Annual Report

Town of Stratton, Vermont

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

In Memory

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

Avis Pickering (1927 – 2019)

Avis and her husband, Earl, became fulltime residents of Stratton in 1989, after building a home at the top of Penny Ave. Earl had been a Selectman in the late 1990s. He died in 2009. Avis was active in Town affairs and was a longtime member of the Planning Commission from 1992 to 2014. For many years she wintered in Florida, where she died on March 19.

Ruth Romano (1930 – 2019)

Ruth and her husband, Thomas "Tim" became fulltime residents in 1992, and resided in a house they had built at 758 Stratton-Arlington Rd. Tim died in 1995, after which Ruth continued to reside in her home here for another 22 years. In 2017, Ruth moved into a retirement home in Townshend, where she died on August 17.

Barbara Pepper (1944 – 2019)

Mrs. Pepper settled into her vacation home in Styles Brook in 2012, following a divorce. She died at home on April 9.

On the Cover: A rare sighting of four moose together, taken by Chris Liller at the Wildlife Viewing Area at Grout Pond in the fall of 2018.

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STRATTON TOWN FINANCIAL REPORT COMMITTEE

2018/19

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 and Carolyn Beckedorf 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

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January 27, 2020

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, 2019.

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	2020
Town Clerk:	Kent Young	2020
Treasurer:	Alyson Marcucci	2020
Selectboard:	Al Dupell, Chair	2020
	Larry Bills	2021
	Chris Liller	2022
	Greg Marcucci	2020
	Kevin Robinson	2020
Planning Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2020
	Ray Hawksley	2020
	George Rigoulot	2021
	Rob Wadsworth	2021
	Chris Mann	2022
Listers:	Kent Young, Chair	2021
	Candie Bernard	2022
	Allan Hicks	2020
Auditors:	Stacie Chiodi, Chair	2020
	Helen Eddy	2022
	Carolyn Beckedorff	2021
School Directors:	Tom Montemagni, Chair	2021
	Lorraine Weeks Newell	2020
	Allison Young	2022
Cemetery Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2020
	Chris Liller	2021
	Larry Bills	2022
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Candie Bernard	2020
Trustee of Public Funds:	Alyson Marcucci	2020
Constable:	Boomer Walker	2020
Grand Juror:	John Waite	2020
Town Agent:	John Waite	2020
Justices of the Peace*:	Patricia Coolidge	Feb. 1, 2021
	Helen Eddy	Feb. 1, 2021
	Nancy Ferrucci	Feb. 1, 2021
	Lorraine Weeks-Newell	Feb. 1, 2021
	Anne Patten	Feb. 1, 2021

APPOINTED/HIRED POSITIONS:

Assistant Town Clerks:	Candie Bernard	
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Candie Bernard	
Zoning Administrator:	Ray Hawksley	2020
Asst. Zoning Administrator	Vacant**	2020

Health Officer	Ray Hawksley	2020
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Dennis Holton	2022
	Diana Stugger	2022
	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	Stuart Chapin	
	Grayson Peterson (part time)	
Transfer Station Attendant:	Scott Marquis	

* Justices of the Peace are elected during the General Election held in November of even years.
** This vacancy was created when Ray Hawksley was appointed Zoning Administrator.

WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020

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 3, 2020 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: Shall the town authorize the elimination of the office of Town Auditor, with future audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed in this State in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651b(a)? (This must be voted by paper ballot.).

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to set the term period for Planning Commission members to three three-year terms and two one-year terms, to be implemented as current terms expire, so that each year, one three-year term will be up for re-election.

ARTICLE 5: To elect Town officers as required by law:

Town Clerk	one three-year term
Treasurer	one three-year term
Selectmen:	one three-year term, two one-year terms
Planning Commission:	one three-year term, one one-year term (or two four-year terms, dependent on results of Article 4)
Lister:	one three-year term
Auditor:	one three-year term (unless Article 3 was approved)
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 6: To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.

ARTICLE 7: 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 8: 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	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
Joann Liller Scholarship Fund	5,000.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	2,500.00
Senior Solutions	500.00
SeVEDS.	648.00
Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center	750.00
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	5,429.39
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	5,000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	5,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	400.00
Winhall Library	2,500.00
Women's Freedom Center	750.00
TOTAL	$41,012.39

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of $53,800.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.

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 $901,683.68 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021).

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $868,500.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021).

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Stratton enter into a communications union district to be known as "Deerfield Valley Communication Union District" under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82?

ARTICLE 14: 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 2017-2018	ACTUAL 2017-2018	BUDGET 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	3,500.00	3,080.50	3,500.00	3,078.65	3,500.00	3,500.00
APPROPRIATIONS	82,218.00	82,218.00	103,708.00	103,708.00	95,983.00	94,812.39
AUDIT-OUTSIDE	15,000.00	8,190.00	15,000.00	11,027.00	0.00	3,500.00
AUDIT: WAGES	3,500.00	1,006.78	2,000.00	710.40	1,500.00	0.00
AUDIT: TOWN REPORT	2,000.00	1,199.38	2,000.00	937.07	2,000.00	2,000.00
BCA WAGES	3,000.00	1,050.00	3,000.00	200.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
CEMETERIES	4,500.00	1,230.00	4,500.00	4,639.40	4,500.00	3,000.00
MEETING HOUSE	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CLERK EXPENSES	3,000.00	1,456.76	3,000.00	2,009.33	1,500.00	1,500.00
CLERK EXP - PRESERVATION FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	8,000.00
COPIER EXPENSE	6,000.00	4,448.88	6,000.00	4,448.71	6,000.00	5,150.00
COUNTY ASSESSMENT	59,564.00	58,462.00	65,000.00	59,926.00	65,000.00	73,874.00
DELINQUENT TAX WAGES	3,000.00	9,513.52	4,000.00	8,599.32	14,000.00	14,800.00
DOG LICENSES	0.00	405.54	0.00	406.79	0.00	0.00
DUES	1,703.00	1,226.00	1,252.00	1,252.00	1,279.00	1,330.00
ELECTION:WAGES/EXP	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	658.53	500.00	1,000.00
FICA-GF	17,500.00	15,504.03	16,000.00	16,986.93	16,000.00	19,000.00
FIRE TRUCK LEASE	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38	84,398.38	0.00	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	66.18	200.00	94.36	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	48,807.00	50,000.00	40,684.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
INS/HEALTH AND DENTAL	50,000.00	55,555.48	53,000.00	43,967.03	60,000.00	64,000.00
INS/UNEMPLOYMENT	1,000.00	492.00	1,000.00	160.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
LEGAL FEES,NOTICE,EDUC	1,500.00	594.80	1,500.00	1,335.25	1,500.00	1,500.00
LISTERS/APPR EXP	0.00	10,426.00	0.00	6,237.75	0.00	0.00
LISTERS WAGES	43,000.00	33,479.23	41,000.00	34,799.45	33,000.00	37,000.00
MARRIAGE/CIVIL LICENSE	0.00	400.00	0.00	550.00	0.00	0.00
MISC	100.00	1,832.86	1,500.00	70.73	1,500.00	1,500.00
MUTUAL AID	38,161.00	38,161.00	38,810.00	38,810.00	39,897.00	41,094.00
OFFICE/COMPUTER EQUIP	2,000.00	3,238.06	0.00	1,048.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
OFFICE POSTAGE/SUPPLY	7,000.00	5,342.84	7,000.00	7,006.23	7,000.00	7,500.00
PLANNING COM-EXPENSE	4,000.00	3,133.85	5,000.00	483.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
PLANNING-SALARIES	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,000.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
PLANNING COM-WAGES	5,000.00	2,100.00	5,000.00	550.00	3,500.00	3,000.00
PLANNING CLERK WAGES	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
REC AREA OPERATING EXP	135,000.00	139,763.75	140,000.00	138,443.39	140,000.00	140,000.00
REC AREA PAVILLION FUND	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
RESCUE SERVICES	6,004.80	6,004.80	6,184.08	6,184.08	6,246.72	6,309.36
RURAL PATROL	35,000.00	35,166.60	47,000.00	27,220.80	0.00	0.00
SALARIES-FIRE WARDEN	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
SCHOOL HOUSE	0.00	4,346.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SCHOOL PILT	0.00	37,555.00	0.00	37,656.00	0.00	0.00
SELECTMEN: EXPENSE	500.00	250.70	500.00	131.03	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	5,100.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
SELECTMEN:CLERK	1,500.00	1,017.28	1,500.00	1,878.20	1,500.00	2,000.00
TOWN FUNCTIONS	3,000.00	1,708.91	3,000.00	1,810.01	3,000.00	3,000.00
STREET LIGHTS	2,000.00	1,755.82	2,000.00	1,504.88	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOWN HALL-ELECTRIC	1,600.00	1,470.60	1,600.00	1,384.95	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN HALL-HEAT	3,000.00	2,203.47	2,000.00	2,539.31	2,500.00	2,600.00
TOWN HALL-MAINT	10,000.00	15,270.45	0.00	13,635.04	0.00	0.00

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET 2017-2018	ACTUAL 2017-2018	BUDGET 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021
TOWN OFFICE-ELECTRIC	2,500.00	2,051.07	2,500.00	2,351.93	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOWN OFFICE-HEAT	3,000.00	3,304.93	3,000.00	3,837.84	3,500.00	4,000.00
TOWN OFFICE-MAINT	11,200.00	21,529.66	12,000.00	13,805.38	12,000.00	17,000.00
TOWN OFFICE-PHONE	3,500.00	3,060.68	3,500.00	2,752.39	3,500.00	3,000.00
TRAINING-SEMINARS	500.00	90.00	500.00	120.00	500.00	500.00
TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS	30,000.00	46,063.79	40,000.00	49,974.14	45,000.00	55,000.00
TREASURER'S EXPENSE	3,500.00	3,228.54	3,500.00	1,977.38	3,500.00	3,500.00
VERMONT RETIREMENT	17,500.00	9,922.63	18,000.00	9,863.66	12,000.00	11,000.00
WAGES: OFFICE	123,000.00	102,939.14	108,000.00	110,519.81	115,000.00	120,000.00
ZBA:SAL/WAGE	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,700.00	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	3,000.00
OLD TOWN COMMON PURCHASE			200,000.00	200,000.00		
TAX SALE BID				51,775.22		
TOTAL	**972,913.11**	**993,437.16**	**1,200,066.39**	**1,235,961.68**	**852,219.65**	**901,683.68**

General Fund Statement
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Checkbook balance 7/1/2018	219,927.53	219,927.53	
Savings balance 7/1/2018	258,483.23	258,483.23	
Receipts			
Current Taxes	13,705,752.09		
Current Use	3,591.00		
Delinquent Taxes	94,205.43		
Delinquent Tax Interest	23,475.29		
Delinquent Tax Penalty	19,236.31		
Sales/Meals Option Tax	480,285.25		
State Appraisal Revenue	15,266.50		
PILT Revenue	37,656.00		
Local Share of State Education	28,263.54		
Pay As You Throw Revenue	6,655.50	14,414,386.91	
Licenses			
Beverage	1,335.00		
Dog	616.00		
Marriage	780.00	2,731.00	
Fees:			
Town Clerk	25,323.78		
Zoning Permits	2,525.75	27,849.53	
Traffic Fines	4,443.11	4,443.11	
Interest:			
Checking Account	438.73		
Savings Account	386.98	825.71	
Miscellaneous:			
Town History	198.00		
Cemetery Revenue	350.00		
Recycling Revenue	-		
Miscellaneous	52.27		
911 Fees	210.00		
Town Hall Revenue	50.00	860.27	
Total Funds Available:			**14,929,507.29**
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Animal Control			
Patrick Salo	3,078.65	3,078.65	
Appraisal/Reappraisal:	5,485.00	5,485.00	
Appropriations:			
American Red Cross	500.00		
Community Food Pantry	500.00		
Deerfield Valley Rescue	1,500.00		
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00		

General Fund Statement
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Vermont Green Up	50.00	
Groundworks Collaborative	500.00	
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services	500.00	
Historical Society	250.00	
Leland and Gray-LeMarche Scholarship Fund	500.00	
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	1,000.00	
Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center	500.00	
Council on Aging	500.00	
Southeastern VT Economic Develoment Strategies	648.00	
Valley Cares	335.00	
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00	
Stratton Mountain Rescue Ambulence Fund	6,000.00	
VT Rural Protection Task Force	100.00	
VNA & Hospice of VT & NH	800.00	
Wardsboro Public Library	5,125.00	
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	65,650.00	103,708.00
Audit - Town Report		
Wages	710.40	
Town Report	937.07	1,647.47
Audit - Outside	11,027.00	11,027.00
Board of Civil Authority		
Wages-BCA/JPs	200.00	200.00
Cemeteries:	4,639.40	4,639.40
Copier:		
Ricoh	4,448.71	4,448.71
Dues		
VLCT	1,252.00	1,252.00
Elections		
Election Expense	105.36	
Wages-Election Officals	553.17	658.53
FICA	16,986.93	16,986.93
Salary-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, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Insurance:		
Unemployment	160.00	
Liability & Bonding	40,684.00	
Health & Dental	43,967.03	84,811.03
Legal Fees		
Legal Fees	1,369.00	
Legal Fees-Tax Sale	(33.75)	1,335.25
Licenses		
Marriage	550.00	
Dog	406.79	956.79
Listers		
Wages	34,799.45	
Listers Expenses	752.75	35,552.20
Miscellaneous Expense	70.73	70.73
Planning Commission		
Wages	550.00	
Planning Expenses	483.00	
Salaries-Planning Board	1,000.00	
Salaries-Planning Chair.	3,000.00	5,033.00
Recreation Area		
Old Town Common Purchase	200,000.00	
Recreation Labor/Maint.	18,443.39	
Recreation Rent to Stratton School District	120,000.00	338,443.39
Refuse/Disposal		
Wages	27,006.56	
Casella Waste Management	21,087.90	
Windham Solid Waste	1,879.68	49,974.14
Rescue/Emergency Services		
Rescue Inc	6,184.08	
Mutual Aid	38,810.00	
Police Patrol	27,220.80	72,214.88
Selectmen		
Salaries	5,000.00	
102 Meetings at $50.00	5,100.00	
Clerk	1,878.20	
Selectmen's Expenses	131.03	12,109.23
Street Lights	1,504.88	1,504.88
Tax Collector	8,599.32	8,599.32
Tax Sale Bid	51,775.22	51,775.22

General Fund Statement
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Town Clerk Expense	2,009.33	2,009.33	
Town Hall Maintenance			
Repairs/Maint.T.Hall	13,635.04		
Heat	2,539.31		
Electricity	1,384.95	17,559.30	
Town Office Maintenance			
Office Supplies	7,006.23		
Office Equipment	1,048.00		
Heat	3,837.84		
Electricity	2,351.93		
Repairs/Maint.-T. Office	13,805.38		
Telephone	2,752.39	30,801.77	
Town Office Wages			
Town Clerk	56,238.10		
Assistant Town Clerk	2,922.29		
Town Treasurer	50,903.65		
Assistant Town Treasurer	455.77	110,519.81	
Town Functions	1,810.01	1,810.01	
Green-Up Day	94.36	94.36	
Training Seminars & Mileage	120.00	120.00	
Vermont Retirement	9,863.66	9,863.66	
Windham County Tax	59,926.00	59,926.00	
Zoning Board of Adjustment			
Administrator's Salary	3,000.00		
Salary - Chairman	1,000.00		
Wages-ZBA Board	700.00	4,700.00	
Treasurer Expenses:			
Town Treasurer	852.38		
Bank Reconciliation	1,125.00	1,977.38	
Other:			
Transfer to School Fund	654,858.00		
Transfer to Highway Fund	592,700.00		
PILT - Payment to School	37,656.00		
State of VT - Education Fund	11,851,902.32	13,137,116.32	
Checkbook Balance	331,143.62	331,143.62	
Savings Balance	262,941.67	262,941.67	
Total Expenses			**14,929,507.29**

STATEMENT OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

	Balance 7/1/2018	Interest	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2019
Outside Audit	11,625.08	17.40	3,973.00	-	15,615.48
Rec Equipment	20,765.35	31.09	-	-	20,796.44
Rec Pavillion	65,364.25	97.86	5,000.00	-	70,462.11
State Reappraisal	97,650.62	146.19	9,781.50	-	107,578.31
Computer/Office Equipment	1,884.03	2.82	-	(1,048.00)	838.85
Meeting House/Church	4,782.55	7.16	-	-	4,789.71
Town Hall	41,989.24	62.86	-	(13,635.04)	28,417.06
School House	11,491.78	17.20	-	-	11,508.98
Lister Education	2,930.33	4.39	-	-	2,934.72
Bridge Funds	117,783.25	176.34	-	-	117,959.59
Culverts	40,276.20	60.30	11,621.76	-	51,958.26
Paving	244,429.51	365.94	-	(188,048.63)	56,746.82
Equipment Replacement	115,106.62	172.33	-	(11,511.00)	103,767.95
Totals	776,078.81	1,161.88	30,376.26	(214,242.67)	593,374.28

STATEMENT OF CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNTS
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

	Balance 7/1/2018	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2019
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	1,392.12	13.25		1,405.37
Totals	6,247.12	13.25	-	6,260.37

STATEMENT OF TAXES BILLED AND ACCOUNTED FOR

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Taxable parcels	1,591

APPRAISED VALUE OF REAL ESTATE

EDUCATIONAL GRAND LIST	7,713,990.50
MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	7,935,770.50

TAX RATES:

	Tax Rate	Grand List	=	Total Raised
Non Residential Ed.	1.6326	7,489,170.50		12,226,819.79
Homestead Ed.	1.6367	224,820.00		367,962.89
Local Agreement	0.0002	7,935,770.50		1,587.29
Highway	0.0747	7,935,770.50		592,801.95
General Fund	0.0879	7,935,770.50		697,553.94
2018 Total Taxes				13,886,725.86
Late Homestead Penalty				1,174.88
2018 Total Taxes Billed				**13,887,900.74**

Changes to the Grand List

E/O & HS-122 Changes	1,586.37
2018 Final Taxes Billed	**13,889,487.11**

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:

Taxes collected after transfers	606,291.77
Local Share of State Ed	28,263.54
State Payments	62,716.14
Current taxes transferred to School	654,858.00
Current taxes transferred to Highway	592,700.00
State Education- sent to State	11,851,902.32
	13,796,731.77
Due as of 06/30/2019(Delinquent)	92,747.19
Abatements	8.14
6/30/18-Final Taxes Accounted For	**13,889,487.10**

DELINQUENT TAXES
Year Ending June 30, 2018

Angelica, Jeffrey *	2018	2,235.51
Bressner, Jon & Karen*	2018	4,042.04
Buckridge Ski Club*	2018	2,917.78
Compton, John Tim*	2018	544.53
E & T Properties LLC (payments Made)	2018	15,109.67
Elliott ETAL (Payments Made)	2018	8,255.67
Greenwood Brook Estates LLC*	2018	143.52
Guercia, Stacy*	2018	4,156.82
Knowles Doris*	2018	24,652.47
Milton, James*	2018	1,138.59
O'Sullivan, Eileen*	2018	1,970.18
Pisano, Vincent*	2018	19,574.97
Plaut, Thomas F , Elaine & Edward Liva SR*	2018	22,669.81
		107,411.56

* Paid after June 30, 2019
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
PD	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 FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2016-2017	2016-2017	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
SUMMER ROADS CLASS 2	50,000.00	24,197.69	50,000.00	43,903.10	50,000.00	20,837.38	50,000.00	50,000.00
SUMMER ROADS CLASS 3	95,000.00	71,058.91	95,000.00	53,382.59	95,000.00	80,745.56	80,000.00	70,000.00
WINTER ROADS CLASS 2	100,000.00	81,305.21	100,000.00	102,076.05	100,000.00	100,367.57	100,000.00	100,000.00
WINTER ROADS CLASS 3	70,000.00	76,127.77	70,000.00	94,964.16	70,000.00	86,661.71	80,000.00	80,000.00
BRUSH & MOWING	25,000.00	8,909.07	25,000.00	8,079.07	25,000.00	11,149.13	25,000.00	25,000.00
EQUIP/TRUCK MAINT EXP	50,000.00	45,824.62	50,000.00	65,846.25	50,000.00	56,637.89	50,000.00	60,000.00
FUEL/GREASE/OIL	28,000.00	20,464.49	28,000.00	21,934.65	28,000.00	28,088.52	28,000.00	28,000.00
GARAGE MAINT/SUPPLIES	30,000.00	21,367.32	30,000.00	31,594.09	30,000.00	47,730.44	30,000.00	40,000.00
GARAGE UTILITIES	18,000.00	14,466.59	19,100.00	17,934.56	19,000.00	17,915.57	19,000.00	19,000.00
GARAGE SALT/SAND SHED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
PAVING	367,000.00	244,490.25	200,000.00	225,181.98	165,000.00	353,048.63	210,000.00	110,000.00
CRACK SEALING	19,000.00	19,018.36	19,000.00	747.46	15,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
ROAD SIGNS	2,500.00	1,665.12	2,000.00	1,865.93	2,000.00	2,084.56	1,000.00	1,000.00
FICA	13,000.00	12,417.71	13,000.00	13,132.92	13,000.00	11,642.56	11,000.00	13,000.00
EMPL LEAVE(SP,VP,HP)	28,000.00	22,808.58	28,000.00	25,049.92	28,000.00	19,352.43	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOOLS	5,000.00	2,875.79	5,000.00	3,516.92	5,000.00	1,233.38	1,000.00	1,500.00
HIGHW-ADVERTISING BIDS	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY CULVERTS	0.00	20,671.63	30,000.00	38,040.35	20,000.00	8,378.24	10,000.00	0.00
HIGHWAY UNIFORMS	3,500.00	3,024.20	3,500.00	4,628.66	4,200.00	7,018.87	5,000.00	3,000.00
SEMINARS	1,000.00	1,463.79	1,000.00	587.02	1,000.00	884.84	1,000.00	1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	31.00	500.00	829.21	500.00	6,411.46	1,000.00	2,000.00
HEALTH & DENTAL INS	42,500.00	34,979.92	38,200.00	48,062.04	45,000.00	17,832.46	35,000.00	31,000.00
PAPERWORK/MEETINGS/CALLS	0.00	3,843.88	3,000.00	3,024.67	3,000.00	6,149.23	4,000.00	4,000.00
NEW EQUIP PURCHASE	100,000.00	84,916.02	100,000.00	0.00	110,000.00	121,511.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
VT RETIREMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,893.00	0.00	8,299.21	6,000.00	8,000.00
KIDDERBROOK PROJECT								50,000.00
TOTAL	**1,048,500.00**	**815,927.92**	**910,800.00**	**813,274.60**	**878,700.00**	**1,013,980.64**	**907,000.00**	**868,500.00**

Highway Fund Statement
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Checkbook Balance 7/1/2018	426,851.41	426,851.41	
Savings Balance 7/1/2018	517,595.58	517,595.58	
Receipts:			
State Aid			
Class 2	68,488.94		
Class 3	17,636.56		
Current Taxes	592,700.00		
Insurance Proceeds	1,000.00		
Grant Funds	147,401.37		
Savings Interest	774.90	828,001.77	
Total Funds Available:			**1,772,448.76**
Disbursements:			
Summer Roads - Class 2:			
Labor	17,946.98		
Materials	2,490.40		
Hired Equipment	400.00	20,837.38	
Summer Roads - Class 3:			
Labor	35,132.62		
Materials	30,479.62		
Hired Equipment	15,050.00		
Mileage - Ralph	83.32	80,745.56	
Winter Roads - Class 2:			
Labor	22,904.58		
Materials	77,262.99		
Hired Equipment	200.00	100,367.57	
Winter Roads - Class 3:			
Labor	21,719.51		
Materials	60,187.00		
Steel for Sand Screener	4,755.20	86,661.71	
Paving/Retreatment:			
Hired Equipment	353,048.63	353,048.63	
Brush & Mowing:			
Labor	5,809.13		
Hired Equipment	5,340.00	11,149.13	
Road Signs:			
Materials	2,084.56	2,084.56	

Highway Fund Statement
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Highway Culverts:		
Materials	8,355.45	
Mileage - Ralph Staib	22.79	8,378.24
Garage Maintenance:		
Labor	13,926.07	
Supplies/Maintenance	33,804.37	
Utilities	17,915.57	65,646.01
Seminars:		
Mileage - Ralph	15.81	
Labor	869.03	884.84
Tools:	1,233.38	1,233.38
Uniforms:	7,018.87	7,018.87
Fuel, Grease, & Oil:	28,088.52	28,088.52
Equipment & Truck Maintenance:		
T-1 International (2014)		
Labor	491.59	
Maintenance/Parts/Repairs	10.81	502.40
Pickup (2016)		
Labor	6,114.78	
Maintenance/Parts/Repairs	10,527.59	16,642.37
John Deere Backhoe (2016)		
Labor	323.26	
Maintenance/Parts/Repairs	732.48	1,055.74
Grader		
Labor	960.66	
Maintenance/Parts/Repairs	12,355.67	13,316.33
Chipper		
Materials	160.62	160.62
Saws		
Materials	775.02	775.02
John Deere Loader		
Labor	2,033.69	
Maintenance/Parts/Repairs	7,105.99	9,139.68
T-5 Western Star (2014)		
Labor	3,996.29	
Maintenance/Parts/Repairs	5,093.45	9,089.74
T-1 Western Star (2019)		
Labor	2,087.30	
Maintenance/Parts/Repairs	3,868.69	5,955.99

Highway Fund Statement
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

New Equipment Purchase			
2019 Western Star	121,511.00	121,511.00	
Paperwork/Phone Calls			
Labor	6,149.23	6,149.23	
Miscellaneous Expense:	2,241.88		
Misc. Exp: Retirement party	4,169.58	6,411.46	
Labor (Fringe)	19,352.43	19,352.43	
Health Insurance			
BlueCross BlueShield	11,607.32		
Northeast Delta Dental	798.01		
Ralph reimbursent	1,147.90		
HRA Payments	9,229.23		
2018 Health Equity Deposit	(4,950.00)	17,832.46	
FICA:	11,642.56	11,642.56	
VT Retirement	8,299.21	8,299.21	
Total Expenses:		1,013,980.64	
Checkbook Balance 6/30/2019		428,035.51	
Savings Balance 6/30/2019		330,432.61	
Total Expenses:			**1,772,448.76**

Wages Salaries
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Town Clerk:		
Kent Young		
1,435.00 hours @ 30.79	44,183.76	
391.50 hours @ 30.79 (fringe)	12,054.34	56,238.10
Town Treasurer:		
Alyson Peterson		
1,473.25 hours @ 30.79	45,361.44	
180.00 hours @ 30.79 (fringe)	5,542.21	
4.00 hours @ 30.79 (town functions)	123.16	
11.00 hours @ 30.79 (elections)	338.69	51,365.50
Assistant Town Clerk:		
Candie Bernard		
109.00 hours @ 26.81	2,922.29	
8.00 hours @ 26.81 (elections)	214.48	3,136.77
Assistant Town Treasurer:		
Candie Bernard		
17.00 hours @ 26.81	455.77	455.77
Selectmen:		
Al Dupell (Chair)		
Salary	3,000.00	
21 meetings @ 50.00	1,050.00	
Larry Bills		
Salary	500.00	
17 meetings @ 50.00	850.00	
Christopher Liller		
Salary	500.00	
22 meetings @ 50.00	1,100.00	
Gregory Marcucci		
Salary	500.00	
20 meetings @ 50.00	1,000.00	
Kevin Robinson		
Salary	500.00	
22 meetings @ 50.00	1,100.00	10,100.00
Selectmen's Clerk:		
Kent Young		
61 hours @ 30.79	1,878.20	1,878.20
Board of Civil Authority:		
Helen Eddy		
1 meetings @ 50.00	50.00	
Nancy Ferrucci		
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00	
Anne Patten		
1 meetings @ 50.00	50.00	200.00

Wages Salaries
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Listers:		
Candie Bernard		
1,088.00 hours @ 26.81	29,169.34	
210.00 hours @ 26.81 (fringe)	5,630.11	
4.00 hours @ 26.81 (town functions)	107.24	34,906.69
Auditors:		
Helen Eddy		
32.00 hours @ 22.20	710.40	710.40
Planning Commission:		
Kent Young (Chair)		
Salary	3,000.00	
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
Anne Patten		
Salary	100.00	
Ray Hawksley		
Salary	200.00	
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00	
Christopher Mann		
Salary	200.00	
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00	
John Wadsworth		
Salary	100.00	
1 meetings @ 50.00	50.00	
Robert Wadsworth		
Salary	200.00	
1 meetings @ 50.00	50.00	
George Rigoulot		
Salary	200.00	
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00	4,550.00
Zoning:		
Allan Hicks		
Administrator's Salary	2,250.00	
Ray Hawksley		
Administrator's Salary	750.00	3,000.00
Health Officer:		
Ray Hawksley		
Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment:		
Thomas Montemagni (Chair)		
Salary	1,000.00	
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
Paul Bernard		
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	
Dennis Holton		
2 meetings @ 50.00	100.00	
Greg Marcucci		
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	

Wages Salaries
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Diana Stugger		
3 meetings @ 50.00	150.00	1,700.00
Delinquent Tax Collector:		
Candie Bernard		
320.75 hours @ 26.81	8,599.32	8,599.32
Fire Warden:		
Kevin Robinson		
Salary	200.00	200.00
Refuse & Recycling:		
Scott Marquis		
952.00 hours @ 19.35	18,421.20	
144 hours @ 18.48 (fringe)	2,786.40	
Gerard Cloutier		
152.00 hours @ 19.35	2,941.20	
Al Dupell		
64.00 hours @ 19.35	1,221.76	
Allan Hicks		
8.00 hours @ 19.35	154.80	
Dennis Holton		
8.50 hours @ 19.35	164.48	25,689.84
Highway Department:		
Stuart Chapin		
Highway Hours:		
1,443.00 hours @ 25.49	36,782.26	
296.00 hours @ 25.49 (fringe)	7,545.10	
O.T. 34.00 hours @ 38.24	1,300.02	
General Fund Hours:		
146.50 hours @ 25.49	3,734.31	
Equipment Hours:		
190.50 hours @ 25.49	4,855.88	54,217.57
Christopher Liller		
Highway Hours:		
447.50 hours @ 26.81	11,997.53	
1083.00 hours @ 30.79	33,345.81	
149.00 hours @ 26.81 (fringe)	3,994.71	
68.50 hours @ 30.79 (fringe)	2,109.15	
O.T. 2.00 hours @ 40.22	80.43	
O.T. 230.50 hours @ 46.19	10,645.66	
General Fund Hours:		
21.00 hours @ 26.81	563.01	
70.00 hours @ 30.79	2,155.32	
Equipment Hours:		
62.50 hours @ 26.81	1,675.64	
176.00 hours @ 30.79	5,419.09	71,986.35
Grayson Peterson		
Highway Hours:		
668.25 hours @ 19.72	13,177.89	

Wages Salaries
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

80.00 hours @ 19.72	1,577.60		
O.T. 57.50 @ 19.72	1,700.85		
General Fund Hours:			
84.50 hours @ 19.72	1,666.34		
Equipment Hours:			
150.50 hours @ 19.72	2,967.86	21,090.54	
Ralph Staib			
Highway Hours:			
545.00 hours @ 30.79	16,780.62		
134.00 hours @ 30.79 (fringe)	4,125.87		
General Fund Hours:			
11.50 hours @ 30.79	354.10		
Equipment Hours:			
31.00 hours @ 30.79	954.51	22,215.10	
Total Wages & Salaries:			**374,240.15**

WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 3, 2020

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 3, 2020 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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of $17,990.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2020-2021 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 $1,241,762.00, 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 $17,370.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.85% 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 see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to maintain a reserve fund to help reduce tax rate fluctuations from year to year..

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

Approved by the Stratton School Directors:

Thomas J. Montemagni
Thomas Montemagni

Lorraine M. Weeks-Newell
Lorraine Weeks-Newell

Allison A. Young
Allison Young

Stratton School District Student Enrollment

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Elementary					
Pre-K	4	3	1	2	0
Kindergarten	3	2	3	2	3
1st Grade	0	3	1	3	2
2nd Grade	2	1	5	1	3
3rd Grade	3	2	1	6	1
4th Grade	2	3	2	2	8
5th Grade	3	3	3	5	2
6th Grade	2	3	6	4	5
Secondary					
7th Grade	4	2	5	8	5
8th Grade	2	5	3	6	8
9th Grade	3	4	9	4	8
10th Grade	4	2	5	10	5
11th Grade	1	5	2	6	10
12th Grade	3	1	6	3	5
Total	36	39	52	62	65

Schools Attended

Burr & Burton Academy	8	8	10	8	13
Floodbrook School	0	0	0	0	1
Kids in the Country Child Care & Preschool, Inc.	1	0	0	0	0
Killington Mountain School	0	0	0	1	0
Long Trail School	1	2	3	1	2
Manchester Elementary/Middle School	4	2	1	3	2
Maple Street School	0	0	2	4	5
Mountain School at Winhall	15	17	21	20	18
Northfield Mount Hermon	0	0	1	1	2
Stratton Mountain School	3	5	9	16	15
Sunny Lane Daycare & Preschool	0	1	0	0	0
The American School in Switzerland	0	0	0	0	1
The Bement School	0	0	1	1	0
The Dover School	1	2	2	4	4
Twin Valley Elementary School	2	2	2	2	1
Wardsboro Elementary School	0	0	0	1	1
West River Montessori School	1	0	0	0	0
Total	36	39	52	62	65

FY 21 STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET DETAIL

LEVEL		ACCOUNT CODE	ACCOUNT TITLE	FY 19 ACTUAL (unaudited)	FY 20 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY 21 PROPOSED BUDGET	$$ VARIANCE	%% VARIANCE
51		41921	OTHER REVENUES-RENTALS	$120,000	$120,000	$120,000	$0	0%
		41920	PROCEEDS OF DEBT	$100,000	$0		$0	0%
		41510	INTEREST	$14	$0	$15	$15	%
		42150	STATE TRANSP GRANT	$22,501	$10,787	$11,000	$213	2%
		42790	NATIONAL FOREST	$10,751	$10,000	$10,000	$0	0%
		43110	EDUCATION SPENDING GRANT	$654,858	$1,005,387	$1,063,747	$58,360	6%
		43202	STATE AID PRIOR YEAR ADJ	$0	$0	$0	$0	0%
		44791	OTHR-DIR FRM FED GOV	$37,656	$37,555	$37,000	($555)	-1%
		45300	SALE/COMP LOSS FIXED AST	$200,000	$0	$0	$0	0%
51	- SUBTOTAL			$ 1,145,780	$ 1,183,729	$ 1,241,762	$ 58,033	5%
Overall - Summary				$ 1,145,780	$ 1,183,729	$ 1,241,762	$ 58,033	4.90%

FY 21 STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET DETAIL

LEVEL	DEPT	ACCOUNT CODE	ACCOUNT TITLE	FY 19 ACTUAL (unaudited)	FY 20 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY 21 PROPOSED BUDGET	$$ VARIANCE	%% VARIANCE
PREK	DIRECT INS	5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	$16,244	$6,494	$10,335	$3,841	59%
1101	- SUBTOTAL			$16,244	$6,494	$10,335	$3,841	59%
PREK	SPECIAL ED	5591	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	$0	$2,567	$10,429	$7,862	306%
1201	- SUBTOTAL			$0	$2,567	$10,429	$7,862	306%
01	- Summary			$16,244	$9,061	$20,764	$11,703	129%
ELEM	DIRECT INS	5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	$68,500	$58,500	$59,990	$1,490	5%
ELEM	DIRECT INS	5562	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	$218,941	$285,260	$205,672	($79,588)	-48%
1101	- SUBTOTAL			$287,441	$343,760	$265,662	$78,098	23%
ELEM	TRANSPRT-PRIM	5591	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	$10,000	$7,077	$10,000	$2,923	32%
2201	- SUBTOTAL			$10,000	$7,077	$10,000	$2,923	41%
11	- Summary			$297,441	$350,837	$275,662	$75,175	21%
SECO	DIRECT INS	5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	$14,000	$31,600	$48,822	$17,222	55%
SECO	DIRECT INS	5562	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	$542,588	$577,715	$742,558	$164,843	29%
SECO	DIRECT INS	5564	TUITN TO NONVT PRIV LEAS	$31,236	$31,866	$49,233	$17,367	55%
1101	- SUBTOTAL			$587,824	$641,181	$840,613	$199,432	31%
SECO	TRANSPRT-SECO	5591	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	$10,000	$12,923	$15,600	$2,677	21%
2201	- SUBTOTAL			$10,000	$12,923	$15,600	$2,677	21%
31	- Summary			$597,824	$654,104	$856,213	$202,109	31%
LOCA	SPECIAL ED	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	$25,476	$22,641	$30,979	$8,338	37%
1201	- SUBTOTAL			$25,476	$22,641	$30,979	$8,338	37%
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5191	BOARD OF EDUCATION SALARY	$4,797	$5,000	$10,000	$5,000	100%
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5220	BOARD OF EDUCATION FICA	$367	$383	$765	$382	100%
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5521	INSURANCE (NOT EMP BEN)	$0	$400	$0	($400)	-100%
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5344	LEGAL	$1,235	$0	$3,000	$3,000	0%
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5581	TRAVEL	$61	$0	$100	$100	0%
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	$18,186	$30,803	$33,079	$2,276	7%
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5899	BOARD OF ED DUES	$700	$0	$700	$700	0%
LOCA	BOARD OF E	5890	MISC EXP	$0	$0	$0	$0	0%
2311	- SUBTOTAL			$25,346	$36,586	$47,644	$11,058	30%
LOCA	AUDIT	5342	AUDITING SERVICES	$10,134	$10,500	$10,500	$0	0%
2314	- SUBTOTAL			$10,134	$10,500	$10,500	$0	0%
LOCA	DEBT SERV	5833	BOND ISSUANCE/OTHER DEBT	$130,000	$100,000	$0	($100,000)	-100%
5090	- SUBTOTAL			$130,000	$100,000	$0	-$100,000	-100%
51	- Summary			$190,956	$169,727	$89,123	$80,604	-47%
Overall - Summary				$1,102,465	$1,183,729	$1,241,762	$58,033	4.90%

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: **Stratton**
SU: **Windham Central**

T200
Windham County

Property dollar equivalent yield: 10,883
Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income: 13,396
Homestead tax rate per $10,883 of spending per equalized pupil: 1.00

			FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	
	Expenditures						
1.	**Budget** (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)		$690,592	$1,029,913	$1,183,729	$1,241,762	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**		$690,592	$1,029,913	$1,183,729	$1,241,762	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**		$690,592	$1,029,913	$1,183,729	$1,241,762	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)		$214,337	$374,787	$178,342	$178,015	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)	-	-	-	-	NA	12.
13.	**Offsetting revenues**		$214,337	$374,787	$178,342	$178,015	13.
14.	**Education Spending**		$476,255	$655,126	$1,005,387	$1,063,747	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils		29.87	40.47	53.51	61.24	15.
16.	**Education Spending per Equalized Pupil**		$15,944.26	$16,187.94	$18,788.77	$17,370.13	16.
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)	-	-	-	-		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.
			threshold = $17,386	threshold = $17,816	threshold = $18,311	threshold = $18,756	
25.	Excess spending threshold		$17,386.00	$17,816.00	$18,311.00	$18,756.00	25.
26.	*plus* Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	-	-	$478	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate		$15,944	$16,188	$19,267	$17,370.13	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)		156.932% based on yield $10,160	158.395% based on yield $10,220	180.940% based on $10,648	159.608% based on yield $10,883	28.
	Prorating the local tax rate						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [$17,370.13 ÷ ($10,883 / $1.00)]		$1.5693 based on $1.00	$1.5840 based on $1.00	$1.8094 based on $1.00	$1.5961 based on $1.00	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 $1.60)		$1.5693	$1.5840	$1.8094	$1.5961	31.
32.	**Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)**		98.34%	96.78%	95.13%	95.96%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town ($1.5961 / 95.96%)		$1.5958 based on $1.00	$1.6367 based on $1.00	$1.9020 based on $1.00	$1.6633 based on $1.00	33.
	If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.						
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [($17,370.13 ÷ $13,396) x 2.00%]		2.66% based on 2.00%	2.62% based on 2.00%	2.95% based on 2.00%	2.59% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.59%)		2.66% based on 2.00%	2.62% based on 2.00%	2.95% based on 2.00%	2.59% based on 2.00%	35.
36.	#N/A		-	-	-	-	36.
37.	#N/A		-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of $10,883 for every $1.00 of homestead tax per $100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commisioner also recommended an income yield of $13,396 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of $1.654. 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, 2018-June 30, 2019

RECEIPTS:

Earned Interest	14.06	
Town Lease Revenue	120,000.00	
Sale of Old Common	200,000.00	
Proceeds of Debt	100,000.00	
Education Block Grant	654,858.00	
Transportation Aid	22,501.29	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	37,656.00	
National Forest	10,751.18	
Total Receipts:		**1,145,780.53**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Tuition – Pre K:		
1 @ Dover	2,744.28	
1 @ Dover	13,500.00	16,244.28
Tuition – Elementary:		
Manchester Elementary Middle School		
2 @ 14,000	28,000.00	
Mountain School at Winhall		
13 @ 13,910.00	180,830.00	
1 @ 10,291.20	10,291.20	
Twin Valley		
2 @ 250.00	500.00	
The Dover School		
2 @ 13,500.00	27,000.00	
Maple Street School		
2 @ 13,910.00	27,820.00	
Wardsboro Elementary School		
1 @ 13,000	13,000.00	287,441.20
Tuition – Secondary:		
Burr & Burton Academy		
8 @ 17,065.00	136,520.00	
Killington Mountain School		
1 @ 15,618.00	15,618.00	
Long Trail School		
1 @ 15,618.00	15,618.00	
Maple Street School		
2 @ 15,618	31,236.00	
Manchester Elementary Middle School		
1 @ 14,000.00	14,000.00	
Mountain School at Winhall		
6 @ 15,618.00	93,708.00	

SCHOOL FUND STATEMENT
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

Stratton Mountain School			
16 @ 15,618.00	249,888.00		
The Bement School			
1 @ 15,618.00	15,618.00		
Northfield Mount Hermon			
1 @ 15,618.00	15,618.00	587,824.00	
Transportation:			
Elementary	10,000.00		
High School	10,000.00	20,000.00	
Supervisory Union Expenses:			
WCSU Administration Assessment	18,186.00		
WCSU Special Ed Services	25,476.00	43,662.00	
School Board Administration:			
Allison Young			
7 Meetings @ 50.00	350.00		
Salary	451.00		
Alyson Marcucci - Treasurer	500.00		
Tom Montemagni – Chair			
Salary	150.00		
14 Meetings @ 50.00	700.00		
8.2 Meetings @ 50.00	410.00		
Lorraine Weeks-Newell – Secretary			
Salary	150.00		
17 Meetings @ 50.00	850.00		
Secretarial	635.50		
Siobhan Eddy Young			
Salary	100.00		
10 Meetings @ 50	500.00		
		4,796.50	
Miscellaneous:			
FICA	366.94		
Sullivan & Powers Outside Audit	10,134.00		
Misc. Expense	759.85		
Legal Fees	1,235.00		
Payment of Long Term Debt	130,000.00	142,495.79	
Total Disbursements			**1,102,463.77**

Vermont Department of Taxes

NOTICE of
EDUCATION TAX RATES for FISCAL YEAR 2020

TOWN OF STRATTON Prepared: **July 1, 2019**

NON-HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Non-Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: **$ 1.6756**

HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: **$ 1.9020**

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-homestead rate as determined by the Commissioner for their municipality.
32 V.S.A. Sec. 5402(b)(1)

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

ORIGINAL: Chair Selectboard / City Council
COPY: Town / City Treasurer

Town of Stratton

Date prepared: **1/29/2020**

Fiscal Year 2020
Tax Year 2019

Homestead Education Tax Rate Calculation

		Stratton		
1.	Expenditures	$ 1,183,729	-	-
2.	Offsetting revenues	$ 178,342	-	-
3.	Education spending	$ 1,005,387	-	-
4.	Equalized pupils	53.51	-	-
5.	Education spending per equalized pupil	$ 18,789	-	-
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	$ 18,789	-	-
10.	Excess spending threshold	$ 18,311	-	-
11.	Excess spending over threshold	$ 478	-	-
12.	Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess	$ 19,267	-	-
13.	Homestead property yield	$ 10,648	-	-
14.	Homestead equalized tax rate [(line 12 ÷ line 13) x $1.00]	$ 1.8094	-	-
15.	Percent of equalized pupils	100.00%	-	-
16.	Prorated equalized tax rate from school district	$ 1.8094	-	-
17.	**Total equalized tax rate**	**$ 1.8094**		
18.	Common level of appraisal (CLA)	95.13%	-	-
19.	Actual tax rate attributable to school district	$ 1.9020	-	-
	Actual homestead tax rate seen on tax bill	**$ 1.9020**		

Differences are due to rounding or the +/-5%.

Non-Residential Education Tax Rate Calculation

20.	Base non-residential rate	$ 1.594
21.	Common level of appraisal (CLA)	95.13%
	Actual non-residential tax rates seen on tax bill	**$ 1.6756**

Household Income Percentage (HIP)

22.	Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess	$ 19,266.54	-	-
23.	Homestead income yield	$ 13,081.00	-	-
24.	Household income percentage [(line 22 ÷ line 23) x 2.0%]	2.95%	-	-
25.	Percent of equalized pupils	100.00%	-	-
26.	Prorated equalized tax rate from school district	2.95%	-	-
27.	**Total household income percentage**	**2.95%**		

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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	222	154,240,900	8,795,500	145,445,400	154,240,900
Residential II	R2	107	54,677,500	15,418,700	39,258,800	54,677,500
Mobile Homes-U	MHU	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes-L	MHL	2	224,400	87,600	136,800	224,400
Seasonal I	S1	8	552,700	0	552,700	552,700
Seasonal II	S2	5	772,400	0	772,400	772,400
Commercial	C	57	65,270,100	161,600	65,108,500	65,270,100
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	3,640,600	0	3,640,600	3,640,600
Utilities-O	UO	1	161,500	0	161,500	161,500
Farm	F	0	0	0	0	0
Other	O	1,089	503,321,100	3,283,800	500,037,300	503,321,100
Woodland	W	62	16,344,200	0	16,344,200	16,344,200
Miscellaneous	M	36	1,693,300	0	1,693,300	1,693,300
TOTAL LISTED REAL		1,591	804,122,500	27,747,200	776,375,300	804,122,500
P.P. Cable		1	514,100		514,100	514,100
P.P. Equipment		0	0			
P.P. Inventory		0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.		1	514,100		514,100	514,100
TOTAL LISTED VALUE			804,636,600	27,747,200	776,889,400	804,636,600
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	514,100			
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	891,700	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	4,189,900	875,700	3,314,200	4,189,900
Special Exemptions		15		0	22,696,000	22,696,000
Partial Statutory		0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions			5,161,600	895,700	26,387,800	27,283,500
Total Exemptions			5,161,600	895,700	26,387,800	27,283,500
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST			7,994,750.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST				268,515.00	7,505,016.00	7,773,531.00

NON-TAX 19 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

Status on Personal Property	
1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city?	Yes_XX_ No____
2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by vote of your town/city?	Yes_XX_ No____
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 _____	b) at depreciated value _____

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)	4,189,900
Veteran Exemptions	20,000
Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	60,000
Non-Resi Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	0
Partial Statutory Exemptions	0

Stratton School Board: 2019-2020 Year In Review

To date, the Stratton School Board has made tremendous efforts to resolve the issues and answer the questions that were presented to the Board at Town Meeting in March 2019. Below is a comprehensive list of what has been accomplished over the last year.

The Situation: The town of Stratton has faced unprecedented student growth; i.e. 29 students in 2014-2015 to 65 students this 2019-2020 school year. Based on the way our taxes are calculated at the State level, this student increase has caused our Homestead tax rate to increase dramatically. Unless the student count stabilizes, Stratton may continue to see increased taxes.

SMS graciously stepped in and limited acceptance of Stratton students to 15 students (the cap) for the '19-'20 and '20-'21 school years, and reduced tuition by 50% for this current school year. Maple Street also offered to help by providing a cap of 7 students. While this assists in lowering our Homestead taxes for the year and keeps the student count at SMS and Maple Street steady, we needed to explore all possible options available to the town.

The following three options are the only viable solutions available from the State and were extensively researched by the board:

1. Residency: Vermont State statute 16 V.S.A § 1075 clearly defines "residency" and how it is applied for the purposes of tuition. In an effort to ensure only legal Stratton residents receive tuition, the School Board made huge strides in its residency qualification efforts this summer. A new policy and affidavit were created, and all parents were required to reapply for Stratton residency. The superintendent reviewed each submission for 66 students resulting in only one student having been denied residency status based on noncompliance with the above referenced statute. This decision was appealed to the board, who also cited noncompliance, and denied residency. That decision was then appealed to the Agency of Education and the Stratton School Board's decision was upheld.
   The bottom line: Despite best efforts being put forth, a vigilant residency policy had little impact on student enrollment numbers.
2. Designation: With this option, the town can choose up to three high schools. The schools available for designation are Leland & Gray, Brattleboro Union, Mt. Anthony and Twin Valley. BBA has stated, both in the past and again this summer, that they will not be a party to designation. The designated high schools would be the only schools Stratton students could attend while receiving tuition (exceptions being made for special education and circumstance). The designation agreement would be in effect as long as the town and school want there to be an arrangement.
   The bottom line: First, and foremost, none of our currently enrolled high school students attend any of the potentially designated schools; *every* high schooler would be required to transfer schools in order to continue receiving tuition. Further, designation will only reduce our taxes if the student count is reduced. Since there is no way to determine who would remain at their current school (with private funding) and who would transfer (continuing to use tuition), it can't be definitively stated that the student count would go down if the town chose this option.
3. Merging: This option was initially discussed in great detail when Act 46 was being researched, and it was recently examined again by the Board. Merging involves the joining of two or more school boards (The thought process here being that spreading costs and resources over a larger population could potentially make taxes go down.). With a merged school board, *all* towns involved in the merge would need to agree to any moves each member makes (i.e. all towns would need to agree to merge Stratton into their board.) Once a town is merged, its current school board disappears. Based on our population, we would receive only one board vote vs the three or more votes the other towns receive.
   The bottom line: Merging could potentially have a major impact on taxes, busing and school choice; but whether it would be positive or negative remains to be seen. Merging is a much more permanent decision that would be challenging to reverse should the merge prove unfavorable. Stratton would have very little weight in future board decisions due to its single vote. Furthermore, a merged school district could still opt to designate, as merging in no way preserves full school choice. Merging is also a very costly and a time-consuming avenue to explore, making this option unavailable as an immediate remedy.

What else can (and did!) The Board do?

- We pursued the Agency of Education and received an answer to our inquiry regarding whether the state would support the board's policy change to only pay for schools who would accept all Stratton students (This was referred to as Option 1 at Town Meeting.). An excerpt from this response can be found in the school board's September 3, 2019 meeting minutes. The Agency of Education would not have supported this policy change and we would have been left paying the highest tax rate increase.
- We continue to work with our currently capped schools to examine our continued relationships. The only schools available for cap are private, non-sending schools. Our current private schools, fitting the above description, have been extremely flexible and generous in working with us and have been very understanding of our circumstances. We are working to maintain these relationships for the future.
- We have continued to maintain open communication lines with all of our current schools to monitor any trends in student enrollment.
- We continue to work closely with our legal counsel and supervisory union.
- We've exhaustively explored our local resources by interacting with other towns and districts to determine how they've handled similar situations.
- Two Board committees were created, a data committee and survey committee, with the intent of collecting, organizing and presenting our school/student information.

Our situation is largely unique in that each of the State's remedies are unsuitable for our community. Members of surrounding towns, the WCSU and our local schools have banded together to help us navigate this tricky and unprecedented situation. As a board, we will continue our efforts to reasonably provide school choice for Stratton residents.

We'd like to thank the Town Office staff (Kent, Candie and Alyson), the schools (SMS, Maple Street and Mountain School), Bill Anton and the WCSU, and everyone in town who's contributed to our efforts to confront the challenges before us.

State of Vermont
Department of Taxes
133 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-1401

Phone: **(802) 828-5860**
Fax: **(802) 828-2239**

Agency of Administration

December 20, 2019

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

CORRECTED

2019 Equalization Study Results

This letter serves as notification of the results of Property Valuation and Review (PVR)'s 2019 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 nonhomestead education tax rates.

Education Grand List (from 411):		$777,353,100
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	$810,111,313	
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):		**95.96% or 0.9596**
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):		14.13%

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 85% or over 115% necessitates a reappraisal (32 V.S.A § 4041a). The homestead and nonhomestead tax rates in your town will be adjusted by your town's CLA (32 V.S.A § 5402). The nonhomestead rate in your town will be the statewide nonhomestead 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
2019 Annual Report

During the Town Meeting of 2019, 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 2019 included: 1) Paving of Pikes Falls Rd. and patch-paving over various replaced culverts. 2) In accordance with the State's new Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) which became effective in 2018, the Highway Dept. continued with compliant ditching and culvert replacements this past year, mainly on Pikes Falls Rd. and Pike Hollow Rd., in anticipation of paving projects. 3) Also to better comply with the MRGP, the end section of Pike Hollow Rd. and all of Stone Chimney Rd., were reclassified as Class 4 roads to eliminate any potential ditching upgrades to these roads, as required by the MRGP for Class 3 road ditching. Additionally, TH26 (a 0.4 mile length of road at 230 Pike Hollow Rd.) was discontinued and reverted back to the property owners. 4) The salt and sand shed doors were altered for better access. 5) Preparations for the replacement of the Little Kidder Brook culvert on Mountain Rd. have been in progress in anticipation of completing this job during the summer of 2020. This will require a two-week closure of Mountain Rd., which we will schedule to happen sometime between July 4 and the beginning of the school year to minimize the inconvenience of the closure to traffic.

Congratulations to Grayson Peterson for obtaining a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), which is a requirement for operators of the larger Town Trucks.

This year, the Board agreed to hire on a "part-time / as necessary" Transfer Station attendant. Gerry Clotier of Wardsboro, who also works the Wardsboro Transfer Station, agreed to take the position. This alleviated the need to use the Road Crew or one of the Selectmen whenever the Scott Marquis, the regular Transfer Station Attendant needs time off.

After twenty years of service as Stratton's Zoning Administrator, Alan Hicks submitted his resignation to retire. The Planning Commission recommended Ray Hawksley as his replacement, after which the board appointed him to that position. This, however, has left a vacancy in the Assistant to the Zoning Administrator position, previously held by Ray. If anyone is interested, please apply to the Town Office. The Board thanks Alan Hicks for his many years of service to the Town. Not only was he the Zoning Administrator, but he also has served as a Lister for nearly 30 years; he was on the Cemetery Commission back in the 1990s; and he attended the Transfer Station for several years, as well. Thank you Allie.

Appointments: Kent Young was re-appointed the Town's Representative to the Windham Solid Waste Management District and Chris Liller was re-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, Helen Eddy, Nancy Ferrucci, and Sally Wadsworth for organizing and decorating for this year's Holiday Party. We also wish to thank all those who donated goods for the Jamaica-Wardsboro Community Food Pantry.

Al Dupell, Chairman of the Selectmen

TOWN CLERK
2019 ANNUAL REPORT
(Calendar 2019)

Town Clerk: Kent Young
Assistant Town Clerk: Candie Bernard

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

Land Records: In 2019, no Mylars (surveys or drawings) were recorded. 2196 pages were recorded (Book 176 page 585 through Book 179 page 568). Recording fees at $10.00/page (January 1 – June 30) brought in revenues of $9650.00 and fees at $15.00/page (July 1 – Dec 31) brought in revenues of $18,465.00, for a total of $28,115.00. At last year's town meeting, a Restoration Fund was created, as required by the new statute that increased the fees. The state requires that $4.00/page or a sufficient" amount is to be set aside for restoration. I intend to budget an amount each year for the anticipated recording, instead of setting aside the said amount per page to minimize the bookkeeping process.

Property Transfers: 133 Property Transfers occurred in the calendar year of 2019, for a total of $38,419,428.04. An amount of $1,700.00 was collected to process the associated Property Transfer Tax Returns. Property Transfer Taxes collected by the State for these sales amounted to $513,929.13 (an increase of about 12% from last year.

2019 Vital Statistics:

Births – Two children of local Stratton families were born this year – neither were born within Stratton.
Marriages – Thirteen marriages were registered in Stratton this year of which two were of local couples.
Deaths – Stratton resident, Barbara Pepper, passed away within Stratton in 2019. Resident, Avis Pickering, passed away while in Florida, and a previous resident, Ruth Romano, died in Townshend, Vermont.

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, 2019 – April 30, 2020. Statistics concerning Catering Permits, Special Events Permits, Educational Sampling Event Permits and Festival Permits are calculated for the 2019 calendar year)):

1St Class Restaurant / Bar Licenses:	10 ($115.00 fee to the Town and $115.00 fee to the State)
1St Class Hotel Licenses:	1 ($115.00 fee to the Town and $115.00 fee to the State)
2nd Class Licenses:	2 ($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:	14 ($20.00 fee to the State)
Special Event Permits:	10 ($35.00 fee to the State)
Educational Sampling Event Permits:	2 ($250.00 fee to the State)

Total fees collected by the Town: $1405.00
Total fees collected by the State: $2695.00

Solid Waste Disposal: A total of 158.01 tons of solid waste were hauled away from the Stratton Transfer Station in 2019. Of this, 41.03 tons (26%) were recycled. **Pay-As-You-Throw statistics**: Stratton has collected $6735.00 [fees] in revenues and paid out $24,243.81 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, 2019, Stratton had 194 voters on the Voter Checklist. Fifteen new voters applied to the checklist and were added this year, while fourteen voters were removed from the checklist for various reasons. Thirteen voters are inactive / challenged and are subject to be removed per the statutory procedures. 69 voters attended the Town Meeting of March 5, 2019 and 72 voters were present for the subsequent Annual School Meeting. 79 voters were present for the Special School District Meeting of May 7, 2019.

David Kent Young, Town Clerk

Stratton Planning Commission
2019 Annual Report

At Town Meeting last year, the Town voted to reduce the number of Planning Commissioners to five. As a result of this change, no election of Planning Commissioners was held at that Town Meeting, as the terms of John Wadsworth and Anne Patten expired with no replacements. We would like to thank John and Anne for their many years of service to the community as Commissioners. After Town Meeting, the Commission re-appointed Kent Young as Chairman, Ray Hawksley as Vice-Chairman, and Chris Mann as Secretary. Kent Young again agreed to take meeting minutes. The Commission also adopted a policy of meeting as needed, instead of having a regular monthly meeting.

No major development projects were considered during 2019. The Commission met to develop a revision to the 2014 Town Plan, which required renewal in October 2019. The Chair has worked with John Bennett of the Windham Regional Commission to develop the changes necessary for the current revision to comply with requirements necessary for approval by the Windham Regional Commission. The Commission met to consider some of these changes and to give guidance toward a final draft of the document for their adoption, which should happen early in the coming year.

Additionally, Allan Hicks, who had been the Town's Zoning Administrator for 20 years, resigned this April. We wish him well in his retirement and thank him for his long service to Stratton. In his place, the Commission voted to recommend Ray Hawksley as Zoning Administrator, whom the Selectboard then appointed. Previously, Ray served as Assistant to the Zoning Administrator. That position currently remains vacant.

All Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public. Currently, we post notices for meetings as necessary. Meeting Notices, Agendas, Minutes and Public Hearings can be found posted at the Town Office, Town Garage and Stratton Mountain Post Office, as well as on the Planning Commission page of the Town of Stratton's website: www.townofstrattonvt.com.

Kent Young
Planning Commission Chairman

Zoning Report

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Name	Permit Type	Date Issued	Permit Fee
Allen	Barn	07/13/2018	$47.50
Bazargam / Fard	House	08/13/2018	$35.00
DiGangi / Beckedorff	Garage	08/22/2018	$80.00
Powers	Road Infrastructure	09/05/2018	$65.00
Argo	House	09/06/2018	$95.00
Mann	Porch	09/06/2018	$25.00
Chiodi	Porch	09/18/2018	$20.00
Bazargam / Fard	Amendment to previous	09/24/2018	$0.00
Bazargam / Fard	Guest House	09/24/2018	$25.00
Southworth	House	10/30/2018	$140.00
Wiley	House	10/23/2018	$90.00
Rigoulosi	Addition	11/20/2018	$263.25
Buchalter	Shed	11/14/2018	$20.00
Zilkha	Garage	03/12/2019	$90.00
Grush	Garage	05/01/2019	$40.00
Baron	House	05/30/2019	$915.00
Mattick	Studio	06/06/2019	$30.00
Lettieri	House	06/13/2019	$370.00
Boatright	Pavilion	06/13/2019	$65.00
Marullo	Addition	06/20/2019	$110.00
Total Permit Fees			**$2525.75**

Listers' Report 2019

The Board of Listers consists of Kent Young, Candie Bernard and Allan Hicks. This year, the Listers heard 78 Grievances, with one appeal to the Board of Civil Authority.

The December 2018 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) calculation used to determine the 2019 Education Property Tax Rates was 95.13%. The State Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate for 2019/20 was $1.6756. 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 $1.9020. The Municipal Tax Rate was set at $0.1210; therefore, Stratton's total property tax rates were $2.0230 for homestead properties and $1.7966 for non-Homestead properties.

The 2019 Common Level of Appraisal was calculated at 95.96 and will be used to determine next year's education tax rates. Although this value has increased, we have decided to work toward a Revaluation over the next two years to be effective in 2022. The Town last completed a full Revaluation in 2006, but we have implemented multiple Statistical Updates since that time, so it is time to have our Assessing company revisit all properties over the next two years to acquire better data, as we upgrade to a new version of assessing software.

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.

Kent Young, Listers' Chairman

2019 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 2019 Licenses issued were for:
74 spayed female or neutered male dogs
Eight 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. One deed for two single gravesites was issued in Ball Cemetery this year and one interment occurred in Ball Cemetery (Ruth Romano).

Kent Young, Cemetery Commission Chair

Stratton Mountain Vol. Fire Co. Inc

Operations Income	Budget 2018-2019	Actual 2018-2019	Budget 2019-2020	To Date Actual 2019-2020	Budget 2020-2021	Actual 2020-2021
Town of Stratton	$ 65,650.00	$ 65,650.00	$ 52,150.00	$ 52,150.00	$ 53,800.00	
Post Office Rental	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,000.00	$ 4,375.00	$ 7,000.00	
Stratton Corp.	$ 11,000.00	$ 11,000.00	$ 11,000.00		$ 11,000.00	
Grants	$ -	$ -		$ 2,000.00		
Fund Raising /Donations	$ 13,000.00	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,580.00	$ 15,000.00	
Total Funds	$ 96,650.00	$ 98,650.00	$ 85,150.00	$ 74,105.00	$ 86,800.00	
Expenditures						
Electricity	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,190.32	$ 1,200.00	$ 704.42	$ 1,200.00	
Telephone	$ 600.00	$ 646.90	$ 600.00	$ 387.34	$ 600.00	
Heat	$ 5,500.00	$ 5,106.40	$ 5,500.00	$ 1,424.38	$ 5,500.00	
Insurance	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,024.00	$ 2,000.00		$ 1,500.00	
Fire Pond	$ -			$ 215.00		
SCBA's						
Building improvement	$ 10,000.00		$ 10,000.00	$ 10,699.33	$ 10,000.00	
Building Maintenance&Supplies	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,353.05	$ 2,000.00	$ 800.00	$ 2,000.00	
Postage	$ 100.00	$ 147.96	$ 100.00	$ 55.00	$ 100.00	
Grounds Maintenance	$ 450.00	$ 660.00	$ 500.00		$ 1,200.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	$ 2,000.00		$ 2,000.00		$ 2,000.00	
Engine #1						
Engine #2						
Tower # 1				$ 131.51		
Utility #1				$ 239.59		
Radio Repair						
Equipment Maintenance	$ 1,500.00		$ 1,500.00		$ 1,500.00	
SCBA's				$ 299.75		
Extinguishers		$ 139.80		$ 125.45		
New Equipment	$ 23,500.00		$ 23,500.00			
SCBA Compressor					$ 15,000.00	
SCBA's		$ 17,765.90				
Turnout gear		$ 13,745.75		$ 13,365.40	$ 10,000.00	
Training	$ 500.00	$ 159.53	$ 500.00		$ 500.00	
Dues & Ass. Fees	$ 300.00	$ 272.00	$ 300.00	$ 422.00	$ 500.00	
Reimbursment	$ 30,000.00	$ 30,000.00	$ 30,000.00		$ 30,000.00	
Fund Raising Expence		$ 1,314.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,191.16	$ 1,500.00	
CPA	$ 500.00	$ 536.00	$ 500.00		$ 600.00	
Secretary Position	$ 2,600.00	$ 1,775.00	$ 2,600.00	$ 560.00	$ 2,600.00	
Software	$ 600.00	$ 400.00			$ 500.00	
Office Supplies		$ 159.00	$ 300.00			
Hosting Fees	$ 350.00	$ 239.00	$ 350.00			
ACS Fire Companies.com	$ 600.00	$ 499.88		$ 359.91		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 84,300.00	$ 78,134.49	$ 84,950.00	$ 30,980.24	$ 86,800.00	

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 97 calls in 2019.

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

The fire company should complete the updating of our SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) this year and will begin working on the procurement of a compressor and filling station to fill the bottles.

Recently we have had several request to lock up key codes in the Knox boxes. As stated in the ordinance we require keys,
- Knox Box Contents: The key lock box shall contain stamp-labeled keys, easily identified in the field to provide access into the property and/or building, and to any locked areas within said building, as may be further directed by the Fire Chief.

Our stance is that we require keys and will not lock up codes. If a door lock has a key code it must also have a hard key. Locking up codes has the potential to bypass our security with the Knox box system and becomes a liability for the Fire Company.

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.

TOWN OF STRATTON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 10:03am. Selectman, Al Dupell, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk took the roll. Initially, 69 voters were present; therefore, 35 votes constitute a majority. Guests present: Michael Culver, Jessica Marullo, Michael and Abigail Dell Aera, Holly Wendell, and Tiffany Tan. The Moderator read the names of Stratton Residents, whom we had learned had passed away in the last year – Joann Liller and Walter Stugger, then asked for the assembly to pause for a moment of silence in their honor. She then allowed Shane Boatright to address the assembly to thank firefighters for their response to a recent fire at his residence and for those individuals who serve as firefighters to stand up and be recognized. The assembly applauded for those members. The Moderator then also thanked various people for volunteering for Town events and addressed in the Selectmen's Report.

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

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.
Kent Young moved to approve the Town Report. Al Dupell 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 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). Kent Young so moved. John Wadsworth seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the article. The ayes were unanimous and Article 3 passed.

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

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

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

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

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

Auditor (one three-year term): Kent Young nominated Helen Fuller Eddy. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. All concurred. Helen Fuller Eddy was elected Auditor for a three-year term.

Auditor (two years of a three-year term): Abbe Haber nominated Carolyn Beckedorff. Chris Liller seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. All concurred. Carolyn Beckedorff was elected Auditor for two years of a three-year term.
Cemetery Commissioner (one three-year term): Kent Young nominated Larry Bills. Chris Liller seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. All concurred. Larry Bills was elected Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.
Delinquent Tax Collector (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated Candie Bernard. DR Holton seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. All concurred. Candie Bernard was elected Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term.
Trustee of Public Funds (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated Alyson Marcucci. Boomer Walker seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. All concurred. Alyson Marcucci was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.
Constable (one one-year term): Larry Bills nominated Boomer Walker. Chris Liller seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. All concurred. Boomer Walker was elected Constable for a one-year term.
Grand Juror (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated John Waite. Chris Liller seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. All concurred. John Waite was elected Grand Juror for a one-year term.
Town Agent (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated John Waite. Chris Liller seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. All concurred. John Waite was elected Town Agent for a one-year term.

ARTICLE 5: *To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.* Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker 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 borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.* Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 6 was 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*
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*
Women's Freedom Center	*750.00*
TOTAL	***$39,833.00***

Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. Discussion: Laura Hawksley recommended increasing the appropriations for Londonderry Volunteer Rescue and Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue by $2000.00 each. After the discussion, the Moderator asked to amend the article to include the increase to said appropriations. Laura Hawksley so moved. Larry Bills seconded – all concurred. The Moderator then asked for a motion to move the amended 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	*4,500.00*
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	*5,000.00*
Windham County Humane Society	*400.00*
Winhall Library	*2,100.00*
Women's Freedom Center	*750.00*
TOTAL	***$43,833.00***

Laura Hawksley so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. With no further questions, the Moderator asked for a voice vote. Article 7 was unanimously approved as amended.

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..* Chris Liller so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No Discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 passed.

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.* 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 apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.* Boomer Walker so moved. Laura Hawksley seconded. No Discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 10 passed.

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).* Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. Discussion: Alyson Marcucci stated that the article needed to be amended to reflect the change in appropriations. Kent Young moved to amend Article 11 by increasing the amount by $4000.00. DR Holton seconded. No Discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to amend the article as stated – all concurred. ***ARTICLE 11:*** *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $852,219.65 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020).* Kent Young so moved. DR Holton seconded. All concurred and Article 11 passed as amended.

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).* Boomer Walker so moved. Kent Young seconded. Discussion: Chris Liller responded to a question about paving by stating that Pike Hollow Rd. and Pikes Falls Rd. were to be paved this year. Pikes Falls Rd. is eligible for State Grant money. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 12 passed.

ARTICLE 13: *To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.* Discussion: Laura Hawksley asked that the Town consider at next year's meeting an Appropriation in memory of Joann Liller – perhaps a scholarship fund through Leland and Gray High School. She will coordinate with the Liller family. Steve Goldfarb asked about budgeting for the Windham County Sheriff's Dept. Al Dupell responded that it had not been budgeted for this year and since the budget passed with no line item amount for them, their contract will not be renewed for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019.

Adjournment: With no further business, the Moderator asked for a motion to Adjourn. Boomer Walker so moved. Kent Young seconded - all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 10:40AM.

Minutes by:

Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:

Moderator – Diana Stugger

Approved by the Selectmen:

Albert Dupell

Chris Liller

Larry Bills

Greg Marcucci

Kevin Robinson

TOWN OF STRATTON
MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF
MARCH 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met as warned at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 11:00AM. The Town Clerk took the roll and 72 voters were present. A majority of 37 will be required. Guests present: Michael Culver, Jessica Marullo, Michael and Abigail Dell Aera, Holly Wendell - Assistant Head Master of the Stratton Mountain School, Peter Ahlfeld - the Head Master of the Mountain School and Mark Tashjian - the Head Master of Burr and Burton Academy.

ARTICLE 1: *To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, as required by law.*
Chris Liller nominated Diana Stugger. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. 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*
Lorraine Weeks-Newell nominated Allison Young. Chris Liller seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. All concurred. Allison Young was elected School District Director for the term of three years.

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.*
Boomer Walker so moved. Siobhan Eddy Young seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 3 was unanimously approved.

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

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.*
Laura Hawksley so moved. Chris Liller seconded. Discussion: Gynne Fitzgerald recommended reducing the tuition rate to the Vermont Union High School Tuition Rate. A general discussion ensued, which implied that Burr and Burton Academy may be able to accept that amount with no additional charge to parents. Gynne Fitzgerald motioned to amend and Jessica Baron seconded. Discussion: Mark Tashjian, Head Master of Burr and Burton Academy, arrived and asked permission to address the assembly. The Moderator asked for approval and he received unanimous approval. Mr. Tashjian discussed the event that had occurred last year when Winhall's student tuition rate was reduced similarly. He said that this was not a fair situation to the other sending towns, who objected last year and therefore, he did not think the Board of Directors would allow it this year. The School Board also recommended voting down the amendment and proceeding with approval of the Article as written. Following the discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the amendment – all voted "No" and the amendment failed. The Moderator then asked for a voice vote to approve the Article as originally presented. All were in favor and Article 5 passed.

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.*
Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 6 was unanimously approved.

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.* Boomer Walker so moved. Al Dupell seconded. Discussion: Kent Young stated that there are several unresolved issues, which the school board is still considering and working through. He said he believes the School Board recommends that the budget gets passed as presented here, with the understanding that if it should be changed, then this Article can be petitioned within 30 days for a revote or the School Board can call for a Special School District Meeting to change it. Lorraine Weeks-Newell concurred. Kent Young said that the School Board will be meeting on March 12, 2019 to continue discussion regarding the recent policy that backs this budget. He recommended that those presenting ideas regarding ways to minimize the budget can attend that meeting. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 passed.

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

ARTICLE 9: *To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.*
No other business was transacted.

ADJOURNMENT: The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn.
Al Dupell moved to adjourn. Kent Young seconded. All concurred and the School District Meeting adjourned at 11:30AM. Following the meeting, Representative, Kelly Pajala discussed the Homestead Tax Rate and other School issues with the assembly. Peter Ahlfeld also spoke to thank the Town for its support of Mountain School.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:

Diana L. Stugger

Moderator – Diana Stugger

Approved by the Stratton School Directors

Thomas Montemagni

Allison L. Young

Allison Young

Lorraine Weeks-Newell

Lorraine Weeks-Newell

TOWN OF STRATTON
MINUTES OF
THE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF
May 7, 2019

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met at the Stratton Town Hall on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. The Moderator, Diana Stugger, opened the meeting and the Clerk took the roll. 79 voters were present, which requires a majority of 40 votes. Guests present were: Mary Ann Degala-Paraiso; Michael Culver; Bill Anton – superintendent of the Windham Central Supervisory Union; Chris Kaltsas – Head Master of Stratton Mountain School; Holly Wendell – Assistant Head Master of Stratton Mountain School; Peter Ahlfeld – Head Master of Mountain School in Winhall; Meredith Morin; and Christian McCauley.

The Moderator allowed the Clerk to provide an explanation of the meeting. Kent Young explained that this meeting was the first phase of a three phase meeting held by the Stratton School Board this evening. This meeting was called to revote the budget, which had been voted upon at the March 5, 2019 meeting, because more information had been gathered since that time, as had been requested at the March Meeting. He explained that the Budget Article had to be warned exactly as it had been written for the March Meeting Warning. Tonight, the Article can be amended appropriately in accordance with the voters' decision based on three scenarios, which are based on three options the School Board has developed as revisions to the Tuition Policy. Once the budget has been established by the approval of the amended Article, this meeting will adjourn. The School Board will then hold the warned Public Hearing established to adopt the option which complements the approved budget. Following that vote by the School Board, they will recess to reopen their meeting at the Town Office in order to continue with their monthly meeting agenda. The Moderator then read the following Article:

ARTICLE 1: 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. Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. Discussion: The School Board explained that they have created three options for budgets, of which each has a corresponding change to the Tuition Policy. The School Board will then consider adopting the appropriate change to the Tuition Policy tonight, as warned, after the budget has been approved. Allison Young presented the three options:

Option 1:

Shall the voters of the School District Approve the School Board to expend $1,080,027.00, 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 $16,851.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.10% higher than spending for the current year. (This option is based on implementation of the Tuition Policy currently in place).

Option 2:

Shall the voters of the School District Approve the School Board to expend $1,319,159.00, 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 $24,328.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 50.28% higher than spending for the current year. (This option is based on implementation of the Tuition Policy with a change recommended by the Agency of Education).

Option 3:

Shall the voters of the School District Approve the School Board to expend $1,183,729.00, 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 $19,267.00

per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 19.02% higher than spending for the current year. (This option is based on a implementation of a change to the Tuition Policy which would allow Private Schools to implement a cap on the number of students said schools would accept from the Town, as well as an offer made by Stratton Mountain School reducing the tuition charged to the Town by 50%.)

The School Board and Town Office staff also discussed the responses received back from each of the schools regarding the ability to comply with these associated policy options, as well as the refusal of the Secretary of Education to make any decision regarding each of the options, although several attempts were made requesting such decisions. At one point in the discussion, the voters agreed to have Chris Kaltsas, Head Master of Stratton Mountain School (SMS) explain his offer to the Town. This offer reduces the tuition Stratton pays for students attending SMS by 50% for one year and imposing a cap of 15 Stratton students accepted by the school per year for at least two years. This offer was made if Option 3 of the Budget / Policy combination is approved. This effectively limits the school tax rate increase to about 17%, down from the 48% increase which would apply if Option 2 was implemented. The discussion moved to the legality of the existing Tuition Policy associated with Option 1, since the Agency of Education had responded to a review of the current Tuition Policy only by recommending a change to the language. This new language resulted in the policy which complements Option 2. The Secretary of Education, however, did not provide a definitive answer to the legality of our current policy. Some voters expressed that they were willing to chance maintaining the current policy and approving Option 1. Others felt that if the current policy is found to be unacceptable, then the School District would have to borrow money from the Town to pay for the students' tuitions previously eliminated by said policy. This deficit would have to be paid for by a tax increase in the following year.

Following the discussion, the Moderator decided to take a straw vote to see which option should be used to modify the Article. This resulted in moving toward Option 3. The Moderator then asked for a motion to amend the Article as follows:

ARTICLE 1: *Shall the voters of the School District Approve the School Board to expend $1,183,729.00, 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 $19,267.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 19.02% higher than spending for the current year.* Boomer Walker so moved. Joe Conti seconded. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to approve the amendment. The majority approved by saying aye. The Moderator then asked for a voice vote to approve the Article as amended. The majority approved by saying aye and Article 1 passed as amended.

ARTICLE 2: *To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.* No other business was transacted.

The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Boomer Walker so moved. Allison Young seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:

Diana Stugger

Moderator – Diana Stugger

Approved by the Stratton School Directors

Thomas Montemagni

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Allison A. Young

Allison Young

Lorraine Weeks-Newell

Lorraine Weeks-Newell

American Red Cross
New Hampshire and
Vermont Region

August 19, 2019

Town of Stratton
Attn: Selectboard
9 West Jamaica Rd
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Friends,

Our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

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

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, once every 17 hours, helping nearly 1,000 individuals.
- We installed more than 4,000 and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained almost 24,000 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected 76,150 units of blood at over 2,500 blood drives. All 40 hospitals in NH and VT depend on Red Cross collections.
- In our region, over 250 service members were connected with their families through the Emergency Communications efforts of our Service to the Armed Forces department.

In order to provide these essential services, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is grateful to receive municipal support from our friends in the Town of Stratton. **This year, we respectfully request an appropriation of $500.00**. These funds will stay right here in our region, so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during their hours of greatest need.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Impact Sheet for Windham County.

On behalf of the 1,300 volunteers and staff throughout New Hampshire and Vermont, I thank you for your consideration of this request and your generous history of supporting this essential work.

Sincerely,

Rachel Zellem
Regional Development Specialist

New Hampshire Headquarters • 2 Maitland Street, Concord, NH 03301
Vermont Headquarters • 32 N Prospect Street, Burlington, VT 05401
1-800-464-6692
www.redcross.org/nhvt

Dear Sending Town Voters:

We are pleased to submit to you our 2020-2021 sending town tuition of $17,990, which constitutes a 2.8% increase from the current year. Our tuition for non-sending towns will be $19,990. This tuition increase will help us to attract and retain outstanding teachers, provide an amazing array of opportunities to students, and remain affordable to our communities.

In reaching this decision, the board of trustees considered the impact of projected salary increases as well as a 12.9% increase in healthcare costs. The tuition increase will *not* cover the full cost of these items; with healthcare costs continuing to escalate, the board of trustees has challenged BBA's leadership to figure out how to stay in balance without passing these costs on to taxpayers. BBA's tuition has increased 2.7% annually over the last decade demonstrating our long-term commitment to maintaining affordability.

In addition to our tuition, we raise close to $1 million annually to support operations, and we augment annual fundraising with an endowment draw of approximately $800,000. Through our international program, we attract students from around the globe to enhance cultural diversity and understanding while providing $3 million in supplemental revenue.

While tuition dollars represent an important source of funds for operations, funding for capital expenditures is raised privately. Private funding has enabled us to create the Target Program, Mountain Campus, the Dene Farm program, invest in sound and projection systems in our Riley Center for the Arts, purchase 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 are in the process of building a track and field at the Manchester rec park. In April 2020 we will break ground on Founders Hall, a 25,000 square-foot center for integrated learning.

BBA seeks to be a constant source of strength to our communities, and we are deeply appreciative of the support we receive from these communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster

Seth B. Bongartz
Chair of the Board

Jamaica/Wardsboro
COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
Hunger has no place in our community

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

December 20, 2019

To the Board,

The Community Food Pantry respectfully requests funds from the Town of Stratton in the amount of $500 for FY 2021. Hunger has no place in our community and your continued support of the Community Food Pantry is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration,

Diane Allen
Coordinator-Pro Temp

Emergency Contact & Information:
Diane Allen • 874-4175
P.O. Box 7
Jamaica, VT 05343

The Community Food Pantry Inc. is a 501-c-3 organization: #03-0346100
www.communityfoodpantryvt.org

Deerfield Valley Rescue Inc. P.O. BOX 854 WILMINGTON, VT. 05363

October 30, 2019

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 July 2020 – June 30th 2021 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

GraceCottage
FAMILY HEALTH
& HOSPITAL

Caring For Our Communities in Sickness and in Health

"I can't say enough positive words about my care at Grace Cottage's ER. Everyone was so compassionate and kind. I am thrilled that we have such an excellent health care facility near us, and that Grace Cottage's retail pharmacy is right across the road from the hospital and primary care offices." Dr. Rachel Lovens, Grafton, VT

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for more than 70 years. In 2019, Grace Cottage was named "Best Hospital," "Best Emergency Department," "Best Physical Therapy," "Best Pediatrician," (Dr. Elizabeth Linder) and "Best Place to Work" in the Brattleboro Reformer Readers' Choice Best of Windham County Awards.

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 2019, donations allowed us to purchase, among many other things, new Emergency Department equipment, IV pumps, cardiac monitoring equipment, and infrastructure improvements (roof replacements, generators, updated heating systems).

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for the convenience of patients, and same-day appointments, even for those who have never used our primary care services before. In most cases, provider appointments are immediately available. More than 7,000 area residents 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 15 physical and occupational therapists on staff. Expanded services include lymphedema therapy, custom orthotics, and women's health and pelvic floor physical therapy.

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, Tai Chi, and Strong Bones, which are held in the beautiful and serene **Community Wellness Center**. Various support groups are offered throughout the year.

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.

FY 2019, by the numbers:

21,475: Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health

3,925: Patient days in hospital

2,927: Emergency Dept. visits

5,834: Outpatient Rehab visits

2,193: Diagnostic Imaging visits

4,944: Community Health Team visits

3,739: Visits to Wellness classes and events

2,015: Individual donations to Grace Cottage

Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(C)3 organization. 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 Family Health 802-365-4331 | Grace Cottage Hospital 802-365-7357 | Grace Cottage Rehabilitation 802-365-3637 | Messenger Valley Pharmacy 802-365-4117

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

Vermont Green Up Inc.
PO Box 1191
Montpelier, VT 05601-1191
(802) 229-4586
greenup@greenupvermont.org

Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Rd.
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Town: 10/14/2019

Thank you for your past appropriation for Green Up Vermont, your help is crucial to sustain our mission of cleaning up our roadways and waterways. Your contribution is greatly appreciated! As Green Up rolls into our 50th year, we are again asking for your continued support for 2020.

For your convenience, below is an invoice in the amount you appropriated last year. Please note that many towns allocate money through their Road Line budget each year. The amount requested is based on town population:

- 0- 1,000: $50
- 1001 - 2000: $100
- 2001 - 3000: $150
- 3001 – 4,000: $200
- 4,001 up: $300

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and organize a statewide clean-up day, always the first Saturday in May, and to raise public awareness for a litter free environment. Quick litter stats from 2019: 43 tons of litter and over 2,100 tires were collected. This data is from only about half of our participating towns that filed post-Green Up reports. We will be striving to obtain better statistics for 2020.

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2020, May 2nd and help us celebrate 50 years of keeping Vermont green! Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments. As the new Executive Director, I look forward to working with you. Thank you!

Kate Alberghini
Executive Director
Green Up Vermont
802-229-4586 | greenup@greenupvermont.org

Invoice #: 805

Terms: Due on receipt

Description	Amount
2020 Green Up Day Town Giving	50.00

Vermont Green Up Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization

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

Foodworks – Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and the last Saturday of the month, Groundworks food shelf program 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. Additional site-specific case management services are available 40 hours per week to residents of Great River Terrace, the permanent supportive housing community on Putney Road in Brattleboro.

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 FY19 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 2020 Town Meeting to help support our Access Navigator Program. The Access Navigator Program is instrumental in ensuring that new clients are able to access services in a timely manner – working towards a same-day access model across the agency. In the year ending June 30, 2019, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,168 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 2019 Town Report:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY

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

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

With the completion of the 1880 Newfane Railroad Station restoration in 2018, the Historical Society of Windham County is now the steward of both the Windham County Museum and the West River Railroad Museum. 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.

Throughout the decades, admission to our County Museum has always been free. The same is true for all of the special programs, presentations and genealogical research provided by the Historical Society of Windham County. None of this comes free for us however, and clearly we couldn't do it without the support of our community.

The County Museum and the West River Railroad Museums are open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 5:00, from Memorial Day weekend until mid-October, as well as by appointment. (The County Museum is also open Wednesdays, Noon - 4:00.) 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. Please visit our website for more information, and the latest news and schedule of events: www.historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org.

We thank you for your support.

LONDONDERRY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD
PO Box 911, Londonderry, VT 05148

December 16, 2019

Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

Dear Select Board:

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue is proud to provide emergency medical services to the Town of Stratton along with the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham and Winhall.

Our dedicated squad of about forty members is available day and night for emergency calls. We are licensed EMS professionals on many levels who undergo extensive training, initially to gain our respective CPR, EMR, EMT, AEMT and Paramedic licenses, then to maintain them with additional hours of training on a bi-annual basis. Our rescue truck, MCI trailer and ambulances are equipped with medical equipment according to state and national standards. We stand ready to serve our communities at a moment's notice with no personal compensation whatsoever.

No one is ever billed for our services; however, we do have significant expenses. This year we purchased a four-wheel drive ambulance with a power load cot to get us to the scene safely on snowy roads and to help save our backs while lifting patients. All EMS equipment is very expensive. The new ambulance cost approximately $290,000.00, and hopefully will last eight to ten years.

Again, we ask for the same donation as last year of $2,500.00.

Sincerely,

LVRS Executive Committee

THE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL AT WINHALL
Excellence in Education

December 5, 2019

To: Mountain School at Winhall Sending Towns:

Winhall, Stratton, Dover, Wardsboro

Re: Tuition for the 2020 – 2021 school year

Dear Sending Town School Boards, Superintendents, and Communities:

On Thursday, December 5, 2019 the Mountain School at Winhall's Board of Trustees approved its 2020 - 2021 tuition rate to be set at the state average tuition for grades K – 6 and the state average tuition for grades 7 & 8.

MSW understands that although the cost of education continues to increase, so do the financial pressures faced by the taxpayers of our sending towns. We truly value our relationships with our sending towns and are pleased to be working with you to provide a quality education to your children at an affordable cost.

Thank you very much for your support. We appreciate your partnership with us very much.

Sincerely,

Peter Ahlfeld

Peter Ahlfeld

Head of School

Ian Jones

Chair of the Board of Trustees

9 School Road, Bondville, Vermont 05340 • 802-297-2662 • www.themountainschool.org

RESCUE INC.
541 Canal Street, P.O. Box 593
Brattleboro, Vermont 05302

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
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FAX: (802) 254-6679
WWW.RESCUEINC.ORG

Memorandum

To: Select Board Chairpersons

From: Kathleen J. Hege, Chair, Board of Trustees

Date: November 27, 2018

Subject: **Assessment for Contracted Emergency Medical Services**

With a signed three-year term, the agency has determined that its assessment to your town be calculated on a per capita amount; increasing 1% per year for the contract period subject to the terms of the agreement. *Please note FY21 and FY22 totals are based on the 2010 census numbers for planning purposes; they are subject to population data released in the 2020 census.

CONTRACT YEAR	2019-2020
TOWN	Stratton
POPULATION	216
ASSESSMENT	$28.92
TOTAL	$6,246.72
MONTHLY INVOICED AMOUNT	12@$520.56

CONTRACT YEAR	2020-2021
TOWN	Stratton
POPULATION	216*
ASSESSMENT	$29.21
TOTAL	$6,309.36
MONTHLY INVOICED AMOUNT	12@$525.78

CONTRACT YEAR	2021-2022
TOWN	Stratton
POPULATION	216*
ASSESSMENT	$29.50
TOTAL	$6,372
MONTHLY INVOICED AMOUNT	12@$531.00

Our dedicated staff of 78 medical and rescue personnel responded to 6500 requests for service this year, an 8% increase from last year. Our fleet of nine ambulances responded to 100% of emergency calls in our 500 square mile coverage area for the third consecutive year! These calls included medical and traumatic emergencies, fire scenes, motor vehicles accidents and countless public assists. Our technical rescue team of volunteers answered calls for water rescues, flood response, missing person searches, drone searches and a cliff rescue. Our training staff taught more than 100 emergency medical providers in this region as well as stop-the-bleed and CPR to most of the region's firefighters and teachers. We are proud that our system has been recognized for reliability, response and cost effectiveness by agency leaders and legislators. We are recognized as a model of ambulance service delivery.

As your non-profit regional ambulance service, we cannot overstate the importance of community support and volunteer time to our success. Annually, we receive grants and donations that support our emergency response and education program; we could not succeed without them. Our staff and volunteers donate hundreds of hours of labor in support of emergency response, planning and education. As the areas only ambulance service provider we work hard to be an industry leader in the delivery of emergency medicine. This year we are pleased to be the first service in Vermont with bedside ultrasound, a new technology that will help diagnose internal injuries, reduce wait times, reduce costs, and improve care to our patients. This is a 100% grant-funded study that will shape the future in EMS in Vermont.

Significant changes will be happening to EMS systems nationwide as a result of federal legislation. The effect of this legislation on Vermont is still unknown, however we look forward to the future and will ensure the reliable, efficient patient-centered care you deserve does not change.

~Drew Hazelton
Chief of Operations
Rescue Inc

Senior SOLUTIONS

Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont

December 30, 2019

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

Via Email: townclerk@townofstrattonvt.com

Dear Mr. Young,

I am sending this request to you for submission to the Town of Stratton Selectboard.

Senior Solutions requests $500 from the Town of Stratton to be appropriated at the March 2019 Town Meeting. We appreciate the continued support of your residents.

It is my understanding that you have our Annual Report that details the services that we provide to residents of the Town of Stratton.

We invite you to appoint an interested representative to our Advisory Council. This helps us identify local needs and connect with those who will benefit from our services. I am attaching information about our Advisory Council that you are welcome to post or share with anyone who might be interested.

If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carol Stamatakis
Executive Director

38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156
(802)885-2655 Fax (802)885-2665 Toll Free (866)673-8376
Senior HelpLine (800)642-5119
www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

BRATTLEBORO DEVELOPMENT CREDIT CORPORATION

SeVEDS
Advancing Southern Vermont

SeVEDS Impact Statement for Town Reports – 2020

Thank you to the Selectboard and voters from the Town of Stratton for your ongoing support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS). Since 2007, (SeVEDS) has taken on shared economic challenges we face as a region. SeVEDS, founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), takes a proactive, long-term approach to economic development. Improving wages, attracting and keeping people, and fostering a healthy regional jobs base are all critical. But it is beyond the capacity of any single community to substantially affect these things. SeVEDS creates strategies, attracts resources, and helps us act together regionally in order to build a vibrant economy. We use municipal funding in three key ways:

(1) As **seed funding** to bring more money to the region (in FY19 $415,924 of federal and state funding);
(2) For **capacity** to write grants, to create the programs and research and planning; and
(3) To **fund implementation** of programs & projects.

Background & Request

SeVEDS requests funding from all 27 towns we serve. In 2019, thirteen communities funded SeVEDS, representing 74% of Windham residents. We leverage municipal investments alongside BDCC investment to secure bring in new dollars from state, federal and foundation sources. Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a regional plan funded by municipal investment. Its goals are simple: **Strengthen Business, Support People.**

This 2019 Southern Vermont CEDS, which is available online, is the region's next step towards becoming an Economic Development District to better coordinate federal support.

SeVEDS leads regional economic development with strategy and insight. SeVEDS helps to fund these initiatives which were have directly result from the CEDS and SeVEDS research:

- The new **Pipelines and Pathways Program** operates in all 4 high schools and since September has conducted 10 field trips, dozens of classes, and worked with 350 students so far. Through visits, speakers, work-based learning and events, we will connect 50+ employers to regional HS students this year.
- The Workforce Center of Excellence, which includes **Southern Vermont Young Professionals**, has since 2018 put on 20 networking events, 10 financial or homebuyer trainings, and engaged 500 young people living here.
- **BDCC Paid Internships** has placed 105 interns since 2014, visited over 20 campuses since 2017, and worked with over 175 employers. 25% of interns are hired on to stay. We place regional college students of all ages, and students returning for summer or for good.
- Building a **regional workforce development system** connecting people with opportunities, and employers with people. In FY'19 we helped 500 job-seekers and career-changers. We worked with 67 employers on everything from funding a new workforce training program, to welcoming students who may become future employees.
- Innovative services, lending and technical assistance for **small businesses and startups** through INSTIG8. In 2019 we worked with employers that provide 25% of the jobs in the Windham Region.
- **Capacity-building for communities** (Southern Vermont Economy Project and Community Facilities Assistance Program) helping towns and non-profits to improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 we provided 89 trainings (like a grant-writing workshop and broadband summits) with over 1,000 participants, plus 32 online webinars to help solve problems or find resources (7,000 views so far).
- SeVEDS & BDCC visit every community, listen and learn, to keep evolving and adapting the work we do for you.

We have asked the Town of Stratton to include SeVEDS in your 2020 general fund budget. We ask every town in the Windham Region to contribute at the rate of $3.00 per person. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Stratton to appropriate $648.00 (based on a population of 216) to support SeVEDS.**

Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies & Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation
76 Cotton Mill Hill, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301 www.brattleborodevelopment.com 802-257-7731

SOUTHERN VERMONT
Therapeutic Riding Center

3 Cross Country Circle – Wilmington, VT 05363 www.sovtrc.org (802) 221-4409

November 11, 2019

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 $750 from Stratton for FY21. 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, Post Traumatic Stress 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, in the outdoor ring, or on the trail.

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
West Townshend, VT
802-258-1215
MeredithLKenyon@gmail.com

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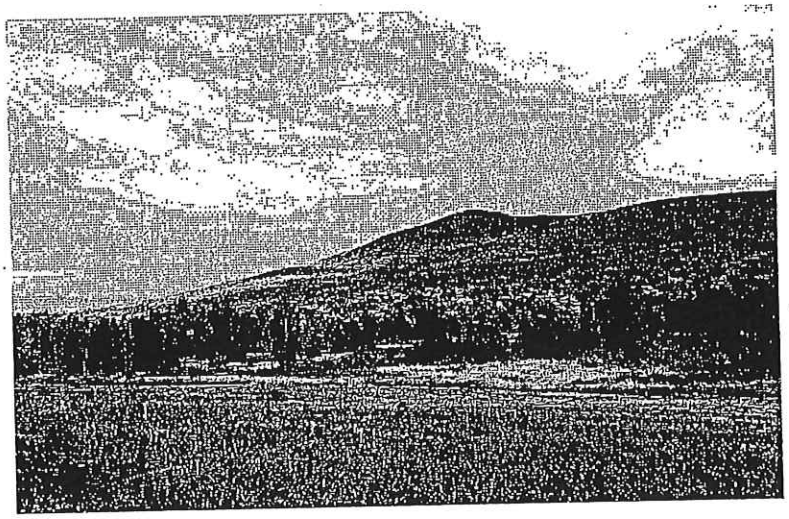

Green Mountain National Forest

Town Meeting Report

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The 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's website www.townofstrattonvt.com on the Town Meeting / Town Report page.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.
Associate Medical Center Director

Valley Cares

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

December 2, 2019

Re: humanitarian request

Dear Selectboard,

Valley Cares is very grateful for the generous support that residents of Stratton have given our organization and the seniors we serve. We respectfully request $335 in continued support from the Town of Stratton at Town Meeting in 2020.

It is an honor to serve residents of Stratton. 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 are grateful for your financial assistance, which helps us to continue providing these services to residents of your community.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Sincerely,

Susanne Shapiro

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

For the last 40 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'19 (10/2018-9/2019) VCIL responded to thousands of 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 **250** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **6** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **163** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **122** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **86** individuals with information on assistive technology; **46** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **499** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **40** people and provided **31** 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'19, 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**.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
170 Lower Sumner Hill Road, Sumner, ME 04292
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com | www.vacd.org

December 15, 2019

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 **22+ years** of the program, over **1100 grants** totaling **$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

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

We have made 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 $5,000 to $10,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing RFP systems, and drafting site development 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.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2019 was $154,325, of which $63,450 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.

215 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, W-9 and tax form 990 from VACD in case they are 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,

Thomas Maclay

Tom Maclay, Chair

Rural Fire Protection Task Force
(802) 426-3265 | 83creameryst@fairpoint.net

Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person Town Appropriation business
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

Jill Arace, Executive Director
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
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Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Christine Kaiser, Stowe VT
Lars Lund, VT Forest Parks & Recreation

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric 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, 2018 and June 30, 2019 VNH made 260 homecare visits to 4 Stratton residents. This included approximately $2,576 in unreimbursed care to Stratton residents.

- Home Health Care: 20 home visits to 3 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

- Hospice Services: 240 home visits to 1 resident who was in the final stages of their life.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, 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
P.O. Box 157
170 Main Street
Wardsboro, VT 05355
(802) 896-6988
www.wardsboropubliclibrary.org
wardsboropubliclibrary@gmail.com

December 19, 2019

To the Town of Stratton,

The Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library deeply appreciate the continued financial support of the Town of Stratton. We count on the Town of Stratton, along with the Town of Wardsboro, and funds raised by the Trustees through special events and our annual appeal, to 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 2020-2021, is for $5,429.39. This represents an increase of $154.39 over the $5,275.00 that the Town of Stratton appropriated to the Library in 2019-2020 and is an effort by the Trustees to keep up with estimated cost increases during fiscal 2020-2021.

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, Carol Fay, Mark Fernandes, Sheri Lewis, Bob Stupp
Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library

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

December 30, 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.

As in the past, the town of Stratton has included a request for appropriations for town meeting day. Would you kindly include the Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Department for a request of $5000.00 and Wardsboro Rescue in the amount of $5000.00 in your appropriations for the coming year?

Again, the members of the Wardsboro Fire and Rescue are grateful for your generous support in the past and look forward to assisting in serving your community in the future.

Respectfully,

Ron Betit, Chief

Windham County Humane Society
Stratton Town Report

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 numbers: 1,681 animals were served by WCHS

- 702 animals were seen at our Wellness clinic
- 333 animals were surrendered by their owners
- 11 animals were seized by law enforcement
- 268 animals were brought in as strays
- 314 animals came as transports from regions of the country were the euthanasia rate is high due to overpopulation
- 53 animals that were adopted out were returned to WCHS

Outcomes

- 745 animals were adopted
- 91 animals were reunited with their owner
- 55 animals (6%) were euthanized for health or behavior issues. *WCHS does not euthanize for time or space.*
- 32 Animals were euthanized for owners who could not afford veterinary clinic fees for this service
- 14 animals died in care
- 28 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations
- 3 animals were dead on arrival.

The average length of stay for animals was 14 days. Total expenses were $578,057.

Spay/Neuter
WCHS hosts spay/neuter clinics for income eligible residents of Windham County. A simple application is required. WCHS provides financial assistance to applicants who can't afford the fees and provides spay/neuter at no charge for free-roaming, un-owned cats. All animals adopted out from WCHS are spayed/neutered, up-to-date on vaccines and microchipped. **In 2018-19, WCHS spayed/neutered 304 cats, 83 dogs and 7 rabbits owned by Windham County residents as well as 39 un-owned feral cats.**

Pet Care Assistance
This program provides veterinary care at low-to-no cost to low-income pet owners. Clients must apply and provide proof of financial need and of residency in Windham County. In 2018-19, **461 pet owners** received support in the form of vaccinations, surgeries, parasite control, diagnostic tests and pet food.

The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively 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 VTrans 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 have submitted an application for a VT Public Service Department Broadband Innovation Grant in collaboration with Valley Net and the Center on Rural Innovation to develop a feasibility analysis and business plan to improve access to high-speed broadband to underserved communities for the region as a whole. This work will be done in collaboration with towns. We've established a regional Emergency Management Directors (EMD) Roundtable, and have worked with EMDs and assistance agencies to create a Vulnerable Population Phone Tree to facilitate outreach to those most at risk during a disaster. We continue to help towns apply for grants to support compliance with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit compliance. 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 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 $2.32 million budget for FY 2020, a substantial portion of which includes our brownfields revolving loan fund and modern wood heat and renewable energy grant funds. 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 $481. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2020, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS
BY BOB SPENCER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988. At that time, only eight towns were members of the District. These towns cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro. In 1995, federal landfill regulations forced WSWMD to seek alternative landfill sites or an alternative to landfill disposal, and WSWMD opted to get out of the landfill business and construct a materials recycling facility (MRF) on Old Ferry Road, which operated until July 2107. Today, the District has 18 member towns with a combined population of 35,328. The District is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Supervisors representing member towns.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished FY 19 with revenues of $1,036,285 and expenses, before capitalized expense, at $971,325. After capital expense the District ended the year with a small surplus. FY 19 capital expenses included a new front-end loader, and facility security cameras.

Transfer Station: WSWMD operates a regional drop-off center for landfill materials, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station diverts 76% of all materials to recycling and composting, including electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, oil-based paint and other paint products, sharps, textiles, books, and tires. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker for $36/year. The cost for trash disposal is $3.00 per 33-gallon bag, or $145/ton.

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 in its 6t^{h} year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. In calendar year 2019 WSWMD composted 1,400 tons of food scraps, of which about 50% was from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program, and the balance from commercial and institutional sources brought to the compost site by private trash haulers. Total tons of organic materials processed, including leaves, wood chips, and paper fiber was 3,200 tons. The District sold more than 2,000 cubic yards of "Brattlegrow" compost in 2019, primarily through 8 retail distributors. In addition, WSWMD donates compost for town projects, school, and community gardens.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): WSWMD closed the MRF in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold. Eight towns continue to utilize the District's recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities. Towns contract with private haulers to provide recycling services. Currently, WSWMD Supervisors are considering future uses of the MRF building and some of the equipment is being sold.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): Household hazardous waste collection, and education/outreach, are mandated by Act 148, as well as numerous other requirements, as contained in the SWIP. By July 1, 2020, on behalf of member towns, we will draft and submit an amended SWIP as required by the State. Membership in WSWMD makes member towns compliant with these mandates.

Trucking: Since closure of the MRF in 2017, WSWMD no longer collects recyclable materials from member towns, but retained a driver with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables from our transfer station, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Solar Array: WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital who operate a 5 mega-watt solar array on the landfill. It is the largest group net-metered project in the state, and has contracted for 20 years with the towns of Brattleboro, Wilmington, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, Dummerston, Halifax, and Newfane; schools in Brattleboro, Vernon, Putney, and Marlboro; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of $120,290/year for use of the landfill.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: WSWMD held four household hazardous waste collection events, as mandated by VT ANR Materials Management Plan. Collections were held in the Towns of Townshend and Vernon on June 1, and Brattleboro and Stratton on October 19, with 277 households from District towns participating. Total cost for the collection and processing of HHW from the two events was $45,895, an average of $163 per household.

Business Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its business resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

School Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its school resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

Special Event "Zero Waste" Outreach and Technical Assistance: WSWMD owns 20 event-sorting stations that are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festival, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help make events "Zero Waste." This year WSWMD provided event-sorting stations and technical assistance to 26 events serving over 17,000 persons.

Updated 12/30/19

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 60 homeowners in 2019 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 2019, 80 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 2019, WWHT completed the new construction of the Snow Block in Downtown Brattleboro, with 23 mixed income apartments and a new commercial space. WWHT is also in the planning phases of a similar mixed use, mixed income development located in Downtown Bellows Falls, revitalizing a prominent building in the northern gateway to Downtown Bellows Falls.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 867 rental apartments and 16 commercial properties with 1349 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.

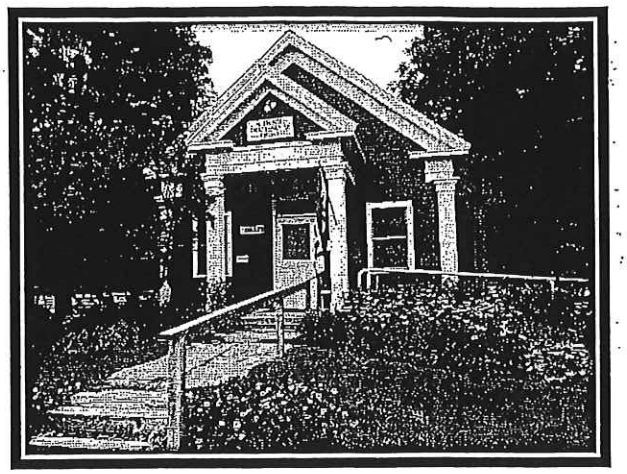
For more information, please visit us on the web at www.homemattershere.org

Winhall Memorial Library - Annual Report

July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

The library had a wonderful year! We are continually thankful for the support of our patrons and the community. Thanks to our trustees for supporting the growth of this wonderful small library!

-Dawn Santos



- ***575 New Books added in FY 18/19***
- ***275 Audiobooks/Over 300 DVDs in the collection***
- ***Patron Computers, printer, Free 24/7 Wi-Fi***
- ***Hosted Santa Tree Lighting, and movie events in conjunction with the Winhall Community Arts Center***
- ***3100 Patron Visits/2980 materials loaned out FY 18/19***
- ***Over 381 Community Luncheon attendees/average 31 each month FY 18/19***
- ***12 children completed Summer Reading Challenge***
- ***Monthly Artists Showings/5 Art Openings with over 125 in attendance***

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Dawn Santos

Notable Highlights

The library applied for and was awarded the Childrens Literacy Foundation's Rural Library award. This grant awarded $2000 worth of books to the library, $500 worth of books to The Mountain School at Winhall, as well as two exciting storytelling events. The kickoff is in November with a school wide event hosted by storyteller extraordinaire, Simon Brooks, and a spring storytelling event where each child will be able to choose 2 books to keep. The library will also receive a $250 mini grant for a literacy initiative.

The librarian applied for and received a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries to attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference this past September in Burlington.

We had regular visits from the 1st and 2nd graders at The Mountain School at Winhall. The children enjoyed listening to stories and checking out books from the library.

On February 2nd we celebrated Take Your Child to the Library Day where each child who visited received a free book.

In May we held a successful joint Basket Raffle Fundraiser with the Winhall Community Arts Center. A fun time was had by all.

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

In July, 30 people attended the amazing Ed Popielarczyk's Magical Flea Circus courtesy of a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries.

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

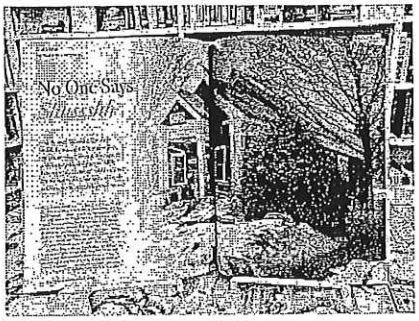
We were granted copies of the Vermont Reads title to share with the community.

Local Representative Kelly Pajala visited for an evening of Pie with Pajala to discuss local constituents' questions or concerns.

Effective November 13, 2019, we will be open 4 days a week!

Monthly Events at the Library

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



The Library in the Media!

- The library was featured in the Winter 2019 Issue of the Stratton Magazine.
- GNAT-TV's Andrew McKeever visited the library for a News Project segment profile.
- Our first annual Cookbook Club Cookie Swap in was covered by GNAT-TV.
- Dawn and Hoss from GNAT-TV created a Banned Books Week piece regarding the eleven most banned books of 2018.

All the featured content can be found on our website at www.winhallmemoriallibrary.org

Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram & Twitter!

New Library Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays 2pm-6pm
Wednesdays 12pm-5pm
Saturday 9am-12pm
www.winhallmemoriallibrary.org

The library offers passes to The Clark, The ECHO Museum, The Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites

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 all survivors 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 survivors 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 survivors wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting them to get to us and other times it means us going to them, somewhere safe in their community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, the Women's Freedom Center responded to 2,010 hotline calls, sheltered 123 people (83 adults and 37 children) and had 8,660 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 **1,441 people** (882 women, 52 men, 3 gender non-binary individuals and 504 children) who were abused. In addition, we provided community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

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

Regards,

Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

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Town Garage & Highway Department:	896-6224
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Town Garage Email:	garage@townofstrattonvt.com

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Selectmen:	2nd & 4th Monday of the month – 7:30 PM – Town Office
Planning Commission:	Warned as necessary - Town Office
School Board:	1st Tuesday of the month – 6:00 PM – Town Office
Volunteer Fire Co.:	2nd Thursday of the month – 6:30 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, 2020

(Please ensure that the Rabies Vaccination Certificate is current)

Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting