

ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF STRATTON, VERMONT



In Memory of Joann Liller

1926 – 2018

Town Auditor 1982 to 2016

JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

In Memory

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

Joann Liller (1926 – 2018)

Joann, whose photograph is on the cover, settled in Stratton with her husband, Ray, and family in 1969, when the population was extremely sparse. Joann served as Treasurer in 1971, but gave up the position the following year, when her husband, Ray, became a Selectman. Joann was elected Auditor in 1982, after Ray had left the Select Board. She remained an Auditor until 2016.



Walter Stugger (1922 – 2018)

Walter emigrated to America from Austria in 1953 and became an American citizen in 1958. He settled in Vermont, where he established the Carinthia Ski Area in the Town of Dover, owning it for 28 years before selling it to Mount Snow in 1986. Afterward, he and his wife, Diana, settled in Stratton, where he resided until his death.

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STRATTON TOWN FINANCIAL REPORT COMMITTEE

2017/2018

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

Respectfully submitted

Helen Eddy 

Stacie Chiodi

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January 23, 2019

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

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Stratton, Vermont and the Stratton Town School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018.

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

Sullivan, Powers & Company

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

Moderator:	Diana Stugger	2019
Town Clerk:	Kent Young	2020
Treasurer:	Alyson Marcucci	2020
Selectboard:	Al Dupell, Chair	2019
	Kevin Robinson	2019
	Chris Liller	2019
	Greg Marcucci	2020
	Larry Bills	2021
Planning Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2020
	Ray Hawksley	2020
	George Rigoulot	2021
	Rob Wadsworth	2021
	Chris Mann	2022
	Anne Patten	2019
	John Wadsworth	2019
Listers:	Candie Bernard	2019
	Allan Hicks	2020
	Kent Young, Chair	2021
Auditors:	Helen Eddy	2019
	Stacie Chiodi	2020
	Vacant*	2019
School Directors:	Siobhan Eddy Young	2019
	Lorraine Weeks Newell	2020
	Tom Montemagni, Chair	2021
Cemetery Commission:	Larry Bills	2019
	Kent Young, Chair	2020
	Chris Liller	2021
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Candie Bernard	2019
Trustee of Public Funds:	Alyson Marcucci	2019
Constable:	Boomer Walker	2019
Grand Juror:	John Waite	2019
Town Agent:	John Waite	2019
Justices of the Peace:	Patricia Coolidge	2020
	Helen Eddy	2020
	Nancy Ferrucci	2020
	Lorraine Weeks-Newell	2020
	Anne Patten	2020

APPOINTED/HIRED POSITIONS:

Assistant Town Clerks:	Candie Bernard
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Candie Bernard

Zoning Administrator:	Allan Hicks	2020
Asst. Zoning Administrator	Ray Hawksley	2020
Health Officer	Ray Hawksley	2020
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Dennis Holton	2019
	Diana Stugger	2019
	Paul Bernard	2020
	Tom Montemagni	2021
	Greg Marcucci	2021
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:	Chris Liller	
Road Crew	Chris Liller	
	Grayson Peterson (part time)	
Transfer Station Attendant:	Scott Marquis	

* This vacancy was created when Joann Liller resigned.

WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019

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 5, 2019 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 see if the Town will reduce the number of Planning Commissioners elected by the Town of Stratton from the number of seven to the number of five. If so voted, a reduction to five members will be implemented by eliminating the Planning Commissioner positions scheduled to be elected in 2019 (at this meeting).

ARTICLE 4: To elect Town officers as required by law:

Selectmen:	one three-year term, two one-year terms
Planning Commission:	two four-year terms (or as determined by Article 3 above)
Lister:	one three-year term
Auditor:	one 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 5: To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.

ARTICLE 6: 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 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following appropriation requests:

American Red Cross	500.00
Community Food Pantry	500.00
The Current	125.00
Deerfield Valley Rescue	1500.00
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	2,500.00

Senior Solutions	500.00
SeVEDS.	648.00
Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center	500.00
Stratton Mt. Rescue Ambulance Fund	6,000.00
Valley Cares, Inc.	335.00
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00
Visiting Nurse Association	800.00
Wardsboro Public Library	5,275.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	5,000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	3,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	400.00
Winhall Library	2,100.00
<u>Women's Freedom Center</u>	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$39,833.00

ARTICLE 8: 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 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to maintain reserve funds for the following item: 1) Record Preservation, as required by State Statute.

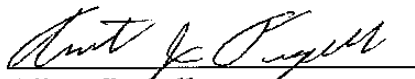
ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.


ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$848,219.65 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020).

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$907,000.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020).

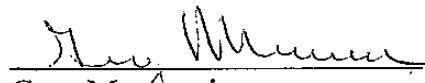
ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Stratton Board of Selectmen


 Albert Dupell


 Chris Liller

 Larry Bills


 Greg Marcucci


 Kevin Robinson

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET 2016-2017	ACTUAL 2016-2017	BUDGET 2017-2018	ACTUAL 2017-2018	BUDGET 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	4,000.00	2,950.70	3,500.00	3,080.50	3,500.00	3,500.00
APPROPRIATIONS	74,435.00	74,435.00	82,218.00	82,218.00	103,708.00	91,983.00
AUDIT-OUTSIDE	0.00	14,006.00	15,000.00	8,190.00	15,000.00	0.00
AUDIT: WAGES	5,000.00	1,054.72	3,500.00	1,006.78	2,000.00	1,500.00
AUDIT: TOWN REPORT	2,000.00	1,153.78	2,000.00	1,199.38	2,000.00	2,000.00
BCA WAGES	4,000.00	1,400.00	3,000.00	1,050.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
CEMETERIES	11,500.00	12,482.78	4,500.00	1,230.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
MEETING HOUSE	10,000.00	7,229.12	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CLERK EXPENSES	3,000.00	261.51	3,000.00	1,456.76	3,000.00	1,500.00
CLERK EXP - PRESERVATION FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
COPIER EXPENSE	6,000.00	4,714.94	6,000.00	4,448.88	6,000.00	6,000.00
COUNTY ASSESSMENT	60,000.00	54,023.00	59,564.00	58,462.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX WAGES	0.00	3,512.61	3,000.00	9,513.52	4,000.00	14,000.00
DOG LICENSES	0.00	367.54	0.00	405.54	0.00	0.00
DUES	1,188.00	0.00	1,703.00	1,226.00	1,252.00	1,279.00
ELECTION:WAGES/EXP	700.00	948.09	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	500.00
FICA-GF	16,000.00	15,673.96	17,500.00	15,504.03	16,000.00	16,000.00
FIRE TRUCK LEASE	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38	0.00
FIRE PUMPER TRUCK LEASE	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93
GREEN UP DAY	50.00	244.95	50.00	66.18	200.00	200.00
HEALTH OFFICER-SALARY	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
HOUSE NUMBERING-911	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
INSURANCE AND BONDS	55,000.00	50,997.00	55,000.00	48,807.00	50,000.00	45,000.00
INS/HEALTH AND DENTAL	60,000.00	46,454.85	50,000.00	55,555.48	53,000.00	60,000.00
INS/UNEMPLOYMENT	1,000.00	492.00	1,000.00	492.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
LEGAL FEES,NOTICE,EDUC	1,500.00	569.80	1,500.00	594.80	1,500.00	1,500.00
LISTERS/APPR EXP	0.00	4,390.96	0.00	10,426.00	0.00	0.00
LISTERS WAGES	30,000.00	39,277.76	43,000.00	33,479.23	41,000.00	33,000.00
MARRIAGE/CIVIL LICENSE	0.00	455.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
MISC	100.00	1,486.21	100.00	1,832.86	1,500.00	1,500.00
MUTUAL AID	36,000.00	0.00	38,161.00	38,161.00	38,810.00	39,897.00
OFFICE/COMPUTER EQUIP	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	3,238.06	0.00	2,000.00
OFFICE POSTAGE/SUPPLY	7,000.00	5,580.07	7,000.00	5,342.84	7,000.00	7,000.00
PLANNING COM-EXPENSE	6,000.00	4,926.11	4,000.00	3,133.85	5,000.00	5,000.00
PLANNING-SALARIES	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	3,800.00
PLANNING COM-WAGES	5,000.00	2,400.00	5,000.00	2,100.00	5,000.00	3,500.00
PLANNING CLERK WAGES	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
REC AREA OPERATING EXP	75,000.00	68,554.28	135,000.00	139,763.75	140,000.00	140,000.00
REC AREA PAVILLION FUND	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
RESCUE SERVICES	6,004.80	6,004.80	6,004.80	6,004.80	6,184.08	6,246.72
RURAL PATROL	60,000.00	64,500.00	35,000.00	35,166.60	47,000.00	0.00
SALARIES-FIRE WARDEN	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
SCHOOL HOUSE	0.00	541.10	0.00	4,346.34	0.00	0.00
SCHOOL PILT	0.00	37,514.00	0.00	37,555.00	0.00	0.00
SELECTMEN: EXPENSE	500.00	283.28	500.00	250.70	500.00	500.00
SELECTMEN-SALARIES	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
SELECTMEN:WAGES	7,000.00	5,500.00	7,000.00	5,500.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
SELECTMEN:CLERK	1,500.00	1,133.74	1,500.00	1,017.28	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOWN FUNCTIONS	4,000.00	1,665.79	3,000.00	1,708.91	3,000.00	3,000.00
STREET LIGHTS	2,000.00	1,640.69	2,000.00	1,755.82	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOWN HALL-ELECTRIC	1,600.00	1,275.09	1,600.00	1,470.60	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN HALL-HEAT	3,000.00	1,638.49	3,000.00	2,203.47	2,000.00	2,500.00
TOWN HALL-MAINT	20,000.00	22,683.79	10,000.00	15,270.45	0.00	0.00
TOWN OFFICE-ELECTRIC	2,500.00	2,031.75	2,500.00	2,051.07	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOWN OFFICE-HEAT	3,000.00	2,556.60	3,000.00	3,304.93	3,000.00	3,500.00
TOWN OFFICE-MAINT	9,000.00	10,229.46	11,200.00	21,529.66	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOWN OFFICE-PHONE	3,500.00	2,898.41	3,500.00	3,060.68	3,500.00	3,500.00

TRAINING-SEMINARS	500.00	217.92	500.00	90.00	500.00	500.00
TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS	30,000.00	44,189.57	30,000.00	46,063.79	40,000.00	45,000.00
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	3,500.00	2,407.79	3,500.00	3,228.54	3,500.00	3,500.00
VERMONT RETIREMENT	16,000.00	17,698.19	17,500.00	9,922.63	18,000.00	12,000.00
WAGES: OFFICE	126,000.00	105,302.48	123,000.00	102,939.14	108,000.00	115,000.00
ZBA:SAL/WAGE	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
ZONING EXPENSES	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ZONING ADM. SAL/WAGE	3,600.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
OLD TOWN COMMON PURCHASE					200,000.00	
TOTAL	940,890.11	908,567.99	972,913.11	993,437.16	1,200,066.39	848,219.65

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General Fund Statement
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Checkbook balance 7/1/2017	393,792.58	393,792.58	
Savings balance 7/1/2017	252,754.40	252,754.40	
Receipts:			
Current Taxes	12,678,403.62		
Current Use	4,854.00		
Delinquent Taxes	17,326.87		
Delinquent Tax Interest	16,081.51		
Delinquent Tax Penalty	19,035.93		
Sales/Meals Option Tax	433,029.82		
State Appraisal Revenue	15,238.00		
PILT Revenue	37,555.00		
Local Share of State Education	26,955.50		
Pay As You Throw Revenue	8,152.50	13,256,632.75	
Licenses:			
Beverage	1,220.00		
Dog	696.00		
Marriage	360.00	2,276.00	
Fees:			
Town Clerk	27,059.45		
Zoning Permits	7,292.25	34,351.70	
Traffic Fines			
	4,264.66	4,264.66	
Interest:			
Checking Account	477.22		
Savings Account	379.75	856.97	
Miscellaneous:			
Town History	358.00		
Cemetery Revenue	1,050.00		
Recycling Revenue	212.67		
Miscellaneous	3,660.63		
911 Fees	70.00		
Town Hall Revenue	100.00	5,451.30	
			13,950,380.36
Total Funds Available:			
Disbursements:			
Animal Control			
Patrick Salo	3,080.50	3,080.50	
Appraisal/Reappraisal:			
	8,770.00	8,770.00	
Appropriations:			
American Red Cross	500.00		
Community Food Pantry	500.00		
CT River Transit	250.00		
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00		

General Fund Statement
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Green Up Vermont	50.00	
Groundworks Collaborative	500.00	
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services	500.00	
Historical Society	250.00	
LaMarche Scholarship Fund	500.00	
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	1,000.00	
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts	100.00	
Council on Aging	500.00	
Southeastern VT Economic Development Strategies	648.00	
Valley Cares	335.00	
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00	
VT Trails and Greenways	85.00	
VNA & Hospice of VT & NH	600.00	
Wardsboro Library	5,000.00	
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Department	5,000.00	
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	3,000.00	
Windham County Humane Society	400.00	
Winhall Memorial Library	2,100.00	
Women's Freedom Center	750.00	
Stratton Mtn. Volunteer Fire Company	52,150.00	82,218.00
Audit - Town Report		
Wages	1,006.78	
Repro Digital	762.80	
Postage	436.58	2,206.16
Audit - Outside	8,190.00	8,190.00
Board of Civil Authority		
21 meetings @ \$50.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
Cemeteries:		
Mowing	1,230.00	1,230.00
Copier:		
Ricoh	4,448.88	4,448.88
Dues		
VLCT	1,226.00	1,226.00
Expenses:		
Town Clerk	1,456.76	
Town Treasurer	3,228.54	4,685.30
FICA	15,504.03	15,504.03
Fire Warden	200.00	200.00
Fire Truck Payments	141,212.31	141,212.31
Health Officer	2,000.00	2,000.00

General Fund Statement
 July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Insurance:

Unemployment	492.00	
Liability & Bonding	48,807.00	
Northeast Delta Dental	2,301.78	
BCBSVT	32,663.93	
G/P Administrator (HRA payments)	9,782.36	
HRA Payments to Health Equity	10,807.41	104,854.48

Legal Fees

Legal Fees	594.80	594.80
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Licenses

Marriage	400.00	
Dog	405.54	805.54

Listers

Wages	33,479.23	
VALA Dues	50.00	
Tax Mapping	1,606.00	35,135.23

Miscellaneous Expense

	1,832.86	1,832.86
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Planning Commission

Salaries	4,200.00	
42 Meetings @ \$50.00	2,100.00	
WRC	2,887.52	
Advertising	246.33	9,433.85

Recreation Area

Rent to Stratton School District	120,000.00	
Labor	4,420.90	
Mowing	3,255.00	
Electric (Green Mountain Power)	7,212.42	
Southworth Electric	2,431.00	
Sanitary	830.00	
Supplies	1,614.43	139,763.75

Refuse/Disposal

Wages	24,555.13	
Casella Waste Management	18,258.16	
Windham Solid Waste	2,355.20	
VT Compactor Service	825.30	
Maintenance (Fencing)	70.00	46,063.79

Rescue/Emergency Services

Rescue Inc	6,004.80	
Mutual Aid	38,161.00	
Windham County Sheriff	35,166.60	79,332.40

School House Expense

	4,346.34	4,346.34
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General Fund Statement
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Selectmen		
Salaries	5,000.00	
110 Meetings at \$50.00	5,500.00	
Clerk	1,017.28	
Public Notices	250.70	11,767.98
Street Lights	1,755.82	1,755.82
Tax Collector	9,513.52	9,513.52
Town Hall Maintenance		
Payroll	1,130.61	
Supplies/Services	5,532.19	
Cleaning Services	1,090.00	
Pest Patrol	1,075.00	
Security	6,442.65	
Heat	2,203.47	
Electricity	1,470.60	18,944.52
Town Office Maintenance		
Office Supplies	5,342.84	
Office Equipment (New Phone System)	3,238.06	
NEMRC	2,090.22	
Computer - 2 Wired Guys	1,059.99	
Internet - VTEL	1,181.70	
Godaddy Supscription	234.46	
Mowing	1,890.00	
Water	290.00	
Aqua-Aid Systems, Inc.	119.00	
Cleaning Services	1,510.00	
Security	6,430.79	
Heat	3,304.93	
Electricity	2,051.07	
Southworth Electrical	408.00	
Telephone	3,060.68	
Payroll	102.44	
New Doors	4,140.87	
Fire Extinguisher Services	406.20	
The Flag Shop	95.10	
W2D Heating & Plumbing	150.00	
Powers Generator	1,420.89	38,527.24
Town Office Wages		
Town Clerk	49,771.92	
Assistant Town Clerk	3,261.96	
Town Treasurer	49,360.52	
Assistant Town Treasurer	544.74	102,939.14

General Fund Statement
 July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Town Functions

Holiday Party

Paper Products/Invitations/Decorations	536.06	
Food & Wine	269.92	
Tree/Wreaths	365.13	
Catering	330	
Labor	101.12	

Town Meeting

Food	106.68	
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Green-Up Day

Supplies/Food	51.46	
Mileage	14.72	1,775.09

Training Seminars & Mileage

	90.00	90.00
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Vermont Retirement

	9,922.63	9,922.63
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Windham County Tax

	58,462.00	58,462.00
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Zoning

Administrator's Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00
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Zoning Board of Adjustment

Salary - Chairman	1,000.00	1,000.00
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Other:

Transfer to School Fund	476,255.00	
Transfer to Highway Fund	524,800.00	
PILT - Payment to School	37,555.00	
State of VT - Education Fund	11,477,477.44	12,516,087.44

Checkbook Balance

	219,927.53	219,927.53
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Savings Balance

	258,483.23	258,483.23
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Total Expenses

13,950,380.36

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**STATEMENT OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018**

	Balance 7/1/2017	Interest	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2018
Outside Audit	4,807.88	7.20	6,810.00		11,625.08
Rec Equipment	20,734.21	31.14			20,765.35
Rec Pavillion	65,266.18	98.07			65,364.25
State Reappraisal	91,045.79	136.83	6,468.00		97,650.62
Computer/Office Equipment	3,117.40	4.69		(1,238.06)	1,884.03
Meeting House/Church	2,778.38	4.17	2,000.00		4,782.55
Town Hall	46,264.25	69.51		(4,344.52)	41,989.24
School House	15,814.36	23.76		(4,346.34)	11,491.78
Lister Education	2,925.95	4.38			2,930.33
Bridge Funds	117,606.60	176.65			117,783.25
Culverts	48,244.07	72.48		(8,040.35)	40,276.20
Paving	269,207.07	404.42		(25,181.98)	244,429.51
Equipment Replacement	15,083.98	22.64	100,000.00		115,106.62
Totals	702,896.12	1,055.94	115,278.00	(43,151.25)	776,078.81

**STATEMENT OF CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNTS
JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018**

	Balance 7/1/2017	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2018
Willis		300.00	-	300.00
Andrew King		3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Chester Allen		75.00	-	75.00
Forrester		280.00	-	280.00
Ball Farm		200.00	-	200.00
Pike Hollow		1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Warren Trusat		1,378.99	13.13	1,392.12
Totals		6,233.99	13.13	6,247.12

STATEMENT OF TAXES BILLED AND ACCOUNTED FOR

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Taxable parcels 1,591.0000

APPRAISED VALUE OF REAL ESTATE

EDUCATIONAL GRAND LIST

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST 8,014,788.00
7,544,972.00

TAX RATES:

	Tax Rate	Grand List	=	Total Raised
Non Residential Ed.	1.5609	7,544,972.00		11,776,946.76
Homestead Ed.	1.5958	247,856.00		395,528.62
Local Agreement	0.0002	8,014,788.00		1,603.06
Highway	0.0655	8,014,788.00		524,968.93
General Fund	0.0326	8,014,788.00		261,282.11
2017 Total Taxes				12,960,329.48
Late Homestead Penalty				462.91
2017 Total Taxes Billed				12,960,792.39

Changes to the Grand List

E/O Changes (131,987.64)
 HS-122 Changes

2017 Final Taxes Billed **12,828,804.75**

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:

Taxes collected after transfers	183,460.16
Local Share of State Ed	26,955.50
State Payments	69,360.99
Current taxes transferred to School	475,758.00
Current taxes transferred to Highway	524,800.00
State Education- sent to State	11,477,477.44
	12,757,812.09

Due as of 06/30/2018(Delinquent)	71,332.36
State Adjustments	(448.93)
Abatements	109.23

6/30/18-Final Taxes Accounted For **12,828,804.75**

DELINQUENT TAXES
Year Ending June 30, 2017

Abato, Ken & Christopher Sharpe*	2016	6.04
Abato, Ken & Christopher Sharpe*	2017	631.36
Angelica, Jeffrey	2017	2,383.36
Cheverez, Anthony & Rosina	2014	679.05
Cheverez, Anthony & Rosina	2015	821.96
Cheverez, Anthony & Rosina	2016	540.37
Cheverez, Anthony & Rosina	2017	185.24
Collins, Craig	2017	1,102.17
Collins, David*	2017	117.10
Compton, John Tim*	2017	503.21
Dickerson, Erik *	2017	61.69
E & T Properties LLC*	2017	5,440.95
E & S Restaurant Dev*	2017	349.02
Elliott ETAL*	2016	2,991.08
Elliott ETAL*	2017	2,302.11
Guercia, Stacy*	2017	33.43
Knowles Doris	2017	18,748.16
Milton, James*	2017	2,700.33
Pate, Carl*	2017	2,531.11
Pisano, Vincent*	2017	18,090.00
Plaut, Thomas F , Elaine & Edward Liva SR*	2016	23,815.20
Plaut, Thomas F , Elaine & Edward Liva SR*	2017	20,950.03
Sasco Farms Vermont LLC*	2017	961.46
Scronic, Michael	2017	2,645.83
Sieber, Edward & Patricia Estate of*	2017	2,058.63
Stevenson, Joeseph & John	2016	527.28
Stevenson, Joeseph & John	2017	463.86
Wells Fargo Bank*	2015	9.57
Wells Fargo Bank*	2016	8.78
Wells Fargo Bank*	2017	7.71

111,666.09

* Paid after June 30, 2018

Amount includes Penalty & Interest

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

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

**2014 Pierce Pumper Truck
Lease Repayment Schedule**

	Payment #	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Amount
PD	1	9/29/2014	56,813.93	3,687.91	53,126.02
PD	2	9/29/2015	56,813.93	9,205.43	47,608.50
PD	3	9/29/2016	56,813.93	7,781.93	49,032.00
PD	4	9/29/2017	56,813.93	6,315.88	50,498.05
PD	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	BUDGET
	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017	2016-2017	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
SUMMER ROADS CLASS 2	50,000.00	27,475.99	50,000.00	24,197.69	50,000.00	43,903.10	50,000.00	50,000.00
SUMMER ROADS CLASS 3	85,000.00	82,841.70	95,000.00	71,058.91	95,000.00	53,382.59	95,000.00	80,000.00
WINTER ROADS CLASS 2	95,000.00	85,280.50	100,000.00	81,305.21	100,000.00	102,076.05	100,000.00	100,000.00
WINTER ROADS CLASS 3	50,000.00	48,067.55	70,000.00	76,127.77	70,000.00	94,964.16	70,000.00	80,000.00
BRUSH & MOWING	25,000.00	20,774.51	25,000.00	8,909.07	25,000.00	8,079.07	25,000.00	25,000.00
EQUIP/TRUCK MAINT EXP	50,000.00	52,487.57	50,000.00	45,824.62	50,000.00	65,846.25	50,000.00	50,000.00
FUEL/GREASE/OIL	28,000.00	14,022.96	28,000.00	20,464.49	28,000.00	21,934.65	28,000.00	28,000.00
GARAGE MAINT/SUPPLIES	30,000.00	19,640.71	30,000.00	21,367.32	30,000.00	31,594.09	30,000.00	30,000.00
GARAGE UTILITIES	15,000.00	14,896.95	18,000.00	14,466.59	19,100.00	17,934.56	19,000.00	19,000.00
GARAGE NEW BUILDING	70,000.00	77,165.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GARAGE SALT/SAND SHED	0.00	260.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAVING	367,000.00	243,046.52	367,000.00	244,490.25	200,000.00	225,181.98	165,000.00	210,000.00
CRACK SEALING	9,000.00	0.00	19,000.00	19,018.36	19,000.00	747.46	15,000.00	20,000.00
ROAD SIGNS	5,000.00	2,299.21	2,500.00	1,665.12	2,000.00	1,865.93	2,000.00	1,000.00
FICA	12,000.00	11,050.59	13,000.00	12,417.71	13,000.00	13,132.92	13,000.00	11,000.00
EMPL LEAVE(SP,VP,HP)	22,000.00	21,902.38	28,000.00	22,808.58	28,000.00	25,049.92	28,000.00	20,000.00
TOOLS	5,000.00	2,286.70	5,000.00	2,875.79	5,000.00	3,516.92	5,000.00	1,000.00
HIGHW-ADVERTISING BIDS	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY CULVERTS	50,000.00	32,516.10	0.00	20,671.63	30,000.00	38,040.35	20,000.00	10,000.00
HIGHWAY UNIFORMS	1,500.00	2,237.42	3,500.00	3,024.20	3,500.00	4,628.66	4,200.00	5,000.00
SEMINARS	1,000.00	328.84	1,000.00	1,463.79	1,000.00	587.02	1,000.00	1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	1,370.32	500.00	31.00	500.00	829.21	500.00	1,000.00
HEALTH & DENTAL INS	39,500.00	31,200.99	42,500.00	34,979.92	38,200.00	48,062.04	45,000.00	35,000.00
PAPERWORK/MEETINGS/CALLS	0.00	1,918.96	0.00	3,843.88	3,000.00	3,024.67	3,000.00	4,000.00
NEW EQUIP PURCHASE	65,000.00	88,638.00	100,000.00	84,916.02	100,000.00	0.00	110,000.00	120,000.00
VT RETIREMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,893.00	0.00	6,000.00
TRANSF TO CLOSE EMF	0.00	91,532.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	1,076,000.00	973,242.43	1,048,500.00	815,927.92	910,800.00	813,274.60	878,700.00	907,000.00

Highway Fund Statement
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Checkbook Balance 7/1/2017	693,675.79	693,675.79
Savings Balance 7/1/2017	450,141.72	450,141.72

Receipts:

State Aid		
Class 2	68,469.30	
Class 3	17,640.57	
Current Taxes	524,800.00	
Insurance Proceeds	1,318.02	
Equipment Sale Revenue	1,000.00	
Savings Interest	676.19	613,904.08

Total Funds Available:

1,757,721.59

Disbursements:

Summer Roads - Class 2:

Labor	33,395.22	
Materials	10,507.88	43,903.10

Summer Roads - Class 3:

Labor	26,960.99	
Materials	26,404.16	
Mileage - Ralph	17.44	53,382.59

Winter Roads - Class 2:

Labor	28,429.19	
Materials	73,635.96	
Mileage - Ralph	10.90	102,076.05

Winter Roads - Class 3:

Labor	27,657.75	
Materials	66,326.41	
Hired Equipment	980.00	94,964.16

Paving/Retreatment:

Hired Equipment	225,181.98	225,181.98
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Crack Sealing:

Hired Equipment	747.46	747.46
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Brush & Mowing:

Labor	2,703.64	
Hired Equipment	5,340.00	
Mileage - Ralph	35.43	8,079.07

Highway Fund Statement
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Road Signs:		
Labor	98.48	
Materials	1,767.45	1,865.93
Highway Culverts:		
Labor	77.82	
Materials	14,616.73	
Hired Equipment	17,050.00	
Culvert Inventory (WRPC)	6,101.59	
Mileage - Ralph Staib	194.21	38,040.35
Garage Maintenance:		
Labor	6,051.54	
Supplies	25,542.55	
Utilities	17,934.56	49,528.65
Paving - Parking Lot		
Seminars:		
Mileage - Ralph	36.38	
Labor	550.64	587.02
Tools:		
	3,516.92	3,516.92
Uniforms:		
	4,628.66	4,628.66
Fuel, Grease, & Oil:		
	21,934.65	21,934.65
Equipment & Truck Maintenance:		
T-1 International (2014)		
Labor	5,458.59	
Materials	10,560.30	
Mileage	244.84	16,263.73
Pickup (2016)		
Labor	4,746.40	
Materials	5,684.82	
Mileage	587.00	11,018.22
John Deere Backhoe (2016)		
Labor	493.68	
Materials	689.52	1,183.20
Grader		
Labor	933.20	
Materials	10,677.77	11,610.97
Rake		
Labor	202.24	
Materials	483.24	685.48

Highway Fund Statement
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Saws		
Materials	260.94	260.94
John Deere Loader		
Labor	971.41	
Materials	2,578.94	3,550.35
T-5 Western Star (2014)		
Labor	4,790.81	
Materials	16,482.55	21,273.36
Paperwork/Phone Calls		
Labor	3,024.67	3,024.67
Miscellaneous Expense:	829.21	829.21
Labor (Fringe)	25,049.92	25,049.92
Health Insurance		
BlueCross BlueShield	22,488.08	
Northeast Delta Dental	1,644.54	
HRA Payments	23,929.42	48,062.04
FICA:	13,132.92	13,132.92
VT Retirement	8,893.00	8,893.00
Total Expenses:		813,274.60
Checkbook Balance		426,851.41
Savings Balance		517,595.58
		1,757,721.59

Wages Salaries
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Town Clerk:

Kent Young			
1,533.00 hours @ 29.92	45,867.36		
130.50 hours @ 29.92 (fringe)	3,904.56	49,771.92	

Town Treasurer:

Alyson Marcucci			
1,503.75 hours @ 29.92	44,992.20		
146.00 hours @ 29.92 (fringe)	4,368.32	49,360.52	

Assistant Town Clerk:

Patricia Coolidge			
95.75 hours @ 25.94	2,483.76		
Candie Bernard			
30.00 hours @ 25.94	778.20	3,261.96	

Assistant Town Treasurer:

Candie Bernard			
21.00 hours @ 25.94	544.74	544.74	

Selectmen:

Al Dupell (Chair)			
Salary	3,000.00		
22 meetings @ 50.00	1,100.00		
Larry Bills			
Salary	500.00		
18 meetings @ 50.00	900.00		
Christopher Liller			
Salary	500.00		
22 meetings @ 50.00	1,100.00		
Gregory Marcucci			
Salary	500.00		
23 meetings @ 50.00	1,150.00		
Kevin Robinson			
Salary	500.00		
25 meetings @ 50.00	1,250.00	10,500.00	

Selectmen's Clerk:

Kent Young			
34 hours @ 29.92	1,017.28	1,017.28	

Board of Civil Authority:

Helen Eddy			
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00		
Al Dupell			
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00		
Nancy Ferrucci			
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00		
Christopher Liller			
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00		

Wages Salaries
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Gregory Marcucci			
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00		
Kevin Robinson			
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00		
Lorraine Weeks-Newell			
4 meetings @ 50.00	200.00	1,050.00	
Listers:			
Candie Bernard			
1 meeting @ 50.00	50.00		
1,147.00 hours @ 25.94	29,753.27		
134.00 hours @ 25.94 (fringe)	3,475.96		
Allan Hicks			
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00		
Kent Young			
1 meeting @ 50.00	50.00	33,479.23	
Auditors:			
Stacie Chiodi			
6.00 hours @ 21.33	127.98		
Helen Eddy			
41.20 hours @ 21.33	878.80	1,006.78	
Planning Commission:			
Kent Young (Chair)			
Salary	3,000.00		
8 meetings @ 50.00	400.00		
Anne Patten			
Salary	200.00		
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00		
Ray Hawksley			
Salary	200.00		
5 meetings @ 50.00	250.00		
Christopher Mann			
Salary	200.00		
5 meetings @ 50.00	250.00		
John Wadsworth			
Salary	200.00		
8 meetings @ 50.00	400.00		
Robert Wadsworth			
Salary	200.00		
6 meetings @ 50.00	300.00		
George Rigoulot			
Salary	200.00		
7 meetings @ 50.00	350.00	6,300.00	
Planning Expenses:			
Zoning:			
Allan Hicks			
Administrator's Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Health Officer:			
Ray Hawksley			
Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00	

Wages Salaries
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Thomas Montemagni (Chair)

Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00
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Tax Collector:

Candie Bernard

366.75 hours @ 25.94	9,513.52	9,513.52
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Fire Warden:

Kevin Robinson

Salary	200.00	200.00
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Refuse & Recycling:

Scott Marquis

1.199.00 hours @ 18.48	22,157.52	
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49 hours @ 18.48 (fringe)	905.52	23,063.04
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Highway Department:

Stuart Chapin

Highway Hours:

1,485.00 hours @ 24.62	36,560.70	
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322.50 hours @ 24.62 (fringe)	7,939.95	
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O.T. 27.00 hours @ 36.93	997.13	
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General Fund Hours:

123.50 hours @ 24.62	3,040.57	
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Equipment Hours:

143.50 hours @ 24.62	3,532.97	52,071.32
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Christopher Liller

Highway Hours:

1,427.50 hours @ 25.94	37,029.35	
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290.50 hours @ 25.94 (fringe)	7,535.57	
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O.T. 115.00 hours @ 38.91	4,474.68	
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General Fund Hours:

91.50 hours @ 25.94	2,373.51	
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Equipment Hours:

267.50 hours @ 25.94	6,938.95	58,352.06
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Grayson Peterson

Highway Hours:

7.00 hours @ 18.85	131.95	
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Equipment Hours:

10.50 hours @ 18.85	197.93	329.88
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Ralph Staib

Highway Hours:

1,462.00 hours @ 29.92	43,743.04	
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320.00 hours @ 29.92 (fringe)	9,574.40	
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O.T. 143.00 hours @ 44.88	6,417.84	
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General Fund Hours:

63.00 hours @ 29.92	1,884.96	
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Equipment Hours:

231.50 hours @ 29.92	6,926.48	68,546.72
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Total Wages & Salaries:

374,368.97

**WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 5, 2019**

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 5, 2019 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 2019-2020 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6 and up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA 16 sections 823 & 828.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$17,490.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district.

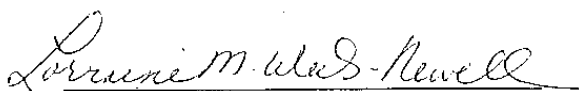
ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2019-2020 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 3 and Article 4, who are residents of the school district.

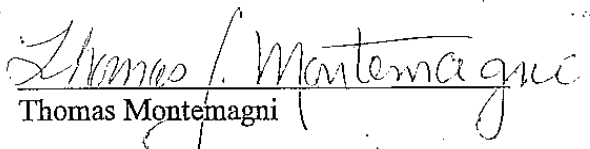
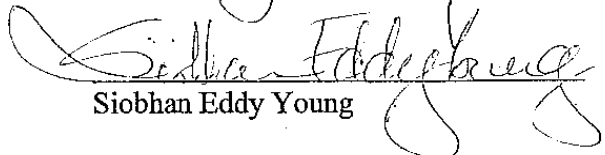
ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,023,476.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,835.38 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.18% lower 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 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

2014-2015 2015-2016 2016-2017 2017-2018

Elementary

Pre-K		4	3	1
Kindergarten	1	3	2	3
1st Grade	0	0	3	1
2nd Grade	3	2	1	5
3rd Grade	2	3	2	1
4th Grade	2	2	3	2
5th Grade	2	3	3	3
6th Grade	2	2	3	6

Secondary

7th Grade	4	4	2	5
8th Grade	2	2	5	3
9th Grade	3	3	4	9
10th Grade	4	4	2	5
11th Grade	1	1	5	2
12th Grade	3	3	1	6

Total	29	36	39	52
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Schools Attended

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

Total	29	36	39	52
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FY 20 STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET

LEVEL	ACCOUNT CODE	ACCOUNT TITLE	FY 18 ACTUAL	FY 19 BUDGET	FY 20 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$\$ VARIANCE	%% VARIANCE
51	41921	OTHER REVENUES-RENTALS	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0	0%
	41920	OTHER REVENUES	\$130,000				
	41510	INTEREST	\$13	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
	42150	STATE TRANSP GRANT	\$0	\$10,787	\$10,787	\$0	0%
	42790	OTHR SUBGRT	\$11,432	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$2,500	33%
	43110	EDUCATION SPENDING GRANT	\$475,758	\$655,126	\$845,134	\$190,008	56%
	43202	STATE AID PRIOR YEAR ADJ	\$15,263	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
	44791	OTHR-DIR FRM FED GOV	\$37,555	\$36,500	\$37,555	\$1,055	3%
	45300	SALE/COMP LOSS FIXED AST	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	(\$200,000)	-100%
51	- SUBTOTAL		\$ 790,021	\$ 1,029,913	\$ 1,023,476	\$ (6,437)	-8%
Overall - Summary			\$ 790,021	\$ 1,029,913	\$ 1,023,476	\$ (6,437)	-0.63%

FY 20 STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET DETAIL

LEVEL	DEPT	ACCOUNT CODE	ACCOUNT TITLE	FY 18 ACTUAL	FY 19 BUDGET	FY 20 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$\$ VARIANCE	%% VARIANCE
PREK	DIRECT INS	5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	\$3,178	\$6,494	\$6,494	\$0	0
1101	- SUBTOTAL		\$3,178	\$6,494	\$6,494	\$0	0.00%	
PREK	SPECIAL ED	5591	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	\$0	\$0	\$2,567	\$2,567	0
1201	- SUBTOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$2,567	\$2,567		
01	- Summary		\$3,178	\$6,494	\$9,061	\$2,567	39.53%	
ELEM	DIRECT INS	5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	\$26,510	\$28,310	\$56,140	\$27,830	
ELEM	DIRECT INS	5562	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	\$251,992	\$166,811	\$231,462	\$64,651	
1101	- SUBTOTAL		\$278,502	\$195,121	\$287,602	\$92,481	47.40%	
ELEM	TRANSPRT-PRIM	5591	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	\$10,000	\$9,260	\$7,077	(\$2,183)	
2711	- SUBTOTAL		\$10,000	\$9,260	\$7,077	(\$2,183)	-23.57%	
11	- Summary		\$288,502	\$204,381	\$294,679	\$90,298	44.18%	
SECO	DIRECT INS	5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	\$13,950	\$14,369	\$29,120	\$14,751	
SECO	DIRECT INS	5562	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	\$425,747	\$550,588	\$507,966	(\$42,622)	
SECO	DIRECT INS	5564	TUITN TO NONVT PRIV LEAS	\$30,260	\$31,138	\$0	(\$31,138)	
1101	- SUBTOTAL		\$469,957	\$596,095	\$537,086	-\$58,009	-9.90%	
SECO	TRANSPRT-SECO	5591	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	\$10,000	\$17,490	\$12,923	(\$4,567)	-26.11%
2711	- SUBTOTAL		\$10,000	\$17,490	\$12,923	(\$4,567)	-26.11%	
31	- Summary		\$479,957	\$613,585	\$550,009	-\$63,576	-10.36%	
LOCA	SPECIAL ED	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	\$42,703	\$40,984	\$22,641	(\$18,343)	
1201	- SUBTOTAL		\$42,703	\$40,984	\$22,641	-\$18,343	-44.76%	
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5191	OTHER	\$4,742	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5220	FICA	\$363	\$383	\$383	\$0	
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5521	INSURANCE (NOT EMP BEN)	\$520	\$400	\$400	\$0	
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	\$11,494	\$18,186	\$30,803	\$12,617	
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5890	MISC EXP	\$4,529				
2311	- SUBTOTAL		\$21,648	\$23,969	\$36,586	\$12,617	52.64%	
LOCA	AUDIT	5342	AUDITING SERVICES	\$8,659	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0	0
2314	- SUBTOTAL		\$8,659	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0	0.00%	
LOCA	DEBT SERVI	5833	BOND ISSUANCE/OTHER DEBT	\$0	\$130,000	\$100,000	(\$30,000)	
5090	- SUBTOTAL		\$0	\$130,000	\$100,000	-\$30,000		
51	- Summary		\$73,010	\$205,453	\$169,727	-\$35,726	-17.39%	
Overall - Summary			\$844,647	\$1,029,913	\$1,023,476	-\$6,437	-0.63%	

SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$ (54,626)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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District: Stratton County: Windham		T200 Windham Central		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,666 of spending per equalized pupil	
				10,666	1.00	
				13,104		Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$570,759	\$690,592	\$1,029,913	\$1,023,476	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$570,759	\$690,592	\$1,029,913	\$1,023,476	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$570,759	\$690,592	\$1,029,913	\$1,023,476	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - Informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - Informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$140,688	\$214,337	\$374,787	\$178,342	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$140,688	\$214,337	\$374,787	\$178,342	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$430,071	\$476,255	\$655,126	\$845,134	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	29.49	29.87	40.47	53.37	15.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		\$14,583.62	\$15,944.26	\$16,187.94	\$15,835.38	
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	\$14,928.12	\$17,386.00	\$17,816.00	\$18,311.00	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$14,584	\$15,944	\$16,188	\$15,835.38	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	150.331% <small>based on \$9,701</small>	156.932% <small>based on yield \$10,160</small>	158.395% <small>based on \$10,220</small>	148.466% <small>based on yield \$10,668</small>	28.
Prorating the local tax rate						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$15,835.38 + (\$10,666 / \$1.00)]	\$1.5033 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.5693 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.5840 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.4847 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	29.
30.	Percent of Stratton equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.48)	\$1.5033	\$1.5693	\$1.5840	\$1.4847	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	97.38%	98.34%	96.78%	95.13%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.4847 / 95.13%)	\$1.5437 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.5958 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.6367 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	\$1.5607 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	33.
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>						
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [((\$15,835.38 + \$13,104) x 2.00%)]	2.68% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.66% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.62% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.42% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.42%)	2.68% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.66% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.62% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	2.42% <small>based on 2.00%</small>	35.
36.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	36.
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,666 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$13,104 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.58. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

SCHOOL FUND STATEMENT

July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

RECEIPTS:

Earned Interest	12.57	
Town Lease Revenue	120,000.00	
Loan from Town	130,000.00	
Education Block Grant	475,758.00	
Transportation Aid	-	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	37,555.00	
National Forest	11,431.61	
Total Receipts:		790,020.51
Special Education Intensive Aid	15,263.33	

DISBURSEMENTS:

Tuition – Pre K:		
1 @ Mountain School at Winhall	3,178.00	3,178.00
Tuition – Elementary:		
Manchester Elementary Middle School		
Allowable tuition credit	(989.31)	
Mountain School at Winhall		
15 @ 15,000.00	225,000.00	
Twin Valley		
2 @ 250.00	500.00	
The Dover School		
2 @ 13,500.00	27,000.00	
Maple Street School		
2 @ 13,496.00	26,992.00	278,502.69
Tuition – High School:		
Burr & Burton Academy		
10 @ 16,700.00	167,000.00	
Long Trail School		
3 @ 15,130.00	45,390.00	
Manchester Elementary Middle School		
1 @ 13,950.00	13,950.00	
Mountain School at Winhall		
5 @ 15,000.00	75,000.00	
Stratton Mountain School		
9 @ 15,130.00	136,170.00	
1 @ 2,186.50	2,186.50	
The Bement School		
1 @ 15,130.00	15,130.00	
Northfield Mount Hermon		
1 @ 15,130.00	15,130.00	469,956.50
Transportation:		
Elementary	10,000.00	
High School	10,000.00	20,000.00

SCHOOL FUND STATEMENT

July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Supervisory Union Expenses:

WCSU Administration Assessment	11,494.00	
WCSU Special Ed Services	42,703.00	54,197.00

School Board Administration:

Alyson Marcucci - Treasurer	500.00	
Tom Montemagni – Chair		
Salary	150.00	
18 Meetings @ 50.00	900.00	
Lorraine Weeks-Newell – Secretary		
Salary	150.00	
24 Meetings @ 50.00	1,200.00	
Secretarial	902.98	
Siobhan Eddy Young		
Salary	100.00	
16 Meetings @ 50	800.00	
Secretarial	39.26	4,742.24

Miscellaneous:

FICA	362.79	
Sullivan & Powers Outside Audit	8,659.00	
Bonds/Insurance	519.87	
Act 46 Study Misc. Expense		
Tom Montemagni	136.80	
Lorraine Weeks-Newell	65.85	
Kent Young	85.61	
John Everitt	4,241.00	14,070.92

Total Expenses:

844,647.35

NOTICE of
EDUCATION TAX RATES for FISCAL YEAR 2019

TOWN OF STRATTON

Prepared: June 29, 2018

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE

Non-Residential Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.6326

HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.6367

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

Homestead Education Tax Rate Calculation

		Stratton		
1.	Expenditures	\$ 1,029,913	-	-
2.	Offsetting revenues	\$ 374,787	-	-
3.	Education spending	\$ 655,126	-	-
4.	Equalized pupils	40.47	-	-
5.	Education spending per equalized pupil	\$ 16,187.94	-	-
6.	Exempt from excess spending	No	-	-
7.	Net offsets for excess spending calculation	-	-	-
8.	Net offsets per equalized pupil	-	-	-
9.	Reduced education spending per equalized pupil	\$ 16,187.94	-	-
10.	Excess spending threshold	\$ 17,816.00	-	-
11.	Excess spending over threshold	-	-	-
12.	Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess	\$ 16,187.94	-	-
13.	Homestead property yield	\$ 10,220.00	-	-
14.	Homestead equalized tax rate [(line 12 ÷ line 13) x \$1.00]	\$ 1.5840	-	-
15.	Percent of equalized pupils	100.00%	-	-
16.	Prorated equalized tax rate from school district	\$ 1.5840	-	-
17.	Total equalized tax rate	\$ 1.5840		
18.	Common level of appraisal (CLA)	96.78%	-	-
19.	Actual tax rate attributable to school district	\$ 1.6367	-	-
	Actual homestead tax rate seen on tax bill	\$ 1.6367		

Non-Residential Education Tax Rate Calculation

20.	Base non-residential rate	\$ 1.580
21.	Common level of appraisal (CLA)	96.78%
	Actual non-residential tax rates seen on tax bill	\$ 1.6326

Household Income Percentage (HIP)

22.	Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess	\$ 16,187.94	-	-
23.	Homestead income yield	\$ 12,380.00	-	-
24.	Household income percentage [(line 22 ÷ line 23) x 2.0%]	2.62%	-	-
25.	Percent of equalized pupils	100.00%	-	-
26.	Prorated equalized tax rate from school district	2.62%	-	-
27.	Total household income percentage	2.62%		

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

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

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	219	154,847,700	9,852,200	144,995,500	154,847,700
Residential II R2	108	54,902,200	10,376,900	44,525,300	54,902,200
Mobile Homes-U MHU	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes-L MHL	2	165,400	87,600	77,800	165,400
Seasonal I S1	8	552,700	0	552,700	552,700
Seasonal II S2	5	730,000	0	730,000	730,000
Commercial C	57	60,447,900	161,600	60,286,300	60,447,900
Commercial Apts CA	1	3,223,800	0	3,223,800	3,223,800
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	1	3,583,100	0	3,583,100	3,583,100
Utilities-O UO	1	161,500	0	161,500	161,500
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	1,090	503,124,450	1,073,800	502,050,650	503,124,450
Woodland W	62	16,261,000	0	16,261,000	16,261,000
Miscellaneous M	36	1,693,300	0	1,693,300	1,693,300
TOTAL LISTED REAL	1,590	799,693,050	21,552,100	778,140,950	799,693,050
P.P. Cable	1	518,000		518,000	518,000
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	518,000		518,000	518,000
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		800,211,050	21,552,100	778,658,950	800,211,050
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	518,000			
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	895,600	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	4,203,300	877,700	3,325,600	4,203,300
Special Exemptions	15		0	22,696,000	22,696,000
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		5,178,900	897,700	26,399,200	27,296,900
Total Exemptions		5,178,900	897,700	26,399,200	27,296,900
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		7,950,321.50			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			206,544.00	7,522,597.50	7,729,141.50
NON-TAX	17	NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411			

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

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

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
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Status on Personal Property					
1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by vote of your town/city?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt? (include percentage)				100.00	
4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used)					
a) at fair market value	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) at depreciated value	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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)	4,203,300
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 24, 2018

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

2018 Equalization Study Results

This letter serves as notification of the results of Property Valuation and Review (PVR)'s 2018 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):	\$771,398,550
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	\$810,907,123
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):	95.13 % or 0.9513
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):	12.02 %

For a copy of your town final computation sheet and certified sales report, please see:
tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/reports/equalization-study

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

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

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

The **common level of appraisal (CLA)** is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list. 32 V.S.A. § 5401. A number over 100% indicates that property in your town is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that



property is generally listed for less than its fair market value. A CLA below 80% necessitates a reappraisal. 32 V.S.A § 4041a. The homestead and nonresidential tax rates in your town will be adjusted by your town's CLA. 32 V.S.A § 5402. The nonresidential rate in your town will be the statewide nonresidential rate divided by your CLA. The homestead rate will be the town homestead rate (which is determined by the per-pupil spending of any school district(s) to which your town belongs) divided by the CLA. A CLA greater than 100% will result in a downward adjustment of tax rates, and a CLA less than 100% will result in upward adjustment.

To get answers to many common questions about tax rates and how they are determined and to see how the current year property tax rates for your town were calculated, please see the department's education tax resources at:

<http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/understanding-property-taxes/education-tax-rate>

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.

Sincerely,

Jill Remick, Director
Property Valuation and Review

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

Board of Selectmen 2018 Annual Report

Sadly, in June of this year, Joann Liller passed away. A resident of Stratton since the early 1960s, she was first elected Treasurer in 1971 and again in 1972, then served as a Town Auditor for decades before her recent retirement from Town government. Our condolences go out to her friends and family.

In October of 2018, Ralph Staib retired as Road Foreman, after 19 years of service on the Road Crew. We appreciate his contributions to the welfare of our roads and we wish him and his wife, Helen an enjoyable retirement.

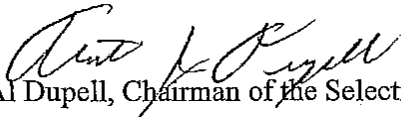
As a result of Ralph Staib's retirement, Chris Liller was promoted to Road Foreman. Additionally, it was agreed to limit the Road Crew to two full-time members and one seasonal part-time member, who can work a full schedule during the winter. To fill this position, the board agreed to hire Grayson Peterson, who has already been working a more limited part-time schedule. Congratulations to both Chris and Grayson.

During the Town Meeting of 2018, all incumbent members of the Select Board, whose terms had expired, were re-elected to their positions. At the subsequent organizational meeting, Albert Dupell was reappointed Chairman and Larry Bills was reappointed Vice-Chairman. Kent Young was reappointed Secretary.

Projects accomplished over the course of 2018 included: 1) Paving approx. 2.5 miles total of sections the Stratton-Arlington Rd. and Mountain Rd. 2) In accordance with the State's new Municipal Roads General Permit which became effective in 2018, compliant ditching and culvert replacements on Penny Avenue and Old Forrester Rd. were completed. 3) Purchase of a 2019 Western Star to replace Town Truck (T1) 4) As a result of flooding of the Town Hall crawlspace, both furnaces had to be replaced and a new drain-line installed. 5) conversion of the Town's security and fire alarm systems were completed. 6) A new phone system was installed at the Town Office. 7) Four new access gates were installed at various areas of the Rec. Area. 8) The Town purchased the old Town Common and Cemetery from the School District.

Tom Montemagni and Greg Marcucci were reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). Kevin Robinson was re-appointed as Fire Warden and Chris Liller was appointed as Assistant Fire Warden. Kent Young was appointed the Town's Representative to the Windham Solid Waste Management District and Chris Liller was appointed as the alternate. Renee Mulkey was re-appointed as Representative to the Windham Regional Commission.

The Board thanks volunteers who have helped with Town events and projects this year. Thanks to Lorraine Weeks-Newell and Helen Eddy for coordinating Green-Up Day. Thanks to the Town Office employees, the Road Crew, Lorraine Weeks-Newell, Helen Eddy, Nancy Ferrucci, Sally Wadsworth, Connie Montemagni and Nancy Geller 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

**TOWN CLERK
2018 ANNUAL REPORT
(Calendar 2018)**

This past year, Pat Coolidge, who has served as my Assistant Town Clerk for more than 18 years and, prior to that, had served as Town Clerk for six years, has retired. She has been a great friend and co-worker and a tremendous help to me throughout the years. Her hard work and especially her organizational skills will be sorely missed. Fortunately, however, she remains a Justice of the Peace and in that capacity will likely participate in Town affairs as a member of the Board of Civil Authority. Thank you Pat!

Assistant Town Clerk: Candie Bernard

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

Land Records: In 2018, one new Mylar was recorded for \$15.00, and 2216 pages were recorded (Book 173 page 611 through Book 176 page 584). Recording fees at \$10.00/page brought in revenues of \$22,160.00.

Property Transfers: 108 Property Transfers occurred in the calendar year of 2018, for a total of \$31,782,211.00. An amount of \$1,140.00 was collected to process the associated Property Transfer Tax Returns. Property Transfer Taxes collected by the State for these sales amounted to \$458,907.16 (a decrease of about 11.7% from last year).

2018 Vital Statistics:

Births – One child of a local Stratton family was born this year, although she was not born within Stratton.

Marriages – Eleven marriages were registered in Stratton this year of which four were of local couples.

Deaths – Stratton residents, Joann Liller and Walter Stugger passed away in 2018. Two additional deaths occurred within Stratton in 2018.

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 (Licenses are valid May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019. Statistics concerning Catering Permits, Special Events Permits, Educational Sampling Event Permits and Festival Permits are calculated for the 2018 calendar year):

1 st Class Restaurant / Bar Licenses:	10 (\$115.00 fee to the Town and \$115.00 fee to the State)
1 st Class Hotel Licenses:	1 (\$115.00 fee to the Town and \$115.00 fee to the State)
2 nd Class Licenses:	1 (\$70.00 fee to the Town and \$70.00 fee to the State)
Outside Consumption Permits:	8 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Catering Permits:	19 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Special Event Permits:	12 (\$35.00 fee to the State)
Educational Sampling	
Event Permits:	4 (\$250.00 fee to the State)
Festival Permits:	1 (\$125.00 fee to the State)

Total fees collected by the Town: \$1335.00

Total fees collected by the State: \$3420.00

Solid Waste Disposal: A total of 141.56 tons of solid waste were hauled away from the Stratton Transfer Station in 2018. Of this, 43.9 tons (31%) were recycled. **Pay-As-You-Throw statistics:** Stratton has collected \$7112.00 [fees] in revenues and paid out \$18,425.87 to Casella Waste Systems, Inc. in solid waste removal expenses (this includes tipping fees, zero-sort handling fees and composting container fees as well).

Voter Statistics: As of December 31, 2018, Stratton had 191 voters on the Voter Checklist. 23 new voters applied to the checklist and were added this year, while 13 voters were removed from the checklist for various reasons. Five voters remain as inactive / challenged and are subject to be removed per the statutory procedures. 29 voters attended the Town Meeting of March 6, 2018 and 50 voters were present for the

subsequent Annual School Meeting. During the Primary Election held on August 14, 2018, only 17 of 183 voters participated (9%); however, during the subsequent General Election held on November 6, 2018, 123 of 196 voters participated (63%).

David Kent Young
Town Clerk

Stratton Planning Commission 2018 Annual Report

This year, Chris Mann was re-elected to the Commission for a four-year term and Anne Patten, previously appointed, was elected to complete a term that expires in 2019. 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.

No major projects were considered during 2018. A subdivision at the end of North Rd. was given final approval (with conditions) at the January meeting; however, those conditions were not met and the subdivision was voided by the Zoning Administrator per statute in August. In December, the Commission agreed to contract with the Windham Regional Commission to proceed with a revision to the Town Plan. The current Town Plan approval by WRC is due to expire in the Fall of 2019.

All Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public. Currently, 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. Notices of cancellation will be posted at these regular posting sites if meetings are cancelled, as will Notices for Special Meetings or Public Hearings.


Kent Young
Planning Commission Chairman

ZONING REPORT
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Name	Permit Type	Date Issued	Permit Fee
ECT, LLC	Boundary Line Adj.	08/15/2017	50.00
L. Jacobs	Addition	08/31/2017	115.00
Wheeler	Garage	09/13/2017	297.50
K. Koeppel	Deck	01/03/2018	20.00
Elliott ETAL	Subdivision	01/03/2018	1,000.00
Stratton Corp.	Ski Lift/Tamarack	01/10/2018	680.00
Stratton Corp.	Ski Lift/Snowbowl	01/10/2018	3,555.00
M. Fulton	Shed	01/03/2018	20.00
V. Brown	Shed	02/22/2018	20.00
LaViola	Renovation	03/31/2018	263.25
Keelan	House	04/10/2018	802.50
Birmingham	Renovations	04/10/2018	115.00
Jepson	Garage	04/10/2018	115.00
Korhonen	Garage	06/20/2018	40.00
Puma	Garage	06/21/2018	179.00
Total Permit Fees Collected			7,272.25

Listers' Report 2018

The Board of Listers consists of Kent Young, Candie Bernard and Allan Hicks. This year, the Listers heard nine Grievances, with no appeals to the Board of Civil Authority

The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) used to determine the 2018 Education Property Tax Rates was 95.13%. The State Non-Residential Education Tax Rate for 2018/19 was \$1.6326. 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 \$1.6367. The Municipal Tax Rate was set at \$0.1628; therefore, Stratton's total property tax rates were \$1.7995 for homestead properties and \$1.7954 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.

David Kent Young
 Kent Young, Listers' Chairman

2018 DOG REPORT

LICENSES ISSUED (Licenses should be renewed before April 1 of each year):

70 dog licenses were sold in the Town of Stratton in 2018 Licenses issued were for:

61 spayed female or neutered male dogs

Nine unneutered male or un-spayed female dogs

Fees collected for 2018: \$690.00 (of which \$360.00 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.

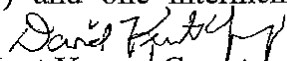
To license a dog or wolf-hybrid, the owner/keeper shall give the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the dog or wolf-hybrid has a current approved vaccination against rabies.

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. seven single gravesites were deeded in North Cemetery and two single gravesite were deeded in Ball Cemetery this year. One interment occurred in Pike Hollow Cemetery (Joann Liller) and one interment occurred in Ball Cemetery (Al Roberts).


Kent Young, Cemetery Commission Chair

Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Co., Inc

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	To Date 2018-2019	2019-2020
Operations Income					
Beginning Balance					
Town of Stratton	\$ 52,150.00	\$52,150.00	\$ 65,650.00	\$ 65,650.00	\$ 52,150.00
Post Office Rental	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,999.00	\$ 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
Grants					
Fund Raising/Donation		\$12,921.66	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Efficiency Vt. Rebate		\$ 480.00			
Total Funds	\$ 70,150.00	\$83,551.62	\$ 96,650.00	\$ 84,733.00	\$ 85,150.00
Expenditures					
Electricity	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,010.63	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 742.00	\$ 1,200.00
Telephone	\$ 700.00	\$ 639.55	\$ 600.00	\$ 377.00	\$ 600.00
Heat	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,689.58	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,803.00	\$ 5,500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,043.00	\$ 2,000.00		
Fire Pond					
2 New SCBA	\$ 15,000.00	\$13,620.60			
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,361.27	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Building Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 136.45	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,857.00	\$ 2,000.00
Postage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 49.00		\$ 56.00	\$ 100.00
Cleaning/Building Supplies		\$ 152.32			
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00		\$ 660.00	\$ 500.00
Tools					
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,363.45	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,502.00	\$ 2,000.00
Radio Repair		\$ 311.60		\$ 180.00	
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 1,500.00
SCBA					
Extinguishers				\$ 137.00	
New Equipment		\$ 3,783.24	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 25,081.00	\$ 23,500.00
New Pierce 2015					
Turnout Gear					
Training	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Dues & Ass. Fees	\$ 400.00		\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Reimbursement Per Point	\$ 23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00
Fund Raising Expense		\$ 965.29		\$ 1,314.00	\$ 1,500.00
CPA	\$ 500.00	\$ 538.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 536.00	\$ 500.00
Post Office Construction Loan					
Secretary Position	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,600.00
Software	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,299.88	\$ 600.00		
Office Supplies				\$ 159.00	\$ 300.00
Hosting Fee	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00	\$ 239.00	\$ 350.00
ACS Fire Companies.com					
Total Expenditures	\$ 70,150.00	\$59,083.86	\$ 83,150.00	\$ 37,780.00	\$ 82,950.00

**Stratton Mountain
Volunteer Fire Company Inc.**

5 Brazers Way Stratton Mtn., VT 05155

John Waite – President

Mathew Underwood – Chief

strattonmtnfire@comcast.net

The Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company responded to 94 calls in 2018.

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

The Fire Company continued raising funds independently in 2018 through our mailing, Post office rental, and making use of local and state grants that were available.

The Company is still the process of updating our SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) and still have four more to replace. We are replacing our AED's and are hoping to replace our helmets this year, which most of are reaching their life expectancy.

We currently have sixteen members, but as always the Fire Company is in need of more volunteers. There are jobs for everyone regardless of their abilities. 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.

<https://smvfc.com> and on Facebook

TOWN OF STRATTON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 10:02am. Selectman, Al Dupell, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk took the roll. Initially, 29 voters were present; therefore, 15 votes constitute a majority. Guests present: Officer John Griffus of the Windham County Sheriff's Dept. The Moderator read the names of Stratton Residents, whom we had learned had passed away in the last year – Al Roberts, Doug Forrester, Marie Minners, Milly Hoffmann, Donato Circello, Rona Hicks and Ken Maurer, then asked for the assembly to pause for a moment of silence in their honor; after which, the meeting resumed.

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. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded. All concurred. Diana Stugger was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: *To act on the Town Report.*

Al Dupell moved to approve the Town Report. Larry Bills seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the article. 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): DR Holton nominated Larry Bills. Kent Young seconded. Siobhan Eddy Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Larry Bills was elected Selectman for a three-year term.

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

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

Planning Commissioner (one four-year term): John Wadsworth nominated Chris Mann. Rob Wadsworth seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Chris Mann was elected Planning Commissioner for a four-year term.

Planning Commissioner (the remaining one year of a four-year term left by resignation and currently filled by appointment): Kent Young nominated Anne Patten. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Anne Patten was elected Planning Commissioner for the one-year remaining of a four-year term.

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

Auditor (one three-year term): No nominations. The position was left vacant.

Cemetery Commissioner (one three-year term): Larry Bills nominated Chris Liller. Kevin Robinson seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot.

Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Chris Liller was elected Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.

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

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

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

Grand Juror (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated John Waite. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kevin Robinson 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. Kevin Robinson seconded. Siobhan Eddy Young 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. Kevin Robinson seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 4 was approved.

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

ARTICLE 6: *To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase the 4-acre parcel, known as the Old Town Common from the Stratton School District for the sum of \$200,000.00.* Larry Bills so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded. Discussion: John Wadsworth asked for an explanation. Kent Young explained that the Old Town Common is currently owned by the School District, but should be owned by the Town, as it is the site of the foundation of the old Meetinghouse and it is also the site of the Old Town Cemetery. It is a separate parcel of the Recreation Area. The sale will provide much needed revenue to the School District to compensate for the large increase in the school budget due to the large increase in the student population this past year. The \$200,000.00 sale price will raise the municipal rate by a little more than two cents; however, by applying that amount to the school budget, it will reduce the Residential School rate by more than 45 cents. This issue must also be voted at the School District meeting. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 6 was unanimously approved.

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

American Red Cross	500.00
Community Food Pantry	500.00
Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.	1500.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Groundworks Collaborative	500.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	500.00

<i>Historical Society of Windham County</i>	250.00
<i>LaMarche Scholarship Fund</i>	500.00
<i>Londonderry Volunteer Rescue</i>	1000.00
<i>Senior Solutions</i>	500.00
<i>SeVEDS</i>	648.00
<i>Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center</i>	500.00
<i>Stratton Mt. Rescue Ambulance Fund</i>	6,000.00
<i>Valley Cares, Inc.</i>	335.00
<i>VT Center for Independent Living</i>	500.00
<i>VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force</i>	100.00
<i>Visiting Nurse Association</i>	800.00
<i>Wardsboro Public Library</i>	5,125.00
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association</i>	5,000.00
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue</i>	3,000.00
<i>Windham County Humane Society</i>	400.00
<i>Winhall Library</i>	2,100.00
<i>Women's Freedom Center</i>	750.00
TOTAL	\$38,058.00

Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. Discussion: Lorraine Week-Newell asked about the status of the LaMarche fund. Kent Young explained that it had been created in memory of Matthew LaMarche, a resident, who was killed in a motorcycle accident many years ago. The Moderator referred the voters to the explanation given in the letter concerning that fund, located within the Town Report. Kent Young stated that the letter was duplicated from last year because Matthew's aunt, who had written the letter, passed away this last October. The fund is managed through Leland and Gray High School. DR Holton asked about the new request from Stratton Mountain Rescue for \$6000.00. Al Dupell said the request is for a new ambulance. He also clarified that Stratton Mountain Rescue only is in service during the day. With no further questions, the Moderator asked for a voice vote. Article 7 was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 8: *To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$65,650.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.* Al Dupell so moved. Kent Young seconded. Discussion: Al Dupell stated that the Fire Co. is in need of volunteers – not only for firefighting, but also for other help at the fire house. With no other discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and 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. Larry Bills seconded. No Discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 was approved.

ARTICLE 10: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200,066.39 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).* Al Dupell so moved. DR Holton seconded. Discussion: Boomer Walker asked about expenses for street lighting. Al Dupell said that the Town is responsible for lights on Town Roads and that they have street lights at each of the major intersections in Town. With no further questions, the Moderator asked for a voice vote. Article 10 was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 11: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$878,700.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).* Al Dupell so moved. Kent Young seconded. Discussion: John Wadsworth asked what section of road will be paved this coming year. Chris Liller responded that the section of Stratton-Arlington Rd. from the Town Hall toward Grout Pond Rd. where about 30 culverts had been replaced this past summer,

will be paved. The Selectmen hope to obtain a grant for this paving. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Discussion: Helen Eddy explained the situation regarding auditing, in that the Town now has an official outside audit completed each year. The Auditors do, however, prepare information for inclusion in the Town Report. She hopes to find someone that is willing to help herself and Stacie Chiodi with this job. If anyone is interested they can discuss it with her or Stacie Chiodi or the Town Office. The Moderator also read names of volunteers from the Selectmen's Report and joined the assembly in thanking those volunteers for their service to the Town.

Adjournment: With no further business, the Moderator asked for a motion to Adjourn. Chris Liller so moved. Boomer Walker seconded all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 10:35AM.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young
Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:

Diana Stigger
Moderator – Diana Stigger

Approved by the Selectmen:

Albert Dupell
Albert Dupell

Chris Liller
Chris Liller

Larry Bills
Larry Bills

Greg Marjacci
Greg Marjacci

Kevin Robinson
Kevin Robinson

**TOWN OF STRATTON
MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF
MARCH 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met as warned at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 11:00AM. The Town Clerk took the roll and 50 voters were present. A majority of 26 will be required. Michael Culver, a Stratton resident, who is not a registered voter, was also present.

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

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

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Stratton School District Officers, as required by law:

School District Director One three-year term

Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Tom Montemagni. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Tom Montemagni was elected School District Director for the term of three years.

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

Kent Young so moved. Larry Bills seconded. Discussion: The Moderator asked Kent Young to explain the article as he had done at the Town Meeting. Kent Young explained that the Old Town Common, is currently owned by the School District, but should be owned by the Town, as it is the site of the foundation of the old Meetinghouse and it is also the site of the Old Town Cemetery. It is a separate parcel of the Recreation Area. The sale will provide much needed revenue to the School District to compensate for the large increase in the school budget due to the large increase in the student population this past year. The \$200,000.00 sale price will raise the municipal rate by a little more than two cents; however, by applying that amount to the school budget, it will reduce the Residential School rate by more than 45 cents. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 3 was unanimously approved.

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

Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 4 was unanimously approved.

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

Al Dupell so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 5 was unanimously approved.

At 11:10, the Moderator asked for a motion to recess the meeting to allow the Town's Representative to the State Legislature, Kelly Pajala, to speak. Al Dupell so moved. Larry Bills seconded. The Moderator stated that the School District Meeting will reconvene immediately following the Representative's Question and Answer session. At this time the meeting recessed. [Kelly Pajala introduced herself as Oliver Olsen's replacement as our District's Representative, as appointed by the Governor following Mr.

Olsen's resignation last year. Kelly Pajala addressed highlights of the current legislative session, including current tax changes being considered and legislation addressing gun violence.]

Following the session, Ms. Pajala left the meeting.

The Moderator reconvened the School District Meeting at 11:40AM.

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

Al Dupell so moved. Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconded. Discussion: Tom Montemagni explained the meaning of this Article – that it would limit choice to three schools in accordance with the statute quoted. Following the inclusion of this Article in the Warning, Burr and Burton Academy's (BBA's) Board of Directors decided that, although they are willing to accept all of Stratton's students, this is not the same as accepting the "Designated School" status, as defined in the statute. The BBA board supports school choice and, therefore, will not accept any town's request for BBA to be a designated school. Tom Montemagni explained that, as a result of this decision, Article 6 cannot be passed as presented, but it could be amended to include another school or to reduce the designated schools to the other two named schools, both of which are Public Schools. To clarify this, if BBA is not to be included in the amended article, and the amended article passes, then it means that no tuition will be paid to BBA by the School District – in other words, parents of BBA students will be responsible for paying the entire tuition amount for those students. The discussion continued with various comments in support of limiting choice in order to maintain an acceptable tax rate, as well as comments for keeping full choice for students regardless of the expense. The discussion also addressed ongoing and potential changes brought about by Act 46, which include merging with other towns. In conclusion the general consensus was to vote the article down so to preserve choice, especially since the majority of our students attend Burr and Burton Academy. The Moderator asked for a voice vote. All voters present voted No. Article 6 did not pass.

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

Al Dupell so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 was unanimously approved.

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

Al Dupell so moved. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. Discussion: Tom Montemagni explained that this is typically applied to schools that do not accept all of our students, with the exception of parochial schools which are not allowed public funds. Burr and Burton Academy is treated differently because that school accepts all of our students. Alyson Marcucci also explained, in response to a parent's question, that the average state tuition rate is calculated by the state annually – the town does not determine that amount. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 passed.

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

Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 passed.

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

Al Dupell so moved. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 10 passed.

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

Al Dupell so moved. Larry Bills seconded. Discussion: Tom Montemagni and the School Board explained that the School Board has been in negotiations to merge with other districts this last year and referred voters to the Act 46 Report published in the Town Report for details. Last year, the Town had thought that a move to the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union would benefit the Town by ensuring that Burr and Burton Academy and the Mountain School, located within the boundaries of that Supervisory Union would remain available choices for Stratton; however, following the discussions for merger, the board came to the conclusion that merging with Winhall and Sandgate which were within that Supervisory Union, would not be good for Stratton parents. Stratton would lose its voice in the proposed merger and discussions concerning busing seemed to imply a very negative impact for the Town as well. By maintaining membership in the Windham Central Supervisory Union, Stratton will be in a better position to maintain itself as an Independent District. Upon conclusion, of the discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 11 passed unanimously.

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

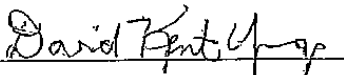
Tom Montemagni stated that the School Board will be reviewing options to present to the Town to alleviate adverse effects on the Residential Education Property Tax Rate. The School Board will warn a Special Meeting for this forum sometime in the coming months.

Other residents expressed their thoughts supporting the importance of School Choice.

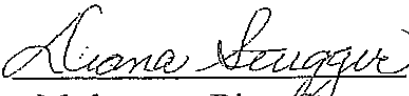
ADJOURNMENT: Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn.

Al Dupell moved to adjourn. Betsy Wadsworth seconded. All concurred and the School District Meeting adjourned at 12:20PM.

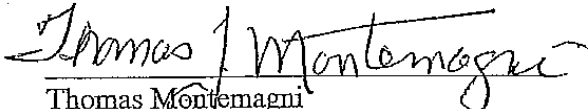
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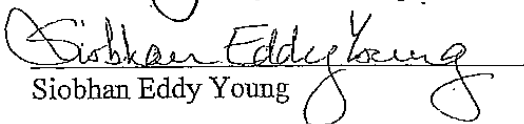

Town Clerk – David Kent Young

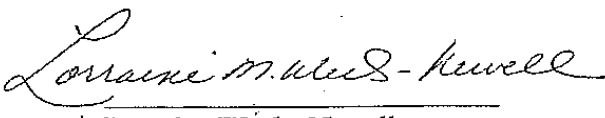
Approved:


Moderator – Diana Stigger

Approved by the Stratton School Directors


Thomas Montemagni


Siobhan Eddy Young


Lorraine Weeks-Newell



Dear Sending Town Voters:

We are pleased to submit to you our 2019-2020 sending town tuition of \$17,490, which constitutes a 2.49% increase from the current year. This compares with our tuition for non-sending towns of \$19,490.

We arrived at this sending town tuition number based on our strong desire to continue to be a source of strength to our sending communities. Our primary cost drivers, teacher salaries and benefits, will increase at 2.8% and over 11%, respectively, but we are confident we can cover this gap through additional fundraising and prudent cost management.

BBA's tuition has increased 2.3% annually since the 2015-2016 school year, and over the last decade, the average increase is 2.74%. These figures represent not only our immediate sensitivity to the cost pressures faced statewide, but our long-term commitment to maintaining affordability.

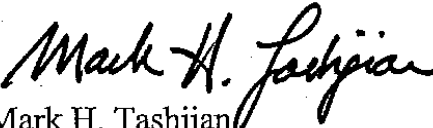
During the past decade, thanks to our capital fundraising efforts, we have invested millions of dollars in facilities. We have created special programming at the Mountain Campus and the Dene Farm at Hildene, invested in sound and projection systems in our Riley Center for the Arts, purchased Steinway pianos, and more. We became an iPad school and have put iPads in the hands of every single student, expanded athletic offerings, constructed a state of the art turf field, renovated our fitness center, and now we embark on a \$20 million building program to expand our capacity, enhance academic offerings, and provide more space together as a community.

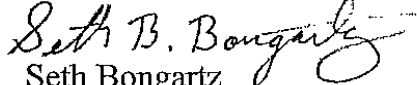
In addition, most recently we raised \$100,000 at our fundraising gala in May to directly support public elementary schools by creating an education innovation fund.

We raise close to \$1 million annually to support operations, and we augment annual fundraising with an endowment draw of approximately \$800,000. Additionally, we bring in students from around the globe to enhance cultural diversity and understanding while providing \$3 million in additional revenues.

BBA provides outstanding educational opportunities to young people in our communities. We strive to be a source of strength to our communities, and the support we receive from these communities is one of the greatest sources of strength for our school.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster


Seth Bongartz
Chair of the Board

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY INC.
Providing supplemental food to households in need

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Annual Report to the Town of Stratton · 2018

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. Our service provides assistance to anyone who asks – no requirements, no questions asked. Our Service is confidential, supportive and non-judgmental. Hunger has no place in our community.

We work to provide healthy choices for all age groups with the selections offered. Fresh eggs, milk, cheese and produce are all part of our regular mix.

A wise gentleman once observed that being a citizen in our small mountain towns can be “a full time job”. I've often chuckled about this as I've served in numerous ways; as I've watched my husband serve; and as I've watched friends and neighbors serve. Volunteers are truly the lifeblood of our towns – and every commitment of time and talent add to the warp and weft of the fabric that defines us.

The Community Food Pantry has been operating for over 20 years with a small cadre of volunteers. In the past year, inadequate staffing has made it increasingly difficult for us to continue to provide the level of service that our clients have come to depend on.

Effective January 2019, the Jamaica/Wardsboro Community Food Pantry will be open on the last Wednesday of every month only. We understand that this will be a hardship and encourage our regulars to mark their calendars and be certain to visit the Pantry when open.

To our supporters and clients, please know that we are actively working to return our service to a full level of operation as soon as possible.

The Community Food Pantry will be open on the last Wednesday of every month from 6:30 until 8 PM and is located in the Vestry of the Wardsboro Yoked Parish. We give consideration to special dietary requirements.

We hope that you will consider serving your community by joining in our mission of care and compassion for our most vulnerable neighbors. The job is easy and the reward is great.

Elaine Beckwith
Coordinator

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

The Current Town Report Town of Stratton FY 19

As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company since 2003, The Current relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. These funds allow us to draw down federal funds and provide operating support and the required match for our new vehicles. Stratton has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The Current's mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the 30 Windham and southern Windsor County towns we serve. We operate bus routes and senior and disabled non-emergency medical transportation services through our fleet of 23 buses, vans, and a network of 15 volunteer drivers. We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares, and contributions from our human service partners.



The Current's total operating expenses last year were \$2,505,430. We provided 157,464 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 638,836 miles over 31,255 hours.

Stratton's contribution supports continuing public transit in your town and throughout the region. Service levels vary by town and from year by year. A town's transportation needs can be minimal some years and large the next. We need your help to remain a healthy company to be able to respond to needs of the elderly, disabled, or in an emergency or crisis when the need arises.

We are requesting a \$125 contribution from the Town of Stratton this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

We are always seeking input to improve our services. Please contact me to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Gagnon
General Manager

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rgagnon@crtransit.org

www.crtransit.org



November 29, 2018

Town Of Stratton
9 Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

To Whom It May Concern:

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

At this time Deerfield Valley Rescue is requesting for appropriation of \$1,500.00 from the Town of Stratton. This would be for the 2019 fiscal year.

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

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

Sincerely,

Heidi S. Taylor
Business Administrator, DVR

"I recently had my first experience at Grace Cottage's ER, and I was amazed and impressed by the care that I received. The ER was full, but I didn't feel at all rushed. Everyone calmly answered my questions and clearly explained what was happening, working very hard to get to the root of my health issue. I can't speak highly enough about one and all there." Cheryl Cook, Jamaica, VT

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for almost 70 years. In 2018, for the second year in a row, we received national acclaim as a "Top 20 Critical Access Hospital for Patient Satisfaction," out of 1,339 such hospitals in the U.S., and the only hospital in the Northeast so named. The award was given by the National Rural Health Association, based on surveys filled out by our patients. In February of 2018, we welcomed a new CEO with 35 years of healthcare experience, Doug DiVello.

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. In 2018, donations allowed us to purchase, among many other things, a new non-invasive ventilation system for the ER.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for the convenience of area residents. More than the 7,000 locals choose Grace Cottage for their primary care. We offer physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, podiatry, and mental health services. Many of our providers are accepting new patients.

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

Grace Cottage's Rehabilitation Department continues to offer exceptional care for both hospital patients and outpatients, with sixteen physical, occupational, and speech therapists on staff. New services include lymphedema therapy, custom orthotics, and neurodevelopmental treatment for brain injuries, stroke rehabilitation, Parkinson's disease, and other issues affecting movement and speech.

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness. We encourage area residents and visitors to take advantage of our low-cost or free wellness classes and events, including yoga and Strong Bones, which are held in the beautiful and serene Community Wellness Center. Various support groups are offered throughout the year. More information is at www.gracecottage.org

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

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

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

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

P.O. Box 216; 185 Grafton Road, Townshend, Vermont 05353; www.gracecottage.org

FY 2018, by the numbers:
20,696: Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health
4,065: Patient days in hospital
3,087: Emergency Dept. visits
6,323: Outpatient Rehab visits
2,065: Diagnostic Imaging visits
4,338: Community Health Team visits
3,584: Visits to Wellness classes and events
2,025: Individual donations to Grace Cottage



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Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

September 2018

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,
 Melanie Phelps
Interim President

Town report information for Green Up Day, May 5, 2018

(This is available for download at www.greenupvermont.org by clicking on the "About" page and scrolling down)

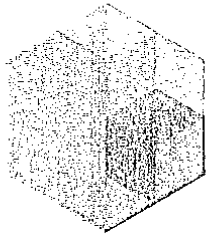
Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary, with 22,700 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit organization, not a state agency. With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride. Green Up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

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

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

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

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



groundworks
COLLABORATIVE

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

FOODWORKS

Groundworks Food Shelf – Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (and Tuesday afternoons for seniors only), the food shelf provides emergency food for over 1000 individuals per month, and over 900 households per year.

HOUSINGWORKS

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

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

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

SUPPORTWORKS

Housing Case Management – Our team of case managers work with people who are currently and formerly experiencing homelessness to help 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 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

Groundworks clients have direct access to a number of services available through our embedded provider partnerships, including:

- a full-time **Brattleboro Retreat Licensed Mental Health Clinician**, who works on-site at all three of our locations, providing psychotherapy and critical early substance abuse recovery supports;
- a **Licensed Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor from HCRS** meets with clients on-site at the Drop-In Center two days each week connecting with folks in need of supports; and
- the Vulnerable Populations Care Coordinator is an **RN from Brattleboro Memorial Hospital** who provides Groundworks clients with health screenings, wound care, and connection to primary care physicians, thereby reducing emergency room visits.

basic needs met with dignity

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

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY18 for Town of Stratton

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

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

Request for Support from the Town of Stratton

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$500.00 from the Town of Stratton at the 2019 Town Meeting to help support our Access Navigator Program which improves upon the mental health walk-in clinic. The Access Navigator Program is instrumental in ensuring that new clients are able to access services in a timely manner. In the year ending June 30, 2018, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,080 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 2018 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.

With the completion of the 1880 Newfane Railroad Station restoration project this year, the Historical Society of Windham County is now the steward of both the Windham County Museum and the West River Railroad Museum. The Station was one of ten depots along the West River Railroad which ran from Brattleboro to South Londonderry. The restored Railroad Station provides a visual and accessible presentation for a broad audience, as well as an engaging teaching tool for educators and parents. The County Museum is open Wednesday afternoons, and both museums are open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 5:00, from Memorial Day weekend until mid-October. Visits by appointment are also welcome and school visits are encouraged. Inquiries are fielded year-round.

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 two Museums and their collections and continue our policy of free admission. Please visit our website for more information, the latest news and schedule of events: www.historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org.

Thank you.

The LaMarche Fund

The LaMarche Fund was created in 2001 in memory of Matthew LaMarche, a Stratton resident, who died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Matthew had graduated from Leland and Gray Union High School and from Vermont Technical College (VTC). Matthew's family created the fund with the intent to award small scholarships of \$500.00 each to applicants who plan to attend VTC, with preference given to Stratton and Wardsboro resident applicants, but was later opened to any student who plans to attend VTC.

As of January 1, 2019, the LaMarche Fund contains \$17,167.80. Stratton has contributed \$500.00 annually since its beginning. The fund is managed through the Administrative Office of Leland and Gray Union High School.

Since its creation, only four scholarships have been awarded. The routine had been that the LeLand and Gray Administrative Office received scholarship requests, which were then sent to Donna-Marie and Allan Sikes, Matthew LaMarche's aunt and uncle, for review and approval. Last year, the LeLand and Gray Administrative Office was unaware that Donna-Marie Sikes had passed away in 2017, which resulted in a request for a scholarship being forfeited when no response was received from the family. The staff is now aware of her death and is pursuing new criteria for the distribution of scholarships. The current contact for applications is Mary Martin, Registrar and Counseling Administrative Assistant, Leland and Gray Union High School, Townshend, VT 05353.

LONDONDERRY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD TOWN REPORT

The Londonderry volunteer Rescue Squad responded to 548 in 2018. This was a record high total with an increase of 77 calls over last year. The locations of these calls are as follows: 3 in Andover, 9 in Landgrove, 148 in Londonderry, 89 in South Londonderry, 74 in Peru, 36 in Stratton, 58 in Weston, 46 in Windham, 68 in Winhall, 2 in Jamaica, 2 in Chester, 1 in Mount Holly and 12 in Manchester. Of these, there were 58 calls at the following ski areas: 33 at Bromley, 15 at Stratton, 8 at Magic and 2 at X-country areas.

Of these calls: 314 were illnesses, 142 injuries, 52 motor vehicle accidents, 17 stand-by calls, and 23 public assists. We responded to 23 mutual aid calls, while 39 calls resulted in other services coming to our aid. Our members initiated Advanced Life Support interventions on over 200 calls. These interventions include: starting 144 pre-hospital IV's, cardiac defibrillations, and administration of albuterol, epinephrine, Narcan, aspirin, nitroglycerin, Nitros Oxide, morphine, fentanyl, dextrose, etc. We called in the DHART helicopter 6 times and used a Paramedic Intercept service 2 times.

LVRS has been using Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) for pain control for the last year. We have used it 16 times this year on patients with great success. This not only cuts down on the use of opiates given to patients, but our AEMT's can administer it so a Paramedic does not need to be called in for pain control.

Our Squad Membership seems to be constantly changing with members leaving and new ones joining. This year we lost 7 members but had 7 new members join. We are also excited to be conducting an EMT course, with 13 people taking it. Some of our members are upgrading their certifications but we are hoping to get a number of new members as well. We have just completed an AEMT course in which 3 of our members upgraded their certifications. We are always looking for new, dedicated members that have the time to make a commitment to the Squad. Please go to our website at (londonderryrescuevt.org) to download joining applications and to check us out.

LVRS currently has 45 members on our ambulance service. We also have about 30 members on our Londonderry Technical Rescue (LTR). This is a separate

department within our Squad with its own Executive Committee and members. They do vehicle extrications, back country rescues, swift and cold water rescues, low angle rescues, lost and/or injured hikers, snowmobile accidents, etc. They are very active with calls and trainings and are always looking for new members. No medical training is needed, but rescue experience and being physical fit is helpful.

We have two issues that continue to be an ongoing problem that you can help us with. The first is finding your location in your time of need. Our GPS's are helping with this, but we need you to post your 911 address next to the road where we can see the numbers easily. We can't see or read them if they are on your houses, away from the road, very small, or under the snow in the winter months. The other issue is to have a current medical list printed out as well as your medical treatments and/or conditions. It takes a long time going through pill bottle by pill bottle to get them listed. It's your life that we can save with this knowledge.

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is a highly trained professional Paramedic service that is run and staffed by volunteers. We are the last ambulance service in the State of Vermont that does not bill or charge our patients for transports or services. This is only made possible by the continued generosity and support of the communities and the residents that we serve.

Treasurer's Report

For the year 2018, the Londonderry volunteer Rescue Squad had expenses totaling \$153,962.37. There were 548 calls at an average expense of \$280.96 per call. This low average cost is only possible because of the commitment and sacrifices that our volunteers make.

Wilma Tremarco
Treasurer, LVRS

Rescue Inc.

Rescue Inc. is your community non-profit provider of emergency medical treatment and transportation. Rescue Inc, founded in 1966, has been providing service to the region for the past fifty-three years. Citizens and visitors of our fifteen-member towns receive state of the art emergency medical response, critical care transport and rescue services, as well as stand-by and disaster response. Our regional service delivery model allowed us for the second year in a row to respond to 100% of emergency calls in our coverage area. We gladly supported our neighbors with mutual aid and provided both nonemergency and critical care transportation from our local hospitals. In total we responded to more than 6200 requests for service. We operate nine ambulances out of stations located in West Townshend and Brattleboro. During the last year, through the generosity of our communities, we have been able to upgrade two stretchers, two ambulances, purchase bullet-proof vests for our medical providers, and purchase a drone to support our search and rescue team. Our public education team trained hundreds of citizens in CPR, Stop the Bleed, and First Aid. Our EMS educators hosted four classes, training the regions next generation of basic and advanced emergency medical responders. Other highlights include hosting three national speakers on critical care transport as well an intense two-day training on active shooter response. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to advancing the delivery of prehospital medicine serving this region in the future.



ANNUAL REPORT

SENIOR SOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

SeVEDS Summary for Town Reports - 2019

Since 2012, Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) has sought funding from every town in the Windham Region to support long-term economic development strategies that generate growth and prosperity. In 2018, thirteen towns funded SeVEDS, representing 75% of Windham residents. Every community is asked to fund at \$3 per capita. That funding has added staff capacity, allowed us to increase regional programming and the collective impact on the region's economy.

To address shared regional challenges like declining population, and to achieve regional goals like improving wages and opportunities for residents, a shared effort above and beyond the capacity of any individual community is required. The investment that municipalities make through SeVEDS demonstrates our region's commitment to creating a vibrant regional economy and healthy workforce. Municipal support for SeVEDS leverages state and federal funding, as well as funding from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), to support strategic planning and program implementation for projects designed to help the region reach the goals and objectives.

2018 Program and Project Highlights

Workforce Training, Recruitment, & Retention



Annual Southern Vermont Career Expo
603 local Job seekers were helped through Career Expo and Rapid Response events.

Workforce Training, Recruitment, & Retention



Intern Carley Wainwright from Putney at The Richards Group
331 Colleges Students were connected to dozens of BDCC paid internships available this year.

Workforce Training, Recruitment, & Retention



Pipelines & Pathways Program Begins
A new program to better engage high school students with local career opportunities started this year, with a full staff person now working within Windham's four high schools.

Stratups & Entrepreneurial Support



Small Businesses
729 Entrepreneurs benefited from small business and startup support through INSTIG8 workshops and events, one-on-one technical assistance, financing, and Incubator services.


SOUTHERN VERMONT
Therapeutic Riding Center

3 Cross Country Circle – Wilmington, VT 05363

www.sovtrc.org

(802) 221-4409

October 19, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Young,

As a representative of Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center, I am writing to request consideration for an appropriation of \$500 from Stratton for FY20. We are grateful for your support last year, and we hope that we can count on you again in the coming year. We currently serve 21 clients from Southern Vermont, with several who reside in Stratton and neighboring towns. Along with the care of our equine team and equipment maintenance, we underwrite the cost of lessons for many of our participants. Without subsidies, these people with special needs would be unable to afford to participate.

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

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

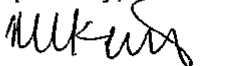
SVTRC offers lessons throughout the year focusing on three distinct programs:

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

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

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

Respectfully,



Meredith L. Kenyon
SVTRC board member, volunteer, and participant
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Stratton Mountain
Urgent Care
Carlos Otis Clinic

Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Sir/Madame:

On behalf of the Board of Directors at Carlos Otis Stratton Mountain Clinic and the staff of Stratton Mountain Rescue, THANK YOU for your recent contribution to the ambulance fundraising campaign.

Your gift of \$ 6,000.00 will help us continue to provide emergency response and ambulance transport service to Stratton Resort and the surrounding communities.

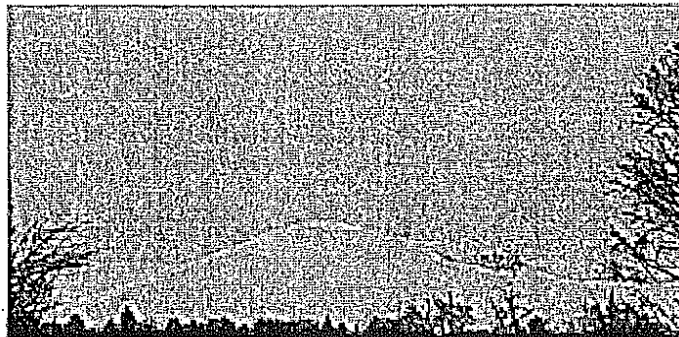
We are grateful for your donation and look forward to your continued support!

Sincerely,



Seth D. Boyd
Executive Director

The Carlos Otis Stratton Mountain Clinic is a not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Tax ID# 23-7122057



Mt. Abraham – Lincoln, Vermont – Green Mountain National Forest

Green Mountain National Forest

Town Meeting Report

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The support the Forest receives helps to accomplish an extremely robust program of work. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to the local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. Below is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

**For the full text of the Green Mountain National Forest's Town Report,
please see the Town Website: www.townofstrattonvt.com.**



Valley Cares

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

November 29, 2018

Re: humanitarian request

Dear Selectboard,

Valley Cares respectfully requests \$335 in continued support from the Town of Stratton at Town Meeting in 2019.

Valley Cares helps seniors in Stratton remain safely in their homes; and if the time comes for them to move, we provide safe, affordable independent and assisted living options “right down the road.”

Many of our services – such as our medical equipment lending program and our Support And Services at Home program – are offered free of charge to members of the Stratton community. Although we charge for housing and care services at West River Valley Senior Housing, we subsidize these costs because we recognize that seniors are on fixed incomes.

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

Thank you for your on-going support.

Sincerely,



Susanne Shapiro
Executive Director

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

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

Request Amount: \$500.00

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

Preliminary numbers for our FY'18 (10/2017-9/2018) show VCIL responded to over **3,700** 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 **315** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **11** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **149** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **83** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **87** individuals with information on assistive technology; **45** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **532** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **41** people and provided **33** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

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

During FY '18, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

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

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



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HealthVermont.gov

Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Stratton, 2019

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

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

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

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

Join our local Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vdhbrattleboro

Follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
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November 15, 2018

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

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 20+ years of the program, nearly **1100 grants** totaling **\$2.5 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

Over the past several years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources 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 a number of 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. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing RFP systems are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year. **In 2019, we will accept application for "drafting site" facilities.**

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2018 was \$211,600, of which \$111,864 was paid 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

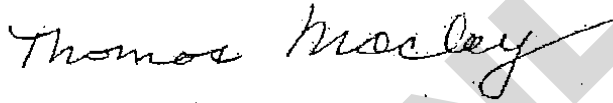
and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received nearly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

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

Enclosed please find a summary report for 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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Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
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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, 2017 and June 30, 2018 VNH made 101 homecare visits to 8 Stratton residents. This included approximately \$6,264 in unreimbursed care to Stratton residents.

- Home Health Care: 94 home visits to 7 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- Hospice Services: 7 home visits to 1 resident who were in the final stages of their lives.

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,



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

Wardsboro Public Library
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170 Main Street
Wardsboro, VT 05355
(802) 896-6988
www.wardsboropubliclibrary.org
wardsboropubliclibrary@gmail.com

December 5, 2018

To the Town of Stratton,

The Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library deeply appreciate the continued financial support of the Town of Stratton. Though we count on the Town of Wardsboro to cover the cost of wages of the Library employees, your assistance, along with funds raised by the Trustees through special events and our annual appeal, is used to help pay for the operating costs of the Library, such as books, supplies, telephone, computers, high-speed fiber optic WiFi, cleaning and special programs for adults and children.

This year's request, for fiscal 2019-2020, is for \$5,275.00. This represents an increase of \$150 over the \$5,125 that the Town of Stratton appropriated to the Library in 2018 and is an effort by the Trustees to keep up with estimated cost increases during fiscal 2019-2020.

We are grateful to the taxpayers, donors and patrons from both the Town of Stratton and the Town of Wardsboro for their continued support of our wonderful facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Backus, Mark Fernandes, Sheri Lewis, Bob Stupp, Jeremy Schrauf
Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library

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

January 8, 2019

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

Dear Stratton Selectboard members,

The members of the Wardsboro Fire and Rescue are grateful for the town of Stratton's continued support of our department over the past years. As you are most likely aware, members of the Wardsboro Fire and Rescue are dispatched on an automatic mutual aid basis to assist the Stratton Fire Department on fire and rescue calls in certain areas in the town of Stratton.

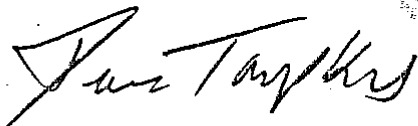
Would you kindly include the Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Department for \$5000.00 and Wardsboro Rescue for \$3000.00 in your appropriations for the coming year?

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

Respectfully,



Warner Manzke, Chief



Duane Tompkins, President

**Windham County Humane Society
Town Report July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018**

Description of Services:

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

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

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

Outcomes

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

The average length of stay for animals was 12 days. Total expenses for WCHS in 2017-18 were \$537,288.

Spay/Neuter

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

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

Pet Care Assistance

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

In 2016-17, we provided:

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

WCHS served Stratton residents as follows:

- 1 resident adopted a bird
- 1 resident used our low cost clinic to neuter a cat
- 1 residents used our Pet Care assistance program for 2 pet vaccinations



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 FY2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) in the amount of \$35000, or approximately 686 hours of service for the year. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to 81 calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY18, we issued a total of 53 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$5039.20 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 12 warnings were issued and 81 calls for service were answered.

While overall, this year has been one of maintenance for the Sheriff's Office, a couple new things have come to be. This year we took over coordination of the Windham County Highway Safety Task Force, a regionalized law enforcement effort funded by the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program to provide education and enforcement efforts across Windham County.

We've updated our portable radios to improve deputies abilities to communicate while in the community; begun/continued work to increase our radio coverage with additional transmission locations; purchased three cruisers, including an unmarked Dodge Charger to facilitate out-of-state prisoner extraditions and movement of mental health patients, a Ford Interceptor Sedan to update our patrol fleet, and a Ford Interceptor SUVs to update our transport fleet; we replaced our deputies body armor utilizing grant funding; provided our deputies with up-to-date high-visibility jackets to keep them safe while on patrol; and replaced our cruisers' flashlights.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Keith D. Clark



The Windham Regional Commission

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

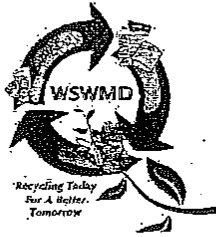
The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year.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

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; Act 174 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 VTTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

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 may 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 two-year process, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Past year highlights reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We've begun a pilot study in collaboration with the Rich Earth Institute to explore innovative technologies that can help address village wastewater capacity and groundwater quality issues. We continue to support the development of watershed collaboratives, and participate in efforts like the Confluence Project, which bring together diverse stakeholders and citizens to better connect with their shared watersheds to improve water and habitat quality. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. One provides assistance to schools and other public buildings to install modern wood-fueled heating systems. The other provides grants for renewable energy development. We've helped towns apply for grants to conduct road erosion inventories and conduct road erosion work. We assist towns with local emergency operations planning. 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 5% of a \$2.25 million budget for FY 2019. 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 \$484. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2019, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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2018 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

Brattleboro
Brookline
Dover
Dummerston
Guilford
Halifax
Jamaica
Marlboro
Newfane
Putney
Readsboro
Somerset
Stratton
Townshend
Vernon
Wardsboro
Westminster
Wilmington

Transfer Station: Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) operates a regional transfer station for landfill materials; recyclables; organics; construction & demolition debris; scrap metal; white goods; electronics; and year-round collection of certain hazardous waste such as paint products, batteries, and used motor oil. The transfer station diverts 76% of all the materials delivered to recycling and composting.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is 2nd largest facility in Vermont, and in calendar year 2018 composted 1,357 tons of food scraps from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program and commercial/institutional sources. Total tons of organic materials processed, including leaves, wood chips, and paper fiber was 3,260 tons. The District sold 1,750 cubic yards of “Brattlegrow” compost in 2018, primarily through 4 retail distributors. WSWMD donates compost for town projects, schools, and community gardens.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The MRF closed in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Eight towns utilize the District’s recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities, with private haulers handling recyclable materials.

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

Solar Array: WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Sky Solar Holdings, who constructed a 5 mega-watt solar array on the landfill this year and began operating in July. It is the largest group net metered project in the state and has contracted for 20 years with: the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Halifax, Newfane, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, and Wilmington; schools in Brattleboro, Marlboro, Putney, and Vernon; Landmark College, Marlboro College, Brattleboro Retreat, and WSWMD. Sky Solar has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$102,000/year for use of the landfill. The project is providing significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished year-end FY 2018 with a surplus of \$60,451.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) Mandated by Vermont Agency of Natural Resources:

Re-TRAC Reporting: WSWMD tracked tonnages of recyclables collected from member towns.
SWIP Annual Requirements: Towns and WSWMD are required to comply with VT ANR Materials Management Plan (MMP) policies.

WSWMD is responsible for managing SWIP requirements for member towns. Highlights from 2018 include:

- Free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion, was provided to over 200 businesses in 17-member communities;

- Implemented a multi-media public outreach campaign; and
- Provided event recycling containers to 20 public/private events.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: WSWMD held 4 household hazardous waste collection events (as mandated by VT ANR MMP) in the Towns of Brattleboro, Jamaica, Readsboro, and Westminster, with 283 households from 18 towns participating! WSWMD has signed agreements with the Rutland County Solid Waste District and the City of Keene, which allows residents, and conditionally exempt generators, to use those hazardous waste depots for a fee.

Grants:

VT ANR Organics Infrastructure Grant: WSWMD was awarded \$410,518, which requires a 60% match, to purchase organics processing equipment. The use of these funds or a portion thereof is under consideration.

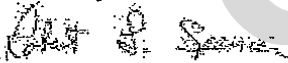
Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion: Sky Solar Holdings, in conjunction with WSWMD, was awarded a \$100,000 grant from Windham Regional Commission Clean Energy Development Fund to construct a food waste anaerobic digester at WSWMD. The anaerobic digester is under consideration.

VT ANR Solid Waste Implementation Grant: WSWMD was awarded a \$39,442 grant from the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to assist the District with the expenses associated with its hazardous waste collection programs.

USDA Equipment Grant: WSWMD was awarded \$17,500 to go towards the purchase of a new front-end loader in July for the compost facility operations.

VLCT Equipment Grant: WSWMD was awarded a \$595 grant to purchase an ergonomically better desk and chair for the scalehouse operator.

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 58 homeowners in 2018 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 2018, 75 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

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

Rental Housing Development Program-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2018, WWHT completed renovation of a historic apartment building and 18 new apartments in Putney, as well as completing 22 micro-apartments for the homeless in Brattleboro. In October of 2018, WWHT broke ground on a new mixed-income apartment complex in downtown Brattleboro.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 859 rental apartments with over 1140 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.homemattershere.org

ONLINE
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Winhall Memorial Library - Annual Report

July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Thank you for the support of the town and community. The enthusiasm for the library continues to flourish. Our patronage continues to grow, with regular attendance at each of our events. Thanks to my trustees for their support, while giving me the freedom to steer the library into the future. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers; the library would not be a success without your help. Thanks to Laura Gianotti of the Winhall Community Arts Center! Thank you to our amazing patrons!

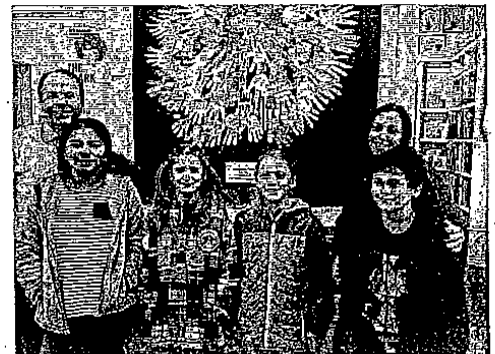
-Dawn Santos



- 500 New Books added in FY 17/18
- 240 Audiobooks/Over 300 DVDs in the collection
- Patron Computers, printer, Free 24/7 Wi-Fi
- Hosted Trunk or Treat, Santa Tree Lighting, and movie events in conjunction with the Winhall Community Arts Center
- 3000 Patron Visits/2900 materials loaned out FY 17/18
- Over 350 Community Luncheon attendees/average 30 each month FY 17/18
- 10 children completed Summer Reading Challenge
- Monthly Artists Showings/6 Art Openings with over 160 in attendance

Monthly Events at the WML

- ❖ Third Thursday Community Luncheon in collaboration with the Winhall Community Arts Center
- ❖ Book Discussion-books provided by the library each month
- ❖ Cookbook Club the second Thursday of each month
- ❖ Artist of the month/Artist Receptions
- ❖ Movie showings in conjunction with the Winhall Community Arts Center
- ❖ View our event calendar on the home page of our website: www.winhallmemoriallibrary.org



Notable Highlights

The library received a generous donation in memory of Ted Friedman. We utilized this donation to purchase new non-fiction children's books for our collection.

We were gifted an entire cozy mystery collection from the estate of Estelle Schwartz.

We had regular visits from the 1st graders at The Mountain School at Winhall. The children enjoyed listening to stories and checking out books from the library.

In June we had a guest chef Cookbook Club where Chef Erik Peckel of Erik Peckel Catering demonstrated how to make Chicken Picatta and Watermelon Salad, and then fed the crowd.

The Mountain School at Winhall had an amazing display of artwork honoring diversity in the month of February.

In July, 25 people attended a fun filled performance from Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate courtesy of a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries.

The community came out to support the library at our annual Friendraiser; where we sold books, gave out free hotdogs, had face painting, and enjoyed music from the Eukeladies and a performance from Magician Tom Joyce.

One of our lovely patrons once again donated a beautiful quilt that was raffled off in September.

Progress has been made in inventorying and automating the collection.

Board of Trustees

Officers

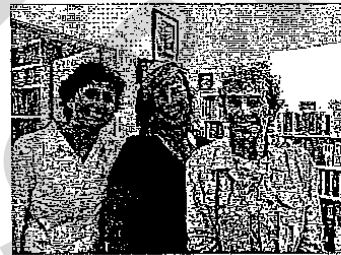
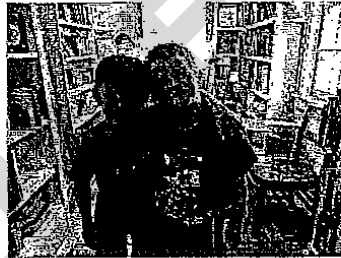
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Tamatha Blanchard

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Dawn Santos



Please like us on Facebook and
follow us on Instagram!

Library Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays 2pm-6pm
Saturday 9am-1pm
www.winhallmemoriallibrary.org

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

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and Southern Windsor Counties. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1974, 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018, the Women's Freedom Center responded to 1,700 hotline calls, sheltered 173 people (121 adults and 52 children) and had 3,500 contacts through which we provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,205 people** (713 women, 31 men, 2 gender non-binary individuals and 459 children) who were abused. In addition, we provided community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout our service area.

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 the 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

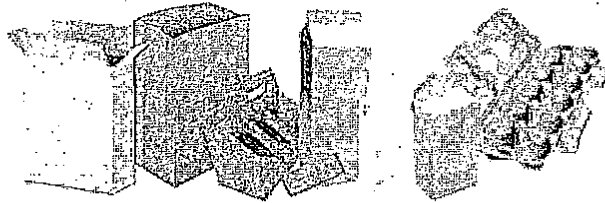
ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

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.

CARDBOARD/PAPER



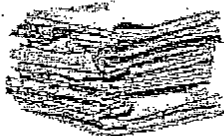
Corrugated Cardboard
(wavy center layer)



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



File Folders and Office Paper
(all colors)



Newspaper
(all sections, inserts)



Mail and Greeting Cards
(junk mail, envelopes)

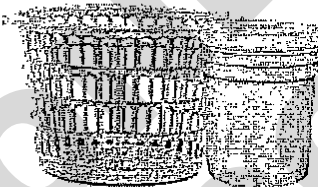


Magazines and Phone Books
(catalogs, soft cover books)

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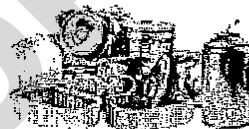


Plastic Containers
(#1-#7)



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

METAL



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

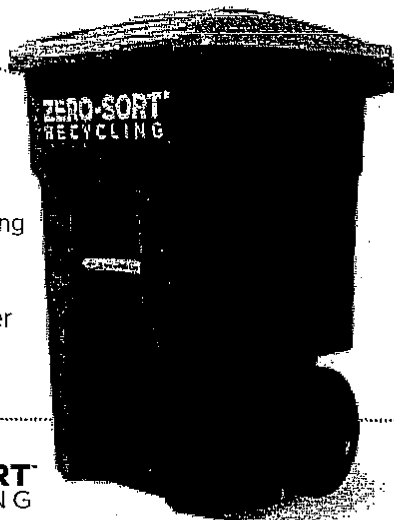
GLASS



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

TOWN OF STRATTON

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896-6185

Town Office FAX: 896-6630

Town Office Email: townclerk@townofstrattonvt.com

Town Office Web Site: www.townofstrattonvt.com

Town Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00PM

Town Garage & Highway Department: 896-6224

Town Garage FAX: 896-6999

Town Garage Email: garage@townofstrattonvt.com

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

School Board: 1st Tuesday 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
9 West Jamaica Rd.
Stratton, VT 05360**

**Dog Licenses are now due
Before April 1, 2019**

(Please ensure that the Rabies Vaccination Certificate is current)

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Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting