

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF STRATTON, VERMONT



JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016

In Memory

**Ours hearts go out to family and friends
of the Stratton residents who passed away this past year.**

**Steve Noonan
1949 – 2016**

**Arloa Schultz
1943 – 2016**

**Martha Banziruk
1921 – 2016**

**Ann Chapman
1956 – 2016**

**Evelyn Morris
1912 – 2016**

and

**Al Roberts
1929 - 2017**

On the Cover: Porcupine Lodge – the original fire-spotter's cabin located near the top of Stratton Mountain, with Forester, Bourne standing at the entrance (circa 1920).

On the Back: A group of workers perched on the 1934 Fire Tower, with the 1928 fire-spotter's cabin seen below. Both of these structures still exist at Stratton's summit.

(Photos courtesy of Hugh and Jeanne Joudry)

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

At Town Meeting 2016, Stacie Chiodi was elected to replace Laura Nelson, who had recently moved from town. At this same time, we bid farewell to long-term Auditor, Joann Liller, whom after 45 years of service as an Auditor and for a time previous to that, Treasurer, decided to step down from public service. We thank Joann for her decades of dedication to the Town – especially to the Board of Auditors. With her resignation, there currently exists a vacancy on the board. We hope that someone will step forward to fill this position at Town Meeting.

Beginning with the 2015 / 16 fiscal year, the Town voted to hire an outside auditing firm to conduct the annual audit of Municipal accounts, in addition to the mandated outside audit required for the School District. The firm of Sullivan and Powers was hired to perform both of these tasks. Please see their attached report for their findings. The Auditors have, therefore, relinquished to the Outside Auditors their responsibility of performing a detailed examination of the records and accounts of the Town. The board now only focuses on organizing this information for presentation within the Town Report. We would like to thank the Town Office personnel for their excellent help in providing Stratton's Annual Town Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Eddy

Stacie Chiodi

ELECTED POSITIONS**NAME****TERM EXPIRES**

Moderator:	Diana Stugger	2017
Town Clerk:	Kent Young	2017
Treasurer:	Alyson Marcucci	2017
Selectboard:	Al Dupell, Chair	2017
	Kevin Robinson	2017
	Chris Liller	2019
	Greg Marcucci	2017
	Larry Bills	2018
Planning Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2020
	Ray Hawksley	2020
	George Rigoulot	2017
	Rob Wadsworth	2017
	Chris Mann	2018
	Rodney Cooney	2019
	John Wadsworth	2019
Listers:	Candie Bernard	2019
	Allan Hicks	2017
	Kent Young, Chair	2018
Auditors:	Helen Eddy	2019
	Stacie Chiodi	2017
	Vacant*	2017
School Directors:	Siobhan Eddy Young	2019
	Lorraine Weeks Newell	2017
	Tom Montemagni, Chair	2018
Cemetery Commission:	Larry Bills	2019
	Kent Young, Chair	2017
	Chris Liller	2018
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Candie Bernard	2017
Trustee of Public Funds:	Alyson Marcucci	2017
Constable:	George Rigoulot	2017
Grand Juror:	John Waite	2017
Town Agent:	John Waite	2017
Justices of the Peace:	Patricia Coolidge	2018
	Helen Eddy	2018
	Nancy Ferrucci	2018
	Lorraine Weeks-Newell	2018
	Anne Patten	2018

APPOINTED/HIRED POSITIONS:

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

Zoning Administrator:	Allan Hicks	2017
Asst. Zoning Administrator	Ray Hawksley	2017
Health Officer	Ray Hawksley	2017
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Dennis Holton	2019
	Diana Stugger	2019
	Paul Bernard	2017
	Tom Montemagni	2018
	Greg Marcucci	2018
Emergency Mgt Coordinator	George Rigoulot	
Fire Warden:	Kevin Robinson	
Dog Warden:	Pat Salo	
Pound Keeper:	Pat Salo	
Fence Viewer:	Selectmen	
Weigher of Coal:	Selectmen	
Inspector of Lumber:	Selectmen	
Tree Warden:	Selectmen	
Board of Civil Authority:	Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk, Selectmen	
Board of Abatement:	Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Listers, Selectmen	
Road Foreman:	Ralph Staib	
Road Crew	Chris Liller	
	Stuart Chapin	
Transfer Station Attendant:	Scott Marquis	

*This vacancy was created when Joann Liller resigned.

WARNING TOWN OF STRATTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00AM to act upon the following matters of the Town.

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

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.

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

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

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

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

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

American Red Cross	500.00
Community Food Pantry	500.00
CURRENT	250.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Groundworks Collaborative	500.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	500.00
Historical Society of Windham County	250.00
LaMarche Scholarship Fund	500.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	1000.00
Senior Solutions	500.00
SeVEDS.	648.00
Valley Cares, Inc.	335.00
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00

VT Trails and Greenways	85.00
Visiting Nurse Association	600.00
Wardsboro Public Library	5,000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	5,000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	3,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	400.00
Winhall Library	2,100.00
Women's Freedom Center	750.00
TOTAL	\$30,068.00

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$52,150.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town of Stratton will vote to exempt the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company from municipal and education taxation on its lands and buildings located at 5 Brazers Way in Stratton for a period of five (5) years, from July 1, 2017.

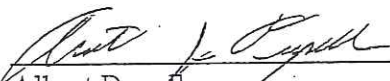
ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$972,913.11 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).

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

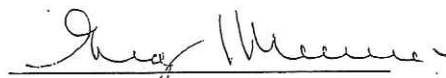
ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Stratton Board of Selectmen


Albert Dupell


Chris Liller


Larry Bills


Greg Marcucci


Kevin Robinson

GENERAL FUND	BUDGET 2014-2015	ACTUAL 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	ACTUAL 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017	BUDGET 2017-2018
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	4,000.00	3,331.50	4,000.00	2,860.20	4,000.00	3,500.00
APPROPRIATIONS	114,460.00	74,460.00	75,995.00	75,995.00	80,035.00	82,218.00
AUDIT-OUTSIDE	7,000.00	7,595.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
AUDIT: WAGES	3,500.00	5,393.24	3,500.00	3,396.04	5,000.00	3,500.00
AUDIT: TOWN REPORT	2,000.00	1,157.66	2,000.00	1,335.88	2,000.00	2,000.00
BCA WAGES	3,000.00	500.00	4,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
CEMETERIES	5,500.00	2,764.50	3,500.00	2,617.00	11,500.00	4,500.00
MEETING HOUSE	0.00	35,769.00	10,000.00	7,204.80	10,000.00	2,000.00
CLERK EXPENSES	3,000.00	1,890.59	3,000.00	2,628.96	3,000.00	3,000.00
COPIER EXPENSE	6,000.00	5,031.78	6,000.00	4,206.73	6,000.00	6,000.00
COUNTY ASSESSMENT	50,000.00	54,881.00	54,881.00	59,564.00	60,000.00	59,564.00
DELINQUENT TAX EXPENSES	0.00	878.25	5,000.00	3,223.92	0.00	3,000.00
DOG LICENSES	0.00	316.68	300.00	273.00	0.00	0.00
DUES	1,450.00	2,273.00	1,500.00	1,188.00	1,188.00	1,703.00
ELECTION:WAGES/EXP	500.00	681.40	0.00	516.85	700.00	500.00
FICA-GF	16,000.00	14,427.68	16,000.00	16,190.88	16,000.00	17,500.00
FIRE TRUCK LEASE	87,647.00	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38
FIRE PUMPER TRUCK LEASE	60,000.00	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93
GREEN UP DAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	64.32	50.00	50.00
HEALTH OFFICER-SALARY	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
HOUSE NUMBERING-911	100.00	70.26	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
INSURANCE AND BONDS	46,000.00	49,136.00	48,000.00	54,190.00	55,000.00	55,000.00
INS/HEALTH AND DENTAL	65,000.00	55,113.55	65,000.00	49,759.40	60,000.00	50,000.00
INS/UNEMPLOYMENT	1,000.00	470.00	1,000.00	478.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
LEGAL FEES,NOTICE,EDUC	2,500.00	1,798.75	5,000.00	693.75	1,500.00	1,500.00
LISTERS/APPR EXP	0.00	11,131.35	1,000.00	7,219.00	0.00	0.00
LISTERS WAGES	22,000.00	14,489.64	25,000.00	35,098.02	30,000.00	43,000.00
MARRIAGE/CIVIL LICENSE	0.00	175.00	300.00	210.00	0.00	0.00
MISC	100.00	208.50	100.00	1,939.44	100.00	100.00
MUTUAL AID	36,000.00	35,702.00	36,000.00	74,162.00	36,000.00	38,161.00
OFFICE/COMPUTER EQUIP	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	3,195.31	2,000.00	2,000.00
OFFICE POSTAGE/SUPPLY	3,500.00	5,902.75	5,000.00	5,481.65	7,000.00	7,000.00
PLANNING COM-EXPENSE	6,000.00	8,948.58	6,000.00	5,978.33	6,000.00	4,000.00
PLANNING-SALARIES	4,200.00	4,300.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
PLANNING COM-WAGES	5,000.00	4,450.00	5,000.00	3,650.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
PLANNING CLERK WAGES	500.00	77.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
REC AREA OPERATING EXP	82,250.00	72,291.55	90,000.00	69,749.81	75,000.00	135,000.00
REC AREA EQUIP	5,000.00	20,849.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
REC AREA PAVILLION FUND	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
RESCUE SERVICES	5,800.00	5,771.52	5,900.00	5,829.84	6,004.80	6,004.80
RURAL PATROL	60,000.00	54,616.63	60,000.00	41,956.81	60,000.00	35,000.00
SALARIES-FIRE WARDEN	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
SCHOOL HOUSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.74	0.00	0.00
SCHOOL PILT	0.00	33,720.00	0.00	39,954.00	0.00	0.00
SELECTMEN: EXPENSE	500.00	1,089.15	500.00	498.69	500.00	500.00
SELECTMEN-SALARIES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
SELECTMEN:WAGES	7,000.00	6,400.00	7,000.00	5,900.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
SELECTMEN:CLERK	1,500.00	1,178.20	1,500.00	973.59	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN FUNCTIONS	4,000.00	1,872.12	3,000.00	1,701.85	4,000.00	3,000.00
STREET LIGHTS	2,000.00	1,969.98	2,000.00	1,816.18	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOWN HALL-ELECTRIC	1,600.00	1,439.71	1,600.00	1,140.82	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN HALL-HEAT	3,000.00	2,013.26	3,000.00	1,391.35	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOWN HALL-MAINT	10,000.00	4,101.50	500.00	19,795.98	20,000.00	10,000.00
TOWN OFFICE-ELECTRIC	2,500.00	2,286.87	2,500.00	2,113.94	2,500.00	2,500.00

GENERAL FUND	BUDGET 2014-2015	ACTUAL 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	ACTUAL 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017	BUDGET 2017-2018
TOWN OFFICE-HEAT	3,000.00	2,362.62	3,000.00	2,839.25	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOWN OFFICE-MAINT	9,000.00	8,126.29	1,000.00	19,027.62	9,000.00	11,200.00
TOWN OFFICE-PHONE	3,000.00	3,596.51	3,000.00	3,236.53	3,500.00	3,500.00
TRAINING-SEMINARS	300.00	117.72	1,000.00	188.25	500.00	500.00
TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS	80,000.00	58,507.55	80,000.00	42,056.32	30,000.00	30,000.00
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	1,000.00	1,739.10	2,000.00	3,411.52	3,500.00	3,500.00
VERMONT RETIREMENT	16,000.00	14,653.74	16,000.00	18,564.80	16,000.00	17,500.00
WAGES: OFFICE	113,000.00	108,930.01	113,000.00	112,753.03	126,000.00	123,000.00
ZBA: SAL/WAGE	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
ZONING EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,858.35	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ZONING ADM. SAL/WAGE	3,600.00	3,250.00	3,600.00	3,100.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
TRANSFER TO HIGHWAY FUND***	0.00	0.00	0.00	167,575.91	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	985,207.00	970,478.35	964,888.31	1,147,009.62	946,490.11	972,913.11

*** The transfer to the Highway Fund in the amount of \$167,575.91 was for the purpose of transferring the bridges, culverts, and paving assigned balances to the Highway Fund per Article 8 of Town Meeting 2016 (recommended by Sullivan, Powers, & Co., P.C.)

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Stratton, Vermont 05360

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stratton, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Stratton, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note I; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards," issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Town's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Qualified Opinions

We did not audit the transfer station fees because of inadequacies in the Town's controls over transfer station fees receipts. We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about the completeness of the transfer station fees in the accompanying Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis for the Governmental Activities and Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and Changes in Modified Cash Basis Fund Balances for the General Fund by other auditing procedures.

Qualified Opinions

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter related to transfer station fees described in the "Basis for Qualified Opinions" paragraph, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Town of Stratton, Vermont as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and for the year then ended in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, as described in Note I.D.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Highway Fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stratton, Vermont as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting as described in Note I.D.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note I.E. to the financial statements, effective June 30, 2016, the Town implemented Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Financial Reporting for Pension Plans" – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27.

Other Matters

Correction of Errors

As described in Note II.D. to the financial statements, certain errors resulting in the overstatement of accounts payable and understatement of due to other funds were corrected by management during the current year. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note I.D. of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on Schedules 1 and 2, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on Schedule 3 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 4 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the budgetary comparison information of the Highway Fund on Schedule 2, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on Schedule 3 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 4 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We were unable to apply certain limited procedures to the budgetary comparison information of the General Fund on Schedule 1 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America because of inadequacies in the Town's controls over transfer station fees receipts. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Stratton, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by "Government Auditing Standards"

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", we have also issued our report dated January 17, 2017 on our consideration of the Town of Stratton, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Stratton, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

January 17, 2017
Montpelier, Vermont
VT Lic. #92-000180

Sullivan, Powers & Company

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Checkbook Balance 7/1/2015	540,332.58	540,332.58
Savings Balance 7/1/2015	364,999.99	364,999.99
RECEIPTS:		
Current Taxes	13,158,446.68	
Current Use	5,952.00	
Delinquent Taxes	76,694.94	
Delinquent Tax Interest	26,403.03	
Delinquent Tax Penalty	24,605.54	
1% Sales/Meals Option Tax	379,362.93	
Payment Lien of Taxes (PILT)	39,954.00	
Local Share of State Education	27,311.82	
State Appraisal Revenue	15,238.00	
Pay As You Throw Revenue	15,619.00	13,769,587.94
Licenses:		
Beverage	1,290.00	
Dog	515.00	
Marriage	360.00	2,165.00
Fees:		
Town Clerk	25,556.18	
Zoning Permits	1,730.00	27,286.18
Traffic Fines:		
	9,527.50	9,527.50
Interest:		
Checking Account	1,091.42	1,091.42
Miscellaneous:		
Town History	280.00	
Postage Reimbursement	2.50	
Cemetery Revenue	15.00	
Recycling Revenue	99.64	
Miscellaneous	681.36	
Town Hall Revenue	50.00	
Recreation Equipment Sale Revenue	17,000.00	18,128.50
Total Funds Available:		14,733,119.11

DISBURSEMENTS:**Animal Control:**

Patrick Salo	2,860.20	2,860.20
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Appraisal/Reappraisal:

Vision Government Solutions	5,320.00	5,320.00
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Appropriations:

American Red Cross	500.00	
Betty Boop Bus	1,500.00	
Community Food Pantry	500.00	
Council on Aging	500.00	
CT River Transit	250.00	
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00	
Health Care Rehabilitation	500.00	
Historical Society	250.00	
LaMarche Scholarship Fund	1,000.00	
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	1,000.00	
Morningside Emergency Center	500.00	
Stratton Mtn. Volunteer Fire Department	47,660.00	
Valley Cares	335.00	
VNA & Hospice of VT & NH	600.00	
VT Association Conservation District	100.00	
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00	
VT Green Up	50.00	
Wardsboro Library	2,600.00	
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Department	5,000.00	
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	3,000.00	
Windham Country Humane Society	500.00	
Winhall Memorial Library	1,400.00	
Women's Freedom Center	750.00	75,995.00

Audit – Town Report:

Wages	3,396.04	
Repro Digital	966.35	
Postage	369.53	4,731.92

Board of Civil Authority:

20 meetings @ 50.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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Cemeteries:

Mowing	2,417.00	
Shea Monument Company	200.00	2,617.00

Church/Meeting House:

Paint Supplies	3,226.00	
Payroll	138.80	
Ron Chiodi (Painting)	3,840.00	7,204.80

Copier:

Ricoh USA Inc. – Lease & Expenses	4,206.73	4,206.73
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Dues:

	1,188.00	1,188.00
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Elections:

Wages	516.85	516.85
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Expenses:

Town Clerk	2,628.96	
Town Treasurer	3,411.52	6,040.48

FICA:

	16,190.88	16,190.88
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Fire Warden:

	200.00	200.00
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Fire Truck Repayment:

	141,212.31	141,212.31
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Health Officer:

	2,000.00	2,000.00
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Insurance:

Unemployment	478.00	
Insurance & Bonding	54,190.00	
Northeast Delta Dental	4,299.29	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Vermont	37,032.98	
HRA Administrator	12,787.01	
Miscellaneous Expense	12.48	
Employee Co-Payments	(4,372.36)	104,427.40

Legal Fees:

Legal Fees	693.75	693.75
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Licenses:

Marriage	210.00	
Dog	273.00	483.00

Listers:

Wages	34,948.02	
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
Computer Software	1,899.00	36,997.02

Miscellaneous Expense

	1,939.44	1,939.44
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Office Expenses:

Computer Equipment	2,015.98	
Supplies	5,481.65	
Office Equipment	1,179.33	8,676.96

Planning Commission:

Salaries	4,200.00	
73 Meetings @ 50.00	3,650.00	
WRC Zoning Revision Contract	5,144.35	
Public Notices	736.38	
Postage	97.60	13,828.33

Recreation Area:

Rent to Stratton School District	60,000.00	
Labor	5,042.45	
Mileage Reimbursement	63.25	
Security Systems	98.85	
Sanitary	985.00	
Electric	353.76	
Mowing	2,200.00	
Supplies	307.64	
Repairs	698.86	69,749.81

Refuse/Disposal:

Wages	23,477.53	
Windham Solid Waste	3,004.74	
Casella Waste Management	12,317.74	
Miscellaneous Supplies/Maintenance	2,501.69	
Jason Dupell – Mileage	69.12	
VT Compactor Service	685.50	42,056.32

Rescue/Emergency Services:

Rescue Inc.	5,829.84	
Mutual Aid Dispatch	74,162.00	
Windham County Sheriff's Department	41,956.81	121,948.65

Selectmen:

Salaries	5,000.00	
118 Meetings @ 50.00	5,900.00	
Clerk	973.59	
Public Notices	474.45	
Payroll – Chris Liller	24.24	12,372.28

School House Expense:

Ron Chiodi (Painting)	3,500.74	3,500.74
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Street Lights:

	1,816.18	1,816.18
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Tax Collector:

	3,223.92	3,223.92
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Town Hall Maintenance:

Payroll	3,269.62	
Southworth Electrical (Generator)	8,412.50	
Supplies Services	2,688.86	
Cleaning Services	720.00	
Pest Control	700.00	
Heat	1,391.35	
Electricity	1,140.82	
Security	310.00	
Town Sign	3,120.00	
Washburn Vault Company	575.00	22,328.15

Town Office Maintenance:

N.E. Municipal Resource Center	2,684.24	
Computer - 2 Wired Guys	1,325.66	
Internet – Go Daddy	549.79	
Mowing – Ben Lowe	780.00	
Septic Services	592.50	
Water/Water Services	351.50	
Cleaning Services	1,505.00	
Security – Countryside Lock & Alarm	310.00	
Heat	2,839.25	
Heating Repairs	285.03	
Electricity	2,113.94	
Electric Services	507.50	
Southworth Electrical (Generator)	8,412.50	
Telephone	3,236.53	
Payroll	1,260.78	
Supplies/Services	275.90	
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	58.00	
Window Boxes	129.22	27,217.34

Town Office Wages:

Town Clerk	47,381.38	
Assistant Town Clerk	25,391.40	
Town Treasurer	34,368.69	
Assistant Town Treasurer	5,611.56	112,753.03

Town Functions:

Holiday Party		
Paper Products	507.64	
Food/Wine	464.69	
Trees/Wreaths	332.29	
Invitations/Postage	78.40	
Payroll	276.09	
Town Meeting – Food/Supplies	42.74	
Green Up Day – Food/Supplies	64.32	1,766.17

Training Seminars & Mileage:	188.25	188.25
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Vermont Retirement:	18,564.80	18,564.80
Windham County Tax:	59,564.00	59,564.00
Zoning:		
Administrator's Salary	3,000.00	
2 Meetings @ 50.00	100.00	3,100.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment:		
Salary – Chairman	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other:		
Transfer to School Fund	457,914.00	
Transfer to Highway Fund	792,000.00	
Transfer to Highway (Per 2016 Article 8)	167,575.91	
PILT – Payment to School Fund	39,954.00	
State of Vermont – Education Fund	11,626,830.15	13,084,274.06
Check Book Balance:	462,707.65	462,707.65
Savings Balance:	246,657.69	246,657.69
Total Expenses:		14,733,119.11

STATEMENT OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
July 1, 2015 to June 30 2016

	Balance 7/1/2015	Interest	Transfers/ Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2016
Outside Audit	3,778.38	7.29	15,000.00	0.00	18,785.67
Groomer/Maintenance Machine	20,670.24	28.50	0.00	<20,698.74>	0.00
Recreation Equipment	0.00	4.39	20,698.74	0.00	20,703.13
Recreation Pavilion	55,087.73	88.11	5,000.00	0.00	60,175.84
State Reappraisal	67,681.37	107.19	13,384.67	<1,746.67>	79,426.56
Computer/Office Equipment	1,113.94	1.76	0.00	0.00	1,115.70
Meeting House/Church	7.49	.01	0.00	0.00	7.50
School House	16,305.00	25.94	0.00	0.00	16,330.94
Bridge Engineering	117,243.77	186.58	0.00	0.00	117,430.35
Lister Education	2,916.91	4.66	0.00	0.00	2,921.57
Town Hall/Maintenance	30,141.38	49.40	17,000.00	0.00	47,190.78
Penny Avenue	50,053.78	69.03	0.00	<50,122.81>	0.00
Culverts	0.00	12.22	68,800.21	0.00	16,812.43
Paving	0.00	10.53	123,953.48	0.00	123,964.01
Totals	364,999.99	595.61	263,837.10	<72,568.22>	556,864.48

STATEMENT OF CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNTS
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

	Balance 7/1/2015	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/16
Willis	300.00	-0-	300.00
Andrew King	3,000.00	-0-	3,000.00
Chester Allen	75.00	-0-	75.00
Forrester	280.00	-0-	280.00
Ball Farm	200.00	-0-	200.00
Pike Hollow	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00
*Warren Trust	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00
	5,855.00	-0-	5,855.00

*Warren Trust CD was renewed in February 2016.

STATEMENT OF TAXES BILLED AND ACCOUNTED FOR

July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

Taxable parcels 1,586

APPRAISED VALUE OF REAL ESTATE

EDUCATIONAL GRAND LIST	7,596,681.29
MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	8,048,096.50

TAX RATES:

	Tax Rate	Grand List	=	Total Raised
Non Residential Ed.	1.5565	7,596,681.29		11,824,234.58
Homestead Ed.	1.5578	229,458.21		357,449.99
Local Agreement	0.0002	8,048,096.50		1,609.63
Highway	0.0985	8,048,096.50		792,737.75
General Fund	0.0418	8,048,096.50		336,410.70
2015 Total Taxes				13,312,442.65
Late Homestead Penalty				1,536.86
2015 Total Taxes Billed				13,313,979.51

Changes to the Grand List

E/O Changes	4,048.19
HS-122 Changes	1,530.72

NEMRC Adjustment	(3,104.51)
2015 Final Taxes Billed	13,316,453.91

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:

Taxes collected after transfers	292,519.02
Local Share of State Ed	27,311.82
State Payments	75,059.45
Current taxes transferred to School	457,914.00
Current taxes transferred to Highway	792,000.00
State Education- sent to State	11,626,830.15
	13,271,634.44

Due as of 06/30/2016(Delinquent)	45,144.49
State Adjustment	(359.42)
Abatements	34.40

6/30/16-Final Taxes Accounted For	13,316,453.91
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DELINQUENT TAXES
Year Ending June 30, 2016

Allen, Robert *	2015	2,223.15
Angelica, Jeffrey *	2015	470.86
Baker, Gavin Seth *	2015	135.84
Bennett, Jeffrey	2015	6,850.41
Birmingham, Ann *	2015	15,980.50
Blair, Robert & Christine	2015	7.89
Cheverez, Anthony & Rosina	2014	750.62
Cheverez, Anthony & Rosina	2015	681.08
Collins, Craig	2015	4,324.13
DG & BG LLC	2015	543.08
Foote, R Whittier *	2015	1,834.00
Milton, James *	2015	1,038.17
O'Sullivan, Eileen *	2015	1,887.77
Pisano, Vincent *	2015	15,256.05
Siladi, Stephen	2015	1,004.30
		52,987.85

* Paid after June 30, 2016
Amount includes Penalty & Interest

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

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

2014 Pierce Pumper Truck
Lease Repayment Schedule

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

HIGHWAY	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015	2014-2015	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018				
SUMMER ROADS CLASS 2	40,000.00	52,981.31	40,000.00	30,389.15	50,000.00	27,475.99	50,000.00	50,000.00				
SUMMER ROADS CLASS 3	75,000.00	33,843.85	75,000.00	62,152.17	85,000.00	82,841.70	95,000.00	95,000.00				
WINTER ROADS CLASS 2	60,000.00	77,838.27	60,000.00	118,300.75	95,000.00	85,280.50	100,000.00	100,000.00				
WINTER ROADS CLASS 3	50,000.00	50,304.20	45,000.00	54,392.03	50,000.00	48,067.55	70,000.00	70,000.00				
BRUSH & MOWING	18,000.00	7,605.76	18,000.00	9,949.00	25,000.00	20,774.51	25,000.00	25,000.00				
EQUIP/TRUCK MAINT EXP	40,000.00	48,887.82	40,000.00	52,934.73	50,000.00	52,487.57	50,000.00	50,000.00				
FUEL/GREASE/OIL	28,000.00	26,327.84	28,000.00	26,320.40	28,000.00	14,022.96	28,000.00	28,000.00				
GARAGE MAINT/SUPPLIES	30,000.00	41,680.69	30,000.00	29,465.04	30,000.00	19,640.71	30,000.00	30,000.00				
GARAGE UTILITIES	15,000.00	16,832.93	15,000.00	17,557.41	15,000.00	14,896.95	18,000.00	19,100.00				
GARAGE NEW BUILDING	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,757.14	70,000.00	77,165.00	0.00	0.00				
GARAGE SALT/SAND SHED	100,000.00	441,155.26	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	260.55	0.00	0.00				
PAVING	300,000.00	329,932.71	310,000.00	234,381.96	367,000.00	243,046.52	367,000.00	200,000.00				
CRACK SEALING	9,000.00	8,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	0.00	19,000.00	19,000.00				
ROAD SIGNS	2,000.00	3,265.53	3,000.00	1,251.67	5,000.00	2,299.21	2,500.00	2,000.00				
FICA	12,000.00	11,093.68	12,000.00	11,468.04	12,000.00	11,050.59	13,000.00	13,000.00				
EMPL LEAVE(SP,VP,HP)	17,000.00	18,875.45	20,000.00	28,852.91	22,000.00	21,902.38	28,000.00	28,000.00				
TOOLS	5,000.00	3,227.30	5,000.00	558.39	5,000.00	2,286.70	5,000.00	5,000.00				
HIGHW-ADVERTISING BIDS	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00				
HIGHWAY CULVERTS	0.00	2,379.76	105,000.00	31,621.44	50,000.00	32,516.10	0.00	30,000.00				
HIGHWAY UNIFORMS	1,500.00	1,116.65	1,500.00	1,492.71	1,500.00	2,237.42	3,500.00	3,500.00				
SEMINARS	3,000.00	1,084.32	1,000.00	311.08	1,000.00	328.84	1,000.00	1,000.00				
BRIDGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	1,370.32	500.00	500.00				
HEALTH & DENTAL INS	37,000.00	34,092.18	39,500.00	37,795.67	39,500.00	31,200.99	42,500.00	38,200.00				
PAPERWORK/MEETINGS/CALLS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,918.96	0.00	3,000.00				
NEW EQUIP PURCHASE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65,000.00	88,638.00	100,000.00	100,000.00				
TRANSF TO CLOSE EMF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	91,532.41	0.00	0.00				
TOTAL	843,500.00	1,210,525.51	888,000.00	757,951.69	1,076,000.00	973,242.43	1,048,500.00	910,800.00				

Highway Statement
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Checkbook Balance – 7/01/2015	678,440.86	678,440.86
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RECEIPTS:

State Aid	86,245.08	
Transfer from General Fund (per 2016 Article 8)	167,575.91	
Current Taxes	792,000.00	
Kidder Brook Reimbursement	182,818.80	
Pick – Up Truck (Stuart)	24,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,471.48	1,254,111.27

Total Funds Available:		1,932,552.13
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Summer Roads – Class 2:

Labor	24,524.99	
Materials	660.00	
Hired Equipment	2,291.00	27,475.99

Summer Roads – Class 3:

Labor	42,550.80	
Materials	40,290.90	82,841.70

Winter Roads – Class 2:

Labor	9,588.46	
Materials	75,692.04	85,280.50

Winter Roads – Class 3:

Labor	9,749.87	
Materials	38,317.68	48,067.55

Paving/Retreatment:

Materials	11,200.00	
Hired Equipment	231,846.52	243,046.52

Brush & Mowing:

Labor	15,380.51	
Hired Equipment	5,394.00	20,774.51

Road Signs:

Materials	1,879.13	
L. Weeks-Newell	420.08	2,299.21

Highway Culverts:

Labor	87.18	
Materials	14,465.54	
Hired Equipment	17,880.00	
Mileage (Ralph)	83.38	32,516.10

Sand/Salt Shed		
Labor	70.55	
Hired Equipment	190.00	260.55
Garage Building:		
Roof Repair	77,165.00	77,165.00
Garage Maintenance:		
Labor	3,436.93	
Supplies	16,203.78	
Utilities	14,896.95	34,537.66
New Equipment Purchase		
2016 Pickup (Stuart)	88,638.00	88,638.00
Seminars:		
Labor	285.10	
Mileage	43.74	328.84
Tools:	2,286.70	2,286.70
Uniforms:	1,917.43	
Mileage	319.99	2,237.42
Fuel/Oil/Grease:	14,022.96	14,022.96
Fire Ponds:		
Labor	1,263.56	1,263.56
Equipment & Truck Maintenance:		
T-1 International (2014)		
Labor	5,718.77	
Materials	8,303.58	
Mileage	17.28	14,039.63
Pickup		
Labor	801.34	
Materials	908.70	1,710.04
Pickup (2016)		
Labor	1,755.42	
Materials	1,611.98	
Mileage	277.15	3,644.55
Backhoe:		
Labor	1,453.35	
Material	2,268.50	3,721.85

Grader:		
Labor	987.70	
Materials	1,632.00	2,619.70
Plows and Wings		
Materials	681.64	681.64
Saws		
Materials	956.66	956.66
John Deere Backhoe (2016)		
Labor	84.66	84.66
John Deere Loader:		
Labor	328.55	
Materials	15,102.66	15,431.21
T-5 Western Star (2014)		
Labor	3,847.53	
Materials	5,663.70	
Mileage	86.40	9,597.63
Paperwork/Phone calls		
Labor	1,918.96	1,918.96
Miscellaneous Expense:		
Labor (Fringe)	21,902.38	
Ralph Staib	106.76	22,009.14
Transfer to EMF	91,532.41	91,532.41
Health Insurance		
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	20,334.10	
Northeast Delta	1,844.25	
Chris Liller- Medical Reimbursement	200.00	
Grayson Peterson – Medical Supplies	35.63	
G.P. Administration	8,787.01	31,200.99
FICA:	11,050.59	11,050.59
Total Expenses:		973,242.43
Checkbook Balance		649,102.91
Savings Balance		310,206.79
		1,932,552.13

WAGES AND SALARIES
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Town Clerk:

Kent Young

1,449.00 hours @ 28.22	40,890.78	
230.00 hours @ 28.22	6,490.60	47,381.38

Town Treasurer:

Alyson Marcucci

1,526.75 hours @ 20.82	31,787.00	
124 hours @ 20.82 (fringe)	2,581.69	34,368.69

Assistant Town Clerk:

Patricia Coolidge

897.50 hours @ 24.24	21,634.20	
155 hours @ 24.24	3,757.20	25,391.40

Assistant Town Treasurer:

Candie Bernard

231.50 hours @ 24.24	5,611.56	5,611.56
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Selectmen:

Al Dupell (Chair)

Salary	3,000.00	
23 meetings @ 50.00	1,150.00	

Larry Bills

Salary	500.00	
21 meetings @ 50.00	1,050.00	

Christopher Liller

Salary	500.00	
23 meetings @ 50.00	1,150.00	
1 hour @ 24.24	24.24	

Gregory Marcucci

Salary	500.00	
25 meetings @ 50.00	1,250.00	

Kevin Robinson

Salary	500.00	
26 meetings @ 50.00	1,300.00	10,924.24

Selectmen's Clerk:

Kent Young

34.50 hours @ 28.22	973.59	973.59
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Board of Civil Authority:

Helen Eddy

4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
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Al Dupell

3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
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Nancy Ferrucci

4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
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Christopher Liller

1 meeting @ 50.00	50.00	
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Gregory Marcucci

4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	
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Lorraine Weeks-Newell

4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	1,000.00
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Listers:

Candie Bernard		
1 meeting @ 50.00	50.00	
1,208.75 hours @ 24.24	29,300.10	
233 hours @ 24.24 (fringe)	5,647.92	
Allan Hicks		
1 meeting @ 50.00	50.00	
Kent Young		
1 meeting @ 50.00	50.00	35,098.02

Auditors:

Joann Liller (Chair)		
70 hours @ 22.19	1,553.30	
Helen Eddy		
79.50 hours @ 19.63	1,560.59	
Laura Nelson		
15 hours @ 18.81	282.15	3,396.04

Planning Commission:

Kent Young (Chair)		
Salary	3,000.00	
12 meetings @ 50.00	600.00	
Rodney Cooney		
Salary	200.00	
7 meetings @ 50.00	350.00	
Ray Hawksley		
Salary	200.00	
8 meetings @ 50.00	400.00	
Christopher Mann		
Salary	200.00	
12 meetings @ 50.00	600.00	
John Wadsworth		
Salary	200.00	
11 meetings @ 50.00	550.00	
Robert Wadsworth		
Salary	200.00	
11 meetings @ 50.00	550.00	
George Rigoulot		
Salary	200.00	
12 meetings @ 50.00	600.00	7,850.00

Planning Expenses:

Zoning:

Allan Hicks		
Administrator's Salary	3,000.00	
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00	3,100.00

Health Officer:

Ray Hawksley		
Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Thomas Montemagni (Chair)		
Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00

Tax Collector:

Candie Bernard		
133 hours @ 24.24	3,223.92	3,223.92

Elections:

Candie Bernard		
4.50 hours @ 24.24	109.08	
Alyson Marcucci		
4.50 hours @ 20.92	93.69	
Helen Eddy		
6 hours @ 19.63	117.78	
Nancy Ferrucci		
6 hours @ 19.63	117.78	
Lorraine Weeks-Newell		
4 hours @ 19.63	78.52	516.85

Fire Warden:

Kevin Robinson		
Salary	200.00	200.00

Refuse & Recycling:

Al Dupell		
48 hours @ 17.46	838.08	
Jason Dupell		
1,167.50 hours @ 16.78	19,590.65	
80 hours @ 16.78	1,342.40	21,771.13

Highway Department:

Stuart Chapin		
Highway Hours:		
1,310.00 hours @ 20.92	27,405.20	
263.50 hours @ 20.92 (fringe)	5,512.42	
O.T. 2.50 hours @ 31.38	78.45	
General Fund Hours:		
219 hours @ 20.92	4,581.48	
Equipment Hours:		
287.50 hours @ 20.92	6,014.50	43,592.05
Christopher Liller		
Highway Hours:		
1399.50 hours @ 24.24	33,923.88	
297.50 hours @ 24.24 (fringe)	7,211.40	
O.T. 33.50 hours @ 36.36	1,218.06	
General Fund Hours:		
180.50 hours @ 24.24	4,375.32	
Equipment Hours:		
194.50 @ 24.24	4,714.68	51,443.34
Grayson Peterson		
Highway Hours:		
109.50 hours @ 18.00	1,971.00	
Equipment Hours:		
6 hours @ 18.00	108.00	
Seminar Hours:		
8 hours @ 18.00	144.00	2,223.00

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Ralph Staib

Highway Hours:

1,363.50 hours @ 28.22 38,477.97

325.25 hours @ 28.22 (fringe) 9,178.56

O.T. 51 hours @ 42.33 2,158.88

General Fund Hours:

55.50 hours @ 28.22 1,566.21

Equipment Hours:

282.00 hours @ 28.22 7,958.04

Seminar Hours:

2 hours @ 28.22 56.44 59,396.10

Total Wages and Salaries:

360,961.31

**WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 7, 2017**

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. to consider and act upon the following articles:

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

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

ARTICLE 3: To set the Annual 2017-2018 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the amount of \$15,000.00 per pupil for students in grades K-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA T.16 sections 823 & 828.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2017-2018 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 5: To set the Annual 2017-2018 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$16,700.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2017-2018 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 3 and Article 5, who are residents of the school district.

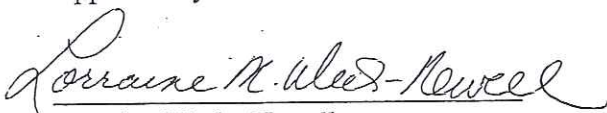
ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$690,592.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,944.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.0% higher than spending for the current year.

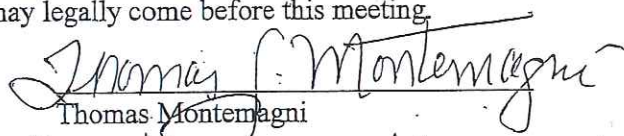
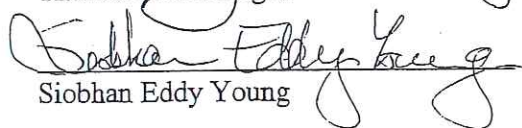
ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Stratton School Board to apply to the Vermont State Board of Education for approval to adjust the district's supervisory union from the Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) to the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) pursuant to 16 VSA 261 (b).

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Approved by the Stratton School Directors:


Lorraine Weeks-Newell


Thomas Montemagni

Siobhan Eddy Young

Stratton School District - Student Enrollment					
		2013- 2014	2014- 2015	2015- 2016	2016- 2017
Elementary					
Pre-K				4	3
Kindergarten		3	1	3	2
1st Grade		2	0	0	3
2nd Grade		1	3	2	1
3rd Grade		2	2	3	2
4th Grade		2	2	2	3
5th Grade		3	2	3	3
6th Grade		1	2	2	3
Secondary					
7th Grade		3	4	4	2
8th Grade		4	2	2	5
9th Grade		2	3	3	3
10th Grade		3	4	4	2
11th Grade		4	1	1	5
12th Grade		3	3	3	0
Total		33	29	36	37
Schools Attended					
Mountain School at Winhall		14	10	15	17
Dover Elementary		0	0	1	2
Twin Valley Elementary School		1	2	2	2
Manchester Elementary/Middle School		4	5	4	2
The Long Trail School		1	2	1	2
Stratton Mountain School		6	3	3	4
Burr & Burton Academy		6	7	8	7
West River Montessori School		0	0	1	0
Kids in the Country Child Care & Preschool, Inc.		0	0	1	0
Sunny Lane Daycare & Preschool		0	0	0	1
Total		32	29	36	37

**Stratton School District
FY 2017 Budget Proposal**

	Adopted Budget 2014	Adopted Budget 2015	Adopted Budget 2016	Adopted Budget 2017	Proposed Budget 2018	\$ change	% change
Transfer from Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Earned Interest & Misc	100	100	100	100	50	(50)	-50%
Lease Revenue	-	60,000	60,000	60,000	120,000	60,000	-100%
WCSU Subgrant Medicaid	5,142	5,087	1,320	2,077	-	(2,077)	-100%
Total Local Revenue	5,242	65,187	61,420	62,177	120,050	57,873	93%
State Aid							
Education Spending Revenue	496,113	482,632	444,477	419,071	476,255	57,184	14%
State Career Center Aid	1,115	1,131	-	-	-	-	0%
General State Aid-Transportation	15,728	13,944	14,013	7,832	10,787	2,955	38%
Spec Ed-State Block Grant	12,422	11,829	12,602	11,147	-	(11,147)	-100%
State Aid-Special Ed Intensive Aid	45,526	54,798	31,673	23,145	-	(23,145)	-100%
State Aid-Special Ed Extraordinary Aid	14,400	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Special Ed.-State EEE Aid	2,329	1,710	1,718	1,387	-	(1,387)	-100%
Total State Aid	587,633	566,044	504,483	462,582	487,042	24,460	5%
Federal Aid (ARRA / PILT)	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	0%
PILT Revenue	-	30,000	30,000	30,000	35,000	5,000	17%
Green Mtn. National Forest	18,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	12,500	(3,500)	-22%
	38,000	46,000	46,000	46,000	47,500	1,500	3%
Total Revenue	630,875	677,231	611,903	570,759	654,592	83,833	15%
Elementary Exp. - Direct Instruction							
Elem. Early Education	-	3,000	3,000	15,380	6,356	(9,024)	-59%
Elem. Tuition Instate (public)	13,000	38,000	42,620	15,300	28,310	13,010	85%
Elem. Tuition Out of State	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
WCSU Explorers camp	5,142	5,087	-	-	-	-	0%
Elem. Tuition Private School in State	162,600	142,500	147,420	195,000	210,000	15,000	8%
SPED -WCSU Assesment	6,223	6,699	5,679	6,543	-	(6,543)	-100%
Essential early Ed-WCSU Assessment	3,274	5,241	3,288	1,122	-	(1,122)	-100%
WCSU Special Ed Services	-	-	-	54,054	-	(54,054)	-100%
TOTAL Elem. DIRECT INSTRUCTION	190,239	200,527	202,007	287,399	244,666	(42,733)	
Support Services							
School Board Salaries	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,000	2,000	67%
School Board FICA	230	230	233	230	383	153	67%
Short Term Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2300 Insurance and Bonds & Dues	900	500	500	400	400	-	0%
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Audit Services	8,000	8,000	8,000	10,000	10,500	500	5%
WCSU Adm Assesment	8,323	10,897	11,022	10,923	11,494	571	5%
Support Services	20,453	22,627	22,755	24,553	27,777	3,224	13%
Transportation Services							
Transp Services from VT Districts-Bus	14,375	14,025	8,500	8,500	12,300	3,800	45%
Transportation Services	14,375	14,025	8,500	8,500	12,300	3,800	45%
Transfer to Reserve Funds/Retire Deficit	-	71,695	-	-	-	-	
Total Support Services	34,828	108,347	31,255	33,053	40,077	(35,709)	-108%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY EXPENSES	225,067	308,874	233,262	320,452	284,743	(35,709)	
SECONDARY EXPENSES							
Secondary Public School Tuition Prior Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Secondary Tuition Instate public*	15,963	13,500	42,120	45,600	13,950	(31,650)	-69%
Secondary Tuition Out of State	13,085	-	-	-	-	-	0%

**Stratton School District
FY 2017 Budget Proposal**

	Adopted Budget 2014	Adopted Budget 2015	Adopted Budget 2016	Adopted Budget 2017	Proposed Budget 2018	\$ change	% change
Secondary Tuition Private School in State	252,510	233,686	243,572	235,857	333,514	97,657	41%
Secondary Vocational Tuition pd by State	1,115	1,131	-	-	-	-	0%
Secondary Vocational Tuition pd by Stratton	1,157	1,287	1,209	-	-	-	0%
Secondary Reg Ed Transp-School Districts	15,075	13,125	14,450	14,450	14,450	-	0%
Secondary Tuition Sp. Ed. Excess Cost Private	78,303	94,300	77,291	-	43,935	43,935	0%
Secondary Special Ed. Prof Services	28,600	10,128	-	-	-	-	0%
Secondary Special Ed. Transp.-Contracted	-	1,200	-	-	-	-	0%
TOTAL SECONDARY EXPENSES	405,808	368,357	378,642	295,907	405,849	109,942	37%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	630,875	677,231	611,903	616,359	690,592	74,233	12%
Suplus/(Deficit)				(45,600)	(36,000)		
Fund Balance Applied					36,000		
Net	-	-	-	(45,600)	-	-	

Preliminary Statistics:

Voter Approved/Proposed Budget	\$ 630,875	\$ 677,231	\$ 611,903	\$ 570,759	\$ 690,592	\$ 119,833	20%
Act 68 Budgeted Revenues	\$ 133,647	\$ 193,468	\$ 167,426	\$ 151,688	\$ 214,337	\$ 62,649	37%
Local Education Spending	\$ 497,228	\$ 483,763	\$ 444,477	\$ 419,071	\$ 476,255	\$ 57,184	13%
Equalized Pupil Count	31.42	30.95	30.28	29.22	29.87	0.65	2%
Career Center Equalized Pupil	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
State Excess Sp. Threshold/equ. Pupil	\$ 15,456	\$ 16,166	\$ 17,103	\$ 14,928	\$ 17,386	\$ 2,458	14%
Stratton Ed. Spend/equalized pupil	\$ 15,825	\$ 15,630	\$ 14,679	\$ 14,342	\$ 15,944	\$ 1,602	11%
Stratton spend over/(under) threshold	\$ 369	\$ (536)	\$ (2,424)	\$ (586)	\$ (1,442)	\$ (856)	35%
Base Education Spending Index	\$ 9,151	\$ 9,285	\$ 9,459	\$ 9,870	\$ 10,076	\$ 206	2%
State-wide School Property Tax Rate	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.98	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0%
						\$ -	0%
						\$ -	0%
School Tax Impact Estimates:							
Home Stead Equalized School Tax Rate	\$ 1.663	\$ 1.650	\$ 1.552	\$ 1.453	\$ 1.582	\$ 0.13	8%
Common Level of Appraisal	94.18%	98.40%	98.62%	98.01%	98.34%	\$ 0.00	0%
Estimated Actual School Tax Rate	\$ 1.766	\$ 1.677	\$ 1.574	\$ 1.483	\$ 1.609	0.127	8.53%
Income Sensitivity Base Index	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%	N/A	2.0%		
Income Sensitivity Percent for Residents*	3.2%	3.03%	3.01%	2.58%	3.53%		

Estimated School Tax impact \$200,000 home & 2 acres	\$ 3,533	\$ 3,354	\$ 3,147	\$ 2,965	\$ 3,218	253
Maximum School Tax amount @ \$80,000 househ	2,548	2,424	2,408	2,064	2,824	760

	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2018
Block Grant Revenue from State	12,422	11,829	12,602	11,147	0
Extraordinary Special Ed Aid	14,400	0	0	0	0
Intensive Aid	45,526	54,798	31,673	23,145	-

Act 68 Revenues

Local Funds [includes Transfers from Reserve]	5,242	65,187	61,420	62,177	120,050
State [excluding Educ Spending & Career Center aid]	90,405	82,281	60,006	43,511	10,787
Federal Aid	38,000	46,000	46,000	46,000	47,500
Total Act 68 Revenues	133,647	193,468	167,426	151,688	178,337

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Independent Auditors' Report

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

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Town of Stratton School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Stratton School District's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Town of Stratton School District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stratton School District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Town of Stratton School District as of June 30, 2016 and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, thereof, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", we have also issued our report dated January 12, 2017, on our consideration of the Town of Stratton School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Stratton School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

January 12, 2017
Montpelier, Vermont
VT Lic. #92-000180

Sullivan, Powers & Company

SCHOOL FUND STATEMENT
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

RECEIPTS:

Earned Interest	21.91
Town Lease Revenue	60,000.00
Education Block Grant	443,901.00
Transportation Aid	11,305.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	39,954.00
National Forest (PILT)	12,399.58
Special Education Block Grant	12,602.00
Special Education Intensive Aid	23,293.00
Special Ed Early Evaluation (EEE) Aid	1,718.00
Medicaid Subgrant	1,449.00
Tech Center Revenue	576.00

Total Receipts: **607,219.49**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Tuition – Pre K:

1 @ West River Montessori	1,500.00	
1 @ Mountain School at Winhall	3,000.00	
1 @ Kids in the Country	1,799.91	
1 @ The Dover School	2,333.52	
1 @ Sunny Lane Daycare	1,500.00	10,133.43

Tuition – Elementary:

Manchester Elementary Middle School		
2 @ 14,458.50	28,917.00	
Mountain School at Winhall		
11 @ 14,950.00	164,450.00	
Twin Valley		
2 @ 250.00	500.00	193,867.00

Tuition – High School:

Burr & Burton Academy		
7 @ 15,950.00	111,650.00	
1 @ 1,112.76	1,112.76	
Long Trail School		
1 @ 14,297.00	14,297.00	
Manchester Elementary Middle School		
2 @ 13,835.00	27,670.00	
Mountain School at Winhall		
3 @ 14,950.00	44,850.00	
Stratton Mountain School		
2 @ 14,297.00	28,594.00	
Twin Valley High School		
1 @ 8,133.50	8,133.50	
Windham Regional Career Center		
Vocational Assessment – State Share	576.00	
Vocational Assessment – Town Share	671.79	237,555.05

Transportation:

Elementary (paid to Winhall School Board)	12,375.00	
High School (paid to Winhall School Board)	13,125.00	25,500.00

School Fund Statement

Special Education:

All Contracted Services	76,094.73	76,094.73
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Supervisory Union Expenses:

WCSU Pre-K Admin Services	150.00	
WCSU Administration Assessment	11,023.00	11,173.00

School Board Administration:

Alyson Marcucci - Treasurer	500.00	
Tom Montemagni – Chair		
Salary	150.00	
21 Meetings @ 50.00	1,050.00	
Lorraine Weeks-Newell – Secretary		
Salary	150.00	
21 Meetings @ 50.00	1,050.00	
Secretarial	718.62	
Siobhan Eddy Young		
Salary	100.00	
24 Meetings @ 50	1,200.00	
Secretarial	34.22	4,952.84

Miscellaneous:

FICA	378.89	
Sullivan & Powers Outside Audit	10,204.00	
Bonds/Insurance	634.25	
Mileage Reimbursement	84.72	11,301.86

Total Expenses:

570,577.91

District: Stratton County: Windham		T200 Windham Central		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil
				10,076	1.00
				11,875	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$677,231	\$611,903	\$570,759	\$690,592
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$677,231	\$611,903	\$570,759	\$690,592
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$677,231	\$611,903	\$570,759	\$690,592
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$193,468	\$167,426	\$140,688	\$214,337
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$193,468	\$167,426	\$140,688	\$214,337
14.	Education Spending	\$483,763	\$444,477	\$430,071	\$476,255
15.	Equalized Pupils	30.95	30.28	29.49	29.87
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$15,630.47	\$14,678.90	\$14,583.62	\$15,944.26
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	\$10.88	\$18.69	-	-
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)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	Exempt	Exempt	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	-	-	-
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$16,166 \$16,166.00	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth \$14,928.12	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$15,630	\$14,679	\$14,584	\$15,944.26
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	168.341% based on \$9,285	155.184% based on \$9,285	150.331% based on yield \$9,701	158.240% based on yield \$10,076
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$15,944.26 + (\$10,076.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1.6497 based on \$0.98	\$1.5363 based on \$0.99	\$1.5033 based on \$1.00	\$1.5824 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Stratton equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.58)	\$1.6497	\$1.5363	\$1.5033	\$1.5824
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	98.40%	98.62%	97.38%	98.34%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.5824 / 98.34%)	\$1.6765 based on \$0.98	\$1.5578 based on \$0.99	\$1.5437 based on \$1.00	\$1.6091 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [((\$15,944.26 + \$11,875) x 2.00%)]	3.03% based on 1.80%	2.79% based on 1.80%	2.68% based on 2.00%	2.69% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.69%)	3.03% based on 1.80%	2.79% based on 1.80%	2.68% based on 2.00%	2.69% based on 2.00%
36.		-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Vermont Department of Taxes

NOTICE of
EDUCATION TAX RATES for FISCAL YEAR 2017
BASED ON 2016 REAPPRAISAL DATA

TOWN OF STRATTON

Prepared: July 25, 2016

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE

Non-Residential Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.5763

HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.5437

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

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

<http://www.tax.vermont.gov>

By law, the legislative body in each municipality shall bill each property taxpayer at the homestead or non-residential rate as determined by the Commissioner for their municipality.

32 V.S.A. Sec. 5402(b)(1)

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

ORIGINAL: Chair Selectboard / City Council

COPY: Town / City Treasurer

Town of Stratton

Date prepared: 1/19/2017

Fiscal Year 2017

Homestead Education Tax Rate Calculation

	Stratton		
1. Expenditures	\$ 570,759	-	-
2. Offsetting revenues	\$ 140,688	-	-
3. Education spending	\$ 430,071	-	-
4. Equalized pupils	29.49	-	-
5. Education spending per equalized pupil	\$ 14,583.62	-	-
6. Net offsets for excess spending calculation	-	-	-
7. Net offsets per equalized pupil	-	-	-
8. Exempt from excess spending	No	-	-
9. If no, target threshold for excess spending	\$ 15,060.07	-	-
10. Reduced education spending per equalized pupil	\$ 14,583.62	-	-
11. 40% of excess spending over target	-	-	-
12. Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess	\$ 14,583.62	-	-
13. Homestead property yield	\$ 9,701.00	-	-
14. Homestead equalized tax rate	\$ 1.5033	-	-
15. Percent of equalized pupils	100.00%	-	-
16. Prorated equalized tax rate from school district	\$ 1.5033	-	-
17. Total equalized tax rate	\$ 1.5033		
18. Common level of appraisal (CLA)	97.38%	-	-
19. Actual tax rate attributable to school district	\$ 1.5437	-	-
Actual homestead tax rate seen on tax bill	\$ 1.5437		

Non-Residential Education Tax Rate Calculation

20. Base non-residential rate	\$ 1.535
21. Common level of appraisal (CLA)	97.38%
Actual non-residential tax rates seen on tax bill	\$ 1.5763

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

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

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	213	151,239,000	12,387,080	138,851,920	151,239,000
Residential II R2	105	53,207,800	11,439,600	41,768,200	53,207,800
Mobile Homes-U MHU	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes-L MHL	2	163,600	85,800	77,800	163,600
Seasonal I S1	9	781,300	0	781,300	781,300
Seasonal II S2	5	730,000	0	730,000	730,000
Commercial C	57	60,447,900	0	60,447,900	60,447,900
Commercial Apts CA	1	3,223,800	0	3,223,800	3,223,800
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	1	3,552,000	0	3,552,000	3,552,000
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	1,090	510,990,600	1,683,044	509,307,556	510,990,600
Woodland W	63	17,300,800	0	17,300,800	17,300,800
Miscellaneous M	40	2,244,400	0	2,244,400	2,244,400
TOTAL LISTED REAL	1,586	803,881,200	25,595,524	778,285,676	803,881,200
P.P. Cable	1	496,000		496,000	496,000
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	496,000		496,000	496,000
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		804,377,200	25,595,524	778,781,676	804,377,200
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	2/2	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
Veterans >10K		60,000			
Total Veterans		80,000	20,000	0	20,000
P.P. Contracts	1	496,000			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	377,600	0	377,600	377,600
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	2/1	873,600	0	377,600	377,600
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	17/17	3,734,000	333,500	3,400,500	3,734,000
Special Exemptions	15		0	22,696,000	22,696,000
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		4,687,600	353,500	26,474,100	26,827,600
Total Exemptions		4,687,600	353,500	26,474,100	26,827,600
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		7,996,896.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			252,420.24	7,523,075.76	7,775,496.00
NON-TAX	17 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411				

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

Status on Personal Property	
1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city?	Yes <u>XX</u> No <u> </u>
2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by vote of your town/city?	Yes <u>XX</u> No <u> </u>
3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt? (include percentage)	<u> </u> 100.00 <u> </u>
4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used)	
a) at fair market value <u> </u>	b) at depreciated value <u> </u>

Summary of Adjustments to Taxable Values (Local Agreements Etc.)	
Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions	377,600
Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Homestead Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Non-Resi Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed Tax)	0
Special Exemptions	22,696,000
Current Use (Use Value Appraisal Program)	3,734,000
Veteran Exemptions	20,000
Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	60,000
Non-Resi Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	0
Partial Statutory Exemptions	0



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Agency of Administration

December 23, 2016

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

2016 Equalization Study Results

This letter serves as notification of the results of Property Valuation and Review (PVR)'s 2016 equalization study. Every year we are required to certify the equalized education property value (EEPV or EEGL) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town. 32 V.S.A § 5406. This letter also communicates the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for your town and explains how it will impact your homestead and nonresidential education tax rates.

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$777,839,500
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	\$790,967,808
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):	98.34 % or 0.9834
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):	7.49 %

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

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

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

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



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

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

To see how per-pupil spending in your town is calculated and how that, along with the CLA, makes the tax rates, please see: tax.vermont.gov/education-tax-rate-calculator

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Douglas R. Farnham, Director
Property Valuation and Review

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

TOWN CLERK 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Assistant Town Clerks: Patricia Coolidge and Candie Bernard.

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

Land Records: In 2016, five new mylars were recorded for \$75.00, and 2245 pages were recorded (Book 167 page 357 through Book 170 page 414). Recording fees at \$10.00/page brought in revenues of \$22,450.00.

Property Transfers: 123 Property Transfers occurred in the calendar year of 2016 (only two more than last year). An amount of \$1,230.00 was collected to process the associated Property Transfer Tax Returns. Property-Transfer Taxes collected by the State for these sales amounted to \$784,993.60 (an increase of about 56% over last year, much of which was due to the sale of the commercial units of Stratton, with a property transfer tax of \$194,735.00.).

2016 Vital Statistics:

Births – One child was born to a Stratton family this year (no births occurred within Stratton).

Marriages – 12 marriages were registered in Stratton, of which, two were of local couples – Chris Marcucci and Devon Crowther, as well as Josh Avera and Erica Reynolds.

Deaths – Resident, Steve Noonan, passed away within Stratton this past year. Four other residents, Ann Chapman, Martha Banziruk, Evelyn Morris and Arloa Schultz, passed away at other locations.

Appointments by Town Clerk:

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

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

1 st Class Licenses:	12 (\$115.00 fee to the Town and \$115.00 fee to the State)
2 nd Class Licenses:	2 (\$70.00 fee to the Town and \$70.00 fee to the State)
Outside Consumption Permits:	10 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Catering Permits:	5 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Special Events Permits:	4 (\$35.00 fee to the State)
Total fees collected by the Town: \$1520.00	
Total fees collected by the State: \$1960.00	

Solid Waste Disposal: A total of 132.75 tons of solid waste were hauled away from the Stratton Transfer Station in 2016. Of this, 39.17 tons (29.5%) were recycled. **Pay-As-You-Throw statistics:** Stratton has collected \$11,796.00 in revenues and paid out \$11,587.33 to Casella in solid waste removal expenses (this includes tipping fees). An additional \$2,653.67 (including tipping fees) was expended for removal and processing of recyclables (zero-sort fees). A direct revenue to expense comparison is not a true measure of the program, as some revenues for punch tickets have not yet been used.

Voter Statistics: As of December 31, 2016, Stratton had 176 voters on the Voter Checklist. 17 new voters applied to the checklist and were added this year, while 23 voters were removed from the checklist for various reasons. 5 voters remain as inactive / challenged and are subject to be removed per the statutory procedures. 41 voters attended the Town Meeting of March 1, 2016 and 41 voters were present for the subsequent Annual School Meeting. During the 2016 General Election, 181 voters were on the checklist at that time, 135 voters participated.

David Kent Young
Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen 2016 Annual Report

During the Town Meeting of 2016, all incumbent members of the Select Board were re-elected to their positions. At the subsequent organizational meeting, Albert Dupell was reappointed Chairman and Larry Bills was reappointed Vice-Chairman. Kent Young was reappointed Secretary.

Major projects accomplished over the course of 2016 included: 1) Paving approx. one mile of the Stratton-Arlington Rd., approx. one mile of Brazers Way, as well as the Town Office parking lot and an additional portion of the Town Garage area. 2) Refurbishment of the interior of the Old Stratton Meetinghouse. This project included replacement of the two front doors and boxing in the cables that had been added for structural support back in the 1960s, as well as painting / refinishing the entire interior of the building. The painting and refinishing was done by Ron Chiodi and the carpentry was performed by Paul Bernard. 3) The Town Hall and Town Office generators were replaced with a single Kohler generator – a larger and quieter machine which provides more stable power to both buildings. Additionally, a larger 1000-gallon propane tank was installed to replace the smaller pre-existing fuel tank at the Town Office. 4) At the beginning of 2016, the Transfer Station began accepting Zero-Sort Recycling, which allows users to discard most all recyclables in one compactable container. The Board also agreed to reduce the cost of small containers of refuse (< 16 gallons) to \$1.00. 5) New Zoning Regulations prepared by the Planning Commission were adopted in February. 5) A new Town Sign was installed at the Stratton Town Hall.

We wish to welcome Scott Marquis as our new Transfer Station Attendant, hired to replace Jason Dupell, who recently decided to move to Tennessee. We also wish to welcome Renee Mulkey, whom we appointed as Stratton's Representative to the Windham Regional Commission in June. Additionally D. R. Holton and Dianna Stugger were reappointed to their ZBA positions. The Board would like to wish Joann Liller a long deserved retirement from Town affairs, after submitting her resignation as Auditor this year. Joann had held that office since the early 1970s, before which she served as Treasurer. On behalf of the Town we thank her for her long and distinguished service.

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

Al Dupell, Chairman of the Selectmen

Stratton Planning Commission

2016 Annual Report

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

Previously, in January, 2016, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing as part of the process of adopting the new Zoning Regulations. In February, these Regulations were adopted by the Selectmen and are now in effect. The Commission then agreed to take up the project of revising the Subdivision Bylaws, with the assistance of Windham Regional Commission Planner, John Bennett. This project is still underway and is expected to be completed sometime in 2017. Meanwhile a new Zoning Application, Certificate of Completion, and Permitting Guidelines were also adopted and are now available at the Town Office and on the Town's website.

In June, the Commissioners met with and subsequently recommended that the Selectmen appoint Renee Mulkey as Stratton's Representative to the Windham Regional Commission. The Commission welcomes her and thanks her for accepting this position, which has been vacant for over two years.

During the past year, no major construction projects or subdivisions within Stratton requiring public hearings were submitted for the first time in very many years. One Boundary line Adjustment application, however, was deferred to the Zoning Administrator.

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

Kent Young
Planning Commission Chairman

ZONING REPORT
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Name	Permit Type	Date Issued	Permit Fee
Schultz	Garage	07/16/2015	35.00
Wadsworth	Renovation	07/21/2015	20.00
Sullivan	Garage	07/27/2015	20.00
Avera	Deck	09/11/2015	20.00
G. Montemagni	Lean-To	09/18/2015	20.00
Bachner	New Residence	11/16/2015	1,015.00
Marcucci/Peterson	Shed	11/24/2015	20.00
Webber	Boundary Line Adj.	03/24/2016	50.00
Nault	Camp/Shed	04/20/2016	20.00
DiBlasi	Renovation	05/02/2016	40.00
Nordborg	Addition	05/05/2016	35.00
Manelski	Addition	05/05/2016	360.00
Ciampoli	Addition	05/16/2016	30.00
Fitzgerald	Garage	05/26/2016	25.00
Weeks-Newell	Sign	05/31/2016	20.00
Total Permit Fees Collected			1,730.00

Listers' Report 2016

The Board of Listers consists of Kent Young, Candie Bernard and Allan Hicks. This year, the Board undertook a Statistical Update Reappraisal to bring the Town's assessments in line with fair market value. Following this reassessment, the Listers heard 71 Grievances this year. Seven aggrieved homeowners appealed to the Board of Civil Authority and was heard. The BCA considered and denied all appeals, except for one. Four assessments were appealed to the State Appraiser. The Town considered three of these appeals late-filed, as they missed the appeal deadline.

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) used to determine the 2016 Education Property Tax Rates was ???%. The State Non-Residential Education Tax Rate for 2016 was \$1.5763. The Residential Education Tax Rate was additionally adjusted per the Statutes by penalizing the Town Residents for exceeding the average tuition cost per student, resulting in a rate of \$1.5437. The Municipal Tax Rate was set at \$0.1330; therefore, Stratton's total property tax rates were \$1.6767 for homestead properties and \$1.7093 for non-residential properties. Please see the "Grand List" pages within the Town Report for property assessment details and visit the Assessors' Page at the Town of Stratton website - www.townofstrattonvt.com for more information on property values.

Currently, Stratton contracts with:

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

All appraisals of Stratton properties can be viewed on the internet via our website or at the Vision site: <http://data.visionappraisal.com/strattonvt/DEFAULT.asp>.

Kent Young, Listers' Chairman

2016 DOG REPORT

LICENSES ISSUED:

55 dog licenses were sold in the Town of Stratton in 2016 Licenses issued were for:

55 spayed female or neutered male dogs
2 unneutered male or un-spayed female dogs

Fees collected for 2015: \$496.00 (of which \$244.00 was sent to the VT State Treasurer).

SCHEDULE OF FEES:

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

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

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

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

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

A current vaccination means:

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

Town of Stratton Cemetery Commission

We continue to place flags on all veterans' graves before Memorial Day, and we ensure that all cemeteries are mowed at least once each month during the summer, immediately prior to the major holidays of Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day. We wish to thank Ben Lowe for doing an excellent job of mowing and trimming our cemeteries at those times. Two single gravesites were deeded in Ball Cemetery this year. Two burials occurred in Ball Cemetery – Martha Banziruk and Arloa Schultz.

Kent Young, Cemetery Commission Chair

Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Co., Inc

	Budget 2015-16	Actual to date	Budget 2016-2017	Actual to date	Budget 2017-2018
Operations Income					
Beginning Balance					
Town of Stratton	\$ 47,660.00	\$ 47,660.00	\$ 47,150.00	\$ 47,150.00	\$ 52,150.00
Post Office Rental	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,083.00	\$ 7,000.00
VTA Lease					
Stratton corp	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Grants				\$ 1,402.00	
Fund Raising/Donation		?		\$ 12,090.00	
Total Funds	\$ 65,660.00	\$ 65,660.00		\$ 77,240.00	\$ 70,150.00
Expenditures					
Electricity	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 431.99	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 1,500.00
Telephone	\$ 580.00	\$ 264.10	\$ 700.00	\$ 319.00	\$ 700.00
Heat	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 436.95	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,186.00	\$ 6,000.00
Insurance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 384.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
Fire Pond				\$ 5,390.00	
2 New SCBA					\$ 15,000.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 10,000.00
Building Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 234.04			\$ 2,000.00
Postage		\$ 46.00		\$ 47.00	\$ 1,000.00
Cleaning/Building Supplies				\$ 50.00	
Grounds Maintenance					\$ 500.00
Tools					
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 1,777.00	\$ 2,000.00
Radio Repair		\$ 134.00			
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 95.00			\$ 1,500.00
SCBA				\$ 221.00	
Extinguishers		\$ 317.75		\$ 191.00	
New Equipment	\$ 5,500.00			\$ 28,176.00	
New Pierce 2015					
Turnout Gear					
Training	\$ 500.00			\$ 414.00	\$ 500.00
Dues & Ass. Fees	\$ 300.00			\$ 224.00	\$ 400.00
Reimbursement Per Point	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Fund Raising Expense				\$ 1,040.00	
CPA	\$ 450.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Post Office Construction Loan					
Secretary Position	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 2,600.00
Software	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
X-Mas Party		\$ 723.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stratton Magazine				\$ 75.00	
Office Supplies				\$ 52.00	
Hosting Fee	\$ 350.00	\$ 119.97		\$ 258.00	\$ 350.00
ACS Fire Companies.com					
Total Expenditures	\$ 54,660.00	\$ 29,897.44	\$ 40,400.00	\$ 63,497.00	\$ 70,150.00

**Stratton Mountain
Volunteer Fire Company Inc.**

5 Brazers Way Stratton Mtn., VT 05155

John Waite – President

Mathew Underwood – Chief

The Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company responded to 7 calls in 2016.

- 7 Fires (structure, vehicle, and forest)
- 45 False Alarms
- 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 8 Gas Alarms, Smoke Conditions, and Fuel Spills
- 10 Other (Assist Rescue, Landing Zones, Power lines down)

The Fire Company continued raising funds independently in 2016 through a mailing, T-shirt sales, Post office rental, and making use of local and state grants that were available.

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

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

TOWN OF STRATTON
Minutes of the
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2016

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 10:02am. Selectman Vice-Chair, Larry Bills, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk took the roll. Initially, 36 voters were present; therefore, 19 votes constitute a majority. Guests present were Officer David Upton of the Windham County Sheriff's Dept., Myra Foster of the Manchester and the Mountains Chamber of Commerce and Renee Mulkey, a non-registered resident.

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

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

Kent Young nominated Diana Stugger. Chris Liller seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Diana Stugger was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.

Kent Young moved to approve the Town Report. Larry Bills seconded. No discussion: The Moderator asked for a voice vote. The ayes were unanimous and the Town Report was approved.

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

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

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

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

Planning Commissioner (one four-year term): DR Holton nominated Kent Young. Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Kent Young was elected Planning Commissioner for a four-year term.

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

Lister (one three-year term): Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Candie Bernard. Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Candie Bernard was elected Lister for a three-year term.

Auditor (one three-year term): Allan Hicks nominated Hellen Fuller Eddy. DR Holton seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Pat Coolidge seconded. All concurred. Hellen Fuller Eddy was elected Auditor for a three-year term.

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

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

Delinquent Tax Collector (one one-year term): Lorraine Weeks-Newell nominated Candie Bernard. Al Dupell seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded. All concurred. Candie Bernard was elected Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term.

Trustee of Public Funds (one one-year term): DR Holton nominated Alyson Marcucci. Allan Hicks seconded. Pat Coolidge moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded. All concurred. Alyson Marcucci was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

Constable (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated Boomer Walker. Jerrod Cobb seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Boomer Walker was elected Constable for a one-year term.

Grand Juror (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated John Waite. Allan Hicks seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. John Waite was elected Grand Juror for a one-year term.

Town Agent (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated John Waite. Allan Hicks seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. John Waite was elected Town Agent for a one-year term.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required. Kent Young so moved. John Waite seconded. No discussion. All concurred and the article passed.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses. Allan Hicks so moved. Robert Giunta seconded. No discussion and the article passed.

At 10:20AM, 38 voters were present – 20 votes constitute a majority.

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

<i>American Red Cross</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Betty Boop Bus</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>
<i>Community Food Pantry</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Connecticut River Transit</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Grace Cottage Foundation</i>	<i>7,000.00</i>
<i>Groundworks Collaborative</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Health Care and Rehabilitation Services</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Historical Society of Windham County</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>LaMarche Scholarship Fund</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Londonderry Volunteer Rescue</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>Manchester and the Mountains</i>	
<i>Regional Chamber of Commerce</i>	<i>5,100.00</i>
<i>Senior Solutions</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Valley Cares Inc.</i>	<i>335.00</i>
<i>VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>VT Center for Independent Living</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Visiting Nurse Association</i>	<i>600.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Public Library</i>	<i>2,600.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue</i>	<i>3,000.00</i>
<i>Windham County Humane Society</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Winhall Library</i>	<i>1,400.00</i>
<i>Women's Freedom Center</i>	<i>750.00</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$32,885.00</i>

Kent Young so moved. John Waite seconded. Discussion: The Moderator asked for a vote to allow Myra Foster to speak on behalf of the **Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce**. A majority of the voters agreed to let her speak. Ms. Foster gave a brief synopsis of the organization's reason for the request – the requested amount was based on Stratton's Grand List and is proportional to amounts requested from other towns based on this same criteria. The money will be put towards an economic development plan for the region and will promote events such as the horse show and car show. Several voters questioned how this would affect the Town of Stratton. Ms. Foster suggested it may bring in more residents, students and tourists during the summer. John Waite asked if it was politically motivated. Ms. Foster said it was not. One voter asked if Stratton Corp. had donated to this cause. Ms. Foster stated that Stratton Corp. had donated or pledged \$10,000.00 to it.

Betty Boop Bus – DR Holton asked if this service still existed in Stratton. Lorraine Weeks-Newell stated that it was still available, although Ruth Romano is no longer here to use it, but there will be others in the near future who will want to use it. It is available now for regular trips into Brattleboro for a small cost. It usually leaves from Wardsboro, but it can make pickups in Stratton. Ruth Romano usually drove into Wardsboro to get it.

LaMarche Scholarship Fund: A voter sked if someone could explain this fund. Candie Bernard said it was implemented by request of the family of Matthew LaMarche, who was killed in a motorcycle accident many years ago. The Town has regularly donated to this fund each year. It is managed through LeLand and Gray High School's Educational Foundation. She believes it is reserved for students entering Vermont Technical College, but unsure if more restrictions apply. Currently, about \$7000.00 has accumulated and apparently has not been given out. Kent Young recommended that we suspend donations until we learn more about the status of this scholarship.

Kent Young stated that for the sake of moving the article along, he would like to present an amendment that removes these three appropriation requests from the appropriations. Larry Bills seconded. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, and then split the vote with a show of hands. 15 voted to approve the amendment. 23 against and the amendment was defeated. Discussion: Several voters implied that the Betty Boop bus should remain an appropriation, but the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce appropriation and the LaMarche Scholarship Fund could be removed.

Kent Young then moved to amend the Article to eliminate the appropriations for these two requests. Larry Bills seconded. Discussion: Greg Marcucci wanted to ensure that this was just a suspension of the donation. Kent Young said it could be reconsidered at next year's meeting. One voter suggested that the Manchester and the Mountains Chamber of Commerce request be reduced instead of eliminated. The Moderator said that the amendment article has been moved and seconded and must first be voted. The Moderator asked for a voice vote for the amendment. The ayes took the vote, with one no vote. No further discussion. The Moderator then presented the article as amended.

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

<i>American Red Cross</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Betty Boop Bus</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>
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<i>Windham County Humane Society</i>	<i>500.00</i>

Winhall Library	1,400.00
Women's Freedom Center	750.00
TOTAL	\$27,285.00

The Moderator asked for a voice vote. The article passed as amended.

ARTICLE 7: *To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$47,150.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.* Chris Liller so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8: *To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to maintain reserve funds for the following items: 1) Outside-Audit, 2) Town Hall Maintenance, 3) Recreation Area Equipment, 4) Recreation Area Pavilion, 5) Reappraisal, 6) Listers' Education, 7) Computer / Office Equipment, 8) School House, and 9) Meetinghouse, in the General Fund and 10) Bridges, 11) Culverts 12) Equipment Replacement and 13) Paving in the Highway Fund. And, if so voted, then transfer existing funds in savings accounts with these names into said Reserve Funds, with the following additional transfers: Recreation Groomer Fund to Recreation Equipment Fund; and Penny Ave. Savings to the Culvert Fund.* Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. Alyson Marcucci explained some of the funds and what amounts would go into them. Kent Young explained that this was a housekeeping matter, needed to ensure that certain funds can be retained from one year to the next. Following the discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote. Article 8 passed.

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

ARTICLE 10: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$946,490.11 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017).* Pat Coolidge so moved. John Waite seconded. The Moderator asked for an amendment to incorporate changes to the appropriations, which reduced Article 10 to \$940,890.11. Pat Coolidge so moved. Kent Young seconded. The amendment passed. Discussion: John Wadsworth questioned Health Insurance costs. Al Dupell and Greg Marcucci responded that town employees are provided a bronze plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield, supplemented with an HRA.

At 11:02AM, the Moderator asked for a motion to recess the meeting so that the School Meeting could start. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded and the meeting recessed.

At 11:33AM, the Moderator reconvened the meeting with 41 present. Discussion on Article 10 recommenced. Betsey Wadsworth questioned the expense for the Windham County Sheriff's Dept.. Many residents were glad to have police coverage for the town. Also the cost was compared to a higher hourly rate the State Police had offered to another town. The Moderator asked for a vote to allow Officer Dave Upton of the Windham County Sheriff's Dept. to speak – all concurred. Officer Upton introduced himself and discussed the Dept.'s services provided to the Town. Kent Young said he would link or post monthly Sheriff's Dept.'s Reports to the Town's website. No further discussion.

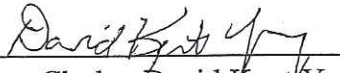
The Moderator read the article as amended: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$940,890.11 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017).* She asked for a voice vote and the Article passed.

ARTICLE 11: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,048,500.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017).* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. Discussion: Robert and Ellen Giunta asked if the culvert at the bottom of County Rd. would be repaired this year, as they thought it would be repaired last year. Kent Young said that the State stream permit had expired and the Road Foreman had trouble getting it renewed; however, it was renewed within the last two months. Paving was also discussed – Al Dupell stated that paving would continue up the Stratton-Arlington Rd., from where it was left off last year. Also many culverts along the upper part of this road will be replaced. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and the Article passed.

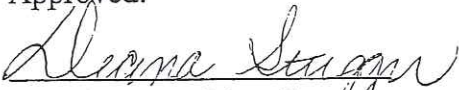
ARTICLE 12: *To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.* No other business was discussed.

Adjourn: Chris Liller moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55am. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:


Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:


Moderator – Diana Stugger

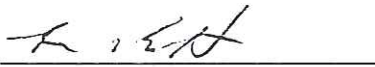
Approved by the Selectmen:


Albert Dupell


Chris Liller


Larry Bills


Greg Maroucci


Kevin Robinson

TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 1, 2016

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 11:03AM. Diana Stugger, the Moderator, called the meeting to order at 11:03AM. The Clerk took the roll and 41 voters were present. 21 votes constitute a majority.

The Moderator asked for a vote to allow Peter Ahlfeld of the Mountain School to speak. The voters agreed. Mr. Ahlfeld thanked the Town for its support of the school and was willing to answer any questions the voters might have. Kent Young asked if the proposal to acquire land in Stratton and build here had been cancelled. He said it was suspended at this point dependent on various circumstances regarding the property in Winhall. No further discussion and so Mr. Ahlfeld left the meeting.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 3: To set the Annual 2016-2017 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the amount of \$15,000.00 per pupil for students in grades K-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA T.16 sections 823 & 828. Boomer Walker so moved. DR Holton seconded. No Discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – the article passed.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2016-2017 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district. Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – the article passed.

ARTICLE 5: To set the Annual 2016-2017 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$16,250.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district. Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – the article passed.

ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2016-2017 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 3 and Article 5, who are residents of the school district. Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – the article passed.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$570,759.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is

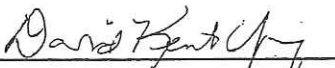
estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,342.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.3% lower than spending for the current year. Kent Young so moved. Chris Liller seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – the article passed.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district. Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – the article passed.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Discussion: The School Board answered questions concerning Act 46 and what it means to the Town. The School Directors are working with other non-operating towns to form a larger school district in compliance with the Act, otherwise the State will decide how to redistrict the Town in 2019. By acting now, the Town will avoid major penalties. It is likely that the Town will combine with Winhall – other Towns which may also join are Sandgate, Ira and possibly Searsburg – currently however, Winhall and Stratton are the only towns committed to proceed.

With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Al Dupell so moved. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. The Moderator asked for a voice vote – all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 11:32AM.

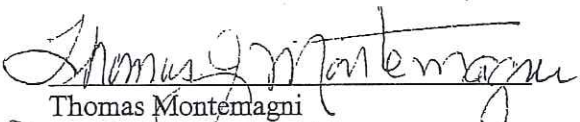
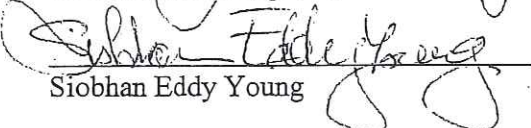
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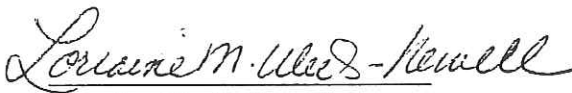

Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:


Moderator – Diana Stigger

Approved by the Stratton School Directors


Thomas Montemagni

Siobhan Eddy Young


Lorraine Weeks-Newell



American Red Cross
New Hampshire and
Vermont Region

Stratton town
Attn: Kent Young
9 W. Jamaica Rd.
Stratton, VT 05360



Dear Kent,

August 28, 2016 marked the five-year anniversary of Hurricane Irene and the devastation that the storm caused in our state. The Red Cross responded by setting up several shelters around the state, serving more than 15,000 meals, and thousands of bottles of water, and providing many other disaster relief items.

Just as we were there for Irene, we are there when there is a house fire and local families lose everything they own. We offer immediate relief in support in the hours and days immediately following a disaster, no matter its size. We prepare local volunteers to provide relief in the face of disasters. We teach people CPR and other lifesaving skills, and we canvass Vermont neighborhoods to install smoke alarms in an effort to reduce deaths and injuries from home fires. The Red Cross provides 40% of the nation's supply of blood and blood products. Through our Service to the Armed Forces, we support America's military families with a series of specialized programs. These are all the ways that we fill our humanitarian mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

All of our services are *free* and we receive *no* funding from federal or state governments. To provide these services, the American Red Cross reaches out to community partners like Stratton town for support. That is why the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont respectfully requests a donation of **\$500** for the upcoming fiscal year.

Last year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout our region:

- Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to **256** local disasters, helping over **1,218** people.
- We installed **1,827** smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- **303** Nurse Assistants and **28** Phlebotomists graduated from our trainings.
- We held **5,039** blood drives and collected **95,196** units of blood.
- We connected **628** military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.
- We currently have over **1,300** volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

As we learned from Irene, a disaster or emergency can strike at any time with or without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the **Town/City** community to help its residents in times of need. Your donation will help to ensure that your residents receive the support they need when disaster strikes.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the New Hampshire and Vermont Red Cross Region, thank you for considering our request to support our humanitarian work. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do.

Sincerely,

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development Specialist, Vermont

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Vermont Headquarters · 29 Mansfield Ave, Burlington, VT 05401 · 1-800-660-9130(p)
www.redcross.org/nhvt

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

Annual Report for the Town of Stratton

Animal Control Officer: Patrick Salo

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

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

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

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

BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY



Office of the Headmaster

February 2017

Dear Sending Town Communities:

We are pleased to submit our tuition for the 2017-2018 school year. We have set our tuition at \$16,700, an increase of 2.8%. This increase is in line with contracted faculty salary increases and our general rate of inflation in other expenses.

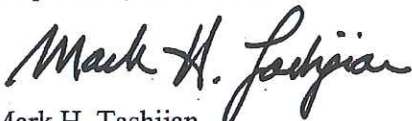
This has been an unusually busy time politically, with consolidation proposals under Act 46 coupled with proposed rules by the State Board of Education. We are deeply appreciative of the tremendous support Burr and Burton has received so that our sending communities will continue to have BBA available to all.

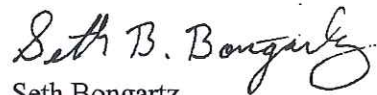
Your support increases our sense of responsibility to serve students, families and communities. We continue to strive to provide the highest quality educational experiences, a place where students are known and cared for, and a place where each student is able to build a meaningful future in a complex and rapidly changing world. To that end:

- We are most proud of the quality of our faculty and their dedication to students. Meaningful teacher-student relationships are one of the hallmarks of this school, and we are able to attract and retain unusually skilled teachers in no small part thanks to the support of our sending communities.
- We remain fully committed to superb programming in academics, athletics and the creative arts, ensuring that BBA students benefit from tremendous learning experiences and opportunities inside and outside the classroom.
- We continue to raise significant capital dollars to support infrastructure growth. In the past five years, thanks to private donations, we have installed a world-class turf field, launched the Mountain Campus program in environmental studies, launched the Student Success Program to support the aspirations of first-generation college bound students, and put iPads in the hands of every student and teacher. We upgraded our investment in the Target program, created a STEAM lab maker space, and, in partnership with Hildene, have launched a program in food systems and agricultural studies housed in a state-of-the-art greenhouse.
- We augment our tuition with \$700,000 in endowment draw, over \$2 million in international student revenue, and \$1 million in annual fundraising. These added sources of revenue ensure that we are able to provide programs and services that far exceed what would be possible on tuition dollars alone.

BBA cherishes its relationship with our sending communities. We seek to be an important resource, a reason that people want to live in our communities, and a source of strength and pride for all. Thank you very much for your support.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster


Seth Bongartz
Chair, Board of Trustees

Stratton Mountain
Urgent Care
Carlos Otis Clinic

December 2016

Dear Town of Stratton,

Each year, we are excited to reach out to share our recent accomplishments and our future plans. Each year, we strive to gather a devoted staff and we continue to add the best physicians to our volunteer roster. We enhance our facility and upgrade our equipment to maintain the highest standard of care. And, each year, we share our appreciation for your past contributions and ask for your continued support. It is your continued support and confidence in our facility that allows us to continue to be a current, state-of-the art medical facility serving our incredible community.

During the past year, the heart health of our community was our focus. Stratton Mountain Urgent Care sponsored a dedicated campaign to raise awareness about what to do in the event of a heart related medical emergency. The response of our Stratton community was beyond our expectations and highlighted our exceptional community. With the support of generous donors, we added **twelve** accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) around the resort bringing the total to **seventeen!** The impact on our community was felt immediately when a skier went into cardiac arrest on the mountain. Having an AED quickly available clearly saved that skier's life. We continue to train first responders and interested citizens in our community on CPR and AED use. Personally, I know that I feel more comfortable knowing that we have AEDs and trained individuals all over our community in case of a heart emergency.

For the upcoming year, Stratton Mountain Urgent Care needs to purchase more current heart monitors to integrate with our new AEDs. These new monitors are necessary both in the clinic and on our ambulance. The purchase of these monitors, as well as ultrasound equipment and new acute airway management devices, will enhance the medical tools that our dedicated physicians have requested in order to continue to provide the highest level of care to you and your family.

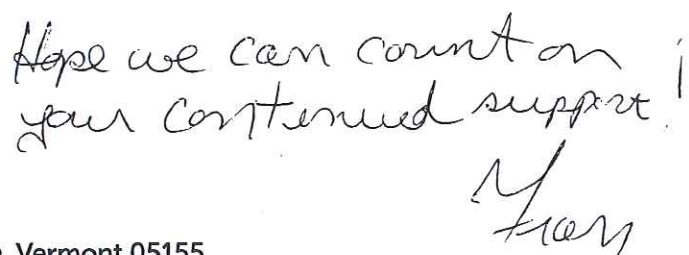
Your continued support is critical to Stratton Mountain Urgent Care. Our commitment to you continues to grow. Our Emergency Room physicians, orthopedic surgeons and other specialty physicians also provide care to you and your family beyond ski injuries. From ear infections to stomach bugs, to bumps and bruises, the availability of primary care medical services is a comfort to our patients of all ages.

Your financial support and charitable donations are the foundation of our ability to continue to advance our level of medical care. Stratton Mountain Urgent Care provides 100% physician attention at every visit. We are dedicated to being prepared for any level of medical care needed-from ski trauma, to heart attacks, to the common cold and flu.

Please help us to continue our progressive services with your generous contribution.



Fran Dorsky, President of the Board of Trustees



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Providing supplemental food to households in need

Annual Report to the Town of Stratton • 2016

On behalf of the Board and volunteers of the Community Food Pantry, as well as the many citizens of our communities who benefit directly from your generosity, I wish to thank the Town of Stratton for its continued support of our service. Hunger exists in every community and in every corner of Vermont. Hunger affects our children and our senior citizens. It affects those who by illness or circumstance find themselves in crisis. It can affect you; your mother or your sister; your child's best friend. It affects your neighbors. It is the continuing mission of the Community Food Pantry "to provide supplemental food to households in need". Our service provides assistance to anyone who asks — no requirements, no questions asked. We are confidential, supportive and non-judgmental. Hunger has no place in our community.

Constant assessment of the needs of our clients continues to guide us in our work. We have made an increasing commitment to providing healthy choices for all ages and actively work to encourage our client choices by the selections offered. Our offerings regularly include fresh eggs, milk, cheese and produce. Highlights of 2016 include:

- Our Kid's Cupboard, where school-age children (and parents) can select from an assortment of healthy school snacks (and a few treats, too).
- Implementation of our "Vermont Fresh" grant awarded by the Vermont Foodbank. The grant was designed to assist our effort to promote and increase the availability of fresh produce for our clients. Grant funds were used to purchase kitchen cutlery and large work surfaces to prep produce for distribution; multi-level produce bins for storage and display; a professional utility cart with additional produce bins; and aprons for our volunteers. The enhanced display space has allowed us to take full advantage of the Vermont Foodbank's produce distribution network that includes gleaned and salvaged items. Additionally, we have received generous gifts from the abundance of many local gardens.

The generosity of our communities, the good people of Jamaica, Wardsboro, and Stratton, together provide the strong local support that makes our work possible. In 2016 we benefited from:

- funding from the Stratton Foundation's "Vermont Challenge"
- Stratton Mountain Resort provided turkeys for our Thanksgiving distribution;
- the "Harvest Dinner" hosted by the Jamaica Community Church, a remarkable fundraiser and food drive for our benefit;
- the Wardsboro Yoked Parish, whose ongoing generosity and gift of space assures that our doors will always be open;
- the children of the Jamaica and Wardsboro schools whose food drives demonstrate life-lessons about generosity and helping others;
- D & K's Jamaica Market and Jackie in the Wardsboro Town Office who graciously accept gifts of food on our behalf;
- local gardeners who gift us from their abundance;
- many, many gifts from local organizations whose missions include giving back to their local community;
- many, many gifts from residents, businesses and second-homeowners who believe that hunger has no place in our community.

We are blessed to live in a place where neighbors truly help neighbors.

The Community Food Pantry is open on the second and last Wednesday of every month from 6:30 until 8 PM and is located in the Vestry of the Wardsboro Yoked Parish. Our volunteers respond to food emergencies and give consideration to special dietary requirements.

Thank you for supporting your Community Food Pantry.

Elaine Beckwith
Coordinator

The Community Food Pantry is a 501(c)3 organization
Network partner of the Vermont Foodbank.

mvtw.communityfoodpantryvt.org



Town Report for Stratton FY17 – Request for FY18

The Current has been southern Windsor and Windham County's public transit provider since 2003. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the communities we serve.

In 2015 The Current combined with Deerfield Valley Transit Association (DVTA), The MOOver, based in Wilmington to become Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc. (SEVT). This has strengthened both companies and built a stronger foundation to improve transit service in southeastern Vermont. It has leveraged the strengths of each organization to improve service delivery and customer service; reduced duplicate tasks; and produced a stronger, more financially sustainable regional system.

In 2015 SEVT was awarded management of an earmark to build a park & ride facility off Exit 6, and to use the balance on an expansion to The Current's transit facility. The park and ride was completed in the fall of 2016, and the building addition is expected to be completed in late December 2017. This request, and all town appropriations requests, will not be used as match for this project, but rather to provide annual operating support for our routes.

The Current operates fixed route, Elderly and Disabled, and non-emergency medical transportation services through its fleet of 36 buses and network of over 70 volunteer drivers. Last year The Current provided 968,068 rides, over the course of 136,798 hours and 3,415,496 miles for a total cost of \$4,798,842.

Stratton is served by a Dial-A-Ride service which includes medical rides for the elderly, disabled and /or children and families who receive Medicaid.

We operate on a blend of federal, state, and local funding. **Stratton's** \$250 contribution in 2016 was critical to providing the town our services because local funding allows us to draw down federal funds. We are asking **Stratton** to please consider a \$250 contribution for FY18.

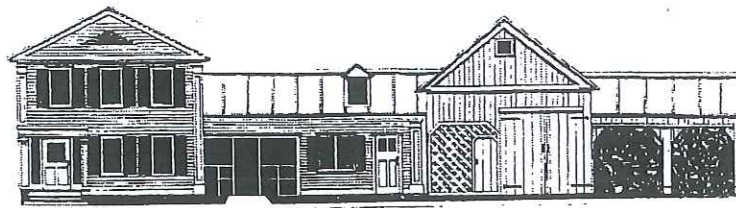
All existing Current services and routes will operate as they are now. There will be no change to **Stratton's** service levels or the variety of transportation options The Current provides. **Stratton's** contribution will stay local to support its residents and visitors. Guaranteed.

We thank the town for their previous support, and hope that you will support our 2017 funding request. Please contact us by email (rgagnon@crtransit.org); phone (802) 460-7433 x 201; or visit us at www.crtransit.org to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.



We Provide the Ride!

706 Rockingham Road Rockingham, VT 05101 tel 802-460-RIDE toll-free 1-888-869-6287 fax 802-460-1004 www.crtransit.org



Gloria Danforth Memorial Building

FRIENDS OF THE WARDSBORO LIBRARY

The Friends of the Wardsboro Library (Friends) celebrated 2016 as a truly memorable year. Effective July 1, 2016 the Gilfeather Turnip is now the official State Vegetable as recognized by the passing of bill H65. This achievement was made possible through extraordinary efforts by the Wardsboro Elementary School students, teachers, endorsement of the Friends and steadfast support of the Wardsboro townspeople.

The notoriety our town received because of the Vermont State Vegetable designation definitely enhanced our 2016 fundraising efforts. Our annual events attracted record numbers of visitors and positive attention: the Annual Plant Sale on Memorial Day weekend, the Best Raffle Ever for the beautiful quilt made and donated by Carol Steiner of Stratton, the Friends' Super Raffle booth at the July 4th Parade celebration and the 14th Annual Gilfeather Turnip Festival on October. The Gilfeather Turnip Festival, our largest event, was fun and very well attended in spite of the weather. The third revision of the Gilfeather Cookbook was also well received.

A noteworthy improvement to the library property is the new picnic tables, built by Wardsboro Boy Scout Troop 428. Thanks to Chaston Finaldi who, after presenting his design to the library trustees and the Friends, led the troop to completion of a park like area for the library visitors: The scouts also installed birdhouses on the lawn of the library. The birdhouses were donated to the library by Michael Babits. The building/maintenance committee is obtaining bids for the refurbishment of the "shed". We hope to have that completed by mid 2017 thus finishing the "barn" project.

An emergency expense was incurred when in the early summer it appeared the well was running dry. To avoid burning out the well pump we had a low water level shutoff installed. We then contacted well services and braced ourselves for the unknown cost of drilling a new well. Fortunately, it was determined that we could defer the cost of drilling a new well by pumping the silt from the old.

Our all-volunteer organization is made up of full time residents, and townspeople from neighboring communities as well as some seasonal residents. The Friends thank the dozens of energetic volunteers who – before, during and after every event – so generously give their time and talent. Without your support we could not continue, in 2017, our tireless dedication and mission to support and maintain the Wardsboro Public Library.

The Friends of the Wardsboro Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation registered with the State of Vermont and the IRS. Our primary mission is fulfilling the financial obligations and administrative duties related to the ownership, daily maintenance and ongoing rehabilitation of the house and barn known as the Gloria Danforth Memorial Building at 170 Main Street, Wardsboro, VT. The main activity of the Friends is fundraising. The organization does not collect dues.

The 2016 Board of Directors seated: chairperson (interim) Michael Cooney; vice chairperson Donna Fernandes; secretary Nancy Dawson; treasurer Connie Montemagni; Directors ; Nancy Ferrucci; Christel Holden, Sally Wadsworth.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday at 7 PM in the Library, (exceptions: *February* Annual Meeting for election of officers; *December* no meeting). Meeting minutes and financials may be viewed upon request. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Respectfully submitted, *The Officers and Board of Directors of the Friend of the Wardsboro Library*



"Grace Cottage provides expert care with a friendly feeling." Janet & Guy Nido, Wilmington, VT

Since 1949, Grace Cottage has existed for one purpose: to serve the health care needs of our rural community with competence and compassion. At Grace Cottage, our mission is to relieve suffering, restore health, and promote wellness.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for the convenience of those who choose to use Grace Cottage for their primary care, as over 7,000 residents of Windham County currently do. Primary care for your family, including physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, podiatry, urology, and mental health services are provided on a daily basis, and most of our 14 providers are accepting new patients.

Three years ago, through the Vermont Blueprint for Health Initiative, we created a **Community Health Team** at Grace Cottage Family Health. In 2015, we secured private funding to greatly expand this department, which offers valuable, **free** services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, short-term mental health and substance abuse assessment, assistance with applying for health insurance and connecting to community resources, and more.

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

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a palliative care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. Thanks to donations made in 2016, a new room and an ultrasound with a cardiac probe were added to the Emergency Department.

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

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

Private donations and town appropriations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support**. You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

*Grace Cottage is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization.
185 Grafton Road, Townshend, VT 05353. 802-365-7357
www.gracecottage.org*

FY 2016, by the numbers:

25,242: Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health

3,868: Patient days in hospital

2,982: Emergency Dept. visits

6,429: Outpatient Rehab visits

1,816: Diagnostic Imaging visits

2,554: Community Health Team visits

57,220: Prescriptions filled

3,692: Visits to Wellness classes and events

2,003: Individual donations to Grace Cottage



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Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 2016

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

PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU REQUIRE A SECOND REQUEST LETTER FOR FUNDS DISTRIBUTION.

Town report information for Green Up Day, May 7, 2016
(This is available for download at www.greenupvermont.org under "About Us.")

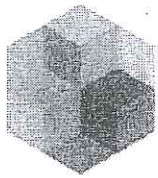
Green Up Day marked its 46th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes 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 individual 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. 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 seventeen percent the 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. Sixth grader Blake Clark says "I think we should keep this tradition going forever and ever!" Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away.

Mark your calendar: May 6, 2017 Green Up Day, 47 years of tradition!

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



groundworks
COLLABORATIVE

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

FOODWORKS

Groundworks Food Shelf – Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (and Tuesday afternoons for seniors only), the food shelf provides emergency food for over 1300 individuals (roughly 290 households) per month.

HOUSINGWORKS

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

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

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

SUPPORTWORKS

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

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

HEALTHWORKS

Mental Health Collaborative – Groundworks Shelter hosts an on-site Mental Health & Addiction Treatment Counselor from the Brattleboro Retreat for 16 hours each week keeping valuable connections to the Retreat's services available, even as residents leave the Shelter.

Vulnerable Population Care Coordinator – Beginning in the fall of 2016, the Day Shelter will host a Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Registered Nurse on-site for 16 hours each week.

basic needs met with dignity

PO Box 370 | 81 Royal Road | Brattleboro, VT 05302 | www.GroundworksVT.org | T: 802.257.0066 | F: 802.257.0286

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

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

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

October 14, 2016

Request for Support from the Town of Stratton

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$500.00 from the Town of Stratton at the 2017 Town Meeting to help defray the cost of services to its residents for the Mental Health Walk-In Clinic. In the year ending June 30, 2016, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,504 residents of Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

For inclusion in 2016 Town Report:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY

The Historical Society of Windham County was founded in 1927 to preserve our County's history for present and future generations.

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

In 2014, the Historical Society purchased the 1880 Railroad Station in Newfane — one of ten depots along the West River Railroad which ran from Brattleboro to South Londonderry. The Historical Society plans to create a Museum of the West River Railroad and annex of the current Museum. Restoration of the Railroad Depot began in 2015 and is slated for completion in 2017. Look for announcements of the grand opening of the Museum in the Fall of 2017!

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

Thank you.

Donna-Marie La Marche Sikes

76 East Lake Shore Trail,

Glastonbury, CT 06033

absdms@sbcglobal.net

January 2, 2017

Kent Young

Town Clerk

Stratton, VT

Dear Kent Young,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Donna-Marie La Marche Sikes

THE LONDONDERRY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad responded to 513 calls in 2016. This is a record high for our squad which responded to 443 calls last year. The location of these calls are as follows: 2 in Andover, 18 in Jamaica, 7 in Landgrove, 122 in Londonderry, 85 in South Londonderry, 37 in Peru, 27 in Stratton, 80 in Weston, 19 in Windham, 73 in Winhall, 1 in Ludlow, 1 in Manchester and 2 in Chester. There were 39 calls at the following ski areas: 22 at Bromley, 16 at Stratton, and 1 at Magic Mountain.

Of these calls: 273 were illnesses, 112 injuries, 66 motor vehicle accidents, 17 stand-by calls, and 45 public assists. We responded to 18 mutual aid calls, while 36 calls resulted in other services coming to our aid. Our members initiated Advanced Life Support measures and interventions on over 200 calls. These interventions include: starting 141 pre-hospital IV's, cardiac defibrillations, and administration of albuterol, epinephrine, norepinephrine, aspirin, nitroglycerin, morphine, fentanyl, and dextrose (D50). We used a Paramedic Intercept service 3 times and called in the DHART helicopter 7 times. Sixty-four percent of our calls were daytime calls between the hours of 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Of the patients we transported, 33 were younger than 18 years of age while 219 patients were over 65.

Our Squad membership grew by an amazing twelve members this past year, while losing only three members. Much of the credit for this goes to our Training Officer (Marge Fish) and members of our squad that helped conduct an EMR course this past year. This brings our total membership to forty-seven members. Nine of these members are ambulance drivers with CPR training, ten Emergency Medical Responders, eleven Emergency Medical Technicians, twelve Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, and five Paramedics. We also just completed an AEMT course in which two of our EMTs are waiting to be tested. We have just started an EMT course in which three members (one ambulance driver and two EMRs) will be advancing their certifications. We also have an EMR taking an EMT course in Rutland.

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

Please go to our completely new and updated website at (londonderryrescuevt.org) to check us out. You can find our contact information, a list of officers and members, history of LVRS, download our joining applications and even give donations online.

LVRS is now getting individual text messages (in addition to our tones) of our calls from our dispatch service in Keene, NH. This has made finding the right locations much quicker and easier with our cell phones and GPS's.

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

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

Thank You,

William "Pete" Cobb Jr. President, LVRS

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year 2016, the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad had expenses totaling \$157,674.08. There were 513 calls at an average expense of \$307.36 per call.

Wilma Tremarco Treasurer, LVRS

Rescue Inc

Rescue started this past year on a high note, celebrating fifty years of service in the community. We hosted a reunion, celebration and open house that allowed us to connect with many men and women that have defined our organization in the last half-century. Alumni shared stories of the humble beginnings of Rescue Inc and the camaraderie and commitment that has sustained it. The recurring theme all evening was high quality emergency medicine and the desire to provide the best care to our patients. As we look to the future; we recognize that health care delivery is changing, technology is improving and our communities rely on us to continually evolve to meet these new demands.

This year our provider staff was busy responding to more than five thousand calls in our fifteen member towns. The calls ranged from simple assistance to complicated medical and trauma patients that required transport to hospitals in Dartmouth and Boston. In addition we also provided medical standby for events and large incidents in our nearly five hundred square mile coverage area. Our administrative team and board of trustees continue to work on operational efficiency, equipment replacement and Medicaid payment improvements to ensure that Rescue is ready for the future.

We have been undertaking an efficiency and modernization project at our Brattleboro office that has allowed us to provide a space for the hundreds of local citizens, medical providers and future EMTs to receive training each year through our community training center. These programs range from CPR and First Aid to Advanced Cardiac Life Support. In the West River Valley, construction is underway on a new facility that will allow us to meet the growing needs in that region.

This year's equipment upgrades include a complete rebuild on A6. This "new" truck is slightly larger and will better accommodate the ventilators and pumps used by our Critical Care Paramedics. This truck also comes with our first new stretcher and mounting systems to meet the latest federal requirements.

We worked with the Vermont Ambulance Association and our state representatives on Medicaid payment reform. Expansion of our state managed Medicaid program was creating major funding issues for ambulance services across the state. We are pleased that some improvement was made last year in reimbursement amounts and look forward to working with legislators again during this session.

This year starts the next fifty years of commitment to high quality patient care consistent with the vision of our founders and the expectations of our community. As your regional non-profit ambulance and rescue service, our mission is to serve you, our community.



*Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont
38 Pleasant St, Springfield, VT 05156*

ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging.

This is a summary of services provided to **Stratton** in the last year (2015-2016).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered 3 calls from your town. The HelpLine offers assistance with applying for benefits, solving health insurance problems, accessing resources related to housing needs, fuel assistance, mental health, legal aid and many other services. Extensive resources are also detailed at www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Health Insurance: We helped 1 resident with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan enrollment or other Medicare related questions.

Senior Nutrition: We offer congregate community meals in Jamaica, Townshend and Londonderry (May through October) through partnerships with community members. A Registered Dietician is available to offer nutritional counseling when appropriate.

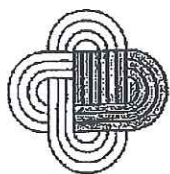
Transportation: Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Social Services: We provided 1 elder resident with 16.5 hours of in-home case management or other home based services to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization.

Special Assistance: We provided assistance to residents through flexible funds that include respite assistance for care givers of those diagnosed with dementia and assistance with needs not covered by other funding.

Your contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our services. We do not charge for any of our services. Your town's support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director
(802) 885-2853 Fax (802) 885-2865 Toll Free (866) 673-8376
Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119



**BRATTLEBORO
DEVELOPMENT
CREDIT CORPORATION**

SeVEDS

Advancing Southern Vermont

November 22, 2016
Town of Stratton Selectboard
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

Dear Stratton Selectboard,

Since 2012, Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) board and staff members have been invited to attend meetings with selectboards and town officials in towns throughout Southern Vermont. This has been a tremendous experience for us, and a great opportunity for towns to learn more about the progress of regional economic development efforts currently underway. Those efforts include: the growing success of our regional paid college internship program, our high school Fast Tracks to Success program which focuses on increasing students awareness of the existing job opportunities in the region, Southern Vermont Young Professionals, and our rapidly growing Green Building and Services cluster analysis also known as, the Ecovation Hub.

Earlier this year, the BDCC, on behalf of SeVEDS, accepted an award for Excellence in Economic Development, from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) for implementing a Multi-Year Economic Development Program, the Windham Region S.M.A.R.T CEDS. The IEDC Award comes on the heels of two Northeast Economic Developers Association awards for Project of the Year, The Windham Workforce Center of Excellence and Program of the Year for the GS Precision Expansion. These distinguished awards are the result of the work by the boards, committees, municipalities and community members over the last eight years to strengthen the Windham Region's economy.

In support of the continuation of the regional efforts, SeVEDS is again requesting municipal funding for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. SeVEDS, is an affiliate of Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), which grew from a 2008 grassroots effort whose mission is to reverse the economic decline of the Windham Region. Since submitting the Windham Region's federally recognized S.M.A.R.T Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the BDCC and SeVEDS have been working to implement the strategies highlighted in this economic development roadmap. SeVEDS receives funding from both the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the BDCC.

Since 2013, we have raised over one hundred fifty thousand dollars in municipal funds from the following towns: Brattleboro, Dover, Londonderry, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Rockingham, Vernon, Weston, Westminster, and Wilmington. We are again asking all towns to contribute towards this regional economic development effort at the rate of \$3.00 per person, based on town population. We are asking the Town of Stratton to include in its budget or a separately warned article on its 2017 Town Meeting Warning to: appropriate \$648.00 (based on population of 216) to support continued implementation of the Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies efforts.

Please let me know when this request may be discussed by the board. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to following up with the board on this request.

Sincerely,

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SeVEDS Project Manager
Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation 76
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A tree from the Green Mountain National Forest serving as Vermont's Capitol Christmas Tree

Green Mountain National Forest

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

www.townofstrattonvt.com

on the "Town Meeting / Report" page select:

"The Green Mountain National Forest's Annual Report for the 2017 Town Meeting"

VALLEY CARES, INC.

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

December 16, 2016

Dear Selectboard,

Valley Cares respectfully requests \$335 in continued support from the Town of Stratton at Town Meeting in 2017.

This year Valley Cares, Inc. turned 10 years old! So much has happened in those 10 years, largely thanks to caring folks such as your community members. People like you created our organization, work at our organization and volunteer countless services to support our mission. Your contributions of good will, time and financial support help Valley Cares bring so much good to older adults in your community!

Our West River Valley Senior Housing community provides affordable housing and options for supportive services for up to 72 seniors. While we charge for housing, meals, and care programming, we must subsidize a portion of all of our services to make them affordable to low-to moderate-income elders. Half of our independent living units receive rental subsidies so that the resident only pays 30% of their income in rent. Likewise, 2 out of 3 of the assisted living residents receive either public or private support to help make the cost of care more affordable. Because we realize seniors are on fixed budgets, we charge less than the government specified "fair market rent" for ALL of our apartments.

In addition to our housing, our other free community services continue to benefit members of the Stratton community. The medical equipment lending program has benefitted numerous local residents this year by providing free walkers, commodes, shower chairs, and other equipment to anyone in need of such assistance. Also, our newest program, SASH (Support And Services at Home), benefits several older residents of Stratton by providing a little added support to help them remain safe, healthy and happy at home.

We enjoy serving your community and are grateful for your financial assistance. You help enable us to continue providing these services to residents of your community.

Thank you for your on-going assistance.

Sincerely,



Susanne Shapiro
Executive Director

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

Request Amount: \$105.00

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

In FY'16 (10/2015-9/2016) VCIL responded to over **2,7111** 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 **360** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **24** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **196** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **95** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **92** individuals with information on assistive technology; **35** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **559** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. VCIL is also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **23** 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. Also new this year, our Windham county office now 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 '16, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

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

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

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2016 Overview

“Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government”

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

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

Vermonters use local government services on a daily basis – highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water. These local efforts are led largely by volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, to assist them in providing their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services.** VLCT’s Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) provides training, information and assistance to municipal officials to help them carry out their legal responsibilities. Responding to member inquiries about Vermont law and best practices in municipal governance is a key MAC service. Attorneys and staff answer 4,000 member questions each year. In 2016, nearly 1,500 people received training at 30 day-long and on-site workshops covering topics that included Open Meeting Law compliance, financial management, and conducting effective property tax appeal and land use hearings. Consulting services include legal drafting and review of policies and ordinances, governmental accounting, and town manager recruitment. Members who respond to MAC’s annual compensation and benefits survey receive a complimentary copy of the research report. MAC also offers in-depth technical assistance through our Water Resources Protection and Human Resources assistance programs. Publications including model documents, technical papers, handbooks, and past newsletter articles are available on VLCT’s website.
- **Advocacy representation at the state and federal levels to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority needed to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the renewable energy debate, enhancing voter authority in local governance decisions, municipal efforts to clean up Vermont’s lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2017 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services at the local level. VLCT also provides a *Weekly Legislative Report* that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available free-of-charge on the VLCT website.
- **Opportunities to provide purchasing of needed services at the lowest cost.** Members may purchase municipal unemployment, property, casualty, and workers’ compensation insurance coverage for local operations. The **VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust** continued to help towns navigate the complexities of health insurance procurement and to secure group life, disability, dental and vision insurance. When substantial municipal damages result from weather events, or towns suffer from other covered losses and lawsuits, the value of membership in the **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** is quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments provided. The Trusts are stewards of \$26 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services in 2016. More than \$1 million in ownership dividends was returned to PACIF and VERB members as contribution credits.

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



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 1, 2016

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 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 **18 years** of the program, **1015 grants** totaling **\$2.2 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 three 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 Conservation 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 2014 we increased the maximum grant award amount from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per project, and made repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing rural water supply systems 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.

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 over **\$9,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

213 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,



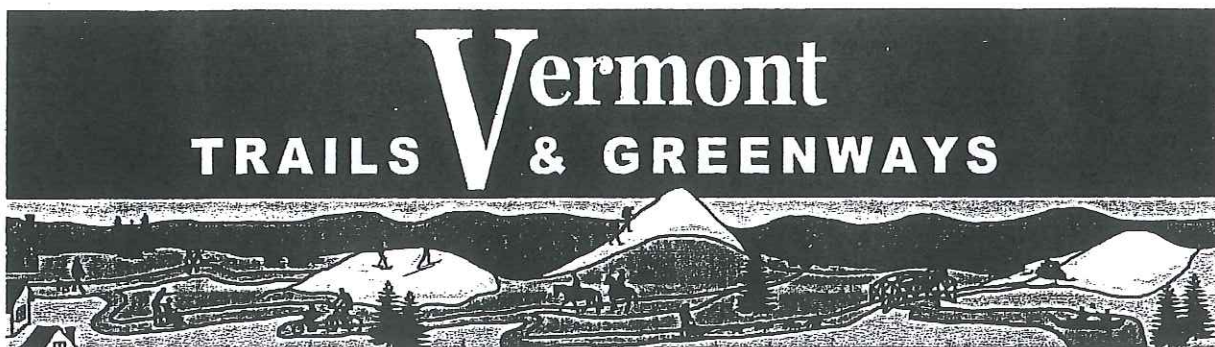
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Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
George Cook, UVM Extension
Bill Barry, Berlin VFD
Tess Greaves, Vermont Forest Parks & Recreation
Jeremy McMullen, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Jenny Nelson, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division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



Greetings!

On behalf of the Vermont Trails & Greenways Council, we hope this letter finds you closing out a great 2016 and anticipating a bountiful 2017. We respectfully request your support by including a renewal application with this letter. With every Town in Vermont handling their budget process differently, we hope this request arrives at an appropriate time. Being an organization with state-wide responsibility we are not able to petition each town, so we humbly ask that this small amount be included in your budget.

For over a decade, the Vermont Trails & Greenways Council has been your voice for recreation, trails and conservation issues throughout the state. Our membership is comprised of a wide variety of outdoor groups; organizations that work hard, both statewide and at the community level, to provide comprehensive public access to Vermont's recreation resources. Because the Council embraces a broad spectrum of user groups, we are often able to speak with one voice in our efforts to expand and protect public access to trail lands, acquire State and Federal trail dollars, and steward natural resources.

Your support will provide a voice for trail interests throughout Vermont. The Vermont Trails & Greenways Council is working to shape the future of recreation in Vermont, for all users. Together we represent: walkers and joggers, cross-country skiers, bicyclists, mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, snowmobilers, mushers, off-road vehicle users, ATVers, paddlers, municipalities, community path organizations, local and regional planners, land trusts, conservation and recreation committees, guides, and private individuals.

The projects the Vermont Trails & Greenways Council plans to continue to work on include:

- ❖ Hosting quarterly meetings to keep you up-to-date on Vermont events, projects and policies and provide important networking opportunities to share and learn with people across the state,
- ❖ Connecting members through our biannual newsletter. Keeping you informed with trail updates as well as feature articles on issues affecting trails in Vermont.
- ❖ Advising the Vermont Department of Forests, Park and Recreation on revisions to the Vermont Trail System.
- ❖ Developing and distributing the Vermont Trails & Greenways Manual- a resource guide for creating and managing community trails projects.
- ❖ Providing guidance with the Vermont Recreation Trails Fund, an important funding source for trails projects.
- ❖ Advocating for trail users in the Vermont Legislature and with State and Federal Agencies to secure trail funding, ensure public access to trails, and protect trail lands, and
- ❖ Providing community assistance- members of the Council have decades of collective trail experience and can assist you in planning, funding and creating your next trail project.

Please complete the attached form for membership and feel free to contact us with your ideas. By working together we can arrive at solutions which will continue to improve our communities. For more information on how the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council directly supports outreach, education and advocacy work, please contact me at 802-477-5075

We hope you will become involved and help us shape the future of recreation in Vermont.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Danny Hale". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

Danny Hale, Chair

802-477-5075

14 Don Camp Dr • Barre, VT 05641

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

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

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

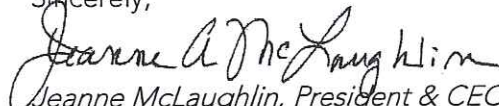
Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, VNH made 18 homecare visits to Stratton residents. This included approximately \$3,460 in unreimbursed care to Stratton residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 14 home visits to residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 4 home visits to a resident who was in the final stages of their life.

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

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

Sincerely,


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

Wardsboro Public Library
P.O. Box 157, 170 Main St. Wardsboro, VT 05355
(802-298-6988)
www.wardsboropubliclibrary.org
Wardsboro@vals.state.vt.us

December 28, 2016

To the town of Stratton,

In the past the town of Stratton has helped to underwrite a portion of the operating expenses of the Wardsboro library. This year the Library is requesting a donation of \$5,000.00. This is an increase of \$2,400.00 (from \$2,600.00 to \$5,000.00).

The increases in the requests to both Wardsboro and Stratton are based on the following.

We have over the years attempted to bring the library Director's salary in line with salaries paid at other libraries similar in size to ours. This is also true for the rest of the library staff.

Additionally as all employees are hourly wage earners, they must by law, be paid for all hours relating to hours outside of normal operating hours. We have calculated the hours for each person and have raised the pay accordingly. This includes sick days and vacations.

In order to satisfy the state more working hours are needed each week. The library must stay open and functioning while administrative business also is completed.

The trustees are asking the town of Wardsboro solely to pay the salaries of the library employees. In past years this allocation sometimes was sufficient to cover the salaries of the personnel. Any shortfall and all other operating expenses are paid for through fundraising.

Fund raising includes:

- the annual appeal
- the Stratton town request
- the March variety show
- the May bake sale
- the July 4th book sale
- the July 4th duck race
- a table at the October turnip festival
- the December Santa visit/cookie sale
- the December WRVC concert

We also accept donations.

In fiscal year 2015-2016, these events to date, have brought in approximately \$11,275.00. Our budgeted, operating expenses are \$20,350.00. Despite pairing down some line items and estimating the annual appeal, our projected net loss could be over \$5,000.00.

The request to Stratton is to help defray some of this projected shortfall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

January 6, 2017

Mr. Kent Young, Town Clerk
Town of Stratton 9 W. Jamaica Rd. Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Mr. Young,

I am writing from the Windham County Humane Society to respectfully request that the Town of Stratton consider an appropriation of \$400 to WCHS to support our important animal welfare work. Our town report with all intake and outcome data, is outlined below:

Windham County Humane Society

Town Report July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 Description of Services:

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

Animal Intake and Outcome numbers

1,013 animals came in to WCHS:

307 animals were surrendered by their owners, 15 animals were seized by law enforcement, 315 animals were brought in as strays, 301 animals came in as transports from other regions of the country were the euthanasia rate is 50% or higher

75 animals that were adopted out were returned to WCHS

Outcomes

745 animals were adopted, 105 animals were reunited with their owner, 45 animals were euthanized for health or behavior issues. (That's a euthanasia rate of 5%. The average euthanasia rate in the US is 50%). WCHS does not euthanize for time or space. 33 Animals were euthanized for owners who could not afford veterinary clinic fees for this service. 13 animals died in care. 50 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations. 1 animal was dead on arrival (killed by a car).

The average length of stay for animals was under 20 days.

Total expenses for WCHS in 2015-2016 was \$454,300.

Spay/Neuter

WCHS hosts low-cost spay/neuter clinics every month. The WCHS provides financial assistance to applicants who cannot afford the fees, and free spay/neuter for feral/un-owned cats. In 2015 the WCHS spayed/neutered 549 public animals and provided \$9,390 in financial aid. All WCHS animals are s/n prior to adoption.

Pet Care Assistance

This program provides basic preventative care and vaccines, at low-to-no cost to low-income pet owners. Pet owners must apply and provide proof of residency in Windham County and proof of financial need. In the first 6 months of 2016, the WCHS provided to over 200 pet owners:

- 118 rabies vaccines, subsidized 47% by the WCHS
- 121 distemper vaccines, subsidized 55% by the WCHS
- 195 doses of parasite prevention, subsidized 20% by the WCHS
- 21 animals received diagnostic tests, subsidized 46% by the WCHS
- 8 pet owners purchased prescribed medications at cost
- 6 animals were micro-chipped at cost

We are grateful for your past support and look forward to a continued support from the Town of Stratton.
Sincerely,



Annie Gulon
Executive Director, WCHS



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Keith D. Clark, Sheriff
PO Box 266, Newfane VT 05345
Tel: (802) 365-4942
Fax: (802) 365-4945



Stratton Report

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided an augmented police service to the people of Stratton FY2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) in the amount of \$57000, or approximately 2080 hours of service for the year. Our office was able to provide 1952 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to 250 calls for service, or calls where response was refused by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY16, we issued a total of 146 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$14540.80 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 118 warnings were issued and 983 calls for service were answered.

This year, we were privileged to be selected to be the recipient for State Farm's National Youth Advisory Board's grant. Through this grant, we are able to continue the Enhanced Teen Driver Safety Program, which builds upon the foundation of driver's education for teenage drivers in an effort to improve driver safety and reduce teen deaths. With this grant, the program is able to purchase vehicle driving simulators which will be used at area schools in an effort to develop youthful drivers.

We've continued to maintain our fleet of cruisers by replacing two vehicles with 2016 Ford Interceptor SUVs. Due to the high demand we receive each year regarding concerns of speed within each community, we're also pleased to announce the acquisition of a second RADAR speed cart, purchased through another grant. This will allow us to cover twice as many requests in areas seeking traffic calming.

Along with years past, we've provided several community services throughout the county with no cost or effect on the contract rate. These programs include Click It or Ticket, the Southeastern Unit for Special Investigation, Are You Okay?, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, Toys for Kids, snow mobile patrols and the Camp Leadership Challenge. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications without it going into their groundwater or being stolen. It is the continued support of Stratton and others which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Keith D. Clark

Call Types	#
911 Hangup	1
Accident - Property damage only	2
Alarm	4
Arrest on Warrant	1
Assist - Agency	1
Assist - Citizen	1
Assist - Motorist	2
ATV Complaint	1
Compliance Check	1
Illegal Dumping	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	3
Property Damage	1
Property Watch	4
Speaking Engagement	1
Suspicious Event	3
Traffic Hazard	4
Traffic Stop	216
Unsecured Premises	1
VIN verification	1
Violation of Conditions of Release	1
Grand Total	250



The Windham Regional Commission

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

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

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

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

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 22 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. We convened stakeholders and coordinated planning in support of an application for funds for fixed route transit service on Route 30. We developed evacuation planning templates for towns, and a model bylaw that integrates both flood hazard and river corridor requirements. We were successful in our application for an additional \$750,000 for our Brownfields program to assess and cleanup sites throughout the region. We've helped towns understand how the state Clean Water Initiative affects them, including town applications for grants to conduct road erosion inventories. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$477. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2017, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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Brattleboro

2016 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

Brookline

Dover

VOTE TO CLOSE MRF

Dummerston

Guilford

Halifax

Jamaica

Marlboro

Newfane

Putney

Readsboro

Stratton

Townshend

Vernon

Wardsboro

Westminster

Whitingham

Wilmington

Winhall

The 2016 calendar year for WSWMD ended with a decision by the Board of Supervisors to discontinue the operation of our recycling collection and processing at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), effective July 1, 2017.

By the end of June, the District will remove recycling roll-off boxes from transfer stations in Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Townshend, Wardsboro, Whitingham, and Wilmington. The 24-7 recycling roll-off containers will also be removed from Brattleboro's Fairground Road, Brookline, Dummerston, Halifax, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Vernon, and Westminster. Recycling containers will still be available for use by District residents at the WSWMD recycling convenience center at 327 Old Ferry Road.

The seven transfer station towns are required by state law to provide recycling services, and will therefore contract with private haulers to provide recycling services at transfer stations.

The nine towns with 24-7 roll-off containers are not required by state law to provide recycling since those locations do not accept trash, but will have the option of continuing those containers with a private hauler. The cost to towns for contracting for recycling services will shift to the town's budget, rather than through the annual tax assessment from the District.

SOLAR PROJECT ON LANDFILL

WSWMD signed a \$100,000 per year lease with Sky Solar to develop a 5 Mega-Watt solar photo-voltaic array on our 25-acre closed landfill, and all permit applications were filed. Construction is expected to start in Spring 2017, and should be generating electricity next fall. All District member towns, as well as school districts, have been invited to sign up for a 20-year net-metering agreement that will provide significant cost savings for municipal budgets.

FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING

Of all the recyclable materials processed by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris.

The District's food scrap composting facility is in its 3rd year of operation, and is now the 2nd largest such facility in Vermont. Total tons of food scraps, soiled paper, and cardboard delivered to the facility has increased each year as a result of Vermont's Act 148, which requires that food scraps, and yard debris be diverted from landfill disposal, including residents by 2020. The Town of Brattleboro's curbside collection of food scraps is the largest source with approximately 12 tons per week.

The food scraps are mixed with yard debris and wood chips, and turned with a loader bucket. After 6 months the compost is screened to ¼ inch particle size using a rented screen, and in the Spring of 2016, the District sold out of its compost.

The District received a grant from ANR in 2016 to assist approximately 80 food scrap generators in Brattleboro in setting up for food scrap recycling with their trash haulers.

The District successfully established school food scrap recycling programs at: Brattleboro Middle and High School, Leland and Grey, Twin Valley, Guilford, Dover and Newbrook Elementary.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The District conducted 3 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections this year in the Towns of Brattleboro, Townshend, and Whitingham, with 307 households participating. The District offers year round collection of certain hazardous waste such as mercury containing products, leftover paints, and used motor oil and filters.

WSWMD participates in the Vermont Paintcare Program, which provides free recycling of leftover paints, etc. New this year, the District offers free drop-off of single-use batteries. The District also provides free recycling of TVs, computers and computers.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Act 148 requires the District's staff to work with businesses and schools to provide recycling education, and a full-time position is dedicated to this work.

The District offers tours of our facilities to schools and interested residents, and provides educational materials about reuse, recycling, and composting. Backyard compost bins are sold at discounted prices at the District office.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Spencer, Executive Director



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

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

Homeownership Center

The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 23 homeowners in 2016 with home repair projects.

One-to-one Counseling helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training and credit counseling. In 2016, 56 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

The **Shared Equity Program** provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions. 134 homes are in the shared equity program.

Rental Housing Development Program-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2016, we renovated 37 apartments, 29 of which were substantial rehabs of historic properties, and 8 of which were part of an energy efficiency pilot program.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 667 rental apartments with over 1000 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

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

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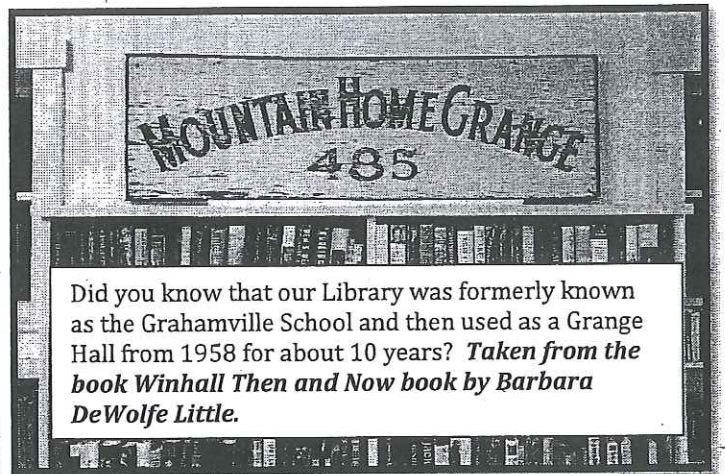
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There are some amazing
things going on at
the Winhall Library!

WINHALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Annual Report July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016



First and foremost, Thank you to Connie Guttroff our long-time Librarian and familiar face of our library. We will be forever grateful for her endless enthusiasm and dedication to our library. Connie officially retired this summer and will be greatly missed.

Early this Summer we welcomed our new Librarian, Dawn Santos, and we couldn't be happier. Dawn is a Vermont Certified Librarian, who was the assistant Librarian at the Poultney Public Library for more than seven years. She has opened a whole new world to us, as to what our little library can do. We have been getting some amazing feedback about all the wonderful new and exciting things that are going on at the library.

In the short few months that Dawn has been here, and with volunteer help from our board and the local community we have/will:



Increased hours from 1-6 on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Reorganized books, shelves, sections, etc.

Started a Book Discussion Group, where we provide copies of the book for each event

Started a Pre-school Story time

Issued 104 Library cards

Begun a monthly Artist Showcase, where local artists can display their work, come in and check it out

Upgraded our Free WIFI; we now have faster, better service

Begun to inventory and catalog our collection of books and other media to enable us to participate in the Interlibrary loan program. Coming soon: If we do not have the book you're looking for we can reach out to other libraries and borrow it for you.

Held a well-attended political discussion in October, with Oliver Olsen, our local candidate for VT House of Representatives

Begun hosting Community Luncheons in collaboration with the Winhall Community Arts Center - third Thursday every month & it's Free!

Begun a monthly Newsletter, available online and email

Added a computer - we now have 4

Sent out a survey to see how we could better service our community and received 28 responses

Be applying to participate in the VT Reads Vermont Humanities 2017 program - A statewide, one-book community reading program. We will have copies of this year's book available at no charge.

Signed up for the 2017 VT Summer Children's Reading Program

Begun discussions on hosting more Community and Children's events

Our 7th Annual "Friend Raiser" and Summer Picnic was well attended, honoring Connie Guttroff our retiring Librarian. We listened to great music by The Merry Pranksters a local musical group and we once again, grilled hot dogs, ate ice cream and sold books. A great time was had by all and we raised \$2,507!



Library Hours

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1 to 6 pm
Saturdays, 10-12**

Check us out online

**winhallmemoriallibrary.org
Facebook & Instagram**

2 Lower Taylor Hill Road, Bondville, VT 05340 or call 802-297-9741

**Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
And
Report to the Town of Stratton**

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

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

During the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the Freedom Center worked with a total of 524 survivors and their 471 children and responded to 1,622 crisis telephone calls, figures that include 2 survivors and 2 children from Stratton. In addition, we provided access to legal representation, community education, school presentations and workshops, outreach, and emergency advocacy throughout Windham County.

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

Regards,



Vickie Sterling

Executive Director

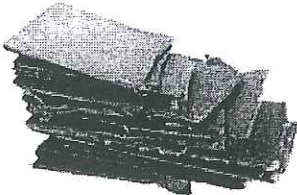
Women's Freedom Center

ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

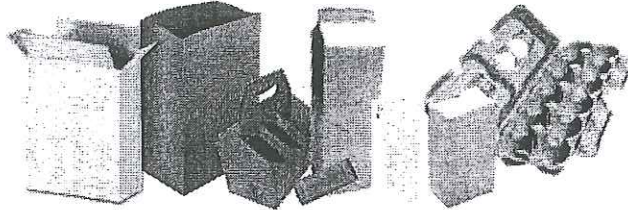
No sorting on your end makes recycling quick and easy! Just focus on tossing all Zero-Sort recyclables into one bin and Casella takes care of the rest.

Please **EMPTY** and **RINSE** all containers and **flatten** and **break down** cardboard boxes.

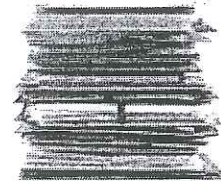
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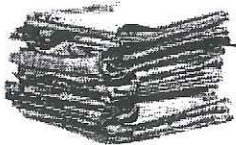
Corrugated Cardboard
(wavy center layer)



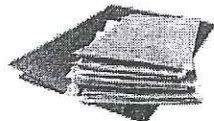
Boxboard and Paper Cartons
(dry-food boxes, cores, paper bags, egg, milk, and juice cartons)



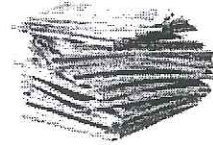
File Folders and Office Paper
(all colors)



Newspaper
(all sections, inserts)

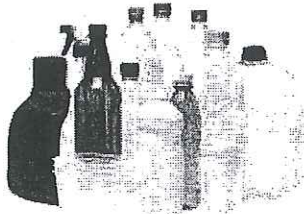


Mail and Greeting Cards
(junk mail, envelopes)

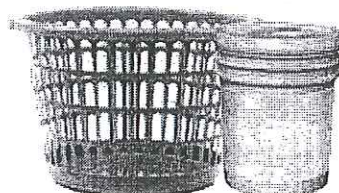


Magazines and Phone Books
(catalogs, soft cover books)

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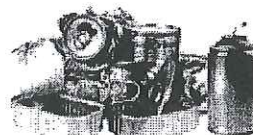


Plastic Containers
(#1-#7)



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

METAL



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

GLASS



Glass Bottles
(food jars, beverage)

⊘ NOT ACCEPTED:

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



Our commitment to our customers is to ensure the highest quality of service in the industry for all of your waste and recycling needs, and to continually evaluate your services, recommending better alternatives where applicable based on new technology, alternate disposal methods, or changes in regulatory requirements.

For information about Residential Curbside Terms and Conditions, visit casella.com/residential-terms



2016 Vermont Public Service Awards

This certificate is to recognize

Lawrence Bills

for over 34 years of service to
Windham County
and to the
State of Vermont



James C. Condos
Vermont Secretary of State

A handwritten signature of James C. Condos in black ink.

Awarded on June 8th, 2016

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This certificate is to recognize

Albert Dupell

for over 39 years of service to
Windham County
and to the
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This certificate is to recognize

Joann Liller

for over 26 years of service to
Windham County
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2016 Vermont Public Service Awards

This certificate is to recognize

Allan Hicks

for over 28 years of service to
Windham County
and to the
State of Vermont



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Vermont Secretary of State

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TOWN OF STRATTON

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Town Garage & Highway Department: 896-6224

Town Garage FAX: 896-6999

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Selectmen: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month – 7:30 PM – Town Office

Planning Commission: 1st Wednesday of the month – 7:00 PM - Town Office

School Board: 1st Thursday of the month – 7:00 PM – Town Office

Volunteer Fire Co.: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month – 7:00 PM
Meetings are held at the Fire House – 5 Brazers Way

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Town Garage Refuse/Recycling Hours: Tues., Thurs., Sun. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Recreation Area Hours : Lighting available as needed

Animal Control Officer: Pat Salo 802-297-1032 Cell: 802-688-4020

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

**Town of Stratton
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Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting