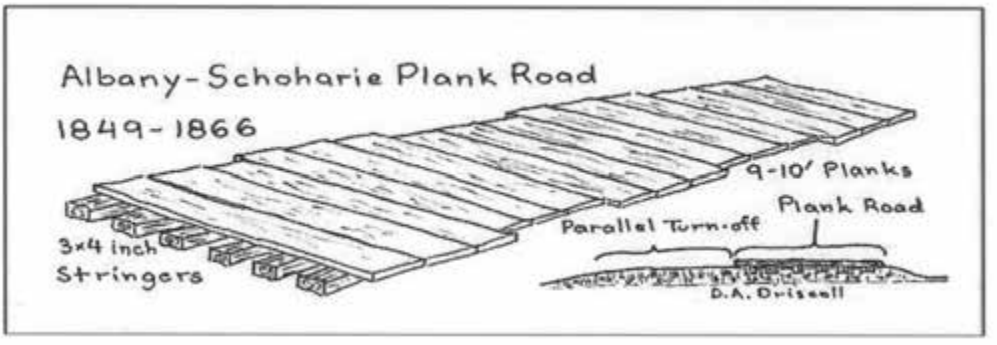
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VT.
For the Year Ending December 31, 2017

THE VERGENNES AND BRISTOL PLANK ROAD (TURNPIKE)1850
(turn·pike ['tərn,pīk] NOUN ·*historical* - a road on which a toll was collected at a toll gate)



In the winter, at times, it was necessary to "*snow the roads,*" shoveling snow onto the planks, to insure sleighs could travel across. The dark black line marks the portion of the road in Ferrisburgh. We do not have any pictures or sketches of our Plank Road but we would love to see it if anyone has one. The above sketch is of the Albany-Schoharie Plank Road.

Please bring your Town Report with you to Town Meeting.
Town Meeting will be at the Ferrisburgh School at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018

Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 6

We would like to thank the following people who resigned or retired from public office during the past year:

Bill Clark: Bill was a director on the Town School Board from 2011 until July of 2017.

Brad Hargett: Brad served as a director on the Town School Board from 2016 until July of 2017.

Chet Hawkins: Chet was the Constable from 1979 until 2017 (with the exception of 2014).

Chris Kayhart: Served as a director on the Town School Board from 2013 until July of 2017.

Loretta Lawrence: Served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment from 1991 until 2001. She was a member of the Select Board from 2001 until March of 2018, serving as chair for many of those years.

Charlene Stavenow: Was a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment from 1989 through 2017, and served as chair for many of those years. Charlene also served as a Lister from 2015 until March of 2018.

Sally Torrey: Sally was the Delinquent Tax Collector from 2015 until March of 2018.

Ken Wheeling: Ken served the town as our Zoning Administrator from 2011 to 2017.

Kate Yarbrough: Kate served as a director on the Town School Board from 2016 until July 2017.

Cover story

"In 1850, a group of Vergennes and Bristol citizens formed a company for building a plank road from Bristol to Vergennes. This company, known as the Vergennes and Bristol Plank Road Company, was composed of Datus Gaige, Luman Munson, Solon Burroughs, Samuel Holley, Harvey Munsill, Elias Bottum, William White, Samuel Strong, William Parker, Samuel Morgan, William Pope, William Worth II, John Roberts, Benjamin Ferris, Mosely Hall, Carlton Stevens, Henry Spaulding, and Hiram Adams. The franchise was granted to them November 9, 1850, and they began the construction of the road at once. The planks and sleepers in the road were made from virgin pine. The road started west from North street, seven-tenths of a mile north of the present Bristol traffic light and continued past the Catholic cemetery and the Wright Ferguson corner north of New Haven Street. From there it followed an almost straight line to Vergennes, meeting Route 7 just east of the city. The road, still known today as the Plank Road is approximately seven miles long". A toll gate was located in Ferrisburgh on the north side of the road, west of the railroad tracks on property now owned by Ron and Nancy Bachand.

"Nine years later, the company was released from all obligation to keep the road planked and was allowed to repair the road with earth and gravel in the usual manner of repairing turnpikes. It is evident that the planks had all worn out in that space of nine years, and the toll did not pay for the upkeep of the road. In 1861, the company was allowed to surrender the charter and the turnpike. The former toll road upkeep was left to the respective towns through which it ran. Mr. Frederick Wood in *Turnpikes of New England* says that the very few plank roads in New England were all located in Connecticut and Vermont, with the exception of one in Massachusetts".

"The Otter Creek Fish and Game Club purchased some land bordering this road for the development of a recreation area. This is at the site of the Vergennes Reservoir."

(Excerpt from "History of Bristol, Vermont")

Ferrisburgh Community Skating Rink – come skate and follow us at
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DEDICATION OF TOWN REPORT

Robert L. Jenkins

The town would like to recognize Bob Jenkins, who passed away December 7, 2017, for his dedication, hard work, and valuable insights and lifetime of service to the town of Ferrisburgh. In 2007, Bob was appointed to fill a vacant seat on the selectboard. He liked it enough to run on the ballot and was elected for the term ending 2010. Even after Bob officially left the selectboard, he continued to lend support and guidance to the board. In addition to serving more than 50 years of volunteer service with the fire department, Bob generously gave his time and talent to various boards, committees, his church in North Ferrisburgh, and projects for the town of Ferrisburgh and Addison County.

He was Construction Supervisor for the new firehouse and served as the Assistant Emergency Management Manager for the town. He also served on the town's buildings and maintenance committee. In 2015, Bob was once again in charge of a town project, as supervisor for the construction of the new town garage on Little Chicago Road.

Through the years Bob was dubbed "*Super Citizen*" by his cohorts because of his willingness to volunteer in any way he could to help our town. You could always be confident that the work was being done correctly when Bob was the one responsible for the project! Even though his first love was always his family, he undertook many projects that required his skills, time, knowledge and often his sense of humor.

Bob Jenkins not only contributed countless volunteer hours to the town of Ferrisburgh but also served as a distinguished, respected, and prominent role model for so many.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation for his dedication to our community, we dedicate this Town Report to Robert L. Jenkins.

BUSINESS HOURS

The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (except for legal holidays) and by appointment.

MEETING SCHEDULES

The following are held in the Town Clerk's Office:

- **Selectboard** meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.
- **Planning Commission** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
- **Zoning Board of Adjustment** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
- **Conservation Commission** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM (No Meeting's in July and August)
- **Historical Society** meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM.

Being towed from Bay View Farm into the next bay.
Photo courtesy of Clark & Suzanne Hinsdale.

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TOWN OFFICERS		TERM	EXPIRES
MODERATOR	Bill Clark	(1 Year Term)	2018
TOWN CLERK	Gloria Warden	(3 Year Term)	2020
TOWN TREASURER	Deborah Healey	(3 Year Term)	2020
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/TREAS.	Pamela Cousino	Appointed	2020
SELECTBOARD	Michael "Red" Muir	(3 Year Term)	2018
	Loretta Lawrence , Chair	(2 Year Term)	2018
	Steve Gutowski	(3 Year Term)	2019
	James Benoit	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Rick Ebel	(3 Year Term)	2020
ROAD FOREMAN	John Bull	Appointed	
ROAD CREW	Paul Bodington	Appointed	
	Corey Collette	Appointed	
	Reilly LaBerge	Appointed	
	Aaron Schondube	Appointed	
LISTERS	Charlene Stavenow, Chair	(3 Year Term)	2018
	Joe Blasius	(3 Year Term)	2019
	Carl Cole	(3 Year Term)	2020
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Bonnie Barnes	Appointed	2020
AUDITOR	Vacancy	(3 Year Term)	2018
	Susan Oliveria	(3 Year Term)	2019
	Walter E. Reed II	(3 Year Term)	2020
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	Sally Torrey	(1 Year Term)	2018
FIRST CONSTABLE	Vacancy	(1 Year Term)	2018
CIVIL DEFENSE CHAIRMAN	William Wager	Appointed	
TOWN GRAND JUROR	Betsy Etchells	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't
TOWN AGENT	Bessie Sessions	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
UNIFIED SCHOOL DIRECTOR	Kristina MacKulin	(2-year Term)	2018
	Finn Yarbrough	(2-year Term)	2018
	George Gardner	(3-year Term)	2019
	Laurie Gutowski	(4-year Term)	2020
ROGERS & HAZARD FUND TRUSTEES	Pennie Beach	(2 Year Term)	2018
	Sally Torrey	(2 Year Term)	2019
ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE	Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
	Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.

TOWN OFFICERS			TERM	EXPIRES
ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES		Tim Davis	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
		Arabella Holzapfel	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
		Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2018 App.t
		Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
		Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
		Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2078 App't
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMM (TAC)		Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2-year terms)		Steve Alexander	(2 Year Term)	2019
		Judith Chaves	(2 Year Term)	2019
		Art Cohn	(2 Year Term)	2019
		Norton Davis	(2 Year Term)	2019
		Chester Hawkins	(2 Year Term)	2019
		Chris Kayhart	(2 Year Term)	2019
		Judith Mace	(2 Year Term)	2019
		Jean Richardson	(2 Year Term)	2019
		Charles Shapiro	(2 Year Term)	2019
		J. Silas Towler	(2 Year Term)	2019
PLANNING COMMISSION (Appointed – 4-year terms)		Anne Cohn	(4 Year Term)	2018
		Arabella Holzapfel	(4 Year Term)	2018
		Bessie Sessions	(4 Year Term)	2019
		Michael Quinn	(4-year Term)	2019
		Keith Wagner	(4 Year Term)	2019
		Gail Blasius	(4 Year Term)	2020
		Walter Reed	(4 Year Term)	2020
		Robert Beach, Chair	(4 Year Term)	2021
		Al Chamberlain	(4 Year Term)	2021
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (Appointed – 3-year terms)		Norman Smith, Chair	(3 Year Term)	2018
		Rayne Herzog	(3 Year Term)	2018
		Robert Beach	(3 Year Term)	2019
		John Paul	(3 Year Term)	2019
		Michael Delaney	(3 Year Term)	2020
		David Mentzer	(3 Year Term)	2020
		Clark Hinsdale	(3 Year Term)	2021
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Appointed – 4-year terms – Advisory)		Amy Dohner	(4 Year Term)	2018
		Jen Cirillo	(4 Year Term)	2018
		Finn Yarbrough	(4 Year Term)	2018
		Craig Heindel	(4 Year Term)	2020
		John Medenwald	(4 Year Term)	2020
		Dennis Armell	(4 Year Term)	2021
		Karen Pettersen	(4 Year Term)	2021
FENCE VIEWERS		Ronald Kampner	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
		Michael Muir	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
		Steve Alexander	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
TREE WARDEN	425-2130	Clifton Mix	(1 Year Term)	2018 App't.
FIRE WARDEN	877-3564	Michael Coyle	(5 Year Term)	2022 App't.

TOWN OFFICERS			TERM	EXPIRES
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFCR	233-7068	Jaimeelyn Gaboriault	Appointed	
HEALTH OFFICER	233-7068	Jaimeelyn Gaboriault	(3 Year Term)	2020 App't.
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER	877-3002	Kristie DeBellis	(3 Year Term)	2020 App't.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	877-3429			
TOWN GARAGE	877-3076			

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE 911
RESCUE 911
POLICE 911

State Legislators for the Town of Ferrisburgh:

Senator Chris Bray – New Haven
Senator Claire Ayer – Weybridge
Representative Diane Lanpher – Vergennes
Representative Warren Van Wyck – Ferrisburgh

Inside photo of Cook's Store on Little Chicago Road, circa late 1940's.
Photo courtesy of John Pierce

Town Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2017

Town officials present: Selectboard members – Loretta Lawrence – Chair, Steve Gutowski, Jim Benoit and Jim Warden. Gloria Warden – Town Clerk, John Bull – Road Foreman and Pam Cousino – Assistant Town Clerk

At 10:01 Moderator Bill Clark opened the school meeting. Chris Kayhart then made a motion to recess the school meeting until 1:00 p.m., seconded by Lisa Gebo. So voted

Bill Clark then opened the Town Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. The Moderator then discussed rules of the meeting. Representatives Diane Lanpher and Warren Van Wyck spoke about the work they have been doing in the legislature this past year.

ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of the Town Officers.

Loretta Lawrence recognized Jim Warden for his 12 years of service on the Selectboard and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the selectboard.

Loretta Lawrence discussed the town charter that the selectboard has been working on. She spoke about the need to make the Treasurer and Town Clerk positions from elected to appointed. She invited our outside Town Auditor, Ron Smith, from R. H. R. Smith Company, to speak about the process for developing a town charter.

Arabella Holzapfel asked about the process to appoint the town clerk and town treasurer. It will be discussed at public hearings before the vote. Lou Maclaren applauded the board for working on the charter and sited the town of Coventry as an example.

ARTICLE 2: Will the town authorize the town Treasurer to collect current taxes?

This is an article that must be warned each year. Silas Towler moved and Bob Jenkins seconded the article. There was no discussion and the article passed.

ARTICLE 3: Will the town vote to collect taxes for fiscal year 2017/2018 in four (4) installments with the installment dates to be September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1, with each installment to be received in the town office before 4:00pm on the date due?

Sally Torrey moved to open Article 3 with a second from Carl Cole. This article was to clarify the due dates and times that taxes are to be received. Sally Torrey clarified that there is one percent interest charged for late payments each month and anything not received by June 1 is also currently charged a penalty of 8% on June 2. So voted.

ARTICLE 4: Will the town authorize the collector of delinquent taxes to charge a commission of four percent (4%) on any tax remaining due for payments received after June 1, 2018 and on or before July 2, 2018, with an additional commission of four percent (4%) to be charged for any tax remaining due thereafter?

Rick Kerschner moved to open the article, seconded by Bob Jenkins. Sally Torrey then explained that many times there are some people who are late with their taxes once and then are hit with the 8% penalty. The Selectboard thought it would be helpful to spread out that penalty so that people that are only a few days late would not be hit with such a high penalty. Norm Smith then asked if it should be called a penalty instead of a commission. After some discussion Tim Davis moved to amend the article to change the word commission to penalty, seconded by Vaughn Collins. So Voted. Katie Hill says that the wording

makes it sound like the penalty collected goes to the collector of delinquent taxes. Loretta Lawrence explains that the collector collects the money but it is then turned over to the town. There is more discussion. Joe Blasius asks if this has to be voted each year. The moderator states that it is only a one time vote. But Joe points out that the article has a specific year so it would need to be voted every year. David Mentzer then makes a motion to change both 2018 years to June 1 or July 2 of each fiscal year. There is then further discussion about removing "of each fiscal year" from the amendment. After more discussion it is voted to approve the amended amendment with 1 nay. The article is then read again as follows "Will the town authorize the collector of delinquent taxes to charge a penalty of four percent (4%) on any tax remaining due for payments received after June 1, and on or before July 2, with an additional penalty of four percent (4%) to be charged for any tax remaining due thereafter?" So voted with no nays.

ARTICLE 5: Will the town establish a reserve fund to be called the Conservation Fund to be used for educational and conservation activities in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Arabella Holzapfel moved to open the article, seconded by Matt Vogel. Craig Heindel explains that one of the ways the money would be used is to promote one or two conservation workshops each year. There are minor expenses for these workshops such as publicity and a small honorarium. The members also try to attend conservation workshops that sometimes have registration fees so this fund would help to cover this items. The reason for opening the special fund is that if the money is in the budget and not spent at the end of the fiscal year, it goes away. This way, we can keep the money towards the next year. Mike Lynch asked who spends the money. It is noted that the Selectboard would be the authorizing agent. There was some discussion and the article was voted on and approved.

ARTICLE 6: Will the town authorize the Conservation Fund to be funded with $500 annually beginning with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017?

Andre Emmell moved to open the article, seconded by Dennis Armell. Vaughn Collins moved to raise the amount from $500 to $1000. The moderator does not accept the motion because that would be a significant change to the article. John Eisenhardt overrules the moderator. After a voice vote it is too close to call. Elizabeth Patten asks for a show of hands. There are 63 ayes and 40 nays so the moderators ruling stands. Vaughn Collins then withdraws his motion and makes a new motion to add $50, for a total of $550; seconded by Art Cohn. Nick Thomann notes that we need to see results of the commission. It is then voted to approve the article with $550 being funded annually beginning July 1, 2017. So voted.

ARTICLE 7: Will the town approve total general fund expenditures of $1,850,100, of which $1,359,100 shall be raised by taxes and $425,000 by non-tax revenue for the 2017-2018 Selectboard Budget, excluding any other amounts authorized by the voters? Total expenditures will be increased by any separate articles voted independently.

Arabella Holzapfel moved to open the article, seconded by Carl Cole. Arabella Holzapfel commended the selectboard for their handling of the budget. Rachel Straw asked about raise for some of the positions and wondered if those people were now performing extra duties to earn those raises? Loretta Lawrence explained that the Town Clerk had not received a raise for 18 months and that she had to learn new duties such as using the tabulator for elections. The Zoning Administrator line item was increased so that more hours would be available for the Zoning Administrator since more hours are needed for that position. Norm Smith asked to confirm that the Zoning Administrator was being paid per hour, not a salary. Loretta confirmed that was correct. Steve Gutowski then mentioned that once the Town Plan rewrite is finalized, we need to do a Zoning By-Laws rewrite and the Zoning Administrator position will require more hours. Katie Hill asked about the wage increase for the Road Foreman. Loretta Lawrence explained that there are many more requirements put on the Road Foreman and he is still not up to par with many of other similar towns.

Silas Towler spoke about the Bixby Library. They had asked for $61,050 ($22.00 per capita) and the Selectboard had kept the budget at last year's level of $52,559.($18.94 per capita) Silas Towler then made a motion to increase the Bixby Library line item from $52,559 to $61,050. Silas then explained that 55% of the library is funded by 5 towns and the rest is done by fundraising. They are doing improvements, etc. with money from grants. This would enable the funding from the 5 towns to be 60% instead of 55%. Craig Heindel states that we have 3 choices, no library, a library for our town, or a multi-town library. Multi-town is best. He supports the increase. Rick Kerschner asks that the town report should have the amount of the request for the library in it. Erica Andrus said that the library is very important. Jim Warden mentions that many hard decisions need to be made when the 5 member selectboard makes its decisions regarding what is in the budget. It is an important cultural center and very important to the community according to Art Cohn. Aaron Collette asked why there were no financials in the town report. Nadia Smith mentions that the library should be considered like the schools, not everyone used the school but it is a benefit to the community and that is the same with the Library. The moderator would not rule this as being out of order since it is less than 10% of total budget. Silas lets everyone know that the Bixby Library budget can be viewed on their website. Bob Jenkins moved to call the question, Deb Healey seconded. So voted.

The vote to approve the amendment of 9400-00 from $52,559 to $61,050 is approved with a few nays.

Matt Vogel asked about the Town Beach maintenance line item being missing. Loretta explained that the mowing now is part of the road crew wages since we no longer hire out the mowing. Norm Smith asked about the credit card expense. Pam Cousino explained that the town collects the money for the credit card fees from each credit card user which is shown as credit card revenue and then there is an expense line item to use when we pay the credit card fees. The town does not pay the credit cards fees.

Katie Hill asked what projects were being planned for the Road/Bridge line item. John Bull explained that Old Hollow Road is high on the list. The town also likes to try to redo a portion of road each year. The $75,000 is short about $30,000 but because the town does most of its own work that saves us an amazing amount of money each year. Joe Blasius asked about 3400-10.30, Wages – Treasurer, why are the hours being reduced? Loretta explains that the 20 hours is sufficient for the Treasurer position. The contingency fund includes money for raises for the town office and includes money for the hiring of clerical help in the town office as well. The board isn't sure how many hours that will entail.

Will the board vote to approve the budget of $1,858,591 of which $1,367,591 is to be raised from taxes and $424,950 from other items. Vote passes with 1 nay. So voted. NOTE: this does not include the $50 increase from article 6.

ARTICLE 8: Will the voters authorize the purchase of a tandem dump truck and related snow removal equipment in an amount not to exceed $190,000.00, of which all or a portion of the purchase price will be financed over a period not to exceed five years?

Carl Cole moved to open the article, seconded by Silas Towler. Silas Towler put Selectboard member Jim Benoit on the spot and asked if the truck was needed. Jim Benoit stated that it was needed. The old truck needed lots of work and it wasn't worth maintaining. The Moderator asked for a vote and the article passed with no nays.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Town approve the following monies for the agencies listed below:

Addison County Restorative Justice	$800.00
Addison County Transit Resources	$3,100.00
HOPE (Formerly ACCAG)	$2,000.00
Addison County Economic Development Corporation	$500.00
Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	$2,983.00

Addison County Parent Child Center	$1,600.00
Addison County Readers, Inc.	$600.00
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	$500.00
American Legion - Memorial Day Observation	$300.00
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	$500.00
Age Well (Champlain Valley Agency on Aging)	$1,100.00
Community Health Services Open Door Clinic	$400.00
Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	$1,650.00
Elderly Services, Inc.	$1,100.00
The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	$500.00
Gage Cemetery Association	$2,500.00
Green Up Vermont	$150.00
Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	$ 1,000.00
Hospice Volunteer Services	$500.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	$825.00
Lewis Creek Association	$500.00
North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	$2500.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	$275.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	$210.00
Rokeby Museum	$1,000.00
Union Cemetery	$2,400.00
Vergennes Summer Rec Program	$1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	$785.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	$250.00
Women Safe	$1250.00
TOTAL	**$32,778.00**

Lou McClaren moved to open the article and approve all of them together, seconded by Deb Healey. There was some discussion regarding some of the items. Then the article was called for a vote which was approved unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting at this time.

Jim Warden thanks Scott Hawkins and Jim Danyow for helping to save the baby eagle that had fallen out of the nest on Hawkins Road near the slang. It was mentioned that John Bull and Craig Heindel have spent a lot of time working on the Vermont Green Line Committee. Loretta Lawrence mentions that there will be 2 hearings in a 30 day period regarding the charter and then there will be a vote. Gail Blasius mentions that the town plan approval is coming up. Art Cohn mentions that the new town Fire Truck is named after Bob Jenkins. There was more discussion and then Bob Jenkins moves to adjourn, seconded by Silas Towler.

At the close of the above business, the meeting shall be recessed until March 7, 2017 at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall to vote by Australian ballot on the following matters, to wit:

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 11: To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers of the Town.

Moderator – 1 year term
Town Agent – 1 year term
Town Grand Juror – 1 year term
Town Clerk – 3 year term
Town Treasurer – 3 year term
Lister – 3 year term
Selectperson – 2 year term
Selectperson – 3 year term

Auditor – 2 years (of a 3 year term)
Auditor – 3 year term
Rogers & Hazard Fund Trustee – 2 year term
First Constable – 1 year term

Town School Director –1 year term
Town School Director – 1 year term
Town School Director – 1 year term
Union High School Director – 1 year term

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cousino	Bill Clark	Loretta Lawrence
Ass't. Town Clerk/Treasurer	Moderator	Selectboard Chair

Parker farm buildings before the fire which was in 1909. All buildings burned except the house. Bertram Parker built the round barn in 1910.

Town of Ferrisburgh
Select Board Report

The Board would like to give special thanks to all the many community citizens for volunteering for the various boards, commissions, and other committees. Our town is truly fortunate to have people step forward, serve on local government, listen to all sides of the conversations, and do what it best for their town, as a whole.

The Ferrisburgh Select Board would like to recognize and thank all the members of the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Their dedication to our community is above and beyond the call of duty!

The Board would also like to acknowledge our Town Office and Highway personnel: Town Clerk, Gloria Warden; Town Treasurer, Deb Healey; Ass't Town Clerk/TownTreasurer, Pamela Cousino; and Zoning Administrator, Bonnie Barnes; Road Foreman, John Bull; Road Crew, Paul Bodington; Corey Collette; Reilly Laberge, and Aaron Schondube. Also, we welcome our temporary, part-time office worker, Jean Silveira.

This past May, the voters approved the proposed Town Charter language. The Charter was then sent on to the Vermont Legislature for approval. If approved by the Legislature, during this current session, the Charter will take effect on July 1, 2018. The Charter will allow for the Select Board to appoint the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. The Board will set the length of the term for each position. The Board would like to thank our State Representatives, Warren VanWyck and Diane Lanpher for all they help during this lengthy process.

The Select Board continues to work diligently to create and adopt new policies for the town. During this past year, the board updated the current Personnel Policy and Credit Card Policy.

The Select Board continues to work diligently, at the recommendation of our outside auditing firm and the town auditors. They have been called upon many times during the past year for advice, help, and professional services/recommendations. Our new Town Treasurer, Deb Healey, has managed to get the town back on track regarding town finances, in a professional and positive manner.

The Board continues to work to improve, update, and maintain the town website. The Board would like to give a special thank you to Betsy Etchells for her expertise and help with maintaining the website.

Reminder, Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3, at 10:00 a.m., at Ferrisburgh Central School. Australian ballot voting will take place on the official Town Meeting Day, on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Town Offices on Route 7.

The Board values our citizens' input. The Board encourages each and everyone one of you to participate in Town government. We welcome all of you at our Select Board meetings. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. The Select Board email address is: ferrisburghselectboard@comcast.net

Remember, your vote counts! Please vote on March 6th at the Town Offices on Route 7. Reminder – please attend our Town Meeting Day on Saturday, March 3rd, at the Ferrisburgh Central School. The meeting begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Sincerely,

Loretta Lawrence, Chairperson
James Benoit
Rick Ebel
Stephen Gutowski
Michael Muir

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

It has been another busy and productive year in the town clerk's office and I am pleased to share the following highlights with the community.

Statistics for 2017 include:

- Vital statistics: 23 births, 26 marriages and 18 deaths were recorded.
- Land records: 2999 pages of land records (warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, mortgages, mortgage discharges, easements and liens) were received for recording.
- Licenses: 338 dog licenses, 32 applications for Liquor and catering licenses were processed, 41 Green Mountain Passports and 81 Fish & Game licenses were issued.
- Notary: 171 notary services were performed.
- Renewals: 66 motor vehicle registration renewals were processed. (If you need Department of Motor Vehicle forms or manuals we have many of them available in our office.)
- Voter registrations: 73 names removed – 121 new voter registrations added to our voter checklist
- Certified copies: Issued 179 certified copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates

The Community Hall is available for rental, call our office to reserve a date and time. Changes that had been made include reduced rental fees and no longer allowing alcohol at any event. The policy and forms for rental are available at our office and on the town website at www.ferrisburghvt.org.

Our maps and surveys are scanned and available electronically for use by the public at a workstation in our office. We continue to work on having all land records available electronically within the next several years.

The new VT Election Management System (VEMS), where you can register to vote or request an absentee ballot is available on line. As a registered voter, you can use "My Voter Page" by going to http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/ to check your voter registration status, absentee ballot status, poll location, sample ballot, request an absentee ballot, etc. We are now offering same day voter registration at the polls.

The new Vital Records Law (Act 46) goes into effect on July 2018. Act 46 significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records – namely, birth and death certificates. Only certain parties will be able to apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate and the individual **must** complete an application **and** show valid identification when applying for the certified copy. See more information about the law from the VT Dept. of Health in this report or for text of Act 46, go to https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf

Our volunteers are the best and along with that I give my deepest appreciation to Betsy Etchells for volunteering in our office and merging hundreds of cards from four marriage files into one main file and to Sally Torrey for lending a hand with the marriages card index but mostly for the time she spent starting with 2008 and copying more than six years of Selectboard Minutes into the proper record book. And to Kristen DeBellis who has spent countless hours helping me to sort through and properly file many years of maps and files that are/were in the vault, her patience and attention to detail is invaluable.

This is an elections year, if you are interested in working at the polls just e-mail or give me a call. I am very grateful for the Justices of the Peace and election workers who serve as poll workers and ballot clerks on election days; we couldn't do it without their help!

A very special thank you to Pam Cousino, assistant town clerk, for her work and support throughout the year.

Beginning July 1 your Town Clerk will no longer be an elected position, the Town Clerk will be appointed by the Selectboard. I hope to continue in that capacity. I want to thank all residents for your support, it has been a privilege to serve as your town clerk for the past four years.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Warden

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

It has been a full year of learning for your Treasurer! Many thanks to my Assistant Town Treasurer Pam Cousino for shepherding me through it. Pam's vast institutional knowledge, patience and courtesy is greatly appreciated.

Beginning this summer, I plan to offer a monthly program in the evening that will summarize how our property tax system works, how the money is raised, where it goes, when it is due. New (and older) property owners may find this very useful information.

The professional audit of the Town's books disclosed no surprises. The Town's financial status is good.

As you may remember, last May the Town voted to change the Town's charter and so beginning July 1st I will no longer be your elected Treasurer; the position will be appointed by the Selectboard. I hope to continue.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Deb Healey

Stewarts Diner on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh Center (now the Jiffy Mart), circa 1960's.
Photo courtesy of John Pierce

Ferrisburgh Town Audit Committee Report
Year Ending December 2017

The following fiduciary responsibilities were performed for the benefit of the Town:

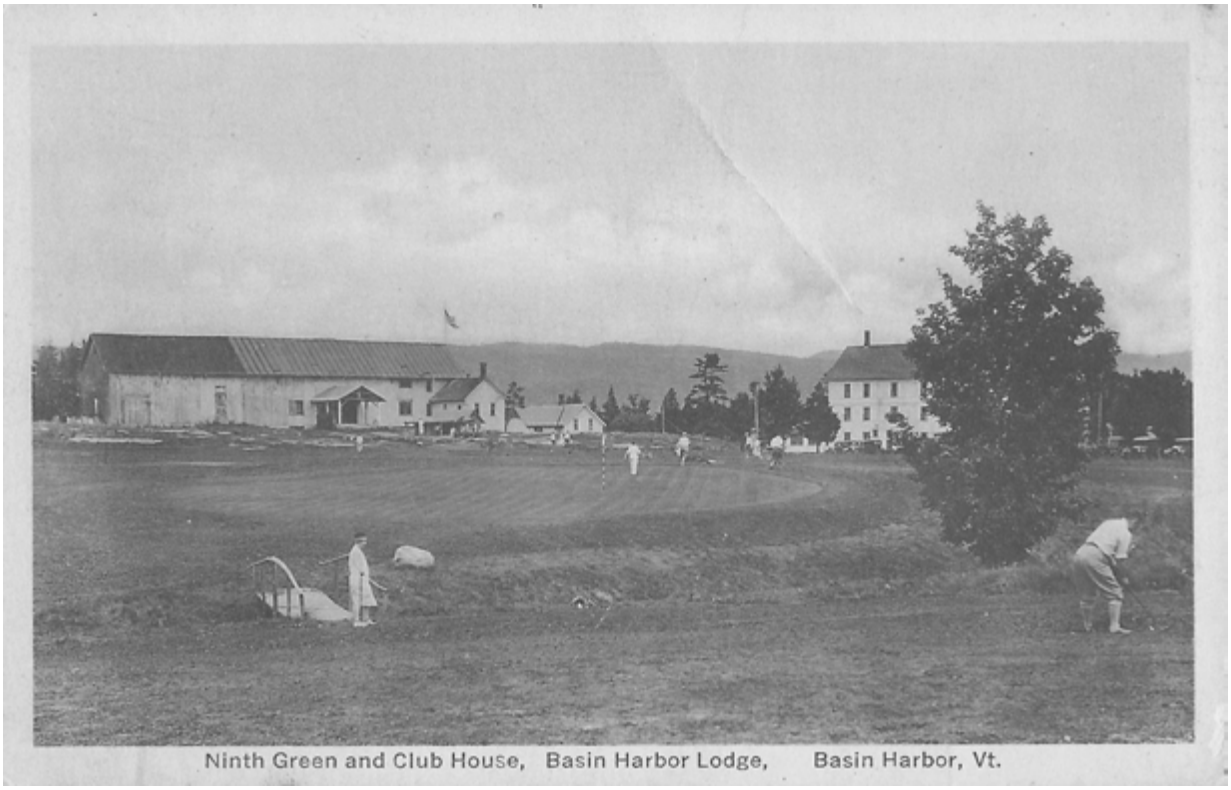
Conducted a check in with newly elected Treasurer and found competency with regard to the reconciliation of past issues with late payments; organization of timesheets and bill payments; and a clearly articulated plan for reconciliation of remaining past due accounts as well as for improvement of bill payment.

Audited several randomly selected weeks of payroll and found no concerns.

I thank the Town Clerk, Assistant to the Town Clerk, and Treasurer for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Oliveira
Walter E. Reed II



Courtesy of John Pierce

2017 Highway Report

It is always interesting this time of year to look back on the lasts years report to measure progress and evaluate the last 4 seasons. Already this winter season we have experienced many storm events. As of January 20th, our trucks have logged over 11,000 miles plowing snow, chasing snow drifts, sanding icy roads, thawing culverts and clearing ditches. As of January 20th we have spread 342 tons of salt, and applied over 1100 yards of sand. In the last 5 years we have seen a new pattern of extreme storm events. These events tax our equipment and our manpower. These "super storms" appear to be the new norm.

The Little Chicago Bridge project was completed by Parent Construction this past summer. Work included repairing the foundation, sand blasting and painting portions of the bridge beams and redirecting the water flow on the deck surface to eliminate scouring on the bridge fascia. The total project cost was $105,490.00. A State grant paid for $94,941.00, Ferrisburgh Highway Crew was reimbursed $9900.00 for traffic control leaving a balance of $649.00 that was paid for from our bridge construction budget.

Due to the extremely rainy start of the construction season, the majority of our paving projects were postponed until this upcoming spring. I expect as soon as the weather permits, paving will begin on last year's projects. These roads will include Four Winds, Greenbush, Dakin, Quaker, Chaplin Hill and a portion of Old Hollow Rd.

As part of the new initiative to reduce storm water from entering Lake Champlain we have received funding to ditch, stone line and seed and mulch the hill on the end of Kellogg's Bay Road. This project is being funded with a grant thru Addison County Regional planning. We have also applied for a grant to help with the inventory of segments of roads that are connected to Lake Champlain. This grant would point out the areas that need repair, the extent of repair needed and a 20 year plan to accomplish these repairs. Ferrisburgh has over 1300 separate segments that will need to be inventoried.

Our lawn maintenance crew (Corey Collette) had a very busy summer. All the early rain kept Corey busy mowing and trimming lawns weekly. We have been working to clear out brush and dead trees from our cemeteries. The Town will need to consider funding for fence repair and other small projects as we move forward. We feel it is very important to respect the people that made Ferrisburgh the great community it is today. We would like to thank Art Cohen and Silas Towler for their research and expertise on proper procedure relating to clean up and repair of these historical landmarks. Our hope is to make these cemeteries' available for future generations.

A special Thanks goes out to Loretta Lawrence. For many years Loretta has had to deal with all the issues regarding the Highway Department. We have not always agreed, but have marched forward to come up with solutions that have hopefully satisfied Ferrisburgh residents. The time and effort required to do this very important task at times can be overwhelming. Loretta has gone above and beyond volunteering her time to the Town.

The Highway department lost its biggest supporter in December. Bob Jenkins was instrumental in every aspect of our new garage. Bob also checked in before and after every storm. His concern for the well-being of every person in Ferrisburgh was unlimited. His main concern was the responsibility of Ferrisburgh to offer support and shelter to anyone in need during a crisis. One of the projects that we have not accomplished was a backup power supply at our school. Our limited ability to provide a safe, warm emergency shelter with adequate bathroom, kitchen, and water supply was constantly on his mind. I challenge Ferrisburgh residents to create a committee to accomplish this goal.

In memory of Bob I would also ask the resident's to take a look at the vacancies in Town government, the fire department, and other volunteer activities in Town and consider volunteering your time. It will take a number of people to fill the vacuum left by his departure.

Thanks goes out to my great crew. Paul Bodington, Aaron Schondube, Reilly Laberge, and Corey Collette. Safe travels to all, and please remember to slow down and be careful in our work zones.

John W. Bull

FERRISBURGH PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission is happy to report that with the hard work and support of the people of Ferrisburgh, the Town Plan has been updated and approved.

In 2018 we will begin the process of updating the current Zoning Bylaws. We welcome your input and will be working on several ways to insure that your voice will be heard. Please feel free to comment on your thoughts moving forward.

Bob Beach, Chair
Gail Blasius
Al Chamberlain
Anne Cohn
Arabella Holzapfel
Walter Reed
Bessie Sessions
Michael Quinn
Keith Wagner

The Wienerburger Drive-in & Diner on Route 7.
Photo courtesy of John Pierce

THE FERRISBURGH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of seven members who are appointed by the Select Board for a term of three years. The members of the Board are volunteers who have diverse backgrounds, which is important due to the wide range of applications submitted to the Board.

The Board has gone through a number of changes in 2017. Ken Wheeling retired as Zoning Administrator after many years of dedicated service to the Town. Bonnie Barnes has been hired as the Zoning Administrator and has brought invaluable knowledge and skills to the job.

Also, this past year, Charlene Stavenow retired from the Board after serving for 27 years on the Board, 24 of them as Chair, to move out of state to be closer to her family. The Board thanked her for years of service and will miss the wealth of knowledge and experience that she brought to the Board. Norman Smith was named the new Chair of the Board. The Select Board has appointed Clark Hinsdale III to fill Charlene's position.

The Zoning Board is a quasi-judicial Board. Review of all applications submitted to the Board are held in publicly warned hearings. The applicant presents the details of the application. Persons who wish to speak for or against the application may be heard or can be represented by an attorney. The minutes of the meeting are taken by the secretary for the Board and posted for the public.

Decisions of the Board are made by applying the zoning by-laws to the evidence and arguments presented at the Hearing. Often there is a site visit to review the proposed use. The Board may impose conditions as part of its approval. The Board issues written decisions, which are to be enforced by the Zoning Administrator. The Board also hears appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions.

The Zoning By-Laws set forth specific districts in the Town. The Bylaws contain permitted uses and conditional uses, as well as dimensional standards, for each district. The By-laws are available on the Town Website at www.ferrisburghvt.org.

Applications for permitted uses can be granted by the Zoning Administrator. The Board reviews applications for conditional uses.
There is a zoning map which defines the zoning districts and these are part of the by-laws. There are definitions which are designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare and manage growth in Ferrisburgh. Other purposes include conservation of rural agricultural land, protecting land, water, wetland, forests and wildlife in the town. The overall purpose is to preserve the quality of life and enhance Ferrisburgh's sense of community.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Ferrisburgh Town Clerk's office at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Norman C. Smith, Chair
Bob Beach
Mike Delaney
Clark Hinsdale III
Rayne Herzog
David Mentzer
John Paul

Zoning Permit Summary

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
New Houses	5	7	5	3	4
Seasonal to Full Time	1	0	0	0	1
Total New Residences	**6**	**7**	**5**	3	5
Home Occupation	0	0	1		
Replacement Houses	1	3	0	1	2
House Addition/Renovations	11	11	14	20	15
Accessory Apartments	0	4	2	1	1
Garage/Barn/Shed	22	14	14	21	22
Decks/Porches	11	3	0	1	1
Renewals	4	5	9	6	7
Pools/Ponds/Fences	2	2	1	1	4
Recreation	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Structures	0	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	3	0	0	0	0
Commercial	1	1	1	1	3
Signs	3	2	4	5	1
Denied	1	1	0	0	0
Variances	0	0	0	1	0
Boundary Adjustments	3	2	2	3	1
Sketch Plans	5	9	5	9	3
Preliminary Plats	2	4	1	2	1
Final Plats	0	0	3	3	0
2-Lot Subdivisions	0	4	1	4	8
Violations	0	0	1	1	0
Certificate of Compliance	49	58	42	35	28
Building Envelope	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	3	0	0	5
Conditional Use	14	9	8	8	11
Additions to Accessory Bldg.	1	11	2	4	0
Amendment	1	0	2	4	0
Appeals	0	2	0	2	0
Solar	3				
Agricultural/Exempt	3				
Total Permit Applications	146	155	118	136	116

Bonnie Barnes, Zoning Administrator

Town of Ferrisburgh
2017 Listers Report

The Ferrisburgh Listers Annual Assessment work (building permits/land subdivisions, etc.) in 2016-2017 resulted in an increase of the Town's Grand List from **$558,680,600 to $565,357,800** totaling a **$6,677,200** increase.

The following is a breakdown of the different inspections and assessment changes which were accomplished throughout the year:

Town of Ferrisburgh 2017 Building Permits/Maintenance List Inspected late 2016-2017 (through December 31, 2017)		
Category	**Number Inspected**	**Notes**
New House Construction	12	6 under construction/6 completed
Garages/Barns/Pole Barns/Sheds/Lean-tos/Fences	49	13 under construction/36 completed
Decks/Porches/Gazebos/Patios	26	5 under construction/21 completed
Renovations/Additions/Duplex Conversion	33	21 under construction/12 completed
New Construction Rechecks	36	20 under construction/16 completed
Commercial	7	1 under construction: - Palmer's Garage 6 completed: - Basin Harbor Club - Dockview, LLC/Dock Doctors - Ferrisburgh Bakery - Jolley Associates - Cameron - Long Point Road, LLC
"Outside Only" follow-up inspections from the 2013 town-wide reappraisal	72	47 interior inspection/25 exterior inspections
Land Subdivisions, Tax Map Changes, Acreage Changes, Surveys, Listers Corrections and Miscellaneous	74	11 new residential/lots were created
Total Building Permits, Properties Inspected and Assessment Changes in 2017:	**309**	

- As of April 1, 2017, there were 1,534 properties in the Township of Ferrisburgh. The breakdown by property type was as follows:

872 Houses
63 Mobile Homes
17 Vacation/Seasonal Properties (non-Lake Champlain properties)
280 Lake Champlain Properties
50 Farms
60 Commercial
0 Industrial
11 Utilities
181 Miscellaneous (mostly vacant land)
1,534 Total Properties

- A total of 217 Change of Appraisal Notices for 2017 were mailed out to town property owners.
- Listers Pre-Grievance informational meetings were held on May 22, 2017 and a total of 21 properties were reviewed. Formal Grievance Hearings were held on May 25, 2017 and July 13, 2017. A total of 35 property owners filed grievances. **Any property owner who does not receive a Change of Appraisal Notice, but feels their assessment is incorrect, should contact Pam Cousino, Assistant Town Clerk, to be notified of the Grievance Hearing schedule.**
- The 35 Listers Grievance appeals were all resolved with the exception of 1 property owner who appealed to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The BCA Hearing was held on September 11, 2017; and on October 5, 2017 the BCA's final decision reversed the Listers increased assessment. There were no State Board of Appraisers Hearings in 2017. The results and details of the Hearing can be reviewed at the Ferrisburgh Town Office.
- A total of 124 building/zoning permits were issued by Kenneth Wheeling and Bonnie Barnes, the Town Zoning Administrators during 2017.
- Vermont Law requires towns to be assessed at 100% of Fair Market Value; Vermont Education Taxes are based on the market value of all property in a town. The State Tax Department does an annual correlation (Equalization Study) of the listed values compared to the most recent three years of sale prices for each town. (The current Study includes sales from April 1, 2014 through April 1, 2017.) It determines the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and the coefficient of dispersion (COD), which measures equity and the fair distribution of property taxes paid by owners of different categories of Real Estate (i.e. commercial, residential, vacant land, etc.). When listed values fall below 80% of fair market value or there is a coefficient of dispersion greater than 20%, the State requires a town wide reappraisal. The Town of Ferrisburgh's State of Vermont's Annual Certified Equalization Education Property Value Notice was received from the Vermont Department of Taxes on December 15, 2017. **The final Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 102.97% with a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 12.59%.** The new 102.97% CLA showed a slight decrease over the 104.73% CLA in 2016, indicating a slight increase in values of the sales data analyzed. In addition, we have noted that the volume of sales transactions in Ferrisburgh has continued to be strong. The Addison County Multiple Listing Service (MLS) inventory overall has been decreasing. Based on the state's data, "A COD of 10% or lower is considered to reflect a relatively high level of equity across taxpayer's assessments." The 2017 town tax rates are:

Residential:	**$1.8226 per $100 of assessed value**
Non-Residential:	**$1.7305 per $100 of assessed value**

- It should be noted that solar array projects in excess of 50,000 watts are now considered taxable by the State of Vermont and municipalities. Ferrisburgh has eight (8) solar properties in this category. They are assessed on the income approach basis. The local tax is based on the Ferrisburgh municipal, non-residential, tax rate. Instead of a state education tax rate, a flat tax (a/k/a Solar Energy Capacity Tax) of $4.00/kilowatt times the capacity of the solar plant is levied. This tax is billed directly to the property owner by the Vermont Tax Department and is due on April 15th of each year.
- **The Listers continue to deal with a number of misconceptions covering the need for zoning building permits. To clarify, all property owners contemplating any construction or land development (including agricultural buildings) should contact Bonnie Barnes, the Town of Ferrisburgh Zoning Administrator. She will determine if a building permit is necessary. The Listers obtain copies of all the building permits/zoning permits and perform interior inspections on these properties throughout the year. The effective date of all the Change of**

- **Assessments is April 1st of each year. Properties which are unfinished as of April 1st are re-inspected the following year and thereafter until completion.**
- The listers attended two (2) Tax Abatement Hearings in 2017. A summary of the results of these Hearings can be reviewed in detail at the Ferrisburgh Town Office.
- There were seven (7) listers corrections to the 2017 Grant List approved by the Selectboard.
- The subject of the "propane" cannon firing in West Ferrisburgh during the summer of 2017 was not an issue.
- Since 1984, Vermont Statute 32 VSA§3692 addressed the taxation of travel trailers/recreational vehicles as real estate if, *"it is situated in the town on the same trailer site or camp site more than 180 days during the 365 days prior to April 1st."* The Town of Ferrisburgh has two campgrounds with approximately 72 travel trailers that may meet this criteria. For the last 25-30 years the listers have discussed this taxation and the challenges associated with implementing the process. In 2017, the listers completed significant research on the topic, including what other towns are taxing travel trailers and their experiences, as well as checking with legal counsel and the State Tax Department. The conclusions were that in order to properly inspect, verify, monitor, value, assess, produce new listers cards, tax bills and collect taxes, that the time and costs associated would be prohibitive. The listers decided to assess the travel trailers in aggregate. One campground owner appealed to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) and the BCA decision was that the listers methodology of aggregate taxation was flawed and the assessment was reduced. The listers also corrected and reduced the other campground owner's assessment. The listers are working with Representatives Diane Lanpher and Warren Van Wyck to try and enact legislation to change this policy.
- The listers completed a follow-up to the 'outside only' inspection project from the 2013 town-wide reappraisal. During the 2013 reappraisal, there were 84 properties wherein either interior access was denied or there was no response or contact to schedule an interior inspection of the property. A total of 72 properties were set up with appointments and inspected in the Spring of 2017. Based on the changes in assessments, the 2017 Grand List increased by approximately $1,025,000. A number of property assessments also decreased based on the current condition and quality noted during the new inspection. In addition, several properties were under renovation and will be reinspected in the Spring of 2018. In summary, the project highlighted the importance of interior inspections during reappraisals and has brought fairness and equity to the town property owners.
- The Listers and Justus J. DeVries, Jr., Inc.'s staff would like to thank the Ferrisburgh residents and property owners for their help and cooperation during the annual building permit inspection process. Maintaining an up-to-date grand list assures that all property owners will be taxed equitably. The Listers and Justus DeVries, Jr. are available to discuss any questions or concerns with the 2017-2018 assessments and on-going building permit changes.

Thank you and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Listers or Justus J. DeVries, Inc.

Respectfully Submitted:
Carl Cole
Joseph Blasius
Charlene Stavenow
-Ferrisburgh Listers-

Town of Ferrisburgh Sales per the Multiple Listing Service

Sale Category	Sales 2017	Sales 2016	Sales 2015	Sales 2014	Sales 2013	Sales 2012	Sales 2011	Sales 2010	Sales 2009	Sales 2008	Sales 2007	Sales 2006
Residential	40	42	30	26	30	17	21	21	23	16	30	21
Vacant Land	2	7	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	6	5	8
Commercial	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2
Multi-Family	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SALES	**42**	**52**	**34**	**30**	**34**	**22**	**22**	**23**	**24**	**24**	**35**	**31**

Town of Ferrisburgh Municipal Tax Rates

Residential Tax Rate			
Year	***CLA**	**Tax Rate**	**% Change**
2005	112.24%	$1.2933	--
2006	101.64%	$1.5213	17.63%
2007	95.75%	$1.4888	- 2.14%
2008	92.53%	$1.5904	6.82%
2009	88.84%	$1.6297	2.47%
2010	90.37%	$1.7806	9.26%
2011	99.06%	$1.7334	- 2.65%
2012	100.36%	$1.6276	- 6.10%
**2013	102.01%	$1.5474	- 4.93%
2014	102.70%	$1.7893	15.6%
2015	104.72%	$1.9000	6.19%
2016	104.73%	$1.9701	3.69%
2017	102.97%	$1.8226	- 7.49%

**** Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)***
***** 2013 was the last town-wide reappraisal***

Non-Residential Tax Rate			
Year	***CLA**	**Tax Rate**	**% Change**
2005	112.24%	$1.2418	--
2006	101.64%	$1.5212	22.50%
2007	95.75%	$1.5728	3.39%
2008	92.53%	$1.6870	7.26%
2009	88.84%	$1.7212	2.03%
2010	90.37%	$1.7945	4.26%
2011	99.06%	$1.7539	- 2.26%
2012	100.36%	$1.6675	- 4.93%
**2013	102.01%	$1.5681	- 5.96%
2014	102.70%	$1.7187	9.60%
2015	104.72%	$1.7619	2.51%
2016	104.73%	$1.7389	- 1.34%
2017	102.97%	$1.7305	- .483%

**** Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)***
***** 2013 was the last town-wide reappraisal***

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
2017 Annual Report

The Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission had a productive year in 2017. As in previous years, commission members attended local and regional workshops, meetings and presentations to stay informed and abreast of critical issues and topics, and to learn new technologies related to conservation. Throughout the year we provided input to town boards and residents on conservation issues.

We continued to steward the Rowland Robinson Town Forest. During the winter of 2017, Commission members and interested residents checked the health of the forest and looked for evidence of invasive plant species [and did not find many, thankfully]. In the fall, we began preliminary discussions with the new landowners adjacent to the Town Forest regarding the existing public right-of-way access across their property.

We provided input about conservation issues to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment, and listened to neighbors' concerns regarding proposed residential subdivisions and commercial / industrial projects. In June, the Commission held a special meeting on a proposed trucking terminal. We continued to offer recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding the Town Plan update.

During the summer, Conservation Commission members coordinated local volunteers in a state-directed effort to monitor the bat population at Kingsland Bay State Park. Commission members attended a training provided by the Agency of Natural Resources' bat biologist, and then implemented monitoring activities and documentation during four observation events.

Commission members Craig Heindel, Chair; Karen Pettersen, Secretary; and Dennis Armell, Treasurer were all reappointed for four-year terms, and agreed to continue as officers. This year, the Conservation Commission requested a line in the town budget of $500 to provide funds for members' training, public education events, and other conservation-related initiatives. This budget was increased to $550 at Town Meeting by a floor vote. The Conservation Commission was judicious regarding these funds, and did not spend the full budgeted amount.

The Conservation Commission meets on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7pm in the Town Center; except the months of July and August. The meetings are open to anyone to attend. Minutes of our past meetings are posted on the town website, along with a variety of conservation-related information sources and links.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Heindel, Chairman
Dennis Armell, Treasurer
Karen Pettersen, Secretary
John Medenwald
Amy Dohner
Jen Cirillo
Finn Yarbrough

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

The animal control officer helps mostly with dog issues. Wildlife issues are generally reported to the Fish and Wildlife Department. 2017 had a noise (barking dog) complaint which is still an ongoing issue. I responded to 2 animal welfare checks but found no problems. One animal was shot in town and that was dealt with through the State Police. Efforts continue with the Humane Society and the Vermont State Police regarding animal welfare.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

The Town Health Officer duties include investigating a public health hazard, preventing, removing or destroying any public health hazard, or mitigating any significant public health risk. Upon discovery of violations involving a public water system, or a food or lodging establishment the Health Officer shall inform the division of environmental health.

This year Kristin DeBellis was appointed Deputy Health Officer. We had one wild animal bite at Button Bay and one dog bit its owner. We also received calls regarding rental issues in apartments, but the residents moved out before they were able to inspect. All in all, 2017 was a fairly quiet.

Jaimeelyn Gaboriault
Animal Control and Health Officer

Kimball's Bay, North Ferrisburgh, now known as Pleasant Bay.
Photo courtesy of Clark & Suzanne Hinsdale

Town of Ferrisburgh Annual Report, 2017:

Report of
Ferrisburgh Vermont Green Line Committee

On November 15, 2017, Vermont Green Line Devco (VGLD) withdrew its petition for a Certificate for Public Good from the Vermont Public Utilities Commission (PUC; formerly called Public Service Board) due to ". . . circumstances beyond its control, but stating ". . . it may be able to construct and operate the Project in the future . . .". In the late fall of 2017, VGLD also withdrew its applications for various environmental permits from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, and for a highway access permit from the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

Background: In October 2016 and subsequent months, VGLD filed applications for a 400-MW electric transmission line (HVDC; high-voltage direct current) from Beekmantown, N.Y. to New Haven, VT to be laid on the floor of Lake Champlain, coming out of the lake in Kingsland Bay State Park. From there, the two side-by-side cables were proposed to be buried under about 5.4 miles of town roads from Kingsland Bay State Park to Rte. 7 at Tupper's Crossing, then follow the shoulder of Rte. 7 to connect to the transmission grid in New Haven. The Ferrisburgh Selectboard appointed a five-person committee of town residents to coordinate with representatives of VGLD, and to advise the Selectboard on a potential Host Town Agreement, Road Access Permit, technical and legal matters, and other issues, with the goal of minimizing or eliminating any risks to Town taxpayers with respect to Town roads from the VGLD infrastructure. The members of this committee in 2017 are listed below. Through an escrow fund, VGLD covers the costs of town-selected independent legal and technical experts to advise the Committee and Selectboard (attorneys Jim Carroll and Ben Marks, and civil engineer Dave Marshall). The consulting fees for these experts are paid from the escrow fund, so their advice has no cost to the Town.

A brief 2017 recap: In early and mid-2017, the VGL Committee negotiated with VGLD regarding a Host Town Agreement and a Road Access Permit. We also hosted a public informational meeting in May 2017, at which the Vermont Dept. of Public Service and VGLD made presentations and answered questions. On May 21, 2017, VGLD put on hold its petition to the PUC ". . . for approximately four to six months to allow [it] to further develop the Project". During this pause, and up to November 2017, VGLD continued to negotiate with the committee. In the summer of 2017, VGLD conducted field evaluations of a possible alternative landfall of the cables in Hawkins Bay rather than Kingsland Bay; no written report of the results of these evaluations were submitted.

In late 2017, the Selectboard opted for the committee to continue in existence for a few months as needed, to manage the wind-down of the town's negotiations and the closure of the escrow fund. If the project re-starts, the Committee will be available to continue negotiating with VGLD and advising the Selectboard.

John Bull (Ferrisburgh Road Foreman)
Vaughn Collins, resident
Rick Ebel (Selectboard member)
Craig Heindel (Conservation Commission)
Keith Wagner (Planning Commission)

Ferrisburgh Town Fire Warden

This year was a respectable year as we had many phone calls for debris inspections. This shows that the community is beginning to adapt to the thought of safer burning.

I did inspect over 40 piles of debris IE: clean untreated wood piles, this does take time to schedule and do as I have a full-time job as well so please be patient and try and call a few days ahead prior to wanting to burn.

The day of the burn is the day you will need to call 802-985-8051 this number belongs to our Dispatch center in which I call daily to advise how many permits can or cannot be issued in a given day.

Keep in mind the permit is only good for that one day and piles must be kept small enough to burn out in that 24-hour period.

When in doubt give me a call.

We issued 318 burn permits in the town for 2017.

Investigated 11 non- permitted fires 3 of which were turned over to the Addison county sheriff's department for further investigation and possible court appearances.

Thank you for the continued support from the town members in calling before Burning!!

Be safe in 2018 and if the need arises and things get out of Hand please Dial 911

NEVER use Gas to start your fires!

MICHAEL COYLE
Ferrisburg Town Fire Warden

Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report – 2017

The Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department had an active 2017 responding to 67 incidents last year within the Ferrisburgh community and surrounding mutual aid towns. We accrued more than 1,250 hours in training and enrolled 3 new firefighters in the Vermont State Firefighter I class in the fall who will become fully certified this spring. The department currently has 36 active members with an average of 17.9 years of service. In January we welcomed 3 new members to our board of officers.

2018 Board of Officers

Chief – Bill Wager
Deputy Chief – Ken Lemner
Assistant Chief – Mike Coyle
Captain – Peter McNichol
Captain – Shane Coye
Captain – Ryan Cushing
Lieutenant – Trevor Patterson
Training – Adam Delisle

President – Mark Chaffee
Secretary – Justin Soter
Treasurer – Dave Grippin
Trustee – Michael Donnelly
Trustee – George Gardner
Trustee – Jim Averill

We are always looking for new energetic members who are willing to make the commitment required to serve our community.

In 2017 we continued to improve our response capabilities to further benefit the residents of Ferrisburgh. Our new FAST Attack truck, financed through our fund raising efforts and not taxpayer dollars, was placed into service in August replacing our aging Utility truck. The FAST truck seats 4 firefighters, holds 400 gallons of water and foam, and has a skid mounted pump. This truck will be used for all types of calls from medical assists supporting VARS to traffic accidents for traffic control to fires. Its versatility will allow us to use it as a quick attack vehicle for those locations in Ferrisburgh that are difficult to reach by our larger apparatus. It has 4-wheel drive capability and carries our wildland firehose enabling us to more easily reach grass and brush fires that are not close to the road.

Ferrisburgh FAST Attach Truck

The department applied for and was awarded a 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the federal government. This grant was more than $80,000 and allowed us to replace our aging Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This new equipment meets all the new NFPA standards for improved firefighter safety.

In December we lost Retired Chief Bob Jenkins. Bob was a great leader, mentor, and friend to all in the fire service for more than 50 years. This past summer Bob was awarded "Vermont Sr. Firefighter of the Year" by the Vermont State Firefighters Association. In December Bob was presented with a Congressional Record Tribute authored by Senator Bernie Sanders which outlined Bob's service to the community and the state including his involvement with the fire service. For many of us, whether we are from the Ferrisburgh Fire Department, Addision County, the State of Vermont, or beyond, Bob had a huge influence on our firefighting careers. He was the ultimate teacher and helped everyone he met see and reach their full potential. Bob was steeped in fire service tradition, a tradition we hold high and will carry forward in his absence.

As we move forward into 2018 we would like to remind our residents that "We can't help you if we can't find you". We encourage all residents to clearly mark their property with their E911 address. If you are interested in obtaining a 911 sign please see the link on our website (ferrisburghvolfire.org).

Finally, the town of Ferrisburgh has a burn ordinance that requires a burn permit to be issued for any open burning. The ordinance is posted on the town website.

We would sincerely like to thank the residents of Ferrisburgh for your continued support. We are honored to serve you and will continue to do our best to help ensure the safety of those that reside in, or pass through, our great community.

Ferrisburg Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

Annual Contract Projection

Category	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
Facilities	$6,750	$6,850
Trucks	$8,000	$8,000
Equipment	$19,000	$18,700
Insurance	$15,600	$16,500
Communications	$8,225	$8,465
Training	$3,500	$3,500
General	$5,050	$6,450
Incentive	$2,000	$2,000
Totals	**$68,625**	**$70,465**

Ferrisburgh Historical Society Report

The purpose of the Ferrisburgh Historical Society, Inc., is to bring together those people interested in history, especially the history of this area.

- The Society's main function is to discover and collect any material that may help to establish or illustrate the history of Ferrisburgh and surrounding area. We collect printed, manuscript, and museum material. The Society will provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible.
- The Society disseminates historical information and encourages interest by publishing historic material, holding meetings, marking historical sites and by using the media to awaken public interest.

The Historical Society occupies the former Center School on the corner of Little Chicago Road and Ethan Allen Highway. The Center School is the only one room schoolhouse that is still Town owned. We store historical documents, photos, and artifacts in a large walk-in vault. Appointments are available so that general public has access to the information. We keep records of our inventory and catalogue our archival materials as they are donated or otherwise obtained. It is an ongoing process.

The Society would like to collect more original photos and scan these so that they are available to all. If you have photos of historical significance, or even photos of quiet local life, but wish to keep them and are willing to have them scanned, please contact the Ferrisburgh Historical Society at 425-3380 or silastowler@comcast.net. Please, don't throw away old Ferrisburgh photos!! Let us care for them.

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society also sells a documentary film about the history of Ferrisburgh. From the role Ferrisburgh played in the early colonial settlement of the Champlain Valley, to the recollections of growing up on farms in the early and mid 20th century, the film portrays the changes our town has seen over two and a half centuries. Ed Dooley, of Mad River Media, produced the film, then donated it to the Society to use as a fundraiser. We thank you, Ed. The DVD is available for purchase at the Town Offices.

Meetings are typically the second Sunday afternoon of each month, at 2:00 PM, from October – June. During the winter months, we have our meetings at the Town Offices and Community Center building on the same second Sunday at 2:00 PM. Notices of meetings can be found in local publications or on the town website. We also email announcements of our meetings as well as other events of historical interest. To get on our email list, drop us a note. Better yet, join us. We welcome new members and guests always.

Respectfully submitted, Silas Towler, President

Gail Blasius, Vice-President Charlie Langworthy, Treasurer

Roger and Hazard Relief Society

Serving the Ferrisburgh Community Since 1886

Ferrisburgh residents may have noticed listed under our "Town Officers" are two positions for "Rogers & Hazard Fund Trustees". This fund, formally the "Rogers and Hazard Relief Society", was established in 1886 with a purpose to "*...relieve the wants of the sick and poor in Ferrisburgh, Addison County, Vermont by doctoring, nursing and such ministries as said trustees deem proper.*" The Society began with funds bequeathed by Joseph Rodgers ($3050) and donated by Rufus Hazard ($360).

This non-profit Vermont corporation has six trustees elected by the Society and two trustees elected by the Town of Ferrisburgh at Town Meeting. As of June 2016, Rogers and Hazard Relief Society is recognized as 501(C) 3 by IRS regulations. The Society is a public charity and any donations are tax deductible under IRS section 170.

For the past 132 years, the Society has quietly gone about its activities of identifying people within the Ferrisburgh community who have needs that fall within the Society's mission. Between 2013 and 2018, Rogers and Hazard provided small "emergency" grants equaling $4500.00 to pay for such things as heating oil, rent, firewood, furnace repair and emergency house repair. This assistance is always provided without fanfare and in strict confidentiality of who is receiving the assistance.

Today, the trustees who carry on this tradition of neighbor-helping-neighbor mission want to insure that Ferrisburgh residents, friends and neighbors know that this modest fund exists to help members of the Ferrisburgh community. If you or someone you know has a short-term need that may not be quickly resolved through social service agencies or other means, the fund can respond quickly to make modest support (typically $500 or less) available to townspeople who need relief.

Contact can be made to any of the listed trustees.
Karlene DeVine, President 877-6392
Art Cohn, Vice-President 989-8931
Shelly Erickson, treasurer-475-2465
Anna Husk 877-2810
Kim Hornung-Marcy 425-4608
Liz Markowski 877-6523
Sally Torrey 877-6925, Town Trustee
Pennie Beach 475-2318, Town Trustee

"Many a life has been saved, many heavy hearts lightened and many homes gladdened by the kind ministration of the Rogers and Hazard Relief Society."
Burlington Free Press and Times, July, 1, 1937, on the Society's first 50 years

Donations to the Rogers and Hazard Relief Society are always welcome and are tax deductible. The more we have, the more we can help our Ferrisburgh neighbors.

1/2018

Bixby Memorial Library

Serving Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes and Waltham

In 2017 Bixby Library implemented a new strategic plan in response to both national trends and local community feedback about library services. We are excited about our new directions and hope you will be too.

- **More programs for adults**- Writing and publishing workshops, a cultural events series, authors' visits, bridge lessons, painters' workshops, movie nights, book discussions and a "Coffeehouse Series" on a variety of subjects including gardening, bread baking, genealogy, meditation—topics people in our community ask us to explore with them. *You can ask us to provide programs on topics that interest you!*
- **Expanded children's programs**-Our children's librarian provides fun and educational experiences for children at Bixby's after-school and Saturday programs as well as evening programs for families. Weekly story times sometimes include educational field trips— to a dairy farm for example and an apple orchard. Often there are guests, such as a local firefighter who introduced kids to the excitement of sitting in a real fire truck after reading stories about what firefighters do. Last summer Bixby added an online component to our Summer Reading Program so more children could participate-even if they couldn't visit the library in person.
- **Emphasis on pre-school outreach**-We visit 3 preschools, Triple-E and 6 in-home daycares regularly to work with children on interactive literacy skills.
- **Increased electronic access to reading material**-Bixby added ***RB Digital*** to increase audio and e-book selections. (Over 3700 e-books and audio books were downloaded using Bixby cards last year.) We also added ***Zinio: The World's Magazine Newsstand***, a digital service that provides access to *Newsweek Magazine, Rolling Stone, Real Simple, PC World, Spider* and many others.

We continue our popular services of offering an excellent book collection, free Wi-Fi, public computers and computer and digital device instruction. Over 35,000 books, CDs and DVDs were checked out last year, public computer usage totaled over 1750 hours and countless people accessed the Wi-Fi that Bixby provides the community 24/7. The new *Homecard* program initiated last year allows participants to check out books free of charge at more than 20 other local Vermont libraries. Bixby space is available for groups and individuals to reserve. Nonprofits also use Bixby meeting rooms to offer services close to home for residents of our five towns. Many local residents use the free tax preparation service provided by RSVP at Bixby Library and Vermont Adult Learning regularly uses Bixby space for tutoring.

We are always looking for new ways to serve you even more with the resources we have. Our many volunteers help us accomplish what we do and we actively fundraise to support the operating budget. *We thank you, the residents of Ferrisburgh, for your support!* For more information please visit www.BixbyLibrary.org or call us at 877-2211 with your suggestions and concerns. Ferrisburgh's representatives on the Bixby Library Board of Directors are Gail Blasius, Marsha Hoffman, Marjorie London and Silas Towler.

VERGENNES AREA RESCUE SQUAD, INC
ANNUAL REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 2017

The Vergennes Area Rescue Squad, Inc. is a non-profit ambulance service. We have served the City of Vergennes, Towns of Ferrisburgh, Panton, Addison, Waltham, and parts of New Haven and Monkton since 1969. With a mix of paid staffing and volunteers we respond to every request for assistance.

At the heart of our service is responding to medical emergencies which included 723 calls, with 141 specifically in Ferrisburgh. We have responded to an average of 800 emergencies for the last 5 years, with 2015 being our largest emergency response year with a call volume of 911 emergencies.

Our members pride themselves in providing exceptional service to the communities we serve. Through continuing education and trainings we maintain our certifications by dedicating several hours a month to staying current with new protocols, reviewing our practice and procedures and practicing with lifesaving equipment. We are excited to say that we have had over 7 new volunteer members join this year, and each of them have either started or completed an emergency medical certification course.

We encourage citizens to become involved in local emergency service organizations. Volunteers are the backbone of our service and we depend on them to provide valuable time and service. If you are interested in becoming a member or in participating in any our activities, please contact us at 802-877-3683 or talk with any rescue member.

Currently, Vergennes Rescue Squad has three modular ambulances used to respond to emergencies. In 2018, we will be replacing the oldest model in our fleet which is a 2005 with 140,000 miles. You can follow us on Facebook for more information throughout 2018!

We offer community CPR classes several times a year and provide education in child safety including inspection and replacement of car seats. We have two certified child safety seat technicians, Chuck Welch and Beth Bearor, who are available to help with car seats needs by appointment.

Funds to operate Vergennes Rescue Squad come from a variety of services. We offer a subscription program to provide no cost coverage to individuals in our communities. We do bill insurance programs for services provided. Area towns also provide a source of income. However, it is very important to note that we do respond to all requests for help regardless of ability to pay.

Vergennes Rescue Squad does not work alone and we would be remiss if we did not thank the many individuals, emergency organizations, and businesses that have given us valuable support over the past year. We regularly work with other emergency medical services and with the fire services in the towns of Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Addison, Monkton and New Haven. Of course, police organizations including Vergennes Police, Vermont State Police and the Addison County Sheriffs are essential parts of our emergency service organization. It gives us great pride to be part of this community public safety group.

Don't forget to help us serve you better by properly identifying your home or business with the correct 911 address, and make sure it if easily visible day and night.

The members of the Vergennes Area Rescue Squad wish to thank you for your past, present and future support.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara McKirryher

Sara McKirryher
President

Vermont Elections Managements System (VEMS)
My Voter Page and Online Voter Registration

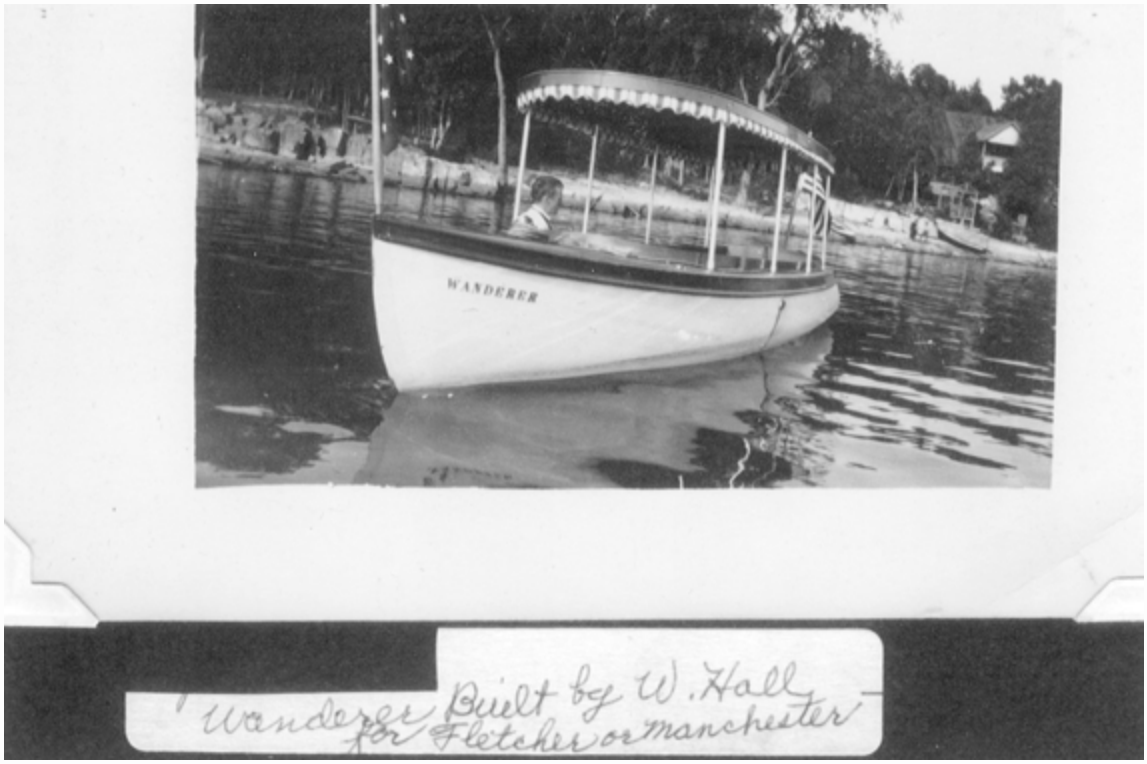
Last year, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online in 2016. For the November General Election, nearly 6,500 Vermonters requested an absentee ballot through the My Voter Page.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us
Online registration can be found at: http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us



The Wanderer built by W. Hall at Bay View Farm.
Photo courtesy of Clark & Suzanne Hinsdale

VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

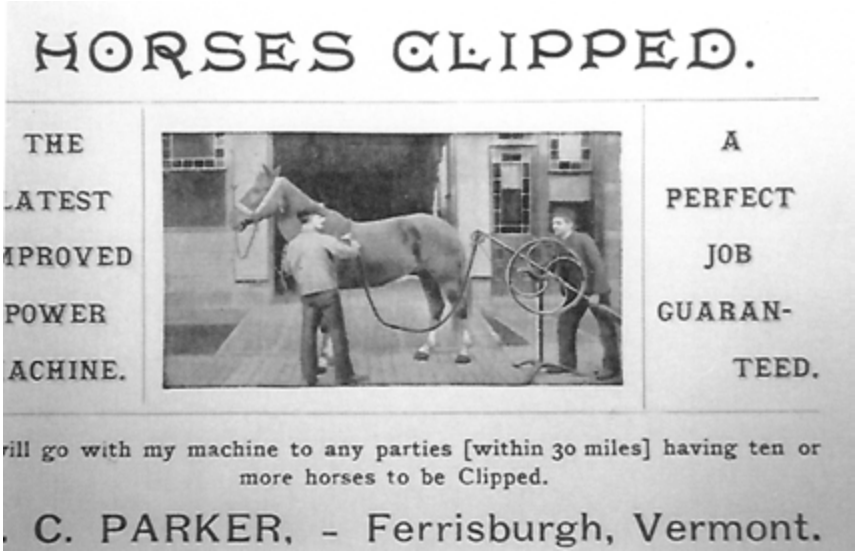
The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2018**.

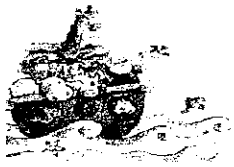
The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called "informational" copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to
https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf



Circa 1915 — Bertram Parker Advertisement.



Births

DATE OF BIRTH	BABY'S NAME	PARENT'S NAMES
January 5, 2017	Leona Brisson	Elizabeth Ferris Brisson Michael Allan Brisson
January 15, 2017	Ethan Waterman	Catherine Elisabeth Waterman Benjamin James Waterman
January 23, 2017	Elias Bacon	Amelia Lokelani Ray Jeremy Matthew Bacon
February 9, 2017	Parker Perrotte	Sarah Beth Perrotte Jason Paul Perrotte
February 11, 2017	Lila Kanetzky	Courtney Lee Kanetzky Jeffrey Paul Kanetzky
March 21, 2017	Willamina Venables-Vogel	Raïssa Venables Matthew Rudman Vogel
April 15, 2017	Gemma Petfield	Brittany Paige Andreas Tyler Eric Petfield
May 25, 2017	Elias Roorda	Jamie Rae Roorda Steven Peter Roorda
June 3, 2017	Wyatt-Tyler Thompson	Stacey-Lyn G. Thompson Christopher Matthew Thompson
June 9, 2017	Sullivan Smith	Tara Lambert Smith Benjamin Weston Smith
June 23, 2017	Peyton Fisher	Lauren Mari Cynewski Richard John Fisher, Jr.
July 3, 2017	Ryan Hume	Christen Nicole Campbell Dustin Ryan Hume
July 6, 2017	Audy Rule	Jenna S. Rule Jordan M. Rule

DATE OF BIRTH	BABY'S NAME	PARENT'S NAMES
July 8, 2017	Léa Rotax	Maria Dawn Rotax Robert Lewis Rotax, II
July 21, 2017	Grayson Beaver	Stephanie Marie Lemon Jesse Ray Beaver
July 25, 2017	Thalia Audy	Anne Emmel Audy Steven Vere Audy
August 7, 2017	Declan Husk	Ashley Elizabeth Husk Andrew Marshall Husk
September 21, 2017	Adelina Johnson	Karrinne E. Johnson Benjamin F. Johnson
October 4, 2017	Jack Daneault	Chelsea Sophia Daneault Joshua John Daneault
October 4, 2017	Willa Daneault	Chelsea Sophia Daneault Joshua John Daneault
October 10, 2017	Allie Curtis	Alysha Jo Curtis Scott Timothy Curtis
November 20, 2017	Saylor Smith	Carrie Beth Smith Nathaniel Wentworth Smith
December 29, 2017	Louis Jerry	Danielle Renée Jerry Michael Paul Jerry, Jr.

CIVIL MARRIAGES

Date	Names	Town
April 8, 2017	Alexander Craig Kansky	North Ferrisburgh
	Ashley Marie Winegar	North Ferrisburgh
May 20, 2017	John David Oosterman	North Ferrisburgh
	Erin Louise Carter	Ferrisburgh
May 28, 2017	Kevin Murphy Lees	Ferrisburgh
	Marley McGlothlin Smith	Ferrisburgh
June 25, 2017	Nicholas Nels Lambert	Ferrisburgh
	Katelin M. Waterman	Ferrisburgh
July 1, 2017	Matthew Lucas Husk	Ferrisburgh
	Pamela Ann Van De Weert	Vergennes
July 3, 2017	Luis Esteban Balcazar Mendez	Ferrisburgh
	Iris Sanchez	Ferrisburgh
July 13, 2017	Devin A. Bushey	North Ferrisburgh
	Jacob Michael Ringer	North Ferrisburgh
July 14, 2017	Jordy Colleen Wright	North Ferrisburgh
	Gary Lee Norris	North Ferrisburgh
July 14, 2017	Peter Graham Mazeine	North Carolina
	Kelly Tannery Wheatley	North Carolina
July 15, 2017	Randy Lee Cameron, Jr.	Ferrisburgh
	Christine Marie Barlow	Ferrisburgh
July 15, 2017	Stephanie Susan Lowe	Ferrisburgh
	Robert Martin Rogers	Ferrisburgh
July 22, 2017	Thomas Barry Estabrook	Ferrisburgh
	Rux Smyth Martin	Ferrisburgh
July 22, 2017	Hannah Jean LaFrance	Ferrisburgh
	Dylan Michael Preston	Ferrisburgh

CIVIL MARRIAGES

Date	Names	Town
August 5, 2017	Stephanie Allison Ogilvie	Ferrisburgh
	Casey Matthew Hammond	Ferrisburgh
August 19, 2017	Kyra Davita Saltman	Illinois
	Andrew Putnam McCann	Illinois
August 25, 2017	Wendy Elizabeth Coughlan	Ferrisburgh
	Elizabeth Bryant Dews	Ferrisburgh
September 3, 2017	Jennifer Lynn Johnson	Ferrisburgh
	Loren Louis Urban	Ferrisburgh
September 16, 2017	Jeffrey Peter Jerger	Ferrisburgh
	Pilar Rinder-Goddard	Ferrisburgh
September 23, 2017	Donna Marie Brown	North Ferrisburgh
	Gerald Robert Regnaud	North Ferrisburgh
October 1, 2017	Justin Brewster Rose	North Ferrisburgh
	Emily Grace Roth	East Middlebury
October 4, 2017	James Dennis Dempsey	Rhode Island
	Rachael Elizabeth Barnes	Pennsylvania
October 7, 2017	Alison Joann Austin	Ferrisburgh
	Elijah James Cyr	Ferrisburgh
October 8, 2017	Jennifer Lynn Grilly	Ferrisburgh
	Christopher Colin Wagner	Ferrisburgh
October 14, 2017	Lauren Mari Cynewski	Ferrisburgh
	Richard John Fisher, Jr.	Ferrisburgh
October 14, 2017	Matthew John Mineaux Nigro	Massachusetts
	Kelly Jo Ferris	Massachusetts
November 11, 2017	Kenneth Earl Harris	Ferrisburgh
	Stacie Lee Gagon	Ferrisburgh
December 24, 2017	Vernon Eugene Miller III	Ferrisburgh
	Dorie Lynn Cota	Ferrisburgh

Deaths

Name	Date of Death	Age
Anna Patricia Welch	January 7, 2017	89
Charles Phillip Stearns	January 9, 2017	69
Wayne Marvin Stearns, Sr.	January 16, 2017	75
Stuart Wakefield Dickerson	January 30, 2017	75
Dorothy Gertrude Drake	March 26, 2017	93
Diane Marie Seymour	April 5, 2017	62
Ronald Jean Perron	May 17, 2017	69
Arland W. Steady	May 29, 2017	92
Felicia DeMott	June 4, 2017	85
Kenneth J. Low, Sr.	June 6, 2017	79
Shirley Ann Clark	June 22, 2017	80
Francis A. Waterman	June 26, 2017	75
Ellen J. Steady	July 8, 2017	88
Christopher William Smith	October 20, 2017	67
Ralph Waldo Butler, Jr.	October 28, 2017	55
Robert Wayne Jenkins	December 7, 2017	74
Byron G. Gallison	December 21, 2017	79
Cornelius Guy Lonergan	December 25, 2017	79

April 1

Remember to register your dog!

On or Before April 1

All we need is a copy of your dogs
valid rabies certificate.

Cost is $9.00 for a neutered/spayed dog
$13.00 if not neutered/spayed
$11.00 after April 1 for neutered/spayed
$17.00 after April 1 for unneutered/spayed

VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

WHAT IS RABIES?

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

1. VACCINATE DOGS

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

2. VACCINATE CATS

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

3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE

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

4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE

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

PEOPLE ENVIRONMENT ANIMALS

ONE HEALTH VERMONT

VERMONT VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

For more information:
www.vtvets.org 802-878-6888

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753 www.acrpc.org Phone: 802.388.3141 Fax: 802.388.0038

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2017

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2017 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the region in the Act 250 process and at the Public Service Board in Section 248 hearings.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics, including water quality, open meetings and planning essentials.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts.
- Hosted Local Emergency Managers Quick Training to train new Emergency Managers and hosted a Tier II workshop for municipalities and businesses required to report hazardous chemicals.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation plans for the towns of Ferrisburgh, Monkton, Panton, Salisbury, Starksboro, Goshen, New Haven, Shoreham, Ripton, Bristol and Orwell.
- Confirmed ERAF status and assisted communities in attaining compliance.

Energy Planning:

- Assisted three pilot towns, Leicester, Ripton and Weybridge in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies for solar siting.
- Worked to create the Regional Energy Plan to comply with Act 174, providing more voice to municipal and regional plans in the Section 248 process.

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of all local roads in the region.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Weybridge.
- Sponsored town transportation studies, planning and supported municipal capital budget development
- Facilitated Regional Walk/bike council meetings/outreach

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support forest stewardship resource planning.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.
- Provided educational outreach regarding the Vermont Clean Water Act and tactical basin planning,
- Performed stormnwater planning projects and Vermont Environmental Restoration Program projects

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 20 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3d Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction;** (2) Promoting **pollution prevention;** (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333 **Fax:** (802) 388-0271 **Website:** www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org
E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org **Transfer Station Hours:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM
Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM **HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The ***Reuse It or Lose It!*** Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

2017 Highlights

Act 148. The District has devoted most of its resources in 2017 toward public outreach in preparation for expansion of food scrap collection in 2017. District staff spent months gathering data for the annual Implementation Report required by the State Materials Management Plan. The District also assisted haulers, member towns and businesses in implementing the new deadlines of Act 148. Facilities had to begin offering food scrap collection on 7/1/17. The deadline of 7/1/17 for commercial waste haulers to begin offering collection of food scraps was extended to 7/1/18. However, most of the haulers that offered drop-off services for trash in the District began offering the collection of food scraps on 7/1/17. Using a grant from the High Meadows Fund, the District was able to purchase educational materials, signage and toters for the new food scrap collection sites at town drop-offs. The District also provided 5-gallon food scrap buckets to those customers interested in participating in the program. The District began offering compost workshops to community members who wanted to learn about backyard composting. With a grant from the VT Agency of Natural Resources, the District provided compost bins and Green Cone solar digesters at a reduced price for workshop attendees. **Product Stewardship.** As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District has helped to lead efforts to adopt new extended producer responsibility (EPR) laws for mercury thermostats, electronic waste (E-Waste), fluorescent light bulbs, waste paint, and primary cell batteries, whereby manufacturers of those materials take over the costs of transporting and recycling their products once they are discarded. The District Transfer Station serves as a Collection Site for these programs. **Recycling.** As of September, the Transfer Station received 1,306 tons of single stream recyclables. All generators are required by District ordinance and State law to separate Mandated Recyclables from their waste. A list of Mandated Recyclables is posted on the District website. In 2017, 19 member municipalities had access to town or private recycling drop-off centers, and one – Goshen – provided a curbside program. A list of the drop-off centers can be found on the District website. **Illegal Burning/Disposal.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. As of 9/1/17, the Sheriff's office investigated 19 illegal burning/disposal complaints. The District served once again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, Vermont's annual litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 15.99 tons of roadside trash, 8.8 tons of tires, 2 auto batteries, 2 fluorescent bulbs, 22 E-Waste items, 7 appliances, and various other hazardous items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of $3,023.

2018 Budget

The District adopted a 2018 Annual Budget of $2,992,908, a 0.12% increase over the 2017 Annual Budget. The Transfer Station tip fees will remain at $123/ton for MSW and C&D. The District Fee of $33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and $10/ton on contaminated soils approved by ANR for use as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2018.** For a copy of the full 2017 Annual Report, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

VERMONT

State of Vermont
Department of Health
Middlebury District Office
156 South Village Green
Middlebury, VT 05753
HealthVermont.gov

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[toll free] 888-253-8804

Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County

Your local health district office is in Middlebury at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: The Health Department's 3-4-50 initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three (3) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diet that lead to four (4) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and lung disease that result in more than 50% of death in Addison County. The local office is working to get these sector partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help to reduce the chronic disease in our state.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served 1,005 women and children in Addison County with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is $50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017 we responded to 11 cases of infectious disease in Addison County. In 2017, 16,751 doses of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers in Addison County.

Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. The United Way of Addison County is our local Regional Prevention Partner. United Way staff have been working with local law enforcement agencies to increase the number of prescription drug take back locations as well as other proactive efforts to address underage drinking and binge drinking.

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Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2017 Overview
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

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

VLCT is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. The organization provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. VLCT represents cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and loudly, and also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities.

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

During the 2017 calendar year, in addition to providing responses to more than 3,700 telephone inquiries, holding 16 training sessions, and following approximately 300 separate pieces of legislation, 13 summer study committees, and developing VLCT's legislative platform with five municipal policy committees, VLCT celebrated its 50th anniversary. Throughout the year, VLCT recognized local officials and employees who have served a number of communities for 50 years, and highlighted some of the many successes of the organization and local government during the last 50 years. It was also an important year to look ahead, to consider new ideas, and to think about new programs and ways of delivering services to members that will address their changing needs in the coming years. VLCT launched a new website in June 2017 that, despite a few initial glitches, has functioned well and serves as a better connection point for members, thanks to consistent updates, new information, and easier navigation tools. VLCT has also moved the majority of its mission-critical IT systems to the "cloud" in an effort to provide more security for member information, greater protection against hacking attempts, and greater redundancy of access that will help the organization remain operational following a disaster scenario. The move to the cloud also reduces the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment.

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

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

Commencement Exercises

Class of 1925

Vergennes High School

Opera House

Thursday Evening, June 11, 1925

8.00 o'Clock

Program

March—From "Athalia" (Mendelssohn)
Selection—Intermezzo (P. Mascagni) Orchestra
Invocation
Salutatory and Essay—"Modern Philanthropy," Grace Hall
Music—
"Song of Vikings" (H. Faning)
"Hours of Dreaming" (F Schubert) Chorus
Essay—"An International Cross-Word Puzzle," Bristol Chatterton
Essay—"Famous Farewells in Literature," Jean Edwards
Selection—"The Palms" (J. Faure) Orchestra
Essay—"Travel by Air," Norman Muzzy
Music—"Pilgrim's Chorus" (Wagner) Boys' Chorus
Essay—"Symbols," Dorothy Moorby
Violin Solo—"Son of Puzta" (Keler Bela) Editha Harris
Essay—"Mussolini"
Valedictory, Helen Benton
Music—"Morning Invitation" (G. Veazie) Chorus
Presentation of Diplomas and University of Vermont Scholarships, Chairman F. M. Rogers
Overture—"Zampa" (Herald) Orchestra

(The audience is requested to remain while the graduates pass to the hall downstairs for the reception.)

Class Roll

Agriculture Course

Edward Timothy DeCourcy — Howard William Munnell
Norman Henry Muzzy

English Course

Ida Martha Baldwin — Mildred Sartwell Catey
Josephine Marion Barton — Jean Waddell Edwards
Hoth Emma Higalow — Ellen Marcia Fisher
John Aaron Birkett — Grace Elizabeth Frisbie
William Ward Booth — Grace Isabel Hall
Harold Elliott Bristol — Helen Mary Kenyon
James Thompson Bristol — Dorothy Eulene Moorby
Chosen Hammond Collins — Ethel Elizabeth Palmer
Leslie Grace Collins — Seth Willmarth Warner

Latin Course

Helen Douglas Benton — Editha Lucille Harris
Bristol Chatterton — Eunice Clara Richardson
Watson Frank Rogers

Honors

First Honor—Helen Douglas Benton
Second Honor—Grace Isabel Hall and Editha Lucille Harris
University Of Vermont Scholarships
Helen Douglas Benton — Watson Frank Rogers

Pro Merito Society

Helen Douglas Benton — Grace Isabel Hall
Bristol Chatterton — Editha Lucille Harris
Jean Waddell Edwards — Dorothy Eulene Moorby
Grace Elizabeth Frisbie — Ethel Elizabeth Palmer
Watson Frank Rogers

Officers

President—Watson Frank Rogers
Vice-President—Editha Lucille Harris
Secretary—Jean Waddell Edwards
Treasurer—Bristol Chatterton
Class Marshal—Herrick Willard Bristol
School Marshal—Ernest Thomas Lanpervin

Motto—"Rowing, Not Drifting"
Flower—Yellow Rose
Colors—Orange and Black

Proven Expertise and Integrity

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January 23, 2018

Board of Selectmen
Town of Ferrisburgh
P.O. Box 6
Ferrisburgh, VT 05456

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont, for the year ended June 30, 2017.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurances that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal that we consider to be significant deficiencies but that we did not consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in design exists when:

- A control necessary to meet the control objective is missing; or
- An existing control is not properly designed so that, even if the control operates as designed, the control objective would not be met.

A deficiency in operation exists when:

- A properly designed control does not operate as designed; or
- The person performing the control does not possess the necessary authority or competence to perform the control effectively.

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A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

These matters do not modify our opinion on the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017, where we expressed an unqualified opinion on our independent auditors' report dated January 23, 2018.

Significant Deficiencies:

General Ledger Reconciliations:

All general ledger accounts should be reconciled on a monthly basis and when necessary to subsidiary ledgers. At the time of fieldwork various general ledger accounts including cash, payroll tax liabilities and other various accounts did not reconcile. These accounts were still being reconciled by client at field work time. Reconciling cash is crucial to the fiscal affairs of the Town and crucial in allowing the Town to make good business decisions based on accurate financial information. Some of these accounts still contain immaterial variances. The Town should reconcile within 21 days from month end all general ledger accounts.

Cash Receipting:

While performing the audit for the above mentioned year end, it was noticed while performing our subsequent event testing of cash receipts, that deposits were taking longer than a reasonable period of time upon collection of the Town to depositing in the Town's bank account for use. Some of the deposits were significant. It should be noted that this appears to be isolated to early on in the fiscal year. The Town should continue to review this area for best practice.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and others within the Town and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to thank Deb, Pam, Gloria and all of the staff at the Town for all of their cooperation throughout this audit process.

If there are any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call.

Very Best,

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RHR Smith & Company, CPAs

SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance - July 1	$ 216,901	$ 216,901	$ 216,901	$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property Taxes	8,338,819	8,338,819	8,360,117	21,298
Intergovernmental revenues	306,000	306,000	321,966	15,966
Charges for services	64,325	64,325	75,926	11,601
Interest income	41,150	41,150	18,273	(22,877)
Other revenue	2,000	2,000	5,566	3,566
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	8,969,195	8,969,195	8,998,749	29,554
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	386,041	386,041	419,361	(33,320)
Public safety	166,224	166,224	156,391	9,833
Highway	799,250	799,250	783,022	16,228
Employee benefits	133,387	133,387	125,991	7,396
Education	6,938,367	6,938,367	6,938,367	-
Tax assessments	83,191	83,191	82,143	1,048
Town meeting - voted authorizations	30,840	30,840	27,640	3,200
Contingency	6,000	6,000	2,568	3,432
Capital outlay	-	-	10,000	(10,000)
Debt service:				
Principal	115,119	115,119	100,916	14,203
Interest	24,215	24,215	38,236	(14,021)
Transfers to other funds	90,000	90,000	90,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	8,772,634	8,772,634	8,774,635	(2,001)
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	$ 196,561	$ 196,561	$ 224,114	$ 27,553
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

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See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 399,845	$ 10,286	$ 410,131
Investments	-	4,000	4,000
Taxes receivable	175,155	-	175,155
Due from other funds	40,870	255,420	296,290
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 615,870	$ 269,706	$ 885,576
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	$ 15,165	$ -	$ 15,165
Due to other funds	255,420	40,870	296,290
TOTAL LIABILITIES	270,585	40,870	311,455
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	3,933	-	3,933
Deferred property tax	117,238	-	117,238
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	121,171	-	121,171
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	18,603	18,603
Committed	-	132,745	132,745
Assigned	-	118,358	118,358
Unassigned	224,114	(40,870)	183,244
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	224,114	228,836	452,950
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	$ 615,870	$ 269,706	$ 885,576

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STATEMENT E

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	$ 8,360,117	$ -	$ 8,360,117
Intergovernmental	321,966	20,647	342,613
Interest income	18,273	54	18,327
Charges for services	75,926	5,997	81,923
Miscellaneous	5,566	20,395	25,961
TOTAL REVENUES	8,781,848	47,093	8,828,941
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	419,361	36,754	456,115
Public safety	156,391	-	156,391
Highway	783,022	15,088	798,110
Employee benefits	125,991	-	125,991
Education	6,938,367	-	6,938,367
Tax assessments	82,143	-	82,143
Town meeting - voted authorizations	27,640	-	27,640
Contingency	2,568	-	2,568
Capital outlay	10,000	30,007	40,007
Debt service:			
Principal	100,916	-	100,916
Interest	38,236	-	38,236
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,684,635	81,849	8,766,484
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	97,213	(34,756)	62,457
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	90,000	90,000
Transfers (out)	(90,000)	-	(90,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(90,000)	90,000	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	7,213	55,244	62,457
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	216,901	173,592	390,493
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	$ 224,114	$ 228,836	$ 452,950

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SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 10,286	$ -	$ -	$ 10,286
Investments	-	-	4,000	4,000
Due from other funds	54,723	191,132	9,565	255,420
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 65,009	$ 191,132	$ 13,565	$ 269,706
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Due to other funds	-	40,870	-	40,870
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	40,870	-	40,870
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	5,038	-	13,565	18,603
Committed	-	132,745	-	132,745
Assigned	59,971	58,387	-	118,358
Unassigned	-	(40,870)	-	(40,870)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	65,009	150,262	13,565	228,836
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	$ 65,009	$ 191,132	$ 13,565	$ 269,706

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	$ 5,836	$ 14,811	$ -	$ 20,647
Interest income	-	-	54	54
Charges for services	5,997	-	-	5,997
Other income	20,393	2	-	20,395
TOTAL REVENUES	32,226	14,813	54	47,093
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	30,007	-	30,007
Other	29,118	22,724	-	51,842
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	29,118	52,731	-	81,849
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	3,108	(37,918)	54	(34,756)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in		90,000	-	90,000
Transfers (out)		-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		90,000	-	90,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	3,108	52,082	54	55,244
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	61,901	98,180	13,511	173,592
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	$ 65,009	$ 150,262	$ 13,565	$ 228,836

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NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS
From 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2017

Town of Ferrisburgh Reappraisal Account

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$43,576
Payment from State	$14,811
Minus expenses	$0
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$58,387**

Town of Ferrisburgh Highway Facility Account

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$27,001
Plus Revenues	$2
Minus expenses	$15,088
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$11,915**

Town Hall and Community Center Account

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$677
Plus Revenues	$0
Minus Expenses	$0
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$677**

Town Hall and Community Center Maintenance Fund

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$14,750
Rental Revenue Received	$2,288
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$17,038**

General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$216,901
Amount Added in at year end	$7,214
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$224,115**

Town Clerk's Records and Restoration Fund Account

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$18,423
Plus Revenues	$3,441
Minus Expenses	$4,123
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$17,741**

Cemetery Trust Account

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	4,000
Plus Revenues	55
Minus Deposit into Cemetery Acct. Fund	55
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**4,000**

NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS
From 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2017 continued

Cemetery Account Funds

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$9,456
Plus Revenues	$109
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$9,565**

Lister's Education Fund

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$2,470
Plus Revenues from State	$0
Minus Expenses	$0
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$2,470**

Health Reimbursement Account

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$8,724
Plus Deposits	$18,106
Minus Expenses	$16,544
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$10,286**

Miscellaneous Funds

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$16,857
Deposits	$2,395
Expenditures	$2,453
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$16,799**

Town Buildings Maintenance Fund

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$30,000
Plus Deposits	$30,000
Minus Expenses	$1,875
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$58,125**

Highway Contingency

7/01/2016 Beginning Balance	$34,355
Plus Deposits	$30,000
Minus Expenses	$1,650
Ending Balance 6/30/2017	**$62,705**

LONG-TERM DEBT (Bonds and Leases)

2011 TANDEM TRUCK BOND
July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017

Outstanding 7/1/16	$35,000.00
Notes Paid	$35,000.00
Balance 6/30/17	**$0.00**

FORMER SISTER'S PROPERTY MORTGAGE
July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017

Outstanding 7/1/16	$112,500.00
Notes Paid	$22,261.00
Balance 6/30/17	**$90,239.00**

TOWN HIGHWAY SHED MORTGAGE
July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017

Outstanding 7/1/16	$765,000.00
Notes Paid	$42,500.00
Balance 6/30/17	**$722,500.00**

FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL LEASE
July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017

Outstanding 7/1/16	$252,160.00
Notes Paid	$21,704.00
Balance 6/30/17	**$230,456.00**

JOHN DEERE EXCAVATOR LEASE
July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017

Outstanding 7/1/16	$53,043.00
Notes Paid	$9,451.00
Balance 6/30/17	**$43,592.00**

PICKUP TRUCK
July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017

Outstanding 7/1/16	$0.00
Borrowed 2016	$30,000.00
Notes Paid	$0.00
Balance 6/30/17	**$30,000.00**

TOTAL BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING as of 6/30/17	**$1,116,787.00**

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017

Delinquent July 1, 2016	$174,927.31	
Delinquent June 2, 2017	$206,931.02	
Total Delinquent		$381,858.33

Collected July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017	$198,355.18	
Abated	$ 8,347.70	
Delinquent June 30, 2017	$175,155.45	
Total		$381,858.33

Respectfully submitted
Sally Torrey
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent as of January 1, 2018

2015/2016

*Mark Bowen
*Timothy Mathewson
**Garth Gaboriault
*Wanda Pero

2016/2017

Victor Chaput
Michelle Malone
**Garth Gaboriault
Wanda Pero
Mark Bowen
Alexander Brace
Alexander Brace
Timothy Mathewson
Christopher Dennis
Jean Chase
John Vander Wey
Aaron Napoleon
**Raymond Yandow
Peggy Parks
Marcel Marcotte
Marcel & Travis Marcotte
Randy Martin

*** Payment agreement**
****PAID IN FULL IN JANUARY**

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECTBOARD 2018/2019 BUDGET
REVENUE

ACCOUNT	GENERAL TOWN FUND	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	PROPOSED BUDGET
		7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16 - 6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/18-6/30/19
	Fund Balance	0	0	66,000	66,000	0
2000-00-05	Property Taxes - (All sources)	8,338,819	8,342,669	1,366,641	1,366,641	1,507,142
2000-00-10	Delinquent Tax Interest	24,000	21,048	22,000	22,000	22,000
2000-00-90	Delinquent Tax Penalty	17,000	12,062	17,000	17,000	14,000
2000-00-15	Vermont State Mileage Aid	161,000	161,603	161,000	161,000	161,000
2000-00-12	State School Tax Coll. Reimbursement	15,000	17,637	15,000	17,966	17,000
2000-00-20	Railroad Tax/State Land Tax/PILOT	50,000	50,122	48,000	48,000	50,000
2000-00-25	Liquor License Fees	925	925	1,000	1,000	925
2000-00-30	Highway Department and Culverts	1,000	70	1,000	1,000	500
2000-00-35	Overweight Permits	800	1,075	900	900	900
2000-00-89	Credit Card Fees Revenue	0	629	1,000	1,000	1,000
2000-00-40	Zoning Fees	10,000	11,850	10,000	10,000	10,000
2000-00-45	Land Recording & Other Clerk Fees	33,000	39,176	35,000	35,000	35,000
2000-00-26	Marriage, Dog, Hunting Fees	7,000	7,369	7,000	7,000	9,000
2000-00-50	Police Fines	5,000	8,462	6,000	6,000	7,000
2000-00-80	Union Meeting Hall Rent	0	400	0	100	0
2000-00-55	Sister's Property Rental Fees	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
2000-00-60	State - Current Landuse	80,000	92,604	90,000	92,383	90,000
2000-00-99	Miscellaneous	2,000	4,937	2,000	2,000	2,000
2000-00-65	Interest on Town Savings	150	2,611	1,500	1,500	1,500
	REVENUE TOTAL	**8,752,294**	**8,781,849**	**1,857,641**	**1,863,090**	**1,935,567**
			439,180			
	BUDGET SUMMARY					
	Administration/General Government	421,465	451,353	441,151	441,086	450,703
	Highway Department	829,250	813,024	880,268	881,869	898,820
	Debt Service	139,334	149,152	102,229	102,229	152,337
	Employee Benefits	133,387	125,991	142,637	142,637	147,249
	Taxes - Contracts (Fire and Police)	279,991	269,110	291,356	291,356	286,459
	Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations	30,840	27,640	32,778	32,778	0
	Education	6,938,367	6,938,367			
	EXPENSE TOTAL W/EDUCATION	**8,772,634**	**8,774,637**	**1,890,419**	**1,891,955**	**1,935,567**
	EXPENSE TOTAL W/O EDUCATION	**1,834,267**	**1,836,270**	**1,890,419**	**1,891,955**	**1,935,567**

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	PROPOSED BUDGET
		7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16 - 6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/18-6/30/19
	Town Clerk's Office					
3400-10.00	Wages - Town Clerk	44,720	47,780	47,840	47,840	49,400
3400-10.05	Wages - Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer	41,600	40,690	32,760	32,760	33,930
3400-10.06	Wages - Lister Clerk	0	2,874	10,920	10,920	11,310
3400-10.10	Wages - Zoning Admin.	16,000	16,637	23,920	23,920	24,960
3400-10.15	Wages - Overtime	0	1,851	1,000	1,000	500
3400-10.20	Wages - Contingency	3,500	0	18,200	18,200	19,200
3400-10.25	Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector	17,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
3400-10.30	Wages - Treasurer	33,670	29,891	21,000	21,000	26,000
3400-10.35	Wages - Clerical	0	0	0	0	0
3400-10.40	Wages - Minute Takers	2,500	4,285	3,500	3,500	3,675
3400-19	Town & Vital Land Books	1,500	1,625	1,500	1,500	1,500
3400-20	Office Supplies	4,000	5,969	5,100	5,100	5,000
3400-22	Postage	3,000	3,182	4,000	4,000	4,000
3400-21	Office/Leased Equip./Support	4,500	4,709	4,400	4,400	4,400
3400-23	Office/IT Outsourced	7,500	7,474	5,265	5,265	5,200
3400-24	Office/Computer Replacement	2,000	2,586	1,900	1,900	1,900
3400-25	Town Web Site	1,000	500	500	500	500
3400-30	Advertising-Town	1,200	913	1,200	1,200	1,200
3400-31	Advertising-Planning & Zoning	1,300	718	1,300	1,300	1,300
3400-34	Telephone-Clerk's Office	3,100	2,762	3,100	3,100	2,100
3400-40	Workshops/Meetings/Dues	1,200	220	1,200	1,200	1,000
3400-60	Marriage, Dog, Hunting & Misc. Fees	4,500	5,590	5,800	5,800	5,800
3400-70	Credit Card Fee Expense	0	408	1,200	1,200	1,200
3420-45	Professional Auditor	6,000	9,800	8,500	8,500	8,925
3430-45	Lister's Professional Appraisers	45,500	79,680	49,600	49,600	49,000
3430-46	Lister's Tax Mapping	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,100
3430-50	Lister's Stipend	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
3510-60	Legal Exp. Selectboard	8,000	12,963	8,000	8,000	10,000
3510-61	Legal Exp. Zoning	4,000	1,567	4,000	4,000	4,200
3620-48	Zoning/Planning Expenses	2,500	1,333	2,500	2,500	1,000
3620-49	Zoning By-laws Rewrite	5,000	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
3630-48	Conservation Commission	200	0	550	550	550
3640-00	Recycling	14,000	15,000	15,750	15,750	16,538
3710-48	General Liability/Hazard Insurance	41,949	42,689	45,255	45,255	45,123
3710-49	Worker's Compensation	20,754	22,484	23,769	23,769	21,150
	TOTAL	**347,193**	**374,680**	**372,029**	**372,029**	**379,061**

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	PROPOSED BUDGET
		7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16 - 6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/18-6/30/19
	Administration/General Government					
3000-10	Selectboard Stipend	3,800	3,100	3,800	3,100	3,800
3000-11	Selectboard Expenses	100	250	200	200	200
3080-62	Annual Report Expenses	5,500	4,372	6,000	6,000	5,500
3310-20	Elections/Town Meetings	5,000	5,262	3,500	3,500	5,000
	Union Meeting Hall					
3310-68	Maintenance	0	588	0	0	0
3310-76	Electricity - Union Meeting Hall	280	183	280	280	192
3310-78	Water - Union Meeting Hall	240	617	240	375	750
	TOTAL	**14,920**	**14,372**	**14,020**	**13,455**	**15,442**
	Town Offices/Community Center					
3710-85	Town Offices Routine Maintenance	10,000	18,910	11,000	11,000	11,000
3710-86	Electricity-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	4,200	4,956	4,200	4,200	4,400
3710-87	Heating Fuel-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	3,500	2,127	2,000	2,000	2,000
3710-88	Water-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	728	739	728	728	750
3710-89	Atkins Farm Association Fees	0	0	500	0	0
	TOTAL	**18,428**	**26,732**	**18,428**	**17,928**	**18,150**
3710-70	Town Bldgs. Maint. Fund	30000	30000	30,000	30,000	30,000
9000-91	Bank Service Charges	500	166	500	500	300
9900-79	Contingency	5,424	1,992	1,924	1,924	2,500
9910-79	Mileage	1,500	761	1,000	1,000	1,000
6100-10	Health Officer Stipend	750	750	750	750	750
6100-20	Health Officer Expenses	300	0	300	300	300
6200-10	Animal Control Officer Stipend	750	750	750	750	750
6200-20	ACHS Contracts - Homeward Bound	800	550	800	800	800
6100-40	Animal Control Officer - Mileage/Exp.	300	0	300	300	300
6200-15	Fire Warden Stipend	0	0	750	750	750
6310-10	Web Site Coordinator Stipend	600	600	600	600	600
	TOTAL	**40,924**	**35,569**	**37,674**	**37,674**	**38,050**

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	PROPOSED BUDGET
		7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16 - 6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/18-6/30/19
	Highway Department					
	Payroll					
5100-10.00	Wages - Road Foreman	52,832	63,925	62,400	62,400	64,480
5100-10.05	Wages - Road Crew	151,840	152,736	162,240	162,240	170,040
5100-10.10	Wages - Overtime	30,000	29,362	36,000	36,000	30,000
5100-10.16	Highway Wages - Contingency	5,750	0	6,800	6,800	6,800
	Maintenance - Town Highways					
5110-47	Chloride	30,000	28,141	36,000	36,000	36,000
5110-68	Gravel Rd Repair/Maintenance	35,000	34,818	35,000	35,000	35,000
5100-89	Paving	225,000	217,509	225,000	225,000	225,000
5110-91	Painting Class 2 Roads/Line Strips	2,500		3,000	3,000	3,000
5140-21	Winter Maintenance Materials	72,000	68,856	72,000	72,000	72,000
5220-49	Culverts	4,500	4,292	6,000	6,000	4,500
5281-21	Street/Traffic Signs	3,000	3,342	4,000	4,000	3,500
5330-66	Rented Services/Equipment	5,000	5,460	5,000	5,000	5,000
5110-68.05	Road Construction/Bridge Repair	75,000	64,467	75,000	75,000	85,000
5110-68.10	New Const. Rented Svcs/Equip	3,000		3,000	4,100	4,000
	Town Garage/Yard					
5310-21	Shop Supplies/Equipment	3,500	5,196	4,500	5,001	4,500
5310-34	Telephone - cell & land line	1,000	1,205	1,000	1,000	2,000
5310-68	Maintenance	4,600	3,312	4,600	4,600	4,600
5310-69	Water	728	735	728	728	739
5310-76	Electricity	2,000	3,106	2,500	2,500	3,261
	Vehicles/Equipment					
5310-73	New Shop Heat	3,000	3,845	4,500	4,500	4,500
5310-74	LP Bulk GAS N/T	1,000	840	1,500	1,500	1,500
5310-75	Diesel Fuel	38,000	30,421	37,000	37,000	40,000
5330-21	Operation/Gas	4,000	3,263	2,500	2,500	3,400
5330-68	Maintenance/Repair/Equipment	46,000	58,193	60,000	60,000	60,000
5332-00	Highway Contigency Fund	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	TOTAL	**829,250**	**813,024**	**880,268**	**881,869**	**898,820**

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	PROPOSED BUDGET
		7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16 - 6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/18-6/30/19
						0
	Debt Service					
5330-92	Truck - Bond 2011	35,000	35,000	0	0	0
5330-93	Tandem Truck - Bond Interest 2011	347	212	820	820	0
5333-90	Truck - Bond 2017	0	0	0	0	38,000
5333-91	Truck - Bond Interest 2017	0	0	0	0	4,275
5330-97	Excavator Lease	12,267	12,267	12,267	12,267	12,267
5330-94	Pick-Up Truck/Heavy Duty	0	10,000	0	0	10,382
5331-90	Highway Facility Bond	42,500	42,500	42,500	42,500	42,500
5331-91	Highway Facility Interest	23,868	23,821	22,542	22,542	21,216
3710-92	Sister's Property Payments	25,352	25,352	24,100	24,100	23,697
	TOTAL	**139,334**	**149,152**	**102,229**	**102,229**	**152,337**
	Employee Benefits/Insurance					
9700-15	Municipal Retirement System	20,772	20,899	22,452	22,452	21,953
9720-14	Unemployment Compensation	1,700	2,080	1,700	1,700	2,100
9730-13	Social Security - Employer's Share	31,608	31,497	32,965	32,965	32,962
9740-12	Medical Insurance	68,242	61,694	74,920	74,920	80,134
9740-13	Disability/Life Insurance	11,065	9,821	10,600	10,600	10,100
	TOTAL	**133,387**	**125,991**	**142,637**	**142,637**	**147,249**
	Taxes - Assessment					
9300-51	Addison County Tax	22,620	21,863	20,000	20,000	20,976
9300-52	Bristol Gravel Pit Property Tax	605	315	660	660	693
9300-53	Vermont Stormwater Payment	576	576	576	576	576
9390-52	Vermont League of Cities & Town	4,003	4,003	4,144	4,144	4,351
9391-53	A.C. Regional Planning Commiss.	3,404	3,403	3,418	3,418	3,483
9400-00	Bixby Memorial Library	52,559	52,559	61,050	61,050	61,050
	TOTAL	**83,767**	**82,719**	**89,848**	**89,848**	**91,129**
	Public Safety (Fire Protection & Police)					
9392-54	Law Enforcement	25,000	13,278	25,000	25,000	15,000
9393-55	Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Dept. Cont.	68,625	68,625	68,625	68,625	70,465
9000-92	Fire Truck Payment	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
9394-55.05	Vergennes Fire Department - Contract	52,559	54,600	57,800	57,800	59,782
9395-55.10	Vergennes Fire Department - Extra	2,000	1,848	2,000	2,000	2,000
9395-60	Vergennes Area Rescue Squad	18,040	18,040	18,083	18,083	18,083
	TOTAL	**196,224**	**186,391**	**201,508**	**201,508**	**195,330**

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	BUDGET 7/1/16-6/30/17	ACTUAL 7/1/16 - 6/30/17	BUDGET 7/1/17-6/30/18	PROJECTED 7/1/17-6/30/18	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/18-6/30/19
	Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations					
9980-56.05	Homeward Bound (A.C. Humane Soc)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
9983-56.25	Addison County Transit Resources	2,412	2,412	3,100	3,100	3,100
9980-56.00	H O P E	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
9981-56.10	A. C. Restorative Justice Services	800	800	800	800	800
9982-56.10	A. C. Economic Development Corp.	500	500	500	500	500
9983-56.15	A. C. Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	2,983	2,983	2,983	2,983	2,983
9979-56.00	Addison County Parent/Child Center	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
9979-56.10	Addison County Readers, Inc.	600	600	600	600	600
9998-56.30	A. C. River Watch Collaborative	500	500	500	500	500
9985-56.25	Am. Legion - Memorial Day Observ.	300	300	300	300	300
9979-56.55	Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	500	500	500	500	500
9987-56.35	Age Well (C. V. Agency of Aging)	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
9998-56.95	CHS Open Door Clinic	400	400	400	400	400
9981-56.05	Counseling Service of Addison County	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650
9988-56.40	Elderly Services, Inc.	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
9981-56.15	Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	500	500	500	500	500
9998-56.40	Gage Cemetery Association	1,500	750	2,500	3,250	2,500
9990-56.50	Green Up Vermont	150	150	150	150	150
9991-56.60	Hospice Volunteer Services	250	250	500	500	500
9992-56.65	Graham Emergency Shelter Service	825	825	825	825	825
9998-56.10	Lewis Creek Association	500	500	500	500	500
9998-56.65	N. Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	2,500	1,250	2,500	3,750	2,500
9993-56.70	Otter Creek Nat. Res. Conserv. Dist.	275	275	275	275	275
9994-56.75	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	210	210	210	210	210
9994-56.76	Rokeby Museum	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
9998-56-50	Union Cemetery Association	2,400	1,200	2,400	3,600	2,400
9998.56.60	Vergennes Summer Rec. Program	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
9996-56.85	Vermont Adult Learning	785	785	785	785	785
9997-56.90	Vt. Center for Independent Living	250	250	250	250	250
9984-56.20	WomenSafe	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
	TOTALS	**30,840**	**27,640**	**32,778**	**35,978**	**31,778**

Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2018

Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) - $500
ACEDC has been serving the Ferrisburgh community for over twenty years. ACEDC is Ferrisburgh's economic development resource. It offers expertise and resources to businesses throughout Addison County. It also serves the neighboring communities where Ferrisburgh residents may work or own businesses. Its mission is to be the resource for navigating opportunities and challenges for new and existing businesses in Addison County. It does this through direct assistance, as with revolving loan funds, and through its networks of partners and collaborators locally and at the state level. Some of the most important work it does is connecting people to the resources they need. One of ACEDC's loans was made to Vermont Custom Rug, which moved its business to Ferrisburgh in 2016.

Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc. - $2,983
Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc. is a community focused non-profit home healthcare agency. It provides an array of services that enable our neighbors to receive care in their own homes, where they are the most comfortable and often experience the best quality of life. Eighty-three Ferrisburgh residents were served with 4,671 visits in 2017.

Addison County Parent & Child Center (PCC) - $1,600
The PCC helps families access their children's physical and cognitive development and provides support services if needed. It also offers consultation and support to families and childcare providers around young children's social, emotional and behavioral development. Playgroups are offered around the county to promote social interactions for children and parents. All families with newborns are offered Welcome Baby bags and visits to introduce them to available services in the county. Follow-up supports are available for those who request it. Approximately 123 Ferrisburgh residents received service in 2017.

Addison County Readers, Inc. - $600
Addison County Readers, Inc. is an entirely volunteer non-profit organization that sponsors Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The program mails free books monthly to preschool (ages 0-5) children in Addison County. In December 2017, 68 children in Ferrisburgh were receiving books through the program. More than half of the parents reported that they read to their children more as a result of the program.

Addison County Restorative Justice Services - $800
Addison County Restorative Justice Services provides a community restorative justice response focusing on the "balanced approach" in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the offender. The goal is to help the offender develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims, and compensation of resources for the community. Everyone given the opportunity to participate in either the Court Diversion programs or the Community Justice Projects has a chance to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way and learn from the experience. Seventeen individuals from the town of Ferrisburgh were served through the 8 different programs in FY 2017.

Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2018 (cont'd.)

Addison County River Watch Collaborative (ACRWC) - $500
For each of the past fourteen years, the voters of the town of Ferrisburgh have contributed $500 to the funding of Addison County River Watch. Nine other towns in the county contribute similar amounts. ACRWC's annual cash budget is approximately $12,000. Non-cash donated services, including the processing and analyzing of our water samples by the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation's laboratory, are valued at about $45,000. This past spring/summer the collaborative took monthly samples at five locations in Ferrisburgh: four in the Little Otter Creek Watershed and one on Lewis Creek. Results are expected to be finalized by early spring, when it will deliver copies to our Conservation Commission for review. Volunteers donated approximately 120 hours of their time to River Watch sampling at the stations in 2017.

Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) - $3,100
ACTR provides significant services to dozens of "transportation disadvantaged" Ferrisburgh residents. During the past four years, the town's financial support has helped the Dial-A-Ride System provide a yearly average of 1,630 free door-to-door rides foe Ferrisburgh residents, either by ACTR volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles, including ACTR-owned vehicles operated by Elderly Services, Inc. Ferrisburgh residents have direct access to Burlington via the GMT/ACTR Link Bus services. Riders coming into Vergennes have access to an extensive shuttle bus system that can take them around town, connect them to Bristol, Middlebury or the Snow Bowl and link them to Rutland. State and Federal grants through which ACTR provides these rides require that ACTR raise up to 20% of the cost of the programs through "local match" dollars. All of ACTR's transportation programs enable our riders to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services.

Age Well - $1,100
For more than 40 years, Age Well has provided services and support that allow seniors to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be. Age Well is the expert in promoting independence, dignity and choice for seniors in our diverse towns and communities. Thanks to past support from the town of Ferrisburgh, Age Well has been able to offer care and service coordination, Meals on Wheels, community meals, wellness programs, social activities, transportation services, expertise on Medicare, insurance, and long and short-term care options.

American Legion – Vergennes Post # 14 - $300
Plans are underway for the annual observance of Memorial Day which will be observed on Monday, May 28, 2018. As in past years, Vergennes Post # 14 will assume responsibility for decorating the graves of all veterans buried in the town of Ferrisburgh. The donation will also help fund the annual Memorial Day Parade.

Boys & Girls Club - $500
The club serves more than 500 youth every year through after school programs at our club facility in the City of Vergennes as well as through outreach activities in partnership with local schools and organizations and community events. In February 2017, Boys & Girls Club started a dinner program and served over 400 meals a month. Club staff and volunteers provide support and informal guidance for youth in grades 4 through 12 through programs and activities in five core areas: Character & Leadership Development, Education & Career Development, Health & Life Skills, The Arts, and Sports, Fitness & Recreation.

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Community Health Services of Addison County - Open Door Clinic - $400
Open Door Clinic provides access to healthcare services, free of charge, to those uninsured and underinsured individuals that meet financial eligibility guidelines; services are provided in a compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive manner until a permanent healthcare provider can be established. The clinic served 41 Ferrisburgh residents through 61 medical visits, 21 dental visits, and 13 consults and case management services.

Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc. - $1,650
During fiscal year 2017, the Counseling Service provided 27,384 hours of service to residents from the town of Ferrisburgh, who had mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability needs. The service provides a broad array of vitally needed mental health services to children, adolescents, adults and families facing challenges and crises in their lives. It also provides assistance to individuals living with developmental disabilities as well as their families, people with severe and persistent mental illness, people dealing with substance abuse problems, elderly people suffering from depression, anxiety and other mental health issues and the entire community, through educational programs and special events.

Elderly Services, Inc. - $1,100
In the past year, 221 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at Project Independence Adult Day Center, four of whom were residents of Ferrisburgh. Ferrisburgh residents received a total of 557 hours of care, 204 hot meals and approximately 226 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency $8,739 for direct services to Ferrisburgh residents. In addition, many Ferrisburgh seniors were students at ESI College for Lifelong Learning Center. Ferrisburgh residents have volunteered and two Ferrisburgh residents are on staff. Many family caregivers received respite and peace of mind.

Friends of the Vergennes Opera House - $500
The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to preserve the historic Vergennes Opera House as a center for the presentation of the arts and other activities that promote and celebrate a sense of community. The Opera House serves a population of over 20,000 people from Addison County and beyond. It is a vibrant cultural and community center.

Gage Cemetery - $2,500
Gage Cemetery Association appreciates the generosity of the taxpayers of Ferrisburgh for the allocation of money to help provide maintenance to the cemetery. This money helps the cost of keeping the cemetery maintained during the grass growing season. As is the case in many cemeteries, we are finding it difficult to maintain a level balance in our maintenance fund due to decreasing lot sales and increasing maintenance costs. Thank you for your support in keeping Gage Cemetery looking great.

Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2018 (cont'd.)

Green Up Vermont - $150
Green Up Day marked its 47th Anniversary in 2017 with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Since Green Up Vermont is not a state agency, its success depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. People can choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form. You can visit the website at www.greenupvermont.org. Financial support will continue this unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride.

Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE) - $2,000
HOPE seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE provides significant goods and services to people in need, including food, clothing, housing, heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs and more. The organization works to assist people in accessing information and developing new skills in order to become more empowered and have healthier and more stable lives. During the 12-month period that ended September 30, 2017, HOPE provided assistance to 58 Ferrisburgh residents. Many of those households were served multiple times with large amounts of funds.

Homeward Bound - $1,000
In FY 2017, Howard Bound served the town of Ferrisburgh by taking 132 stray animals. Those animals were cared for daily, provided with necessary medical attention, and spayed/neutered prior to being placed for adoption. Ten animals were adopted by residents of Ferrisburgh. As the only animal shelter in Addison County it also offers programs and services to meet a wide array of critical animal welfare needs.

Hospice Volunteer Services - $500
During the past year Hospice Volunteer Services provided hospice services, bereavement programs and educational opportunities to the residents of the town of Ferrisburgh. At no cost to individuals it provided 11 hospice or palliative patients with 48 visits and 139 hours of respite care. Three persons received nine hours of grief support. Eight families were invited to the annual Service of Remembrance. Hospice Volunteer Service currently manages a force of 180 trained volunteers for patient care, vigil sitting, bereavement support and Wellspring singers. Four Ferrisburgh residents are currently active hospice volunteers.

John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc. - $825
This year the John Graham Shelter, located on Main Street in Vergennes, marks 37 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals. In 2017, the shelter provided more than 16,000 bed nights of food, shelter, services and hope to more than 300 people, many of whom were children. It provided rapid rehousing to families at its own buildings in Vergennes, Middlebury, and Bristol and at many scattered sites. The shelter helped dozens of families find permanent housing and employment and provided counseling, case management and support services that helped people take the next step in their lives. Visit their website at www.johngrahamshelter.org for more information.

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Lewis Creek Association (LCA) - $500
Thanks to Ferrisburgh's annual financial support, LCA continues to monitor water quality trends, wildlife habitat, and river corridor conditions while pursuing restoration and conservation opportunities in Ferrisburgh and nearby watershed towns. By keeping track of natural resource conditions in Ferrisburgh, the town can understand Ferrisburgh's local resource conditions over time, document them in Ferrisburgh's Town Plan, and determine goals and strategies based upon actual field assessments and studies. This past year, LCA participated in many projects including a water quality stewardship program for lake edge towns highlighting the Lake Champlain shoreline. The association is increasing its understanding of invasive plant control needs in Ferrisburgh's lower Lewis Creek area.

North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association - $2,500
This request will help cover the cost of maintenance of the cemetery and mowing during the grass growing season.

Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCD) - $275
The Otter Creek NRCS has been serving the land use needs of the landowners of Addison County since 1941. They were organized and partially funded by the State of Vermont to furnish free technical assistance to landowners in order to bring about proper land use and treatment. The district continues to receive token administrative funds from the state; however, it is the yearly contribution from Addison County towns that enables the district to maintain its services to farmers, landowners, towns, businesses and schools.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) - $210
Ferrisburgh senior citizens took advantage of RSVP's free income tax return preparation services and free osteoporosis prevention classes. In addition, any Ferrisburgh resident who received assistance from a local service organization benefited from the work RSVP volunteers do throughout the area. Examples include community members at risk of hunger who received free, nutritious meals at meal sites where members volunteer, or residents who received free transportation services from volunteers who drive for Meals on Wheels and Addison County Transit Resources. Through RSVP, nine Ferrisburgh residents volunteered 3,000 hours to support the community.

Rokeby Museum - $1,000
In 2017, Rokeby Museum welcomed many students including elementary students from Ferrisburgh. All students left with a new understanding of the Underground Railroad and the critical role Vermonters played. Plans for the 2018 season include launching a family activity center to be a resource for area preschools, play groups and families. Funds from Ferrisburgh will help support this project, and welcome Ferrisburgh residents to visit anytime.

Union Cemetery Association - $2,400
This request will help cover the cost of maintenance of the cemetery and mowing during the grass growing season.

Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2018 (cont'd.)

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) - $785
In FY 2017, Vermont Adult Learning provided services to 1,780 individuals statewide, three of whom were residents of Ferrisburgh. VAL offers a variety of individual learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. Areas of focus include reading, writing, math, GED testing, high school diploma and English as a second language. Instruction is available to students with a GED or diploma who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes. VAL works with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment.

Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) - $250
In FY 2017, VCIL responded to over 3,000 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors provided one-on-one peer counseling to 358 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and 13 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program assisted 165 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 95 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. The Sue Williams Freedom Fund provided 98 individuals with information on assistive technology; 45 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. Five hundred thirty-four individuals had meals delivered through their Meals on Wheels program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

WomenSafe, Inc. - $1,250
During FY 2017, WomenSafe, Inc. served at least 14 residents of Ferrisburgh and the parents of at least 14 children who were exposed to violence. Often victims choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their safety and that of their children. Therefore, statistics for those served in any given town are underestimated. Your contribution would be used to support the services provided to our service users, such as our hotline, supervised visitation program, education and outreach, and transitional housing support with victims of domestic and sexual violence.

TOWN MEETING
WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Ferrisburgh are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Ferrisburgh Central School, in said town, on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business. NOTE: Polls for Australian ballot voting will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 2: Will the town authorize the town Treasurer to collect current taxes?

ARTICLE 3: Will the town approve an increase in the Highway Contingency Fund in the amount of $10,000 per year for a total appropriation of $ 40,000 per year?

ARTICLE 4: Will the town authorize the purchase of a loader in an amount not to exceed $115,000, all or a portion of which shall be financed over a period not to exceed five years?

ARTICLE 5: Will the town approve total general fund expenditures of $1,935,567, of which $1,507,142 shall be raised by taxes and $428,425 by non-tax revenue for the 2018-2019 Selectboard Budget, excluding any other amounts authorized by the voters? Total expenditures will be increased by any separate articles voted independently.

ARTICLE 6: Will the voters of the Town approve the following appropriations for the agencies listed below:

Addison County Restorative Justice	$ 800.00
Addison County Transit Resources	3,100.00
HOPE (Formerly ACCAG)	2,000.00
Addison County Economic Development Corporation	500.00
Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	2,983.00
Addison County Parent Child Center	1,600.00
Addison County Readers, Inc.	600.00
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	500.00
American Legion - Memorial Day Observation	300.00
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	500.00
Age Well (Champlain Valley Agency on Aging)	1,100.00
Community Health Services Open Door Clinic	400.00
Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	1,650.00
Elderly Services, Inc.	1,100.00
The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	500.00
Gage Cemetery Association	2,500.00
Green Up Vermont	150.00
Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	1,000.00
Hospice Volunteer Services	500.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	825.00
Lewis Creek Association	500.00
North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	2500.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	275.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	210.00
Rokeby Museum	1,000.00
Union Cemetery	2,400.00
Vermont Adult Learning	785.00

Vermont Center for Independent Living	250.00
Women Safe	1250.00
TOTAL	**$31,778.00**

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting at this time.

At the close of the above business, the meeting shall be recessed until March 6, 2018 at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall to vote by Australian ballot on the following matters, to wit:

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 8: To elect Town Officers.

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dated at Ferrisburgh, Vermont this 24rd day of January 2018.

Loretta Lawrence, Chair

James Benoit

Steve Gutowski

Michael Muir

Rick Ebel

Received for record this 24th day of January 2018.

Gloria Warden, Town Clerk

OFFICES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT
March 6, 2018

Moderator – 1-year term
Town Agent – 1-year term
Town Grand Juror – 1-year term
Auditor – 3-year term
Lister – 3-year term
Rogers & Hazard Fund Trustee – 2-year term
First Constable – 1-year term
Select board – 2-year term
Select board – 3-year term
ANWSD School Director –3-year term
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