best education possible for our students.

We want to assure the community that every action we take is for the benefit of the children, parents, and the taxpayers of our community.

To listen to many, you would think that the root of all state budgetary evils is our schools and, by inference, our teachers. Nothing could be further from the truth. Lowell Grade School teachers are one of the great positives in the lives of our children. They are often the adults with whom our children spend most of their quality time; we believe that we owe our teachers a debt of gratitude.

We have written often here about the geographic and political isolation that goes with being a small, rural school. It remains true that we face many of the challenges that go with that isolation; however, Lowell's distinct advantage is that our community celebrates our small school because it transfers our small town values while providing a world-class education.

As we reported last year, North Country Supervisory Union has continued to engage our communities in conversations to inform community members of legislation [Act 46] meant to consolidate rather than grow local participation in educational governance. Our communities have told us time and again that they do not favor that approach. At the same time, they have told us that if enrollment were to decline to unacceptable levels they could, and would, make the correct decisions for our children and our communities.

We want to assure you that we continue to honor the goals of equity, quality, efficiency, transparency and fiscal responsibility. We encourage you to attend our school board meetings and make your feelings, observations and ideas known. In short, we welcome your input, and hope you will help us tackle the complex issues of our day.

In considering the Lowell school budget for 2018-19, be reminded that our budget and per pupil costs have been, and continue to be, among the lowest in Vermont and while educational spending per equalized pupil is unavoidably up, the overall budget is down.

We urge you to get more information on the activities in our school during the past year by directing you to the *Principal's Letter* in this Report. There you will read more about Lowell School's *Vermont Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (VTPBIS) Exemplar School Award*, the winning of Vermont's Odyssey of the Mind State Division, a collaboration effort between Lowell School, two local fire departments and two local ambulance services that resulted in a highly effective school evacuation drill, and the 37th Annual Trip to our Nation's Capitol.

For many years we have closed this letter expressing our appreciation for the support we receive each and every day from the Lowell community. This year is no exception to that tradition as we say "*THANK YOU, Lowell*".

Sincerely,

Lowell School Board members:

Steve Mason (chair)
Jason Blay
David Legacy

LOWELL GRADED SCHOOL STUDENTS & STAFF

LOWELL GRADED SCHOOL STUDENTS	
PRESCHOOL	16
KINDERGARTEN	5
1 st GRADE	12
2 nd GRADE	9
3 rd GRADE	8
4 th GRADE	6
5 th GRADE	14
6 th GRADE	12
7 th GRADE	12
8 th GRADE	8

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	Anita Gagner
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</u>	Sara Morse LeBlanc
<u>TEACHERS</u>	
50% Preschool	Karla Graham
Kindergarten/Math Intervention	Lorelei Willis
Grades 1 & 2	Keri Willey
Grade 1 & 2	Samantha Santaw-Wright
Grades 3 & 4	Judith Ide
Grades 5	Leanne Barnard
Grades 6-8 Humanities	Michael Brooks
Grades 6-8 Math	Bonita Deslandes
Grades 6-8 Science	Zarah Savoie
Literacy Interventionist	Jennifer Blay
Library/Media Specialists (80%)	Matthew Dickstein
Music (40%)	Jocelyn Wheeler
Art (20%)	Michelle Smyth
Physical Education (40%)	Samuel Matthews
Special Educator	Laura Miller
Special Educator	Gretchen Irwin
Speech/Lang. Pathologist (30%)	Kathy Hill
Classroom Teacher (25%)	Suzanne Hastings
School Guidance Counselor (50%)	Inga Hoag
Home School Coordinator/Clinician(20%)	Megan Valley
	Danielle Hamblett
<u>PARAEDUCATORS</u>	Allison Warner
SpEd. / SLPA Assistant	Melanie Richardson
SpEd. / Classroom Assistant	Gail Sicotte
SpEd. / Classroom Assistant	Shannon Mead
SpEd. / Classroom Assistant	Sonja Blodgett
SpEd. / Classroom Assistant	Anne Cota
SpEd. / Classroom Assistant	Jill Legacy
<u>LUNCH PROGRAM</u>	
Manager/Cook	Debra Merrill
Cook	Lisa Geoffroy
<u>CUSTODIAN</u>	
General	Gilles Bathalon
General	Kelly Bathalon
<u>BUS DRIVERS</u>	Nanette Bonneau
	Joanne Bathalon
	Gerry Nick
<u>COACHES</u>	
Soccer & Track	Zarah Savoie
Boys' Basketball	Gilles Bathalon
Girls' Basketball	Kyle Warner

Lowell School District FY2019 Anticipated Budget

Description	Adopted Budget FY2017 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Reported Period FY2017 7/1/2016-6/30/2017	Adopted Budget FY2018 7/1/2017-6/30/2018	Anticipated Budget FY2019 7/1/2018-6/30/2019
Account Number / Description				
LOCAL REVENUES				
Other Transp. Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Earnings - Interest	(\$1,000)	(\$281)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
Interest-TAN	\$0	(\$13,646)	\$0	\$0
Misc. Other Local Revenue	(\$500)	(\$2,096)	(\$500)	(\$500)
Fund Balance as Revenue	(\$39,000)	\$0	(\$69,316)	(\$75,000)
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES	(\$40,500)	(\$16,023)	(\$70,816)	(\$76,500)
SUBGRANT REVENUES				
Medicaid Sub Grant	(\$10,000)	(\$31,282)	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
Title IIA NCSU Funds	\$0	(\$4,862)	\$0	\$0
Subgrants for Schoolwide Programs	(\$104,734)	(\$111,537)	(\$104,734)	(\$75,225)
Other Subgrants	\$0	(\$650)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SUBGRANT REVENUES	(\$114,734)	(\$148,332)	(\$114,734)	(\$85,225)
STATE REVENUES				
Education Spending Grant	(\$1,327,051)	(\$1,327,051)	(\$1,405,558)	(\$1,395,125)
Education Spending Grant/CLAWBACK	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,464
Small Schools Grant	(\$109,395)	(\$108,448)	(\$109,395)	(\$106,006)
State Aid for Transportation	(\$33,693)	(\$33,162)	(\$33,693)	\$0
VSAC Grant	(\$6,500)	(\$6,653)	(\$6,500)	(\$6,500)
Special Ed. - Mainstream Block Grant	(\$38,138)	(\$38,138)	\$0	\$0
Special Ed. Reimbursements Intensive	(\$197,465)	(\$177,856)	(\$96,594)	(\$76,907)
Special Ed. Extraordinary	\$0	(\$11,422)	\$0	\$0
Special Ed. - EEE	(\$12,834)	(\$12,834)	\$0	\$0
State Placed Student SpEd Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL STATE REVENUES	(\$1,725,076)	(\$1,715,565)	(\$1,651,740)	(\$1,574,074)
TOTAL REVENUES	(\$1,880,310)	(\$1,879,919)	(\$1,837,290)	(\$1,735,799)
1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$473,880	\$475,109	\$473,880	\$403,632
Salary-VSAC	\$6,500	\$6,180	\$6,500	\$6,500
Salary - Elementary Para	\$18,000	\$18,755	\$18,000	\$49,284
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$6,000	\$8,646	\$6,000	\$6,000
Health Ins - Elementary	\$130,000	\$131,523	\$130,000	\$117,321
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,400
FICA - Elementary	\$37,630	\$36,371	\$37,630	\$35,107
FICA-VSAC	\$498	\$450	\$498	\$497
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$396	\$402	\$396	\$479
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$0	\$439	\$0	\$549
Municipal Retirement	\$720	\$750	\$720	\$1,971
Workers Comp-Elementary	\$2,951	\$3,429	\$2,951	\$3,398
Unemployment - Elementary	\$4,080	\$3,275	\$4,080	\$4,080
Tuition - Elementary	\$18,180	\$5,220	\$18,180	\$20,000
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$3,456	\$3,298	\$3,456	\$3,433
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$1,469	\$1,768	\$1,469	\$1,404
Purchased Service GMFS	\$3,000	\$3,195	\$3,000	\$3,000
Purchased Service NCSU (PE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,418
Perch Prop Svcs - Elementary-Copier	\$2,450	\$1,168	\$2,450	\$2,450
Travel - Elementary	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500

Supplies - Elementary	\$6,000	\$12,100	\$6,000	\$6,000
Supplies - Paper	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000
Books\Periodicals - Elementary	\$5,000	\$684	\$5,000	\$5,000
Books\Periodicals Math	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Manipulatives - Elementary	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
Computer Software- Elementary	\$0	\$781	\$0	\$0
Equipment - Elementary	\$550	\$1,199	\$550	\$0
Furniture	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Dues\Fees - Elementary	\$2,000	\$155	\$2,000	\$2,000
Misc.	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$0
Student Activities	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL 1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$737,510	\$714,922	\$737,510	\$737,672
1111 PRE-K				
Salary - Pre K Teacher	\$19,700	\$19,690	\$19,700	\$20,500
Salary - Pre K Para	\$3,000	\$396	\$3,000	\$3,828
Health Ins - Pre K	\$10,595	\$7,880	\$10,595	\$10,410
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,575
FICA - Pre K	\$1,737	\$1,315	\$1,737	\$1,861
Life Insurance - Pre K	\$33	\$33	\$33	\$45
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$0	\$549	\$0	\$549
Pre K Municipal Retirement	\$120	\$16	\$120	\$153
Workers Comp - Pre K	\$136	\$138	\$136	\$178
Unemployment - Pre K	\$326	\$259	\$326	\$326
Tuition - Pre K	\$900	\$240	\$900	\$969
Dental Ins - Pre K	\$192	\$192	\$192	\$280
Long Term Disability - Pre K	\$61	\$74	\$61	\$75
Supplies - Pre K	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$400
Furniture - Pre K	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
Dues & Fees Pre K	\$0	\$415	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 1111 PRE-K	\$37,300	\$31,196	\$37,300	\$41,249
1121 SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS				
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher	\$68,365	\$68,105	\$68,365	\$50,730
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$26,230	\$25,280	\$26,230	\$16,264
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,150
FICA - Schoolwide	\$5,230	\$4,938	\$5,230	\$3,881
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$50	\$62	\$50	\$44
VSTRS Pension Plan	\$9,520	\$7,914	\$9,520	\$7,610
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$411	\$477	\$411	\$370
Unemployment - Schoolwide	\$443	\$421	\$443	\$443
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$2,700	\$1,650	\$2,700	\$1,938
Dental - Schoolwide	\$768	\$192	\$768	\$384
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$212	\$245	\$212	\$157
Books\Periodicals - Schoolwide	\$0	\$2,278	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 1121 SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS	\$113,929	\$111,561	\$113,929	\$84,970
1122 TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY				
Salary - Title IIA Teacher Quality	\$0	\$3,848	\$0	\$0
FICA - Title IIA Teacher Quality	\$0	\$282	\$0	\$0
VSTRS Pension Payment	\$0	\$435	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 1122 TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY	\$0	\$4,564	\$0	\$0
2120 GUIDANCE				
Salary - Teacher Guidance	\$22,500	\$20,734	\$22,500	\$21,195
Health Ins	\$10,115	\$1,685	\$10,115	\$5,515
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,100
FICA	\$1,722	\$1,353	\$1,722	\$1,621
Life Insurance	\$33	\$38	\$33	\$44
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$0	\$1,097	\$0	\$1,097
Workers Comp	\$135	\$143	\$135	\$155
Unemployment	\$272	\$259	\$272	\$272
Tuition	\$900	\$0	\$900	\$969

Dental Ins	\$192	\$192	\$192	\$184
Long Term Disability	\$70	\$77	\$70	\$66
Books\Periodicals	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
TOTAL 2120 GUIDANCE	\$36,439	\$25,578	\$36,439	\$33,718
2130 HEALTH SERVICES				
Salary - Teacher	\$11,088	\$11,397	\$11,088	\$14,399
FICA	\$850	\$872	\$850	\$1,102
Life Insurance	\$33	\$38	\$33	\$44
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$0	\$1,097	\$0	\$0
Workers Comp	\$67	\$77	\$67	\$105
Unemployment	\$272	\$259	\$272	\$272
Tuition	\$540	\$0	\$540	\$0
Long Term Disability	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$45
Supplies	\$1,000	\$300	\$1,000	\$1,000
Computer Software	\$0	\$91	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2130 HEALTH SERVICES	\$13,885	\$14,171	\$13,885	\$16,966
2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
Testing Services	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Contracted Services	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Contracted Services - NKHS	\$6,000	\$1,598	\$6,000	\$6,000
Contracted Services- Behavior Spec	\$15,000	\$7,724	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$28,000	\$9,321	\$13,000	\$13,000
2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION				
Salary - Para	\$0	\$109	\$0	\$0
FICA	\$0	\$8	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2210 IMPROVEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION	\$0	\$117	\$0	\$0
2220 LIBRARY				
Salary - Para	\$9,015	\$5,281	\$9,015	\$0
Health Ins	\$4,545	\$2,014	\$4,545	\$0
FICA	\$690	\$365	\$690	\$0
Municipal Retirement	\$361	\$211	\$361	\$0
Workers Comp	\$55	\$0	\$55	\$0
Unemployment	\$110	\$0	\$110	\$0
Library Media Spec Through NCSU	\$0	\$0	\$22,400	\$26,580
Supplies	\$500	\$82	\$500	\$500
Books\Periodicals	\$1,500	\$894	\$1,500	\$1,500
Computer Software	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0
Dues\Fees	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50
TOTAL 2220 LIBRARY	\$16,826	\$9,347	\$39,226	\$28,630
2230 TECHNOLOGY				
Salary - Teacher	\$23,640	\$24,462	\$23,640	\$0
Health Ins	\$4,607	\$4,605	\$4,607	\$0
FICA	\$1,809	\$1,809	\$1,809	\$0
Life Insurance	\$20	\$23	\$20	\$0
Workers Comp	\$142	\$171	\$142	\$0
Unemployment	\$163	\$155	\$163	\$0
Tuition	\$1,080	\$0	\$1,080	\$0
Dental Ins	\$231	\$209	\$231	\$0
Long Term Disability	\$74	\$87	\$74	\$0
Purchased & Technical Services	\$6,800	\$4,636	\$6,800	\$50,000
Contract Services-SIS	\$1,250	\$2,659	\$1,855	\$2,725
Learning Mgmt Software, Eplus Main Agree	\$735	\$482	\$775	\$1,500
Purchased Property Services-Internet	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Other Purchased Services	\$0	\$0	\$2,222	\$2,222
Travel	\$75	\$0	\$75	\$75
Supplies	\$2,000	\$6,658	\$2,000	\$2,000
Computer Software	\$1,500	\$733	\$1,500	\$1,500
Equipment	\$2,000	\$1,275	\$2,000	\$2,000

Dues & Fees	\$0	\$105	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY	\$47,126	\$48,069	\$49,993	\$63,022
2290 PATH EXPENSE				
Path Stipend	\$0	\$650	\$0	\$0
FICA	\$0	\$48	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2290 PATH EXPENSE	\$0	\$698	\$0	\$0
2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Salaries - Board	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
FICA	\$20	\$0	\$20	\$20
Legal	\$1,000	\$555	\$1,000	\$1,000
Liability Insurance	\$6,750	\$3,832	\$6,750	\$3,536
Advertising	\$500	\$1,757	\$500	\$500
Dues	\$1,000	\$874	\$1,000	\$1,586
Other Board Expenses	\$300	\$84	\$300	\$300
Contingency for Wage & Benefit Increase	\$0	\$0	\$78,500	\$45,000
TOTAL 2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$9,820	\$7,103	\$88,320	\$52,192
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT				
NCSU Assessment	\$43,004	\$43,004	\$45,793	\$48,928
TOTAL 2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	\$43,004	\$43,004	\$45,793	\$48,928
2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL				
Salary - Principal	\$76,085	\$76,085	\$76,085	\$78,368
Salary - Assistant Principal	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Salary - Clerical	\$20,550	\$24,238	\$20,550	\$23,498
FICA	\$7,546	\$7,831	\$7,546	\$7,946
Life Insurance	\$132	\$152	\$132	\$201
Municipal Retirement	\$822	\$970	\$822	\$940
Workers Comp	\$594	\$680	\$594	\$758
Unemployment	\$545	\$518	\$545	\$545
Tuition	\$0	\$1,140	\$0	\$0
Long Term Disability	\$235	\$239	\$235	\$322
Purchased & Technical Services	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Purchased Property Services	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
Postage	\$850	\$353	\$850	\$850
Travel	\$750	\$847	\$750	\$750
Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,930	\$2,000	\$2,000
Equipment	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Furniture	\$0	\$519	\$0	\$0
Dues/Fees	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$600
Misc	\$50	\$0	\$300	\$300
TOTAL 2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$115,359	\$117,502	\$115,609	\$121,678
2520 FISCAL SERVICES				
Town Office	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Contracted Service	\$18,400	\$18,400	\$18,400	\$18,400
Interest - TAN	\$0	\$9,084	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2520 FISCAL SERVICES	\$20,400	\$29,484	\$20,400	\$20,400
2526 AUDIT SERVICES				
Audit Services	\$5,750	\$4,650	\$4,650	\$4,650
TOTAL 2526 AUDIT SERVICES	\$5,750	\$4,650	\$4,650	\$4,650
2600 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE				
Salaries	\$14,830	\$14,850	\$14,830	\$15,404
Salaries-Summer	\$2,600	\$587	\$2,600	\$2,600
FICA	\$1,333	\$1,181	\$1,333	\$1,377
Workers Comp	\$745	\$619	\$745	\$1,109
Unemployment	\$272	\$484	\$272	\$272
Septic Services	\$550	\$0	\$550	\$550
Water Testing	\$2,700	\$3,244	\$2,700	\$2,700

Rubbish Services	\$2,500	\$3,534	\$2,500	\$3,600
Property Ins.	\$2,860	\$2,595	\$2,860	\$2,870
Telephone	\$2,000	\$1,481	\$2,000	\$2,000
Supplies	\$5,000	\$365	\$5,000	\$5,000
Electricity	\$12,000	\$10,464	\$12,000	\$12,000
Propane	\$3,000	\$1,506	\$3,000	\$3,000
Heating Oil	\$16,000	\$13,539	\$16,000	\$16,000
Equip	\$500	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
TOTAL 2600 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$66,890	\$54,447	\$68,890	\$70,983
2620 CARE & UPKEEP-BUILDINGS				
Contracted Services	\$10,000	\$930	\$10,000	\$10,000
Repairs & Maint	\$3,000	\$17,904	\$3,000	\$3,000
Supplies	\$2,000	\$4,526	\$2,000	\$2,000
Equipment	\$600	\$8,481	\$600	\$600
TOTAL 2620 CARE & UPKEEP-BUILDINGS	\$15,600	\$31,840	\$15,600	\$15,600
2630 CARE & UPKEEP-GROUNDS				
Contracted Services	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Snow Removal	\$3,400	\$2,950	\$3,400	\$3,400
Lawn Care	\$2,250	\$1,805	\$2,250	\$2,250
Supplies	\$1,250	\$47	\$1,250	\$1,250
Equipment Playground	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL 2630 CARE & UPKEEP-GROUNDS	\$8,400	\$4,802	\$8,400	\$8,400
2640 CARE & UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT				
Purchased Property Services	\$100	\$2,329	\$100	\$100
Supplies	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300
TOTAL 2640 CARE & UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT	\$400	\$2,329	\$400	\$400
2711 TRANSPORTATION				
Contract Services	\$72,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contract 504 Service	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transportation-Summer	\$2,400	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transportation Services- NCSU	\$0	\$69,212	\$74,600	\$44,482
TOTAL 2711 TRANSPORTATION	\$75,100	\$69,212	\$74,600	\$44,482
2712 SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION				
Para Wages	\$0	\$2,064	\$0	\$0
BCBS	\$0	\$820	\$0	\$0
FICA	\$0	\$142	\$0	\$0
Mun Retirement	\$0	\$83	\$0	\$0
Mileage Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,088	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2712 SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	\$0	\$4,197	\$0	\$0
2720 EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION				
Ex Curr Contracted Through SU	\$0	\$9,495	\$6,250	\$9,500
Field Trips	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transportation-VSAC	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Athletic Transp.	\$1,750	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2720 EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION	\$6,250	\$9,495	\$6,250	\$9,500
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Salary - Para	\$96,700	\$105,674	\$96,700	\$82,222
Health Ins	\$59,390	\$47,934	\$59,390	\$32,844
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,875
FICA	\$7,398	\$7,168	\$7,398	\$6,290
Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$95
Municipal Retirement	\$3,868	\$4,223	\$3,868	\$3,289
Workers Comp	\$683	\$666	\$683	\$600
Unemployment	\$1,900	\$1,555	\$1,900	\$1,900
Dental Ins	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,413
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$255

Contract Services-NCSU	\$248,237	\$248,237	\$125,845	\$145,694
Travel	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150
Supplies	\$500	\$166	\$500	\$0
Books\Periodicals	\$500	\$186	\$500	\$0
Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Dues\Fees	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$400
TOTAL 1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$420,226	\$415,807	\$297,834	\$283,028
1212 EEE				
ECES Local	\$30,897	\$24,252	\$30,897	\$18,460
EEE State/Federal	\$12,834	\$12,834	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 1212 EEE	\$43,731	\$37,086	\$30,897	\$18,460
2150 SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES				
Supplies-Speech	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
TOTAL 2150 SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Salaries	\$2,000	\$1,480	\$2,000	\$2,000
FICA	\$150	\$112	\$150	\$153
Workers Compensation	\$10	\$0	\$10	\$15
Unemployment	\$5	\$0	\$5	\$5
Referees	\$500	\$270	\$500	\$500
Supplies	\$850	\$0	\$850	\$850
Equipment	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Dues/Fees-Tournaments	\$150	\$111	\$150	\$150
Trophies/Banquet	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
TOTAL 1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$4,365	\$1,973	\$4,365	\$4,373
1400 AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAMS				
Camp Encore	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500
TOTAL 1400 AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAMS	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,880,310	\$1,815,976	\$1,837,290	\$1,735,799
NET BALANCE - GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$63,943)	\$0	\$0

District: Lowell County: Orleans		T114 North Country				Property desor e substitute yield	Homestead tax rate per \$1,000 of appraised value of equalized pupil
					9.842	1.00	
					11,862		
						1.00	
Expenditures		FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019		
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 14 expenditures)	\$1,754,499	\$1,880,310	\$1,827,093	\$1,735,799	1.	
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting					2.	
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)					3.	
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,754,499	\$1,880,310	\$1,827,093	\$1,735,799	4.	
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any					5.	
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit					6.	
7.	Total Budget	\$1,754,499	\$1,880,310	\$1,827,093	\$1,735,799	7.	
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data				\$48,928	8.	
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data					9.	
Revenues							
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$460,251	\$553,259	\$431,732	\$340,674	10.	
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60					11.	
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenue (Manchester & West Windsor only)					12.	
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$460,251	\$553,259	\$431,732	\$340,674	13.	
14.	Education Spending	\$1,294,248	\$1,327,051	\$1,395,361	\$1,395,125	14.	
15.	Equalized Pupils	113.75	113.65	111.74	105.42	15.	
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$11,378.00	\$11,676.65	\$12,487.57	\$13,233.97	16.	
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$136.73				17.	
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)					18.	
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)					19.	
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)					20.	
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)					21.	
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)					22.	
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)					23.	
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)					24.	
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$17,100	Allowable profit	threshold = \$17,300	threshold = \$17,200	25.	
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$17,100.00	\$11,615.32	\$17,306.00	\$17,616.00	26.	
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$11,378	\$11,677	\$12,488	\$13,233.97	27.	
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	120.268% based on \$9,200	120.385% based on \$9,700	122.909% based on yield \$10,100	124.484% based on yield \$9,800	28.	
Prorating the local tax rate							
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(13,233.97 + (\$9,842.00 / \$1,000))]	\$1,190.0	\$1,203.7	\$1,229.1	\$1,344.6	29.	
30.	Percent of Lowell equalized pupils not in a union school district	65.18%	65.55%	66.79%	67.02%	30.	
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (67.52% x \$1.34)	\$0.7762	\$0.7880	\$0.8209	\$0.9079	31.	
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	103.73%	99.96%	96.54%	97.21%	32.	
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.9079 / 97.21%)	\$0.7462	\$0.7893	\$0.8503	\$0.9340	33.	
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>							
34.	Anticipated Income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(13,233.97 + \$11,862) x 0.00%]	2.17%	2.16%	2.08%	-	34.	
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (67.52% x 0.00%)	1.41%	1.41%	1.39%	-	35.	
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at North Country Sr UHSD #22	34.82%	34.45%	33.21%	32.43%	36.	
37.						37.	

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

Superintendent's Letter for Annual Reports 2018

One of the most important and challenging responsibilities of school boards is the budget process. Boards, in conjunction with school administrators, must balance the role of being stewards of the public's resources while advancing a quality education for our students. The NCSU Commitments, Design for Learning and local schools' action plans identify the learning outcomes and opportunities we are striving for, along with the resources and practices necessary to meet such goals. There are many considerations for both the supervisory union board and local boards in assuring we are meeting the needs of our learners, while recognizing the financial impact on taxpayers. The context for building FY2019 school budgets has presented one of the most challenging processes for schools in recent years.

Local boards recognize and appreciate the financial contribution our tax-payers make annually. Throughout the budget process, boards must consider many variables and perspectives to determine adequate staffing, instructional resources, access to technology and safe, healthy and efficient facilities. Together, boards and principals are very mindful of the decisions they make in determining how school budgets will impact both tax payers and learners. Annually, we engage in multiple meetings over a three to four-month period to build budgets that are voted on in March.

In addition, each board has representation at the supervisory union level in the process of determining allocation of federal grants and the expenses that are assessed out to individual town school districts. The supervisory union budgets are reviewed by a budget committee, the Executive Committee of the NCSU Board and approved by the full NCSU Board in December. The expenditures for Special Services, Early Childhood Services and our Central Office are then reflected in supervisory union assessments. Assessments in local budgets are adjusted based on total spending at the local level for the central office budget and equalized pupils for special services.

There are many variables that impact a town's education property tax rate. Due to a state-wide funding system for education, decisions made by all boards across the state, along with determinations by the Legislature, have an impact on the state property tax rate. This year, the projection is for a 9.4 cent tax increase based on the status of the education fund and projected spending. In addition, local boards are also addressing the "recapture" the Legislature and Governor compromised on for the state to recover projected savings in new health care plans. It is possible that we will see some legislation to address staffing ratios, but we are unlikely to see any bills put forth prior to the time schools have determined budgets in mid-January.

I can assure you our boards annually consider their student numbers and make tough decisions regarding staffing. Given the increased expectations for learning outcomes and increasing needs of many of our children, it is logical that schools have implemented increased programs and services to support student learning. With typically 75% to 80% of education spending attributed to salary and benefits, school budgets would be impacted by staffing ratios set by the Legislature. It must also be understood that public policy can be a blunt instrument and we could see a direct adverse impact on learning for students. Schools experiencing a decline in enrollment face a decrease in state revenue based on our funding system, yet cannot easily reduce cost when student enrollment is spread out between many grades and multiple classrooms. Whereas we recognize the statewide drop in students, local boards are in the best position to make determinations around staffing.

Schools across NCSU are committed to fiscal responsibility, along with meeting the needs of our children. There is no question that tough decisions are made at both the supervisory union and local level in our attempts to sustain adequate and equitable learning opportunities and services for all our students. We encourage community members to learn more about our budgeting process and to attend school board meetings. Certainly, we encourage voters to attend annual school district meetings in March.

**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the North Country Union High School District, consisting of the Town School Districts of Brighton, Charleston, Derby, Holland, Jay, Lowell, Morgan, Newport Center, Troy, Westfield, and City of Newport, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the North Country Career Center Assembly Room (Room 380), in Newport, Vermont, on **Monday, February 26, 2018**, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following business, to wit:

ARTICLE I: To elect, by ballot, the following officers for the district: a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, each to serve for one year.

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports of the district officers.

ARTICLE III: To decide what salaries shall be paid to officers and directors of the district.

ARTICLE IV: North Country Union High School and North Country Career Center: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$15,848,200, 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 \$14,286 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.02% lower than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE V: North Country Union Junior High School: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$4,360,600, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,824 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.51% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE VI: Shall the North Country Union High School District authorize the Board of School Directors to place \$350,000 of undesignated FY2017 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund?

ARTICLE VII: Subject to approval by the State Board of Education, shall the boundaries of North Country Union Junior High School District be changed to include Westfield Town School District?

Voting on the aforementioned Articles IV and VI will be by Australian ballot at each regular polling place in each member town and city of the North Country Union High School District on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**. Voting on the aforementioned Articles V and VII will be by Australian ballot at each regular polling place in the towns of Derby, Holland, Jay, Morgan, and City of Newport on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**. The polls shall be opened and closed according to law and as set by the Board of Civil Authority of each town or city within the union District, and said respective Boards of Civil Authority shall be responsible for determining the eligibility of persons to vote and the supervision of the election, and the presiding officer shall direct the manner in which the vote and ballots on the appropriation questions are counted in each respective town and city. The municipal clerks of the member towns and city shall certify the tallies to the Board of School Directors and shall transmit the certified tallies to the North Country Union High School District Clerk.

WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH COUNTRY
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (Continued)

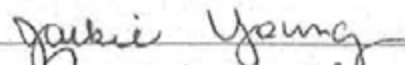
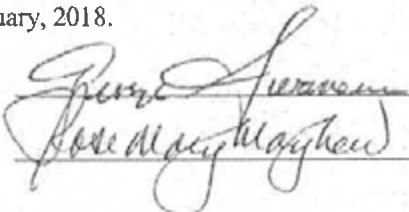
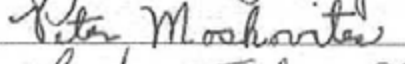
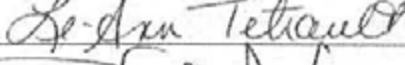
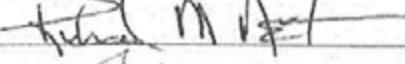
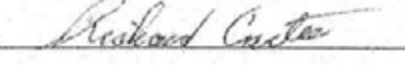
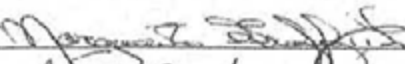

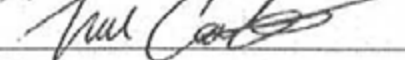
DISCUSSION AND DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ASSEMBLED NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018** AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE NORTH COUNTRY CAREER CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM (ROOM 380) IN NEWPORT, VERMONT. THE ASSEMBLED MEETING SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIRED BY 17 V.S.A. §2680(G).

ARTICLE VIII: To see when, by date and time, the North Country Union High School District shall hold its Annual District Meeting in 2019 and the time it shall hold special district meetings under the provisions of 16 VSA 706j (a) (5), 706p, 17 VSA 2643 and 17 VSA 2655 including any special meetings held subsequent to the Annual District Meeting in 2018.

ARTICLE IX: To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

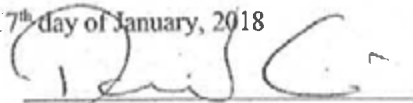
ARTICLE X: To adjourn.

Dated at Newport, Vermont, this 16th day of January, 2018.

NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Received and recorded this 17th day of January, 2018


Clerk, N.C.U.H.S. District

OFFICIAL BALLOT
NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 6, 2018

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ARTICLE VI: Shall the North Country Union High School District authorize the Board of School Directors to place \$350,000 of undesignated FY2017 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund?

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NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

FY2019 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2018 Board Approved Budget	FY2019 Board Approved Budget
	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/18-6/30/19
ASSESSMENT REVENUE		
INTEREST		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)
INTEREST REVENUE	(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)
ASSESSMENTS	(\$1,176,782)	(\$1,206,916)
TOTAL 1931 TOWN ASSESSMENT	(\$1,176,782)	(\$1,206,916)
1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE		
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE	(\$30,000)	(\$42,000)
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE	(\$40,000)	(\$30,000)
MISC REVENUE	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	(\$70,000)	(\$72,000)
TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE	(\$1,250,782)	(\$1,282,916)
ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES		
2110 ATTENDANCE SERVICE		
SALARY ATTENDANCE OFFICER	\$200	\$200
F.I.C.A.	\$15	\$15
W COMP	\$1	\$1
TRAVEL	\$40	\$40
TOTAL 2110 ATTENDANCE SERVICE	\$256	\$256
2210 Improvement of Instruction Services		
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$8,000	\$8,000
SP PROJECTS PRINCIPAL MENTORING	\$0	\$0
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$2,000
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD	\$5,000	\$5,000
SPEC.PROJ.-SOFTWARE	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2210 Improvement of Instruction Services	\$15,000	\$15,000
2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT		
DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM SALARY	\$43,798	\$45,112
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN ASST	\$16,371	\$16,862
BCBS	\$14,031	\$12,329
FICA	\$4,603	\$4,741
LIFE INSURANCE	\$75	\$85
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$900	\$900
WORKERS COMP	\$270	\$380
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$40	\$100
TUITION	\$770	\$770
DENTAL	\$330	\$350
LTD	\$175	\$175
TRAINING	\$750	\$750
TRAVEL	\$645	\$645

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

FY2019 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2018 Board Approved	FY2019 Board Approved
	Budget	Budget
	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/18-6/30/19
SUPPLIES	\$600	\$1,200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500	\$500
CONF & DUES	\$900	\$2,000
TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$84,758	\$86,899
2230 TECHNOLOGY		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$67,073	\$69,084
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	\$26,000	\$26,780
SUPPORT TECH WAGES	\$7,601	\$7,829
BCBS	\$7,500	\$8,403
FICA	\$7,701	\$7,933
LIFE INSURANCE	\$168	\$168
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$3,689	\$4,500
WORKERS COMP	\$400	\$400
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$262	\$262
TUITION	\$1,800	\$1,800
DENTAL	\$384	\$500
LTD	\$194	\$250
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$3,000
ROOMS & MEALS	\$400	\$400
SUPPLIES	\$500	\$500
SOFTWARE	\$3,500	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$5,500	\$5,500
DUES & FEES	\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY	\$137,172	\$142,309
2231 TECHNOLOGY PURCHASED SERVICES		
PURCHASED TECH SERVICE CONTRACT	\$52,879	\$57,500
TOTAL 2231 TECHNOLOGY PURCHASED SERVICES	\$52,879	\$57,500
2300 Support Services - General Admin		
ANNUITY	\$0	\$0
SUPT SALARY	\$124,447	\$128,180
SECRETARY WAGES (2)	\$71,613	\$73,762
BCBS	\$54,972	\$41,036
FICA	\$14,630	\$15,449
LIFE INSURANCE	\$190	\$190
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$3,939	\$3,939
WORK COMP	\$1,050	\$1,050
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$500	\$500
DENTAL	\$1,033	\$1,200
LTD	\$569	\$569
AUDIT NCSU	\$12,200	\$12,200
LODGING & MEALS	\$1,500	\$1,500
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$3,000
VSA DUES	\$4,500	\$4,500
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$200	\$200

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

FY2019 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

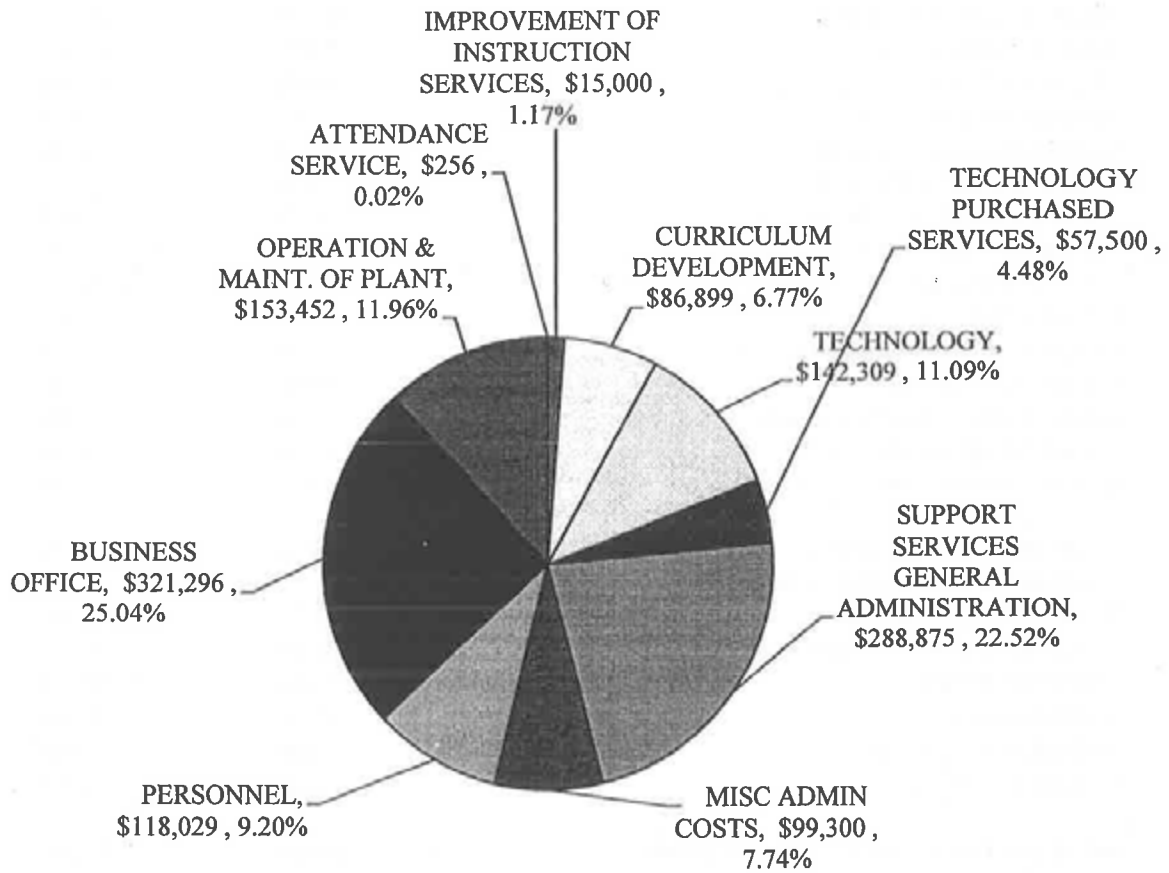
Account Number / Description	FY2018 Board Approved	FY2019 Board Approved
	Budget	Budget
	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/18-6/30/19
PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$1,600	\$1,600
TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin	\$295,943	\$288,875
2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS		
HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT	\$2,000	\$2,000
LEGAL MISC TOWNS	\$250	\$250
MAINTANCE CONTRACT ADS	\$10,000	\$10,000
STORAGE PURCHASE SERVICE	\$700	\$700
LEGAL SERVICES	\$3,000	\$3,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,050	\$1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	\$600	\$600
EQUIP MAINT	\$2,000	\$2,000
PHONE EQUIP MAINT	\$4,500	\$4,500
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$12,000	\$12,200
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$5,000	\$10,800
TELEPHONE	\$5,500	\$5,800
POSTAGE	\$12,500	\$12,500
INTERNET	\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC TOWNS ADVERTISING	\$400	\$400
ADVERTISING	\$3,500	\$5,000
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$8,000	\$8,000
MISC TOWN INVOICES	\$500	\$500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$9,000	\$10,000
BOOKS	\$1,000	\$500
EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$1,000
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$2,000	\$2,000
PHONE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT	\$2,000	\$2,000
FURNITURE	\$2,500	\$2,500
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES	\$500	\$1,000
TOTAL 2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS	\$90,500	\$99,300
2323 PERSONNEL		
PERSONNEL WAGES	\$80,845	\$83,270
PERSONNEL BCBS	\$24,280	\$16,176
PERSONNEL FICA	\$6,184	\$7,608
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	\$45	\$45
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	\$4,446	\$4,500
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	\$350	\$350
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	\$475	\$475
PERSONNEL TUITION	\$3,450	\$3,450
PERSONNEL DENTAL	\$704	\$770
PERSONNEL LTD	\$235	\$235
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	\$500	\$500
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	\$100	\$100
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$550	\$550
TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL	\$122,164	\$118,029

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FY2019 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2018 Board Approved	FY2019 Board Approved
	Budget	Budget
	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/18-6/30/19
2520 BUSINESS OFFICE		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$70,863	\$72,989
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	\$71,144	\$73,278
WAGES BUSINESS ADM ASST	\$26,473	\$27,267
WAGES COURIER	\$1,600	\$600
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANT	\$41,662	\$42,912
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$49,402	\$60,073
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	\$16,076	\$16,558
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$123	\$175
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$12,798	\$12,798
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	\$950	\$950
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$675	\$675
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$3,500	\$3,500
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,293	\$1,650
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$571	\$571
PURCHASE SERVICE BUSINESS OFFICE	\$0	\$0
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$400	\$400
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,400	\$1,400
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$500	\$500
TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE	\$304,430	\$321,296
2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
WAGES CUSTODIAN	\$2,380	\$2,452
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$2,400	\$3,000
CUSTODIAN-P.SERV	\$9,500	\$12,500
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$1,800	\$1,800
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	\$800	\$900
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$2,800	\$2,800
TOTAL 2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$19,680	\$23,452
2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
RENT	\$128,000	\$130,000
TOTAL 2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$128,000	\$130,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,250,782	\$1,282,916

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION FY2019 BUDGET



NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

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DESIGN FOR LEARNING 2015 – 2018

GOAL: All schools will provide a curriculum that advances outcomes as articulated in the NCSU Commitments.

Objectives:

1. Each school will deliver a comprehensive curriculum to achieve proficiency based on current standards.
 2. Each school will establish curricula to ensure instructional access tailored to individual needs and interests.
 3. Each school will ensure curricula that include the visual and performing arts.
 4. Each school will establish curricula related to transferable skills.
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GOAL: All schools will provide learning opportunities and utilize instructional practices in accordance with NCSU Commitments.

Objectives:

1. Each school will utilize the NCSU Instructional Framework.
 2. Each school will incorporate project/problem-based learning.
 3. Each school will ensure access to a comprehensive continuum of supports for all learners.
 4. Each school will establish a more customized approach to learning and support multiple pathways.
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GOAL: All schools will utilize effective assessment, grading practices, feedback and use of data.

Objectives:

1. Each school will implement current best practices for assessment and reporting of student learning outcomes.
 2. Each school will update a comprehensive assessment plan including the use of electronic portfolios.
 3. Each school will develop practices of student goal setting, self-assessment and student-led conferences.
 4. Each school will use qualitative data to guide reflection around the review of programs and practices.
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GOAL: All schools will create a positive learning environment.

Objectives:

1. Each school will implement research-based practices that advance positive behaviors.
2. Each school will develop strategies to address character development.
3. Each school will promote authentic student voice and leadership.
4. Each school will increase parent and community engagement.



CHARACTER

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LEARNING BELIEFS

Learning takes place in a culture that fosters...

Growth Mindset ❖ Curiosity ❖ Perseverance ❖ Relevance
Mutual Respect ❖ Feedback & Reflection ❖ Instructional Access
Equity ❖ Diversity ❖ Personal Responsibility ❖ Shared Leadership
Individual & Collective Accomplishments ❖ Community Partnerships

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Learners participate in experiences that/to...

Support Personal Pathways ❖ Include Problem-Based Projects
Are Academically Rigorous ❖ Make Inter-Disciplinary Connections
Contain Experiential Discovery ❖ Utilize Transferable Skills
Encourage Student Voice ❖ Incorporate Technology
Involve Physical Activity ❖ Create & Perform ❖ Engage the Community
Occur In the Natural World ❖ Happen Anywhere & Any Time

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learners succeed by becoming...

Caring, Kind & Grateful ❖ Confident & Self-Directed ❖ Honest & Fair
Independent Thinkers ❖ Innovative Problem Solvers
Academically Accomplished ❖ Effective Communicators & Collaborators
Technologically Skilled ❖ Globally Aware ❖
Contributing Citizens ❖ Respectful of Our Environment
Physically, Emotionally & Socially Healthy
Appreciative Of & Skilled In the Visual & Performing Arts



Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

RE: Request for Appropriation

At this time, Missisquoi Valley Ambulance would like to ask the citizens of Lowell for an appropriation of Sixteen Thousand and Twenty-Four Dollars, \$16,024. If approved, this will guarantee that Missisquoi Valley Ambulance will be your prehospital emergency care provider for 2018.

We are asking to increase funding by $\frac{1}{4}$ percent this year as we indicated at last Town meeting even though we have seen our expenses and purchases increase at a greater rate again this year mostly due to the costs of operating a Paramedic Level of service and the addition of a new state mandated tax on in state patient care revenue from services provided. We will continue to use the grand list based approach to funding as we believe it more evenly and fairly spreads the cost of our services to all of the towns we serve.

We appreciate your past support, and look forward to continuing this relationship into the future. If you have any questions, please call me @ 802-309-0455 or email to missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com . Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Piette EMT
President
Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service Budget

	2017 Total	2018 Budget
Income		
Sales/payments of service	\$252,119.94	\$300,000.00
Town Appropriations	\$105,632.00	\$120,505.00
Total Income	\$357,751.94	\$420,505.00
Expenses		
Advertising	\$430.00	\$450.00
Back taxes	\$4,485.55	\$6,000.00
Bank Charges	\$155.40	\$150.00
Billing Service	\$31,319.81	\$35,000.00
Corporate Taxes	\$3,035.05	\$3,000.00
Disposal Fees	\$307.20	\$350.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$189.98	\$300.00
Electric Expnse	\$2,301.82	\$2,500.00
Equipment	\$33,228.00	\$33,228.00
Equipment Maintance	\$9,349.16	\$9,500.00
Fuel Expense	\$5,912.49	\$7,000.00
Heating Expense	\$3,310.36	\$4,000.00
Insurance	\$34,346.01	\$38,000.00
Intercept-Tx Nurse	\$1,140.00	\$1,500.00
Internet	\$1,351.60	\$1,500.00
Medical Supplies	\$11,901.11	\$13,000.00
Office Expenses	\$8,915.68	\$8,000.00
PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT	\$975.00	\$0.00
Payroll Expenses		
Taxes	\$43,358.09	\$65,000.00
Wages	\$141,352.14	\$175,000.00
Total Payroll Expenses		
Payroll SERVICES	\$2,109.31	\$2,500.00
Rent or Lease	\$1,608.00	\$1,608.00
Tax preparation	\$975.00	\$900.00
Taxes & Licenses	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Training/Classes	\$1,380.00	\$2,000.00
TROY/JAY SEWER DEPARTMENT	\$231.88	\$300.00
VT SERVICE TAX	\$5,139.15	\$6,000.00
Total Expenses	\$352,307.79	\$420,286.00
Net Income	\$ 5,444	\$ 219



Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service, Inc. of Jay, Vermont will provide the towns of Jay, Lowell, Troy, Westfield and the Village of North Troy with 24 hour Paramedic level emergency medical services. We are licensed and governed by the Vermont Department of Health and will consistently strive for improvement and growth to provide the best service to our constituents' at the most economical costs possible. **We responded to more than 426 emergency calls this year.** Breakdowns listed below, all other calls were mutual aid to other towns or transfers.

Troy	87
Jay Peak	72
Jay	22
Lowell	58
Westfield	48

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service (MVAS) would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the support we get every year. Community service is a difficult but very rewarding job and it's your support and thanks that keeps our members motivated.

MVAS continues to field a squad of 25± members. We continue to operate two, 4 wheel drive Paramedic level ambulances. We currently operate a 2009 F450 and a 2013 F350. The commitment to running newer rigs has driven our maintenance costs down, our out-of-service time down and put our patients & crews in a much safer vehicle day-in and day-out. Our

service this past year increased the number of Paramedics and therefore increased Paramedic level care provided, this provides the communities we serve with the highest level of pre-hospital care. This level of service requires our members to continually attend additional training. MVAS currently has 5 paramedics on staff and we have increased the services that are available to the population that we serve.

MVAS had made operational changes this past year to include using an outside payroll and ambulance billing companies. With these changes we have reduce costs and increase reimbursement. MVAS continues to have regular meetings with our advisory committee, and have been working to put them into place as the executive board. We welcome these great community members and look forward to the assistance this will provide to both the towns we serve and the service.

We have made many upgrades to the space that we rent from the Town of Jay to include installing a cooking stove, updating some of the electrical wiring and other improvements.

MVAS is committed to serving our communities and devoted to the health and safety of our neighbors. Anyone with questions and concerns or interest in joining our organization should call 988-1098 or email us at missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com.

Jennifer Piette EMT
President
Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service Inc.

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Phone: (802) 334-5213

Fax: (802) 334-8822

46 Lakemont Road Newport, Vermont 05855

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

SERVICE REPORT FY 2017 ORLEANS ESSEX V.N.A. and HOSPICE, INC.

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2017	40,964
Total Visits FY 2017 - Town of Lowell.....	632

During Fiscal Year 2017, home based services were provided to 31 individuals in Lowell for a total of 632 multi-disciplinary visits. 4 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2017\$3,500.00

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN
 Executive Director

2017 AMERICAN RED CROSS REPORT, LOWELL , VERMONT

New Hampshire and Vermont Region

The American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. A local Red Cross volunteer is often the first "neighbor on the scene" after a disaster strikes offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm blanket and a glimmer of hope to those in need. Supported primarily by volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses. Whether we are helping one family recover from a devastating home fire, providing emergency shelter and supplies to hundreds of families after a major disaster, or food and water for first responders, we have historically been a vital part of the local community.

2016 was especially busy across our region and the Red Cross provided vital services to our community.

- Responded to 256 disasters/emergencies in our region, supporting 502 families and 1218 individuals. While Lowell did not experience any disasters this year, we responded to 8 incidents and served 24 individuals and 8 families in Orleans County as a whole.
- Collected 95,154 pints of blood and blood products from 52,370 people at over 2900 drives. 1 of these drives were in Lowell and collected 31 pints of life-saving blood.
- Empowered more than 1,200 trained volunteers to assist their neighbors during times of need, 2 of these volunteers call Lowell home and 16 throughout Orleans County.
- Trained 32,724 people in our various health and safety courses, including 29 courses in Orleans County where 168 people were taught lifesaving skills.
- Installed almost 1829 free smoke detectors in homes and worked with families to create fire-evacuation plans, 42 of which were installed in Orleans County.
- We connected 628 military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department, including 7 Orleans County residents who are currently serving.
- We are proud to have an efficiency rating of 91%, meaning .91 cents of every dollar goes directly to support the programs and services provided by the American Red Cross.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, we rely on individuals, businesses and local communities to support our efforts in helping to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. Toward that end, we are asking each community for a donation to support our work. We would greatly appreciate your support in the amount of \$500.00 for the next year. Your partnership will help ensure that the American Red Cross has the resources to support communities throughout Vermont and New Hampshire when they need it most.

If you or someone you know experiences a fire, flood or other disaster and needs assistance, please call (802) 660-9130 option 1, anytime 24/7.

Sincerely,

Emily Poirier
Executive Coordinator

Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.

115 2nd St
Newport, VT 05855
(802) 334-2044

Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. is requesting to an appropriation in the amount of \$250.00 from the town of Lowell to support the Lowell School Garden Program and the Farm-to-School Program.

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a non-profit organization providing fresh, local food and nutrition education to over 10,000 students at schools across northern Vermont.

GMFTS coordinates student and community involvement in the Lowell School Garden. Over the last year, every student at the school has been involved in planting and harvesting the garden. All of the produce from the garden was served to students in the school cafeteria. GMFTS has also worked with the school to purchase local food, host monthly taste tests, teach nutrition and gardening workshops, lead farm field trips, compost food waste, and host a fall Harvest Festival.

With the town's help, GMFTS can continue to provide the School Garden and Farm-to-School Program in the town of Lowell, producing fresh local food for the cafeteria, and giving students the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy food choices. The funding from grants, towns, individuals, and businesses covers a portion of the school garden and Farm-to-School Program. The funds from the town will pay for supplies, including tools, seeds, equipment, and staff time to deliver our educational programs.

We are deeply grateful for the support from Lowell in the past. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



James Hafferman
Executive Director



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

Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 2017

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

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

Sincerely,
Melinda Vieux
President, Green Up Vermont

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

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

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

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

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

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



HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

POST OFFICE BOX 478
MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT 05471

January 11, 2018

Town of Lowell
2170 Vt Route 100
Lowell VT 05847

Dear Friends:

We are writing to ask the voters of the Town of Lowell to approve a request for a contribution of \$500 to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund in 2018, our 25th year providing programs for area families.

Each summer 125 children ages 6 to 14 attend 1-week camp sessions at the Hazen's Notch Association on the Hazen's Notch Road in Montgomery. Last year the HNA Campership Fund raised \$4,130 enabling 17 children from 7 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

The past fifteen years the voters of Lowell at Town Meeting have approved a request for a contribution to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund.

If voters approve this request for a \$500 contribution, school administrators in the Lowell School may then recommend one or more students from Lowell who wish to attend the HNA Summer Camp to receive partial or full financial assistance towards the camp fee. Camp fees are \$250 for the Day Camp and \$500 for the Overnight Camp.

On behalf of the families served by the campership fund, thank you for your continued support of the Hazen's Notch Association's Campership Fund.

Yours truly,

Rolf Anderson

Rolf Anderson
President
Hazen's Notch Association



Jay Area Food Shelf

Attn: Kim
1036 VT Route 242
Jay, VT 05859

Jay Area Food Shelf respectfully requests that the following article be warned for Town Meeting 2018:

ARTICLE FOR WARNING

To see if the Town of Lowell will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to the Jay Area Food Shelf. These funds are used to purchase additional items for the Food shelf that benefit the residents of Jay, Lowell, Westfield, and Troy.

Jay Peak Post # 28, Inc. American Legion (requesting \$250)
254 Dominion Ave, North Troy VT 05859
(802) 988-2861

First I would like to introduce myself: Stephen Russell, I am the new Commander of the Legion. On behalf of Jay Peak Post #28 members (legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion), wish to thank you for your support of the American Legion. The appropriated funds provide the means of the Post to purchase flags and markers for placement near a veterans headstone in neighboring cemeteries. We also rely on these funds to replace the American Service flags that fly at the Posts flag park, support memorial Day Observance, and defray operational costs. This year Post # 28 is requesting \$250.00. (increase of \$50.00 from the previous year).

In appreciation
Stephen Russell, Commander

ARTICLE REQUESTED FOR WARNING OF 2018 TOWN MEETING

SHALL THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ~~\$300,000~~

(THREE-HUNDRED)

THE ORLEANS COUNTY COURT DIVERSION, A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING EXISTING SERVICES TO THE INCREASE IN JUVENILE AND ADULT OFFENDERS, AND THE VICTIMS OF THEIR CRIMES.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM
Council on Aging



New directions for living well.

November 30, 2017

Dear Selectboard,

On behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, we are writing to ask for an appropriation from the town of Lowell to support our work with older Vermonters living in your community. The challenges we face that result from a lack of increased funding and an increasing aging population make for trying times. Your support is vitally important.

The Council on Aging is the go-to place for older Vermonters to gain assistance in their communities. We offer a Senior Helpline, Medicare counseling, staff specially trained to help people develop long range planning as they age, caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support in aging in place, as well as support to apply for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal aid we provide for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by 300 volunteers who are Meals on Wheels drivers, lead wellness program and support people in their homes.

As a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation, we have been serving older Vermonters for over 35 years to follow their journey for living well in our communities. This year we are requesting the amount of \$300.00 from the residents of the town of Lowell. We have enclosed a brief letter in support of the request for inclusion in your town report.

Suggested wording for the warning article for town meeting follows: *"Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year."*

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

Warm regards on behalf of the staff and board of the Council on Aging,

Meg Burmeister
Executive Director

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December 18, 2017- Updated

Town Clerk and Select Board Members
Town of Lowell
2170 VT RT 100
LOWELL, VT 05847

Dear Town Clerk and Select Board Members:

We at Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS) thank you and your town voters for supporting our agency services in the past! We are asking for your support again by adding our request to the 2018 Town Meeting Warning.

Article: Shall the **Town of Lowell** vote to raise, appropriate and ~~expend the sum of \$923,000~~ to **Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.**, a not for profit 501(c)(3), to support the provision of 24 hour, 7 days a week emergency/crisis services to residents of the **Town of Lowell**.

We calculate our appropriations request by \$1.05 per person from your town's 2010 census. We are asking for the same amount as last year to help support our Emergency Crisis Services program. Our dedicated emergency crisis on-call employees provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week support for anyone calling for themselves or someone they love who is in a mental health crisis. These services are not fully funded through any other funding streams, so your support is very important. Please share the attached Annual Fiscal Year Summary with your voters.

NKHS is a Designated Agency contracting with the State of Vermont serving the mandated service areas of adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities, children and youth with serious emotional disabilities, and adults with chronic mental illness and/or substance abuse issues. NKHS employs over 500 dedicated staff doing their best to meet your needs or those of your family member and friends in the Northeast Kingdom. Our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors provides oversight for the leadership team and the organization.

If you need more information, please contact Ruth Marquette, Administrative Assistant, at 334-6744, ext. 2325.

Thank you for your support and recognition of our value to the Northeast Kingdom.

Carol Boucher, Interim Executive Director
/rm

We're all about being human.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services

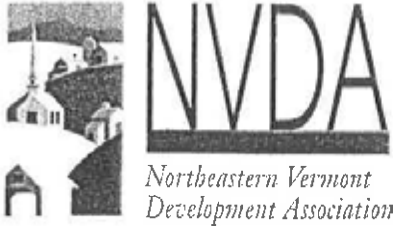
NEKLS began with one woman, Eva Warner, teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table. It is *so much more* almost 50 years later.

It is our mission to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond.

- **The High School Completion Program (HSCP)** collaborates with local schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older. Program participants may have left school or may still be enrolled in their partnering high school. **In FY 2017, NEKLS in collaboration with partnering high schools awarded 74 high school diplomas** in the tri-county region.
- **The General Educational Development Program (GED)** leads to a high school diploma equivalency. **In FY 2017, NEKLS awarded 21 GED's** in the tri-county region.
- **Adult Education and Literacy Programs** served **293 students for more than 9,649 hours in FY 2017 in the tri-county region.** In addition to HSCP and GED services, our teachers provided math, reading and writing skill development, job skills development, computer literacy and support in students' transition to work or college.
- NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language (**English for Speakers of Other Languages**) to students from around the world who have come to settle in our beautiful Northeast Kingdom. **In FY 2017, NEKLS served 8 ESOL students in the tri-county region.**
- NEKLS Community Learning Centers offer **group and individual computer training.** In addition to computer classes, an average of **81 community members a month** access email, search the web, perform job searches, complete online job applications, or apply for unemployment benefits at the **five Community Learning Centers in the tri-county region.**
- **Children's Integrated Services (CIS)** is Vermont's comprehensive approach to provide child development and family support services. **In FY 2017, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists received over 300 referrals to EI and Family Support services.**
- **The Tutorial Program** provides one-on-one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including area libraries and town halls. **In FY 2017, NEKLS served 65 K-12 students in the tri-county region.**
- NEKLS also provides **prevention programming** aimed at reducing underage alcohol and tobacco use. **In FY 2017, NEKLS worked closely with the Newport Rotary Club and other community partners, along with grassroots organizations NEK End Addiction and NEK Stand Strong to address the area's opioid epidemic. These efforts resulted in a presentation by Brandon Novak at North Country Union High School, the Conversations of Hope panel discussion, and the Opioid Overdose Awareness & Memorial Walk.**

NEKLS has a staff of 57 dedicated professionals committed to serving the needs of the Northeast Kingdom. Please contact us at 1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) if you or someone you know has need of our services or at info@neklsvt.org.

Thank you for your generous support!



Request for 2018 Town Dues

Greetings:

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) is now making its annual Request for Town Dues. In past years, we have used the term “appropriations” rather than “dues”, but “dues” more accurately reflects the Town’s status as a member community of NVDA, which your Town has been since 1950. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Town of Lowell

Amount Requested: \$659.00

Possible funding methods**:

1. As a line item in the operating budget
2. As an article on the warning

Example:

“Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$659.00 to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, for planning, development, promoting and publicizing the resources of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties with other towns in the three counties?”

**Many of NVDA’s member Towns are also members of the Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) and have those dues included as a line item in the Town budget, rather than as an article in the Town report. Please consider including the Town’s membership with NVDA as a line item as well.

PO Box 630 36 Eastern Avenue, Suite 1 St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819-0630 802 748-5181 Fax: 802 748-1223

The regional planning and development commission serving The Northeast Kingdom: Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties
NVDA is an equal opportunity lender, provider and employer



To the Voters of Lowell

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

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

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

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

How this is relevant to Lowell In 2017, NVDA staff provided the following services in your community Emergency Management consulting. Adoption of Local Emergency Operations Plan. Conducted traffic counts and a Town Highway Short Inventory. Assisted Lowell with Grants In Aid projects identification and administration.

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

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

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director



To build and support one-to-one long term, independent relationships between unpaid community members and individuals with developmental disabilities so that all are heard, respected, included and empowered.

December 19, 2017

Dear Town Voters of Lowell,

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (O.C.C.A.) was founded in 1988 to promote friendships between individuals with developmental disabilities and community volunteers. Through one-to-one matches, O.C.C.A. helps advocates and partners build relationships where each person is respected, included, heard and empowered.

O.C.C.A. aims to ensure that persons with disabilities are respected, heard, empowered and included. Orleans County Citizen Advocacy supports enduring, positive connections that enhance strong, vibrant, diverse communities.

Since its inception, O.C.C.A. has initiated and supported over 100 matches without any federal, state or United Way funding. All Citizen Advocacy activities are funded through town appropriations and all appropriations remain in Orleans County and directly impact and benefit our neighbors.

We thank all Lowell voters for your past support of Citizen Advocacy. Your help, once again, is respectfully requested. It is absolutely essential to the continuation of this vital program which has served members of the Northeast Kingdom for nearly three decades.

Presently, Orleans County Citizen Advocacy supports 28 members in matches; additionally, we have several matches in the making. During the past year, O.C.C.A. organized seasonal group activities that enabled partners and advocates to meet prospective new members and all current board members; we encouraged connections that helped to alleviate the isolation of developmentally disabled individuals in our community. Whenever possible, events supported local businesses and offered social opportunities within Orleans County. Activities included a working luncheon at the Carriage House in Orleans, an International Meal at Derby Line Village Inn, and an Art Evening in Irasburg which created Art Collaborations between Partners and Advocates that are displayed, at the present time through January first at The Tasting Center in Newport.

Our Board Members sent out a survey to all Partners and Advocates this past summer and met with many of them to assess our progress, challenges and our members' needs. Subsequent to meeting these needs, we contracted a Program Coordinator, RoseAnna Cyr, to assist with the development and expansion of our existing organization. Ms. Cyr holds a Master's Degree in Counseling and came to

Please include the following in your town report if possible:

The Orleans County Historical Society owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington and organizes programs and events that celebrate the history and cultural heritage of the area. At annual town meetings we ask residents of the towns in Orleans County for appropriations to help maintain the museum and fund our operations, as well as demonstrate local support for our work, which helps us get grants.

The four story granite block Old Stone House, built by Alexander Twilight in 1836 to serve as the dormitory for the first secondary school in the county, opened as the historical museum of Orleans County in 1925, with exhibits of furniture, textiles, ceramics, paintings, folk art, tools, toys, and town histories. Two barns house equipment used in farming, logging and transportation. These buildings are open to the public from May 15 to October 15. The library in the Cyrus Eaton House is open by appointment, and the visitors' center and office, located in the Alexander Twilight House, is open year-round. Events and classes, as well as private functions are scheduled in the restored Samuel Read Hall House

Last summer, with the help of 23 teams of oxen, we moved the old Orleans County Grammar School, the first secondary school in the county, back to the exact site where it was built in 1823. We put it on a full basement, and this winter we are installing indoor plumbing and bringing it up to code so that it will have new life as a center for museum and community events.

The museum sponsors educational programs for children and adults throughout the year, including the Collectors Fair, the NEK History Fair, the Antique Engine Show, spring and fall field days for elementary students, Time Travelers Day Camp for children 8-12, classes in traditional crafts and small-scale agriculture for adults, and special programs focusing on history and historical preservation. Our special events include Old Stone House Day, the Cheese and Apple Tasting, the Fall Foliage Run. We thank you for your support in the past, and we promise to continue to work to preserve the history of Orleans County and enrich the culture of our communities.



Dear Town of Lowell

~~The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter~~, Inc. is requesting that you include the following request in your 2018 Town Warning.

Shall the voters of the town of Lowell vote to appropriate the sum of ~~10,500~~ to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing, providing care to and finding homes for unwanted pets.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely

Betsy Hampton, Treasurer
PMFAS Board Member
December 2017



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Sandy LaDeau
Town of Lowell
2170 VT Route 100
Lowell VT 05641

Dear Sandy,

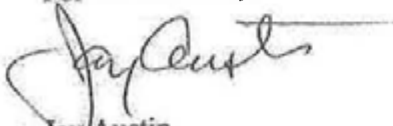
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont is requesting funding in support of our programs in the amount of \$200.

PCAVT is a non-profit organization which promotes and supports healthy relationships within families, schools and communities to eliminate child abuse as its mission.

Our goals are to provide, develop and advance child abuse prevention programs; inform Vermonters about child abuse prevention; promote their participation in prevention; and assist in the development of improved child abuse prevention policies. PCAV has been serving children and families at significant risk of child abuse and neglect for 41 years by creating, adopting and carrying out innovative, highly effective prevention programs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or any additional information. Thank you once again for all you do to help us support Vermont's children!

For our children,



Jay Austin
Business Manager

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Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

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Town of Lowell
Lowell Town Office
2170 VT Rte 100
Lowell, VT 05847

Date: October 18, 2017

Re: Town Appropriation

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March 2018 for an appropriation in the amount of \$700,000. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over twenty five years and must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service.

RCT transports people to, adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments Last year RCT provided 266,776 rides throughout our service area.

RCT provided 23 Lowell residents with 2,267 trips travelling 60,755 miles at a cost of \$48,866..

We hope you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the members in your community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mary Grant

Mary Grant
Executive Director



Report of 2017 Activity for Lowell
Town Appropriation Request: \$ 825

Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. To this end, we provide the following services:

The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. We meet the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventative programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent, and healthy relationships. **In 2017 we:**

- supported at least 683 individuals with direct advocacy
- housed 29 adults and 23 children in our shelter for a total of 2427 bed-nights
- reached 500 adults and 1,000 youth with our prevention programming

Kingdom Child Care Connection is the community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and Southern Essex counties. We are responsible for helping families find and pay for high-quality child care services while also increasing the availability and quality of child development services through professional development opportunities and targeted programmatic supports. **In 2017 we:**

- connected 479 families with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program
- offered 25 professional development opportunities to 77+ child care providers to ensure the people responsible for taking care of our youngest citizens have the tools and resources they need to do their best.

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. **Last year we helped 75 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent.** Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education, and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

Cornucopia is geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. This 17-week job-skills training program introduces women to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with a local business, in a position that fits their individual strengths and interests. **To date, Cornucopia has provided over 31,000 nutritionally-balanced meals to Newport-area seniors and empowered 10 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training.**

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. **At least 4 households in Lowell** were served directly by Umbrella in 2017, and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Lowell's support.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Swain".

Renee A.K. Swain
Executive Director



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
14 Crab Apple Ridge, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com | www.vacd.org

November 9, 2017

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

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

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

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

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

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

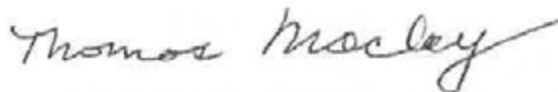
program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your 2018 town budget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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Rural Fire Protection Task Force
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Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person Town Appropriation business
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
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Jill Arace, Executive Director
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Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
Bill Barry, Berlin VFD
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Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Jenny Nelson, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Christine Kaiser, Kaiser Farm, Stowe VT

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Report of Services for Town of Lowell

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI), a non-profit organization founded in 1926, we are the *only* private non-profit organization in the state to provide comprehensive support services to all Vermont residents with a visual impairment.

During Fiscal Year 2017, VABVI served 1,731 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 40 adult clients and 2 students in Orleans County.

Each year we serve over 1,500 clients from birth through end of life in all of Vermont's 14 counties. Our mission is to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. VABVI empowers our adult clients to make the living and care choices that work best for them individually including the option to continue living independently. For every dollar we spend 91 cents goes directly to our client services.

The number of adult clients we serve has increased by 65% in the last 12 years. In fiscal year 2017, we served over 1,250 adults. There are an estimated 13,000 Vermonters who are currently blind or visually impaired. As the "Baby Boomer" generation ages this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. People are living longer and longer so the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future.

VABVI has offices in Berlin, Brattleboro, Rutland, and South Burlington. Contact us at (800) 639-5861 or general@vabvi.org. Learn more about us at www.vabvi.org or "like" us at www.facebook.com/vabvi.org for updates.

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF LOWELL
SUMMARY REPORT**

Request Amount: \$90.00

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

Final numbers for our FY'17 (10/2016-9/2017) show VCIL responded to over **3,000** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **357** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **13** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **165** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **84** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **97** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **534** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **49** people and provided **22** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

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

During FY '17, **4** residents of **Lowell** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
 (**\$3,000.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

Note: The Town of Lowell has a checklist of 630 eligible voters. The highest number of votes cast for Town Elections was registered at 78 votes. This represents a 08% participation in Town Meeting.

- The School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Moderator Alden Warner asked voters to take a moment to honor our American Flag and led voters in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Alden announced several upcoming events.
- Alden reviewed some Roberts Rules of conduct to be adhered to throughout the meeting.
- Alden Warner announced the hours of the Australian ballot voting for North Country Supervisory Union Budget.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:

ARTICLE 1: *To ELECT SCHOOL MODERATOR for the ensuing year.*

- Alden Warner nominated
- Steve Mason nominated; Steve Mason declined nomination.
Alden Warner; voice vote / carried.
- **ALDEN WARNER – ELECTED**

ARTICLE 2: *To ELECT an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a two year term*

- Jason Blay nominated.
- There were no other nominations, so using unanimous consent from the voters, the moderator instructed the clerk to cast one paper ballot for Jason Blay.
- **JASON BLAY - ELECTED**

ARTICLE 3: *To ELECT an UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a three year term*

- David Legacy nominated.
- There were no other nominations, so using unanimous consent from the voters, the moderator instructed the clerk to cast one paper ballot for David Legacy.
- **DAVID LEGACY - ELECTED**

ARTICLE 4: *Shall the voters of the LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT approve the school board to expend \$1,827,093.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year 2018. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in*

education spending of \$12,488.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.95% higher than spending for the current year?

- Article moved and seconded.
- Steve Mason, School Board Chair spoke about the changes and why such an increase. The school's revenue is \$53,000 less, due to pupil count. There are less students enrolled from previous year.
- Steve Mason stated spending per pupil compared to other schools in the state, and Lowell ranks 237 in the state.
- Steve Mason was asked to explain per pupil cost concerning preschool students and Act 46. Steve stated that preschool students are counted as .5, ½ a student. Steve mentioned the following effects Act 46 would have on our town; the budget would become a a vote ballot , like North Country High School's, and we would only have 1 Board member as a voice for our town.
- Motion made and seconded to call to question. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Motion to accept proposed budget amount as written at \$1,827,093.00 carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN

ARTICLE 5: *Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use **\$69,316.00** of the unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2015-2016 school year, to **reduce taxes** in the 2017-2018 school budget?*

- Article moved and seconded; voice vote / carried.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

ARTICLE 6: *To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.*

- No other business brought before the voters.

ARTICLE 7: *To adjourn.*

- Motion made and seconded to adjourn School Meeting.

OUTCOME OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING FOR NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL:

Polls were open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE IV: NCUHS CAREER CENTER BUDGET- TOTAL VOTES CAST: 78
IN FAVOR- 32 OPPOSED- 42 BLANK- 1
ARTICLE DEFEATED

ARTICLE VI: NCUHS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND
TOTAL VOTES CAST: 78
IN FAVOR- 38 OPPOSED- 40 BLANK- 0
ARTICLE DEFEATED

Attest:

MODERATOR: Alden Warner *Alden Warner*
SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR: Steve Mason *Steve Mason*

TOWN MEETING: Moderator call Annual Town meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

ARTICLE 8: To ELECT TOWN MODERATOR for the ensuing year.

- Alden Warner nominated
- Calvin Allen nominated
- Calvin Allen declined
- Alden Warner; voice vote / carried.
- **ALDEN WARNER – ELECTED**

ARTICLE 9: To HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS.

- Moderator asked for any errors or omissions in the town reports.
- Comment was made about making the budget easier to understand.
- Sandy LaDeau responded that it was one of her goals for the future.
- No other comments or questions were brought to the floor.
- Motion made and seconded to accept the Town Report as written; voice vote / carried.
- **TOWN REPORT ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN WITH NO NOTED CORRECTIONS**

ARTICLE 10: To ELECT the following OFFICERS required by law:

a. **SELECT PERSON** 3 year term

- Dwight Richardson was nominated.
- There were no additional nominations, so using unanimous consent from the voters, the moderator instructed the clerk to cast one paper ballot for Dwight Richardson.
- **DWIGHT RICHARDSON - ELECTED**

b. **TOWN LISTER** 3 year term

- Lerry Chase nominated.
- There were no additional nominations, so using unanimous consent from the voters, the moderator instructed the clerk to cast one paper ballot for Lerry Chase.
- **LERRY CHASE - ELECTED**

c. **TOWN LISTER** 3 year term

- Chris Hager nominated.
- There were no additional nominations, so using unanimous consent from the voters, the moderator instructed the clerk to cast one paper ballot for Chris Hager.

- **CHRSI HAGER - ELECTED**

d. AUDITOR 3 year term

- Arlon Warner nominated.
- There were no other nominations, so using unanimous consent from the voters, the moderator instructed the clerk to cast one paper ballot for Arlon Warner.
- **ARLON WARNER - ELECTED**

e. 1st CONSTABLE 1 year term

- Mandy Kneeland ; voice vote / carried.
- **MANDY KNEELAND - ELECTED**

f. 2nd CONSTABLE 1 year term

- Gordan Spencer nominated
- Gordan Spencer declined nomination
- Darren Pion nominated; voice voted / carried
- **DARREN PION - ELECTED**

g. TOWN AGENT 1 year term

- Andre Tetreault nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **ANDRE TETREAUULT - ELECTED**

h. GRAND JUROR 1 year term

- Andre Tetreault nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **ANDRE TETREAUULT – ELECTED**

i. LIBRARY TRUSTEE 5 year term

- GINA AREL nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **GINA AREL – ELECTED**

ARTICLE 11: *Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ 280,000.00 for TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES (Select Board's Account)?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- Question was asked if the Audit Fund amount could be transferred.
- Moderator spoke that this must be listed as a separate issue.
- Motion made and seconded to reduce the budget by \$2,500.00.
- Questions and discussion on proposed budget
- Richard Pion, select board chair, stated that it is a proposed budget and there is also cost increase on Health and County Taxes.
- Motion made and seconded to call to question.

- Shall the voters reduce the Selectman's proposed budget by \$2500.00.
- Motion defeated by voice vote.
- Main motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

ARTICLE 12: *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 125,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS?***

- Article moved and seconded.
- Question was made on fixing Mines Road
- Calvin Allen; Road Commissioner explained the cost of paving that was completed, and he is always looking for grants to apply for.
- Motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

ARTICLE 13: *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 125,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS?***

- Article moved and seconded.
- Motion carried by voice vote
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

ARTICLE 14: *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 25,000.00 for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT?***

- Article moved and seconded.
- Motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

ARTICLE 15: *Shall the legal voters allow the Select Board to **BORROW** up to \$150,000.00 to **REPLACE** the Lowell Fire Department's 25 year old **TANKER TRUCK?***

- Article moved and seconded
- Questions were asked why the need for new one and if the older was going to be sold. Calvin Allen stated the older one will be listed to sell and mentioned the safety reasons for a newer one.
- Motion made and seconded to call to question.
- Motion to call the question carried by voice vote.
- Main motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

ARTICLE 16: *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 6,000.00 for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY?***

- Article moved and seconded.

- Question was asked what the \$6,000 budget was used for. Regine Griswold stated it was used for books, salaries and supplies.
- Motion made and seconded to call to question. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

ARTICLE 17: *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 3,000.00 for the LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL teams?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- Motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

ARTICLE 18: *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 1,000.00 for the JR. HOOP BASKETBALL teams?*

- Article moved and seconded.
Motion passed by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

ARTICLE 19: *Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ 3,500.00 to the ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency?*

- Article moved and seconded
- Questions were asked to explain the profit the agency shows annually. Discussion on what agency provides for Lowell residents. Spoke person from Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice informed the voters on agencies use for Lowell residences.
- Motion made and seconded to call to question
- Motion to call the question carried by voice vote
- Main motion carried by voice vote
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

ARTICLE 20: *Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:*

- \$ 500** to AMERICAN RED CROSS
- \$ 250** to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC
- \$ 50** to GREEN UP VERMONT
- \$ 450** to HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOC. CAMPSHIP FUND
- \$ 250** to JAY AREA LOCAL FOOD SHELF
- \$ 200** to JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. - AMERICAN LEGION
- \$ 200** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. - ORLEANS COUNTY COURT DIVERSION
- \$ 300** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
- \$ 923** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- \$ 200** to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES INC

- k) \$ 659 to NORTHEASTERN VT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- l) \$ 500 to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- m) \$ 375 to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- n) \$ 500 to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
- o) \$ 200 to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE- VERMONT
- p) \$ 700 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- q) \$ 600 to UMBRELLA
- r) \$ 100 to VACD - VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- s) \$ 200 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- t) \$ 90 to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- u) \$ 85 to VT TRAILS AND GREENWAYS

Total for above appropriations = \$7432.00

- Article moved and seconded.
- Motion made and seconded to switch appropriations amount n and o.
- Discussion took place on amounts in different appropriations.
- Motion made and seconded to call question to reverse appropriations n and o.
- Motion to call the question carried by voice vote.
- Motion made and seconded to remove line (L) appropriations.
- Discussion was made on the importance of all appropriations
- Motion made and seconded to call to question.
- Motion to call the question carried by voice vote.
- Motion to eliminate line (L) defeated by voice vote.
- Main motion carried by voice vote
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN**

ARTICLE 21: *To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.*

- Comment was made on the successful Jam Sessions being held at the fire department to raise money. They have raised between \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 thus far.
- Request was made to keep the money in the Audit for future Audits.
- David Robitille publicly thanked the Fire Department for their services they supplied in his time of need.

ARTICLE 18: TO ADJOURN

- The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting; voice vote / carried.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:05 P.M.**

Attest:

MODERATOR: Alden Warner *Alden Warner*
 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: Steve Mason *Steve Mason*

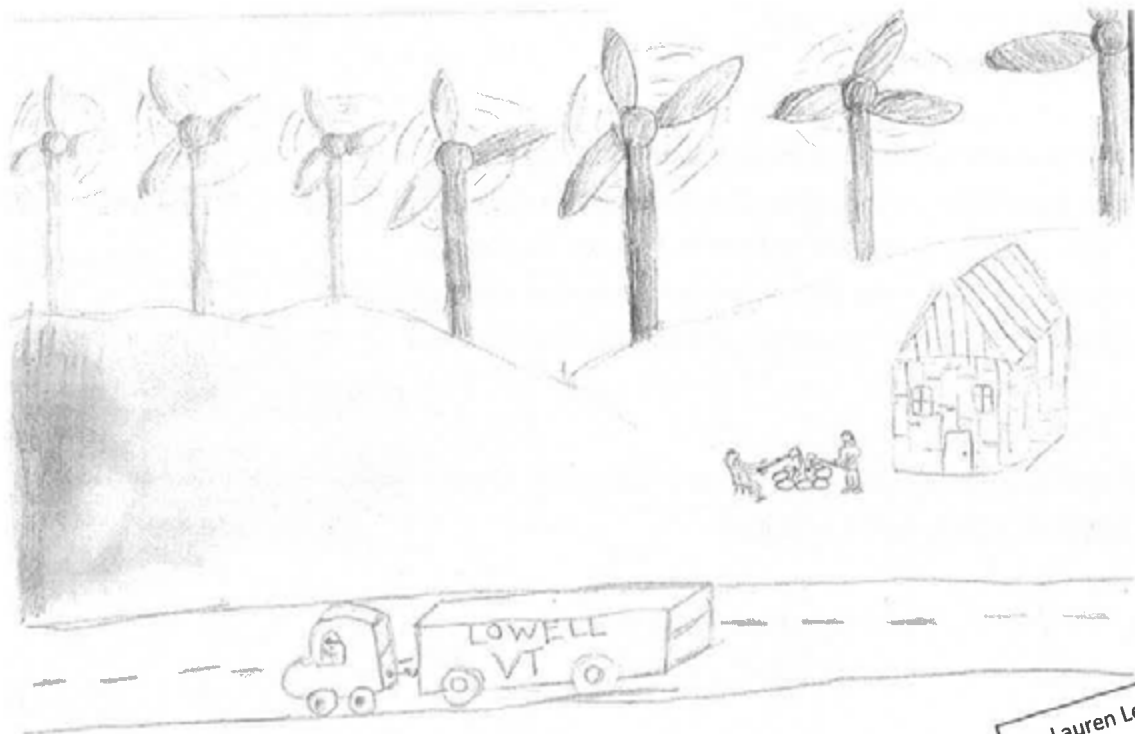
PRESIDING OFFICER:
 Sandy LaDeau

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LOWELL VERMONT



By Destiny Sorrell - Grade 8



By Lauren Legacy - Grade 5