

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VT.
For the Year Ending December 31, 2019



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, February 29, 2020**

Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3

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

Carl Cole: Carl is resigning from the board of listers after serving for 33 years. These are the other boards that he served on over the years: Town School Board 1973–1981, Union High School Board 1982–1983, planning commission 1971–1980 and zoning board of adjustment 1970. Carl was also involved in many other roles through the years, most recently on the town buildings maintenance committee.

Rick Ebel: Rick has been on the selectboard since March of 2017 and will be stepping down March 2020, after doing a great job serving as chair the last two years.

Elisse Gebo: Elisse served as ballot clerk for many years. She could always be relied on when we needed a hand, and you could always get a good story and a laugh from her.

Danielle Licursi: Danielle served as auditor from May of 2018 to March of 2019.

John Medenwald: The conservation commission lost a longtime member when John resigned from the board this past fall. He served from 1995–2019.

Keith Wagner: Keith served on the planning commission from 2008–2009 and again from 2012–2019.

Gloria Warden: Gloria served as town clerk from March 2014 until her retirement in December of 2019.

We would like to thank all of the above townspeople for the many hours of service that they give; we could not do it without them.

Cover Story

Edwin Royce, on farm horse called “Snip,” with Lassie #1, about 1942. Edwin operated the Folsom Farm on Fuller Mountain Road, near the intersection with Four Winds Road. He lived on Four Winds Road where Katie and Mike Quinn now live.
Photo courtesy of Katie Quinn

DEDICATION OF TOWN REPORT



Carl E. Bull

The 2019 Town Report is dedicated to the memory of Carl Bull, who served as highway commissioner for about nine years. Carl was born in Monkton in 1924, the son of Delbert and Henrietta Bull. Growing up he farmed in Monkton, Charlotte and Ferrisburgh with his father. He was a World War II veteran and an original member of the North Ferrisburgh Fire Department.

Carl married Ruth Jerger in 1946, and they raised four children together in their big farmhouse on Dakin Road. Elderly relatives and people in need were always welcome. From 1957 through 1966, Carl was the highway commissioner for the town and drove the famous Walter truck and snowplow. After that job, Carl spent many years as an independent trucker driving throughout New England and was driving into his 80's.

When Carl was not working you would find him chatting at the kitchen table with Ruth and visitors or working on his antique cars. He was humble, always had a kind word and was extremely proud of his family. We were fortunate to have him working for the town keeping the roads clear and our town residents safe.

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.
- **Conservation Commission** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM (No meetings in July and August.)
- **Historical Society** meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM.
- **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.



Edie Smith, Dorothy Folsom Melby and Marion Folsom gathering shagbark nuts on the Folsom Farm in fall of 1944 — *courtesy of Katie Quinn*

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<u>TOWN OFFICERS</u>		<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
MODERATOR	Bill Clark	(1 Year Term)	2020
TOWN CLERK	Pamela Cousino	(3 Year Term)	2020 App't.
TOWN TREASURER	Deborah Healey	(3 Year Term)	2020 App't.
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/TREAS.	Laurie Curler	(3 Year Term)	2020 App't.
SELECTBOARD	Rick Ebel	(3 Year Term)	2020
	Jessica James	(2 Year Term)	2020
	Michael "Red" Muir	(3 Year Term)	2021
	James Benoit	(2 Year Term)	2021
	Clark Hinsdale	(3 Year Term)	2022
ROAD FOREMAN	John Bull	Appointed	
ROAD CREW	Paul Bodington	Appointed	
	Corey Collette	Appointed	
	Reilly LaBerge	Appointed	
	Aaron Schondube	Appointed	
LISTERS	Carl Cole, Chair	(3 Year Term)	2020
	Brian Goodyear	(3 Year Term)	2021
	Joe Blasius	(3 Year Term)	2022
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Bonnie Barnes	Appointed	2020
AUDITOR	Andrew Dombek	(3 Year Term)	2020 App't.
	Walter E. Reed II	(3 Year Term)	2020
	Brian Goodyear	(3 Year Term)	2020 App't.
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	Christopher Campbell	Appointed	2020
FIRST CONSTABLE	Vacancy	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't
CIVIL DEFENSE CHAIRMAN	William Wager	Appointed	
TOWN AGENT	Bessie Sessions	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.
UNIFIED SCHOOL DIRECTOR	Laurie Gutowski	(4 Year Term)	2020
	Bill Clark	(2 Year Term)	2020 App't.
	Kristina MacKulin	(3 Year Term)	2021
	George Gardner	(3 Year Term)	2022
ROGERS & HAZARD FUND TRUSTEES	Pennie Beach	(2 Year Term)	2020
	Sally Torrey	(2 Year Term)	2021
ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE	Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.
	David Olson	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.
ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES	Tim Davis	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.
	Arabella Holzapfel	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.
	Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.
	Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.
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<u>TOWN OFFICERS</u>		<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>	
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMM (TAC)	Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.	
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2-year terms)	Steve Alexander	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Judy Chaves	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Art Cohn	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Norton Davis	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Lissa Gebo	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Chris Kayhart	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Judith Mace	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Chris McClain	(2 Year Term)	2021	
PLANNING COMMISSION (Appointed – 4-year terms)	Jean Richardson	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Joe Rivers	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	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	
	Anne Cohn	(4 Year Term)	2022	
	Arabella Holzapfel	(4 Year Term)	2022	
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (Appointed – 3-year terms)	Michael Quinn	(4-year Term)	2023	
	Kristen DeBellis	(4 Year Term)	2023	
	Bessie Sessions	(4 Year Term)	2023	
	Michael Delaney	(3 Year Term)	2020	
	David Mentzer	(3 Year Term)	2020	
	Rayne Herzog	(3 Year Term)	2021	
	Norman Smith, Chair	(3 Year Term)	2021	
	Robert Beach	(3 Year Term)	2022	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Appointed – 4-year terms – Advisory)	John Paul	(3 Year Term)	2022	
	Katie Quinn	(3 Year Term)	2022	
	Craig Heindel	(4 Year Term)	2020	
	Dennis Armell	(4 Year Term)	2021	
	Karen Pettersen	(4 Year Term)	2021	
	Amy Dohner	(4 Year Term)	2022	
	Jen Cirillo	(4 Year Term)	2022	
Jadzia Hannon-Moonstone	(4 Year Term)	2023		
FENCE VIEWERS	Ron DeBellis	(4 Year Term)	2023	
	Ronald Kampner	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.	
	Sheri Arroyo	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.	
TREE WARDEN	425-2130	Art Cohn	(1 Year Term)	2020 App't.
FIRE WARDEN	877-3564	Michael Coyle	(5 Year Term)	2022 App't.
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	233-7068	Jaimeelyn Gaboriault	Appointed	
HEALTH OFFICER	233-7068	Jaimeelyn Gaboriault	(3 Year Term)	2020 App't.
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER	877-3002	Kristin DeBellis	(3 Year Term)	2020 App't.

TOWN OFFICERS

TERM

EXPIRES

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

Representative Diane Lanpher – Vergennes

Senator Ruth Hardy – Middlebury

Representative Matt Birong – Vergennes



A young Benedict Ball in North Ferrisburgh, about 1890 — *courtesy of Ferrisburgh Historical Society*

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2019

Town officials present: Selectboard members: Chair Rick Ebel, Steve Gutowski, Jim Benoit and Jessica James; Town Clerk Gloria Warden; Road Foreman John Bull; Town Treasurer Deborah Healey and Assistant Town Clerk Pam Cousino

Troop Leader Randy Gates and Boy Scouts from Troop 539 were present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Representative Diane Lanpher spoke quickly being happy to report that the relationship between the Governor's office and the legislature has improved dramatically. While campaigning she heard about the most pressing issues being affordability, how to deal with the environment and housing. They are taking a multiyear look at what we need to do for the future. She is still on the house appropriations committee. Matt Birong then spoke about being on the General Housing & Military Affairs committee. There are some bills regarding labor, including family leave, minimum wage and the renewal of the housing bond at about \$35 million dollars. One project about ready to break ground is in Vergennes and it will help low income Seniors and medium income families. He spoke about the fact that FDA restrictions for industrial hemp have been removed. Working on a bill for first responders because of the fact that it is getting difficult to find new people to fill those slots with a lot of people aging out. Loretta Lawrence asked about the statewide health contract for teachers that is to take effect July of 2020. Matt Birong referred the question to Diane Lanpher. She mentioned that there is a statewide team that will be negotiating those contracts in the future.

Rick Ebel presented a plaque to retiring Select Board member Steve Gutowski thanking him for his many years of volunteer service to the town.

ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of the Town Officers.

Tom Spencer moved to open the article and John Paul seconded. Arabella Holzapfel spoke about the need to be able to keep money for the zoning by-laws rewrite each year that doesn't get used during the budget year.

Rick Ebel quickly went over the selectboard report that is in this year's town report. Rick Kerschner asked about the status of the Vermont Greenline. Rick Ebel mentioned that it is on hold right now and that Vermont Greenline is working on proposals for other projects. The committee is still intact in case anything new comes up.

Rick Ebel then thanked all of the town employees for their hard work and dedication.

Patty Paul asked about the purchase and sale agreements on the Route 7 & 22A property. The response was that there are no active buyers right now but the property is still for sale at this time.

Arabella Holzapfel then thanked the Selectboard for dealing with the Sand Road dog issue, noting that that person has moved to another town.

A vote was then called to accept the reports of the Town Officers and it passed unanimously.

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

Lou McLaren moved to open the article and Peter Markowski seconded. There was no discussion and the article was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: Will the town vote to collect taxes 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 4:00 p.m. on the due date?

Gail Blasius moved and Jim Warden seconded to open the article. Lou McLaren asks about online bill pay. Deb Healey, the town Treasurer explains that we will be using online bill pay starting next month and that when the tax bills go out in July there will be an insert explaining how it works. Marsha Hoffman thanked everyone in the town office for a good audit. Joe Blasius asks why a postmark is no longer accepted. Deb Healey explains that the town learned in 2015 that it was never voted on to accept postmarks, so the Selectboard stopped accepting them. The town could vote to change it back in the future. It is much easier and cleaner to only accept taxes by 4:00 p.m. on the due date. Tom Spencer notes that auto debit has no fee and is pulled out of your account automatically every quarter, no matter where you might be. The article was passed.

ARTICLE 4: Will the voters authorize the purchase of a medium duty low profile truck with a plow mount and sander in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed 5 years?

Aaron Collette moved and Peter Markowski seconded the article. Loretta Lawrence asks John Bull, the Road Foreman to explain the article. John reports that it is to replace a 2001 truck with a little heavier truck. The last three years they have put about \$6,000 into the truck each year and it's not worth repairing anymore. This medium duty truck not only has its own route in the wintertime but it is also instrumental for construction projects in the warmer months. Patty Paul asks how many trucks the town has. John replies that there are 6 in constant service and one backup. The Moderator notes that the equipment list is on page 60 of the town report. The article passes with no nay votes.

ARTICLE 5: Will the town approve total general fund expenditures of \$2,064,845, of which \$1,640,820 shall be raised by taxes and \$424,025 by non-tax revenue for the 2019-2020 Selectboard Budget, excluding any other amounts authorized by the voters? Total expenditures will be increased by any separate articles voted independently.

Chris Kayhart moved to open the article, seconded by Richard Kerschner. Lou McLaren asked what the amount of increase was from last year to this year. Rick Ebel stated that it was 3.26%. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Addison County Restorative Justice	\$ 800
Addison County Transit Resources	3,517

HOPE (Formerly ACCAG)	2,000
Addison County Economic Development Corporation	500
Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	2,983
Addison County Parent Child Center	1,600
Addison County Readers, Inc.	600
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	500
American Legion - Memorial Day Observation	300
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	500
Age Well (Champlain Valley Agency on Aging)	1,100
Community Health Services Open Door Clinic	400
Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	1,650
Elderly Services, Inc.	1,100
The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	500
Gage Cemetery Association	2,500
Green Up Vermont	150
Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	1,000
Hospice Volunteer Services	500
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	825
Lewis Creek Association	500
North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	2500
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	275
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	210
Rokeby Museum	1,000
Union Cemetery	2,400
Vermont Adult Learning	785
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250
Women Safe	<u>1250</u>

TOTAL**\$32,195**

The moderator explains that this can be voted on as one article or that each one can be voted separately. Carl Cole moves to open the article and to vote all items as one, seconded by Elisse Gebo. Patty Paul moved to increase Hospice Volunteer Services from \$500 to \$1000, seconded by Chris McClain. Rick Ebel explains that each year people requesting funding through town voted authorizations must submit a letter requesting the same amount as the prior year in order to receive funding. If they want to increase the amount, a petition must be signed by five percent of the voters in order to receive the increase. Arabella Holzapfel asks what the differences are between Hospice Volunteer Services and Addison County Home Health and Hospice. Patty Paul explains that Hospice Volunteer Services is volunteer and not covered by Medicare and Medicaid and that they get most of their funds from the United Way and some funding from working with Home Health and Hospice. The Moderator calls for a vote on the amendment. The amendment did not pass. Kim Horning-Marcy notes that the John Graham Emergency Shelter Service has changed its name to John Graham Shelter. There is no further discussion and the article passes unanimously.

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

Bob Feuerstein asked about the policy for painting center lines on the town roads. John Bull replies that the plan is for most of the roads to have a center line this year. Norm Smith remarks that there will be two vacancies on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Jean Richardson mentions there are currently no women on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and she would like to encourage some women to step forward to fill those vacancies. Randy Gates asks where the Bixby Library appropriation is in the town budget and was there an increase from last year. Steve Gutowski notes that is on page 66 and that there was no increase this year. Rick Kerschner thanks whoever puts the pictures in the town report. Gail Kerschner asks that old photos be given to the Historical Society either for them to keep or to scan and return. Bob Feuerstein asks if there are any goals in the town plan regarding housing. Arabella Holzapfel talks about the clay soil which inhibits septic capacity and conserved land in town which cuts down on building. Carl Cole mentions that no one has quantified it, it just happens. Growth is incremental based on several factors including septic capacity. Lou McLaren shares that when she was at the school district annual meeting they predicted that there will be 100 fewer students in the 25/26 year from our school district. Some of that is due to limited housing. Matt Vogel wanted to thank the town for providing "I Voted" stickers. Jim Warden mentions that it might make sense to keep the Route 7 and 22A land since we no longer need that money to pay off the Sisters house, which is located next to the town hall. Nick Thomann wanted to know what the benefit was to selling that land. Jim Warden remarks that it was to pay for the Sisters property purchase.

The Moderator asks for a motion to adjourn. Arabella Holzapfel moved to adjourn, Patty Paul seconded. The meeting is adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

At the close of business, the meeting was recessed until Tuesday, March 5, 2018 7 am -7 pm at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall to vote by Australian ballot on the following matters, to wit:

OFFICES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT
March 5, 2019

Moderator – 1-year term
First Constable – 1-year term
Town Agent – 1-year term
Town Grand Juror – 1-year term
Auditor – 3-year term
Auditor – 2 years of 3-year term

Select board – 2-year term
Select board – 3-year term
Unified School Director – 3-year term
Rogers & Hazard Trustee – 2-year term
Lister – 3-year term

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

Respectfully submitted,



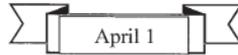
Pam Cousino
Ass't. Town Clerk/Treasurer



Bill Clark
Moderator



Rick Ebel
Selectboard Chair



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

IF APPLICABLE TO THE WORK
FOR WHICH THIS INVOICE IS
ISSUED AND FORWARDED BY MAIL,
PLEASE RETURN THIS INVOICE
TO THE SUPPLIER WITH
YOUR REMITTANCE CHECK.

Mr. Town of Ferrisburgh
Ferrisburgh, Vermont
\$ 6975.00 MONTH OF January 19 34

CASELLINI-VENABLE CORPORATION
MACHINERY, QUARRY, MILL AND CONTRACTOR SUPPLIES
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DEPOT SQUARE
BARRE, VT.

DATE	NO.	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCE
29	1055	To- 1 F.M. Walter Truck 100 HP with C.T. Plow, Wing & Dump Body	7525 00		
		Allowance for 1 International Truck	550 00		6975 00
Terms: \$3000.00 paid on delivery 3975.00 balance by note					

MONTH OF January 1934 CASSELLINI-VENABLE CORP.

Invoice for the Walter truck with snowplow, purchased in 1934, that was used through the mid-1960s.
— courtesy of Chet Hawkins

BIRTHS



<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>BABY'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENT'S NAMES</u>
January 2, 2019	Olivia Rose Langlais	Cassie Kowalski Kevin Langlais
January 2019	Lilah Hume	Christen Campbell Dustin Hume
January 2019	Elijah Malaney	Victoria Malaney Aaron Malaney
January 2019	Evan Kanetzky	Courtney Kanetzky Jeffrey Kanetzky
February 2019	Kiera Hammond	Kelli Hammond Brandon Hammond
February 2019	Mark Jimenez-Gonzalez	Roxana Gonzalez-Arenas Marcos Jimenez-Trinidad
March 2019	Andy Vincent	Morgan Vincent Jon-Taylor Vincent
April 2019	Elise Benoit	Katie Benoit Shawn Benoit
April 2019	Zoey Preston	Hannah Preston Dylan Preston
May 2019	Cassius Licursi	Alexis Licursi Danielle Licursi
May 2019	Kai Rampone	Nichole Rampone David Rampone Jr.
May 2019	Elijah Provost	Sara Morrill Nathan Provost
May 2019	Haven Sanborn	Peggy Perrin

<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>BABY'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENT'S NAMES</u>
July 2019	Ellianna Berry	Carissa Berry Richard Berry
July 2019	Dahlia Clear	Katherine Clear Rolf Humburg
July 2019	Nieve Pfeifer	Katherine Pfeifer Adam Pfeifer
July 2019	Louisa Seeley	MacKenzie Seeley Joseph Seeley
July 2019	Colton Fleming	Jessica Laughlin Evan Fleming
August 2019	August Furmanchin	Shannon Anderson Ryan Furmanchin
August 2019	Harper Blacklock	Maia Blacklock Logan Blacklock
August 2019	Hawthorne Versnick	Sarah Stolzenburg Paul Versnick
August 2019	Sy Francescutti	Lindsay Francescutti Anthony Francescutti
September 2019	Kolbe Johnson	Karrinne Johnson Benjamin Johnson
September 2019	Kelvin Tower	Cody Martin Kevin Tower
October 2019	Zora Marcotte	Carolynn Marcotte Stephen Marcotte
October 2019	Payson Larrow	Natalie Salley William Larrow Jr.
November 2019	Amos Roorda	Jamie Roorda Steven Roorda

CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Town</u>
February 2019	Kenneth Villeneuve Aubrey Choquette	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
March 2019	Lyn Billings Hope Mac Jarrett	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
May 2019	James Hatch Lucy Van Dyk	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
June 2019	David Sweeney Stephanie Praamsma	Illinois Ferrisburgh
June 2019	Brittany Nolan Ryan Sheehan	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
June 2019	David McCluskey Eve-Lynn Savarese	North Ferrisburgh North Ferrisburgh
July 2019	Alexandria Costas-Morrissey Taylor Gingras	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
July 2019	Stephanie Owen Eddy Hurlburt	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
July 2019	Tammy Evans Castel Edwards	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
July 2019	Otto Magdanz Annie Murawski	Massachusetts Massachusetts
July 2019	Catherine Lindebaum Jay Decristofaro	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
August 2019	Yusuf Seydanoglu Simay Topcuer	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
August 2019	Mark Brouillard Holly Paquette	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
August 2019	Nicholas Thomann Stacey Stearns	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Town</u>
September 2019	Christine Williams Stephen Williams	North Ferrisburgh Monkton
September 2019	Tricia Danyow John Cole	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
September 2019	Sara Jagielski Paul Athanas	Pennsylvania Pennsylvania
September 2019	Emily Cucciniello David Rainey	New Jersey New Jersey
October 2019	Jennifer Morley Scott Rainville	Massachusetts Massachusetts
October 2019	Carolyn Little Daniel Langevin	Vermont Vermont
November 2019	Joshua Wildman Erin Provost	Missouri Missouri



Mamie Mallory at home in North Ferrisburgh in the old store, where Callie Douglass now lives, immediately east of Old Hollow bridge — *courtesy of Ferrisburgh Historical Society*

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age</u>
Bruce Seaburg	January 2019	83
Angela Abrahamson	January 2019	45
Eric Simendinger	January 2019	27
Gerald Blair	January 2019	63
Anna Palmer	February 2019	87
Kenneth MacHarg	February 2019	65
Thomas Walsh Jr.	March 2019	70
Marie Benoit	March 2019	79
Weston Spooner	April 2019	92
Ray Husk Jr.	April 2019	92
Harold Mishkit	May 2019	92
Florida Douville	May 2019	93
Carl Bull	May 2019	95
Marjorie Crocoll	June 2019	92
Gloria Recupero	June 2019	84
James Cyr	July 2019	75
Robert Brooks	August 2019	72
Carlene Raper	September 2019	94
John Carpenter	October 2019	67
John Evans	October 2019	77

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Age</u>
Francis Moloughney	November 2019	71
Elisse Gebo	November 2019	81
Teresa Eddings	December 2019	62
Linda Bushey	December 2019	57
Donald Myers	December 2019	67
Charles Chamberlain	December 2019	89
Rosemary Scott	December 2019	89



Wilbur Ball's "Old Barns" with horses in North Ferrisburgh, about 1900.
— courtesy of Ferrisburgh Historical Society

Town of Ferrisburgh Select Board Annual Report 2019

Dear Ferrisburgh Residents,

Here is a review of agenda items from your Select Board meetings and activities Board members attended on behalf of the town during 2019. The Board would like to thank all of you who have served the Town through board, committee and commission work.

- Continue communication with residents and Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding safety improvements to US 7/Old Hollow Road/Stage Road intersection.
- Updated personnel policy relative to employee's selection for jury duty.
- Persevere with legal action in respect to extensive tree cutting in the town right of way on Arnold Bay Road.
- Reviewed liquor license renewal applications for various food, lodging and retail establishments operating in Ferrisburgh.
- Hosted meeting with representatives from Senator Leahy, Senator Sanders and Representative Welch's offices to hear concerns from volunteer firefighters and emergency response personnel across Addison County and Southern Chittenden County.
- Set tax rate
- Attend progress and planning meeting hosted by VTrans at Ferrisburgh Rail Station.
- Approved tapping of maple trees on the Town Green by Ferrisburgh Central School students.
- Received presentation from Vergennes Police Chief Merkel for providing law enforcement services to Ferrisburgh.
- Updated Road Safety Policy for organized bicycle, foot race and similar events.
- Received reports and updates from the Building Maintenance Committee regarding the Town Office and Community Center, Fire House, Historical Society Building and Union Meeting Hall.
- Met with Vermont State Police to discuss crime reports and US 7 traffic patrol in Ferrisburgh.
- Met with GroSolar representatives regarding solar array installation near town offices.
- Completed annual appointments to town and county boards and commissions.
- Addressed resolution of quit claim deeds for glebe land.
- Maintain communication with Vermont Greenline Devco regarding direct current transmission line project.
- Maintained contract with Addison County Sheriff's Department for traffic patrols on town roads.
- Addressed littering and parking issues on Basin Harbor Road and Hawkins Road.
- Received updates from Land Use Regulation Update Committee.
- Met with North Ferrisburgh Village Association representatives to foster communication.
- Met with representatives from Long Point Association regarding road maintenance and property issues.

- Permitted USGS to install stream gaging station on upper Little Otter Creek.
- Provided letter of support for the Vergennes Economic Corridor Project
- Addressed Addison Northwest School District consideration to close Ferrisburgh Central School. Facilitated communication with school directors and community members.
- Expressed formal opposition to closure of Ferrisburgh Central School with direct mailing to town residents.
- Represented Ferrisburgh at Vermont League of Cities and Towns Annual Meeting.
- Met with Vergennes City Manager and City Fire Chief to discuss 2020 Fire Protection Agreement.
- Appointed Christopher Campbell as Delinquent Tax Collector.
- Updated Town Hall rental agreement to promote increased use by town residents.
- Accepted with much regret the resignation/retirement of Town Clerk Extraordinaire Gloria Warden.
- Met with Addison County Sheriff Peter Newton to review speed limit survey and identify critical enforcement areas.
- Approved use of Town Forest by Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST).
- Appointed Jean Richardson to the Building Maintenance Committee.
- Recognized Ashley LaFlam for organizing the Friends of the Ferrisburgh Union Meeting Hall.
- Addressed issue of property damage and town right of way relative to snow plowing on Bay Road.
- Appointed Assistant Town Clerk/Assistant Treasurer Pam Cousino as Town Clerk.
- Appointed Brian Goodyear as part-time Lister's Clerk.

There were a total of thirty-two (32) regular and special Select Board meetings held this past year. Regular meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the Town Office Meeting Room. Your voice and vote matters! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 29, Town Meeting, 10:00AM at Ferrisburgh Central School and Tuesday, March 3, Polls open 7:00AM - 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

Sincerely,

Jim Benoit
Rick Ebel, Chair
Clark Hinsdale, Clerk
Jessica James, Vice-Chair
Michael "Red" 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 2019 include:

- Vital statistics recorded: 27 births, 21 marriages and 27 deaths.
- Land records: 2646 pages of land records were received for recording; these include warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, mortgages, mortgage discharges, easements, liens and zoning permits.
- Licenses: 367 dog licenses, 29 applications for liquor licenses and 8 catering licenses, 43 Green Mountain Passports and 67 Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department licenses were issued.
- Notary: 223 notary services were performed.
- Renewals: 65 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: 140 new voters were added to our voter checklist; 106 names were removed. The total voter checklist is 2254.
- Certified copies: Issued 85 certified copies of birth, death and marriage certificates.

The new Vital Records Law (Act 46) went into effect on July 1, 2019. Act 46 significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records: namely, birth and death certificates. The Act determines who may obtain a copy of a birth or death certificate and explains that all individuals requesting a certified copy must complete an application and show valid identification.

We had two elections in 2019; a special thank you to all of our election officials who worked at the polls. We depend on these folks to tend to the details, and keep the day running smoothly. It was also the first time for processing same-day voter registrations.

In August, we hosted an event put on by the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office. It was well attended by clerks from our area of Addison and Chittenden Counties. We learned about the changes and updates to the Vermont Election Management System (VEMS). The system is also where you can register to vote or request an absentee ballot online. 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.

Thank you to Sally Torrey for her volunteer time and to Kristin DeBellis who has given endless hours to help with organization in the vault and any other tasks when we need extra help. Hats off to my co-workers who worked extra hours over the summer when Pam Cousino was out on medical leave: Bonnie Barnes, Kristin DeBellis (volunteer), Deb Healey, Jean Richardson (volunteer) and Jean Silveira. Their help was very much appreciated.

A special thank you to Pam for her work and support throughout the year, and CONGRATULATIONS on being appointed as our new town clerk.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve as your town clerk for the past six years. I want to thank all residents for your support; it has been a privilege to serve our town. I will always cherish all the emails, cards, memories and well wishes for my retirement. I look forward to seeing you around town.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Warden

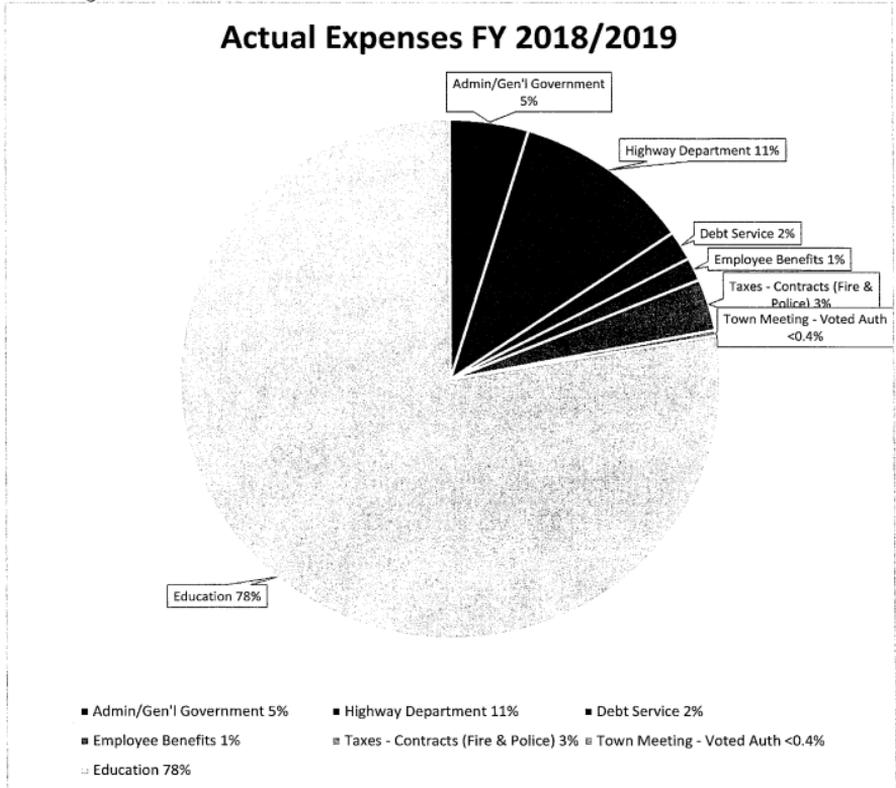
TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

This year's professional audit of the Town's books disclosed no financial issues. We improved the accounting of non-budget funds to show the overall financial position more accurately. Please take the time to read RHR Smith's Management Letter. The Town's financial status is good.

We now have the ability to collect payment for taxes and other services on-line with a credit card or ACH transfer; there is a fee for this service. You can sign up for quarterly tax payment automatic debit and there is no fee for that.

We're happy to welcome our new Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Laurie Curler to the office. I am grateful for the able assistance of Jean Silveira and gratified to have Pam Cousino as our Town Clerk but do miss Gloria Warden.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Deb Healey



2019 Town Highway Report

2019 has been a very busy and eventful year. We completed many projects that were connected both with the new storm water regulations along with our normal construction and maintenance items. The impacts of the changing weather patterns along with a renewed effort to minimize our impact on the environment are two major issues that drive our new policies regarding highway, bridges and culvert maintenance.

We completed the Old Hollow project as planned this year. This \$270,000.00 project was funded by a \$175,000.00 grant from the Vermont Agency of Transportation. This grant not only paid for material but also paid for equipment and labor costs. The final Town of Ferrisburgh costs for this project were \$10,030.00. Another project was to bring Ledge Lane up to the new storm water requirements. We received an \$18,000.00 grant for this project. The cost to the Town was \$978.00 for material with the remainder covering the cost of our equipment and labor.

By using these external funds to repair and upgrade our Highway infrastructure projects we have been allowed to keep our budget level funded for the upcoming year. These projects require a lot of planning, coordinating and paperwork, but in the end they allow us to make major improvements. These cost saving would not be possible without the support of the Selectboard, Town Clerk, Treasurer and the talents of our highway crew. We are fortunate to have such a talented team with the equipment needed to accomplish our goals.

We just completed a highway and culvert survey that will help us create a capitol budget to deal with the new storm water regulations. This also was funded by a grant working in conjunction with Addison County Regional Planning. I'm happy to report that even though we have many miles of connected roads, our work in the past has significantly reduced the areas we will be required to repair.

2020 projects will include improvements to Fuller Mountain Road, Walker Road, and Clark Woods Road. We will continue to remove the shoulder berms on our gravel roads in addition to the normal maintenance that is required. We also intend to continue our efforts to install center lines on all our paved roads. We will be continuing a survey of all the driveway culverts in town so we can get a big picture of the shape of all our inventory and create a timeline and financial plan to accomplish these goals.

Railroad crossing improvements on Monkton Road, Little Chicago Road and Long Point Road progress in the upcoming construction season. These improvements include new lights, cross bars, and signs. These projects will be funded and supervised by the Vermont Agency of Transportation using Federal dollars so Amtrak will be able to serve Burlington, and to improve the safety at these crossings.

Planning is also moving ahead on a new traffic control signal at the Old Hollow, Stage Road and Rt. 7 intersection. Once again, a very talented team from the Vermont Agency of Transportation is designing and overseeing this project. This project will be funded by Federal dollars without any cost to the Town. Projected completion date is in the Fall of 2021.

As 2020 unfolds there are many changes in store for the town. Longtime leader Carl Cole is stepping down as Lister. His knowledge of the history of Ferrisburgh, from the early years of planning to the many years navigating property values will be missed. Gloria Warden our Town Clerk retired in December. A big thank you Gloria for your efforts, we hope you enjoy a long retirement. Rick Ebel our Selectboard chair, thanks Rick for running a great meeting and bringing your insight to the Board. Keith Wagner who helped the Highway Department navigate construction of our Highway garage and the impacts of the Vermont Green Line, and John Medenwald who's knowledge of construction details were an asset on the Conservation Commission. A big thank you to them and also to the new volunteers that will fill their seats. You have some big shoes to fill.

Sadly, three life-long residents, Elise Gebo, August Jerger and Carl Bull left us this year. If asked to describe them in three words it would be "Humble and Kind". It was their influence that not only made Ferrisburgh a great place to live, but also created the person I am today. They not only guided this community by their efforts, but were amazing examples of lives well lived. As we move forward in our efforts to keep our town a great place to live, I hope our new leaders will adopt the values their generation passed down. Those values were fueled by compassion, love, understanding and acceptance. Four things that our world is in desperate need of today.

Thanks to my crew, Paul Bodington, Aaron Schondube, Reilly Laberge and Corey Collette for another successful year maintaining the roads, cemeteries, buildings, and equipment.

Respectively

John W. Bull - Ferrisburgh Highway

Planning Commission Report

Fellow Town Members: The Planning Commission has embarked on the upgrade of the town Zoning Bylaws. This follows the completion and passage of the updated Town Plan.

To begin this process we created a team of town members including folks from the planning, zoning and conservation committees, along with some volunteers that had participated in the Town Plan upgrade. We have named the group the Land Use Regulation Update Committee. This team is being led by Planning Commission member Arabella Holzapfel, with support from Zoning Administrator Bonnie Barnes. Our first step was to hire professional planner Brandy Saxton to review and advise on areas that needed to be updated to reflect changes in state law. She also assessed our current town plan and catalogued the need for revisions to the Zoning Bylaws to coordinate with the current town plan. Brandy worked on our Bylaws the last time they were rewritten.

We have been meeting twice a month for the last six months and are closing in on a first draft. In December 2019 we were notified that we received a Municipal Planning Grant from the State of Vermont for \$8,946 to develop an effective public process to “illustrate how one or two specific locations in Ferrisburgh can be developed into compact, mixed-use neighborhoods by applying site-specific zoning strategies.” As of this writing, we hope to have information at Town Meeting that introduces this grant-funded process. Later this spring, public forums will be held to review the draft and to get a sense of where the community envisions more compact, mixed-use development and what it might look like. Those visions will then be incorporated into the new zoning by-laws.

All Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are on the Ferrisburgh town web site (www.Ferrisburghvt.org). These are the town zoning bylaws and subdivision regulations and it is important that all town members have a say in these endeavors moving forward. Please contact myself or any other Planning Commission member if you have any questions or comments about the process so far. We look forward to seeing you all when these public forums come to fruition.

Sincerely Bob Beach, Chair

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. This past year, two board members resigned, Rayne Herzog and Clark Hinsdale. We will miss their wisdom and input provided during the Board meetings. Two new members have joined the Board, Diane Nadon and Katie Quinn. They have brought new and fresh perspectives to the Board, and we are pleased to have them on the board.

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. In 2019, the Board reviewed 26 applications, including one appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision.

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. The Board also hears appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions.

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 the conservation of rural agricultural land, and protecting land, water, wetland, forests and wildlife resources in the town. The overall purpose is to preserve the quality of life and enhance Ferrisburgh's sense of community.

The town is also undertaking a review of the current Zoning Bylaws. Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment are part of the Committee that is considering changes and revisions to the Bylaws.

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
David Mentzer
Diane Nadon
John Paul
Katie Quinn

Zoning Permit Summary

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
New Houses	7	4	5	7	5
Seasonal to Full Time	1	0	1	0	0
Total New Residences	8	4	6	7	5
Replacement Houses	1	3	1	3	0
House Addition/Renovations	12	8	11	11	14
Accessory Dwelling Unit	5	0	0	4	2
Garage/Barn/Shed	21	19	22	14	14
Additions to Accessory Bldg.	0	4	1	11	2
Commercial	2	1	1	1	1
Decks/Porches/Docks	18	11	11	3	0
Pools/Ponds/Fences	1	5	2	2	1
Solar	3	4	3		
Home Occupation	5	2	0	0	1
Recreation	1	0	0	0	0
Signs	4	2	3	2	4
Certificate of Compliance	42	33	49	58	42
Renewals	1	0	4	5	9
Withdrawn	3	0	3	0	0
Denied	0	0	1	1	0
Amendment	1	0	1	0	2
Boundary Adjustments	2	1	3	2	2
2-Lot Subdivisions	2	2	0	4	1
Sketch Plans	1	6	5	9	5
Preliminary Plats	0	0	2	4	1
Final Plats	0	6	0	0	3
Agricultural/Exempt	7	6	3		
Total Permit Applications*	130*	117	132	143	109
<i>*less than number of structures or uses granted (140), because some permits authorize more than one structure or use.</i>					
Violations	1	2	0	0	1

Zoning Board of Adjustment Summary

Conditional Use	22	6	14	9	8
Variance, Waiver	3	1	0	0	0
Appeals	1	0	0	2	0
Total Number of Hearings	26				

Bonnie Barnes, Zoning Administrator

Town of Ferrisburgh 2019 Listers Report

The Ferrisburgh Listers Annual Assessment work (building permits/land subdivisions, etc.) in 2018-2019 resulted in an increase of the Town's Grand List from \$569,354,882. to \$575,855,409. totaling a \$6,500,527. increase.

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

Town of Ferrisburgh 2019 Building Permits/Maintenance List Inspected late 2018-2019 (through December 31, 2019)		
Category	Number Inspected	Notes
New House Construction	8	3 under construction/5 completed
Garages/Barns/Pole Barns/Sheds/Lean-tos/Fences	38	8 under construction/30 completed
Decks/Porches/Gazebos/Patios	21	3 under construction/18 completed
Renovations/Additions/Duplex Conversion	17	6 under construction/ 11 completed
New Construction Rechecks	25	8 under construction/ 17 completed
Commercial	5	3 under construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Palmers Garage - Cyr's Campground - Town and Country Homes Inc. 2 completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basin Harbor Resort - Peaceful Storage
"Outside Only" follow-up inspections from the 2013 town-wide reappraisal	1	1 interior inspection
Land Subdivisions, Tax Map Changes, Acreage Changes, Surveys, Listers Corrections and Miscellaneous	61	13 new building lots/parcels were created
Total Building Permits, Properties Inspected and Assessment Changes in 2019:	176	

➤ As of April 1, 2019, there were 1,547 properties in the Township of Ferrisburgh. The breakdown by property type was as follows:

- 877 Houses
- 66 Mobile Homes
- 16 Vacation/Seasonal Properties (non-Lake Champlain properties)
- 282 Lake Champlain Properties
- 50 Farms
- 61 Commercial
- 0 Industrial
- 14 Utilities
- 181 Miscellaneous (mostly vacant land)

1,547 Total Properties

- A total of 142 Change of Appraisal Notices for 2019 were mailed out to town property owners.
- Listers informational meetings were held on May 16, 2019 and a total of 5 properties were reviewed. Formal Grievance Hearings were held on May 23, 2019 and June 20, 2019. A total of 24 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, Town Clerk, to be notified of the Grievance Hearing schedule before April 1, 2020.**
- The 24 Listers Grievance appeals were all resolved with the exception of three property owners who appealed to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The BCA Hearings were held in September and October. The BCA's final decisions upheld two of the Listers 2019 assessments. One assessment was reduced by \$ 25,000. The results and details of the BCA Hearings can be reviewed at the Ferrisburgh Town Office. There were two appeals to the State Board of Appraisers submitted in 2019. A 2018 State Board of Appraisers Appeal was settled in 2019.
- A total of 124 building/zoning permits were processed by Bonnie Barnes, the Town Zoning Administrator during 2019.
- 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 Sales 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, 2016 through April 1, 2019.) 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 85% or over 115% 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 20, 2019. **The final Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 99.52% with a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 14.2%.** The new 99.52% CLA showed a decrease over the 102.26% CLA in 2018, indicating an increase in sale prices of the State's sales data analyzed. The Town has requested a redetermination of the CLA by the State Tax Department. In addition, we have noted that the volume of sales transactions in Addison County has begun to decrease as 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 2019-2020 town tax rates are:

Residential:	\$2.0125 per \$100 of assessed value
Non-Residential:	\$1.872 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 9 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 owner or lessee of the solar array 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.

- There were seven (6) listers corrections to the 2019 Grand List approved by the Selectboard.
- 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 2019-2020 assessments and on-going building permit and Grand List 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
Brian Goodyear
-Ferrisburgh Listers-



Wilbur Ball's "Old Barns" with horses in North Ferrisburgh, about 1900.
— *courtesy of Ferrisburgh Historical Society*

Sale Category	Sale 2019	Sales 2018	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	26	40	42	30	26	30	17	21	21	23	16	30	21
Vacant Land	7	3	2	7	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	6	5	8
Commercial	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2
Multi-Family	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SALES	47	29	42	52	34	30	34	22	22	23	24	24	35	31

Town of Ferrisburgh Sales per the Addison County Multiple Listing Service

Town of Ferrisburgh Municipal Tax Rates

Residential Tax Rate			
Year	Common Level of Appraisal (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%
2018	102.26%	\$1.8959	4.02%
2019	99.52%	\$2.0125	6.15%

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	-0.48%
2018	102.26%	\$1.8296	5.73%
2019	99.52%	\$1.8722	2.33%

* 2013 was the last town-wide reappraisal

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission 2019 Annual Report

The Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission continues to focus on three key areas - education, advising, and stewardship. In collaboration with town volunteers and community experts, we've been able to continue to protect and steward Ferrisburgh's vital habitat and natural resources.

Education Programs

In 2019 we hosted 3 education programs: *A Tale of Two Cedars: A Winter Ecology Walk* with Alicia Daniel, Executive Director of the Vermont Master Naturalist Program; *Emerald Ash Borer Workshop* in collaboration with Cliff Mix, Ferrisburgh Tree Warden and Elise Schadler, Technical Assistance Coordinator of the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program; and *Bat Program and Monitor Training* in collaboration with Rokeby Museum and Alyssa Bennett, Vermont State Small Mammals Biologist.



Stewardship & Community-Based Science

Conservation Commission members took a lead in coordinating two important community-based science initiatives. Members coordinated and implemented bat monitoring at 3 sites in town. We also worked together with Cliff Mix [Tree Warden], the Town Highway Department and many community volunteers to begin the first phase of an Emerald Ash Community Preparedness Plan by inventorying ash trees along town-maintained roads.

The Conservation Commission also continued to play a stewardship role of the Town Forest, most

recently by providing a map showing the appropriate access route across private property into the forest. *Please note there are no marked trails in the Town Forest; see the Conservation Commission's webpage for our suggested walking route to the Town Forest.*

Natural Resource Advisory Role to Town Boards

As in years past, town boards relied on the Conservation Commission for input regarding natural resources that might be impacted by zoning permit applications, and in updating the zoning bylaws.

We'd all like to extend heartfelt thanks to John Medenwald, who stepped down after 23 years of valuable service to the town as a conservation commission member.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Heindel, Chairman
Dennis Armell, Treasurer
Karen Peppersen, Secretary
Amy Dohner

Jen Cirillo
John Medenwald (through September 2019)
Ron DeBellis
Jadziah Hannon-Moonstone

**BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF ABATEMENT
REPORT FOR 2019**

The members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) are: the 10 Justices of the Peace, the 5 members of the Selectboard, and the Town Clerk. When taxpayers believe that the appraised value of their property is not fair they may “grieve” to the Listers first, and if they are still not satisfied they may appeal further from the Listers to the BCA. A minimum of 3 BCA members are required to hear these appeals. The Common Level of Assessment (CLA) for Ferrisburgh is very close to the 100% level, as determined by the State, which indicates that the Listers’ appraisals are very close to expected appraisal. The taxpayer appealing their appraisal has the burden of producing sufficient evidence to persuade the BCA that the Listers are incorrect.

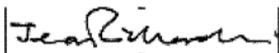
In 2019 the BCA received 4 appeals:

- One Appeal was settled with Listers before going to hearing with BCA
- One Appeal was denied by the BCA, but the Appellant is appealing the BCA Decision to the State Board of Appraisers.
- One Appeal was approved by the BCA, but the Appellant is nonetheless appealing from the BCA to the State Board of Appraisers.
- One Appeal was denied by the BCA, but the Appellant is not appealing that Decision even though he is not satisfied with the outcome.

The Board of Abatement (BOA) consists of all the members of the BCA, plus the Town Treasurer and the 3 Listers. That is a total of 20, and at least 11 of those are normally required to be present to listen to Requests for Abatement of Taxes, because any amount abated will have an impact of the Grand List. Those taxpayers who request Abatement must meet one of the specific criteria laid out in the Statutes, such as loss of property by fire, or unable to pay taxes in whole or in part due to health reasons, death of spouse etc.

In 2019 we had one such request, which was granted.

These Appeals and Requests are never easy, often complicated, and always time consuming for volunteer boards. Thank you very much to all who so thoughtfully participated this last year. Your time and energy are much appreciated by everyone in Town.



Jean Richardson
Chair of BCA and BOA

Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report – 2019

The Fire Service across our nation is starting to suffer from the lack of volunteers. Our own department has seen a decline in new members. We are still fortunate that we have a strong core of dedicated firefighters. Approximately 35 years ago, the median age of our department was about 30 years of age, now we are seeing a median age of 50 plus. This is not a favorable trend. We encourage anyone who is interested in helping their community, please reach out to us.

The department responded to over 70 emergency's last year including: structure and vehicle fires, motor vehicle crashes, hazardous material incidents, and call for rescue assistance. Along with emergency response, we logged close to 2000 man hours in training.

This year marked our 25th annual chicken barbeque. We are grateful for the continued support from the community, and the generosity of the Ferrisburgh Bake Shop, Dakin Farm, Vermont Live Stock, Clover State, and others. Special thanks to one of our own Kenny Lemner, who goes above and beyond coordinating this event.

With great sadness we lost two charter members this year, Carl Bull and Weston Spooner. Both of these men were instrumental during the beginning of our fire department. We also lost life member and former lieutenant, Michael Jerry. Michael was a positive influence on our entire department. Mike's wisdom, positive outlook, and friendship will be missed by all.

Our second annual open house was a great success. Many family's turned out to enjoy games, fire education, interacting with our team, and free hot dogs.

Fire education is an important part of our mission. This year we conducted several educational events around our community.

We welcome the following to our team: Cory Collette, Crew Bertrand, Joe Bashaw, and Sean Emory.

I want to thank the residents of Ferrisburgh for their continued support and especially the dedicated members of our Fire Department.

**Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Inc
Annual Contract Projection**

Category	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Facilities	\$7,850	\$7,850
Trucks	\$8,000	\$8,000
Equipment	\$18,700	\$18,700
Insurance	\$16,800	\$16,800
Communications	\$8,945	\$8,945
Training	\$3,500	\$3,500
General	\$6,350	\$6,350
Incentive	\$17,000	\$17,000
Totals	\$87,145	\$87,145



Rescue Training



Fire Warden Report

Hello to all our Ferrisburgh Family.

This year was a bit different than ones past, as we moved into the very wet spring, this made it easier to not worry about second guessing your thoughts on issuing permits for the day or not.

Please be advised that the permit given is ONLY GOOD for the day IE: sunset .

If a fire is going to burn or smolder for more than that I must be directly involved and may even request a site visit. Some cases may require you to contact the air /control board depending on the size of the pile needing to be burned off.

The only wood or fibers that can be burned are natural, no paint no stain etc.

Please also know there are laws we all must abide by , I call our dispatch daily to advise if permits can be issued or not for the day, this decision comes from me watching the weather daily and planning ahead a few days,are there fire department functions planned that will already tax our personnel and resources, and the wind.

When you are calling the phrase (the wind is not blowing here) as some have already found, does not matter as I have to make a decision based on the whole service area as one .

If you call me, there are in some cases the ability for me to make a quick visit and issue via radio or a phone call to our dispatch, giving the dispatch a hard time on the phone will not allow the ability to change the order I have given for the day.

Over all this was a great year of issuing, towns people are and were very understandable as to the whys and why nots of permits being issued.

Thank you for working with me and my team, instead of the way it was a few years ago of attempting to tell. This makes things so much easier.

Also a side note, we are looking for a few good men and woman in the fire service, we meet at the fire department Wednesday nights at 7pm.

Stop by for a tour or visit and I am sure we can also if interested in helping protect your town we can find a set of gear for you .

Thank you again for the support ,

Permit request 802-985-8051 Shelburne Dispatch
My number (h) 802-877-3564 (c) 802-777-6171

MICHAEL COYLE

Ferrisburgh town
Forest Fire Warden



FRIENDS OF THE UNION MEETING HALL

In December 2019, a new non-profit organization was established in Ferrisburgh, the Friends of the Union Meeting Hall. Their aim is to work with the Town to raise funds from Historic Preservation Foundations and other grants to repair and restore the building and open it to the community for cultural enrichment classes and events. The revitalization of the Union Meeting Hall will foster human connection in a digital era, while also acting

as an anchor to stabilize the town center. In alliance with the Historical Society, the Grange Hall, and the Rokeyby Museum, the Union Meeting Hall will help to create a cultural corridor in our town that celebrates the identity of Ferrisburgh.

The Union Meeting Hall, in the center of Ferrisburgh at the junction of Middlebrook Road and Route 7, has a distinguished history. The Union Society was founded in 1837 to promote temperance and the abolition of slavery. The Meeting Hall, built in 1840, was a shared resource built to communally serve the congregations of several Church denominations. The building, which is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, sits on the eastern side of the town green planted with maple trees as a quiet memorial to our veterans and where commemorative plaque also marks this property as the location of a fiery abolitionist speech by Frederick Douglass, in 1843. Half a century later, the churches established their own separate buildings and by 1898, the vacant Union Meeting Hall was purchased by the Town. It has had only intermittent use for many years now and has fallen into disrepair.

In the fall of 2019, the Ferrisburgh Building and Maintenance Committee began working with the Friends of the Union Meeting Hall to strategize fundraising for the most urgently needed roof repairs for the building to survive the winter. With a show of support from the Town, the Friends of the Union Meeting Hall is committed to raising grant money to supply the majority of the funds needed to restore the building to a historically accurate and functional standard. Once the building is open, the non-profit will host community classes and events in the building and on the green. Working together with the Town, the Friends will reduce the amount of money the town will need to spend to revitalize this essential corner in the heart of Ferrisburgh.

Let us know how you would like to help!

Ashley LaFlam
Kate Yarbrough
Mary Neffinger

To receive updates, please contact:

unionmeetinghall@gmail.com
P.O. Box 115, Ferrisburgh, VT 05456
Facebook: @unionmeetinghall
Instagram: unionmeetinghallvt



Ferrisburgh Historical Society Report



The purpose of the Ferrisburgh Historical Society, Inc., is to bring together those people interested in history, with a particular focus on 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 the 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 US Route 7. The Center School is the only one room schoolhouse that is still owned by the Town. We store historical documents, photos, and artifacts in a large walk-in vault. The general public has access to the information by appointment. We keep records of our inventory and catalogue our archival materials on an ongoing basis as they are donated or otherwise obtained.

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 preserve and 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 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. The film was produced by Ed Dooley, of Mad River Media, and then donated 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 held 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. If you'd like to receive announcements, please contact us at Ferrisburgh.Historical.Society@gmail.com.

New members and guests are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Respectfully submitted,

Silas Towler, President

Sheri Arroyo, Secretary

Charlie Langworthy, Vice-President

Gail Blasius, Treasurer

Rogers and Hazard Relief Society

Serving the Ferrisburgh Community Since 1886



This non-profit Vermont corporation has six trustees elected by the Society and two trustees elected by the Town of Ferrisburgh at Town Meeting. 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 Rogers (\$3050) and donated by Rufus Hazard (\$360).

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 134 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 2019, Rogers and Hazard provided small “emergency” grants equaling \$6257.00 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
Shelly Erickson, treasurer 475-2465
Kim Hornung-Marcy 425-4608
Sally Torrey 877-6925, Town Trustee

Art Cohn, Vice-President 989-8931
Anna Husk
Liz Markowski 877-6523
Pennie Beach 475-2318, Town Trustee

“Many a life has been saved, many heavy hearts lightened and many homes gladdened by the kind ministrations of the Rogers and Hazard Relief Society.”

Burlington Free Press and Times, July 1, 1937, on the Society’s first 50 years

We are very grateful for the Ferrisburgh residents that have found creative ways of making donations such as selling personal property and giving the income to Rogers and Hazard. We accept donations any time of the year. 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.

Bixby Library: 2020 Ferrisburgh Town Report

The Bixby Memorial Free Library serves the Towns of Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton and Waltham and the City of Vergennes. The library's mission is to provide opportunities for our five-town community to engage, discover and learn. Bixby achieves its mission by providing books, audiovisual materials, digital resources, promoting community engagement through on- and off-site programming, and providing free public access computers, free WiFi and printing.

According to data from our 2018-2019 library report, which runs from July 1-June 30th, 32,161 people visited the Bixby last year which is a 37% increase, and 1,119 people registered to get library cards which is a 24% increase to 4,582 total patrons. Patrons have borrowed items from us 57,706 times, a 46% increase, which is on average 13 items per patron. Many more took advantage of our digital services, with 5,870 digital resources borrowed and 703 people taking advantage of free databases, online classes and language learning through the Vermont Online Library. Hundreds of library patrons took advantage of museum and state park passes, which provide free or discounted access to cultural institutions throughout the state.

In 2018-2019 reporting period, 6,071 people attended a Bixby sponsored program providing adults, teens and children the opportunity to engage, discover and learn. Highlights include: Children's author Tui T. Sutherland presenting to a packed crowd of 142 children and adults; hosting a Lego competition in partnership with the *Boys & Girls Club of Vergennes* that brought in 72 people and more entrants, and will run again this year. We hosted our 1st Cat Cafe in partnership with *Homeward Bound* and over 130 people attended and 3 of the 4 cats were adopted that day. Nine local artists displayed their work in our Community Room and we delivered books and programs to 12 local registered childcare sites. Additionally, the Bixby hosted 322 meetings/events for local people, organizations & businesses at no cost.

In 2020, the library looks forward to hiring a new Director, opening up more of the building as multi-use space, preserving local, historic documents with the help of the *Daughters of the American Revolution*, inviting and supporting local artists by displaying their work throughout the building and creating rotating displays of the historic items in our collection.

34% of Ferrisburgh residents have a Bixby library card saving each of them \$158.50 in physical checkouts alone, not including the \$60 in access to digital archives, free and discounted local attraction passes, reference and research assistance, free program enrichment and free meeting room use according to the ALA's library value calculator, which you can use at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/library-value-calculator>. To learn more, speak with Ferrisburgh's representatives to the Board of Trustees, Silas Towler, Marjorie London and Marsha Hoffman, or contact Maddy Willwerth, Interim Director, at maddy.willwerth@bixbylibrary.org. Visit the library at 258 Main Street in Vergennes, call (802) 877-2211, or visit our website at <http://bixbylibrary.org>.

Vergennes Area Rescue Squad, Inc. Annual Report – December 2019

The year 2019 marked our 50th anniversary of emergency medical service to our community. Vergennes Area Rescue Squad (VARS) is a non-profit ambulance service. We have served the City of Vergennes, Towns of Ferrisburgh, Pantton, Addison, Waltham and parts of New Haven and Monkton since 1969. We do this with a mix of volunteers, paid staff, and per diem EMTs. In 2019 we responded to 874 emergency dispatches, 119 more than last year.

VARS relies on the support of volunteer EMTs who provide 24/7 emergency medical coverage to our service area as well as mutual aid stretching from Lake Champlain to the Green Mountains. Sometimes these volunteers come to us as seasoned professionals: other times, ordinary community members who earn their certifications and their stripes working with experienced Crew Chiefs. We continue to offer community CPR classes, youth membership and training opportunities, and child safety services. Our volunteer certified child safety specialists are available to help with car seat education and hands-on fitting assistance by appointment.

Despite relying heavily on volunteers, emergency medical expenses are exceptionally high, and VARS operating funds come from a variety of sources. Each town in our service area assesses a fee as part of the municipal budget, currently set at less than \$10 per capita. Private insurance companies and Medicare/Medicaid are also billed for medical services, in the event that a patient is treated and transported to a hospital. For any charges not covered by primary insurance, an annual subscription program provides supplementary insurance to cover any co-pay resulting from emergency transportation, on a per-household basis. This \$60 subscription covers co-pays even in the event that another area service responds mutual aid. The subscription mailers are sent out annually to all residents in the service area: to subscribe, please call New England Ambulance Billing at 877-2429 or visit www.vergennesrescue.org/subscriptions.

Paying for emergency medical expenses can be an unwelcome burden on top of an already stressful experience. We respond with the same priority and care for life and limb to every patient, regardless of insurance or ability to pay.

Emergency medicine relies on a network of dedicated providers, and it is our honor to protect and serve our community alongside the members of the Volunteer Fire services of Addison, Ferrisburgh, Monkton, New Haven, and Vergennes; the volunteer first-response agencies of Ferrisburgh, Monkton, New Haven, and Town Line; the officers of Vergennes and Vermont State Police and Addison County Sheriff's Department; and our neighboring ambulance services in Bristol, Charlotte, and Middlebury.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Deppman, President



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 went into effect on July 1, 2019.**

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/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

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

Four years ago, 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. For the November 2018 General Election 72.4% of eligible voters voted and 72,200 voted early/absentee.

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 barn at the Folsom Farm on Fuller Mountain Road after the Great Wind on Thanksgiving Day, 1950

— *courtesy of Katie Quinn*



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 2019 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 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, 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 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT.

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: acswwmd@acswwmd.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.

2019 Highlights

Waste Diversion. In 2019, the Universal Recycling Law was amended to require haulers to offer curbside food scrap collection only to nonresidential customers and apartment buildings with 4 or more residential units. By 7/1/2020, all generators must divert food scraps (except for bones and meat scraps), and a VT landfill ban on food scraps takes effect. The District is committed to working with each of its member towns, haulers and businesses to plan for the new mandate. The VT Materials Management Plan required all solid waste planning entities to measure the diversion rate of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) that was recycled, reused, reduced and composted in 2018. The District's 2019 Solid Waste Implementation Report showed that the District reached a MSW Diversion Rate of 55.82% in 2018, a record for the District. The District has exceeded the State goal of 50% diversion since 2006, due to the amazing efforts of our residents and businesses to source separate their items, thereby reducing the waste sent to the landfill for disposal.

Recycling. The decline in market prices for most recyclables continued in 2019. Fortunately, the District has been able to weather the recycling losses, which are estimated to reach \$35,000+ by the end of the year. In spite of this, the District's commitment to recycling remains steadfast. Act No. 69 (S.113), adopted this last Legislative session, will take effect on 7/1/2020. It will enact multiple requirements for single-use products provided by a store or food establishment, which will also be prohibited from providing single-use plastic carryout bags. Expanded polystyrene food service products will not be allowed to be sold in VT. Plastic straws will be available upon request only, and plastic straws will be banned. A study committee has emerged from Act 69 to further examine ways to manage packaging and printed materials.

Product Stewardship. As a method of controlling costs and keeping unwanted and banned items out of the landfill, the District has continued to be a strong advocate for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws. EPR laws help distribute the cost of recycling and safe management of these products among industry, government and consumers. EPR can alleviate the financial burden on municipalities and residents, while mitigating environmental impacts by increasing collection and recycling rates of covered products. VT now has the second highest number of EPR laws in the U.S. The success of these laws and their economic benefits to the 21 District towns has prompted efforts by the VT Product Stewardship Council, of which the District is a member, to investigate the feasibility of similar laws for household hazardous waste, as well as packaging and printed materials.

Illegal Burning/Disposal. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2019 to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many area volunteers who organized collection of roadside litter. The District provided free disposable gloves, prizes for kids, and free disposal of all roadside waste. The District subsidized the disposal of 17.80 tons of roadside trash, 7.49 tons of tires, 3 auto batteries, 11 E-Waste items, 9 appliances, and various other hazardous items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$3,622.

2020 Annual Budget

The District adopted a 2020 Annual Budget of \$3,523,752, a 9.3% increase. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$128/ton for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$120/ton. Rates on some other items will have nominal increases. New fees: The District Fee will increase to \$34/ton on all waste destined for disposal. A fee of \$110/ton will take effect for the new Asphalt Shingle and Drywall C&D Recycling program. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2020.** For a copy of the full 2019 Annual Report and Adopted 2020 Rate Sheet, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

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, 2019

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2019 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 Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics, including water quality, housing 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 Management Plan training for town 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 Goshen, Lincoln, New Haven, Orwell, Ripton, Salisbury, Starksboro.
- Assisted communities in completing Local Emergency Management Plans to maintain ERAF status.

Energy Planning:

- Assisted a third round of five towns, Bristol, Whiting, Vergennes, New Haven and Shoreham in strengthening their energy plans by adding goals and policies supporting renewable energy.
- Began working with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit/ACTR by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce road erosion inventories for local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, structures, and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Weybridge.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies, and supported municipal capital budget development.
- Hosted regional Walk/bike council and began planning for the May 2020 Bike/Ped Summit in Middlebury.

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Addison	Bridport	Bristol	Cornwall	Ferrisburgh	Goshen	Leicester
Lincoln	Middlebury	Monkton	New Haven	Orwell	Panton	Ripton
Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting





Middlebury Local Health Office
156 South Village Green, Suite 102
Middlebury, VT 05753
Phone: 1-802-388-4644

Local Health Report for Addison County

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in Middlebury at the address and phone number above. We provide a wide range of resources and services to the community and local partners with the goal of promoting health and wellness for all Vermonters. For example, in 2019 we:

Supported health in the community: United Way of Addison County received funding from the Health Department to coordinate evidence-based prevention strategies to address youth alcohol use, marijuana use, and prescription drug misuse. New Haven improved bike-ability by widening shoulders when repaving local roads in response to a request from the Addison Walk Bike Council.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: In Addison County, we served 785 Vermont families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program, which provides individual nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables.

Ensured emergency preparedness: Worked with local partners, including schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: Responded to 110 infectious disease cases in our region. We participated in the statewide effort to prevent the spread of Hepatitis A disease by conducting vaccine clinics in several locations in Addison County. We conducted community education to raise awareness about the increase in diseases spread by ticks. We also helped statewide and national health partners understand the risk of vaping and e-cigarette use.

Student health and youth empowerment: According to the 2017 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 30% of students in Addison County feel they do not matter to people in their community. In 2018, we collaborated with community organizations to improve youth resiliency by launching the OK. You've Got This campaign. www.okyouvegotthis.org

Substance misuse and abuse: Our new Substance Abuse Prevention Consultant is making local connections in the field of substance use, with partners and projects ranging from prevention to treatment and recovery.

Learn more at <https://healthvermont.gov/local>
Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/vdhmiddlebury>

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2019 Overview

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member inquiries. In 2019, VLCT continued to provide members with timely legal and technical assistance, including answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing legal compliance guidance, templates and research reports, many of which are available to our members on our website.
- **Training programs on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out the duties required by statute or are directed by town meeting mandates. The League provided training on various topics related to municipal law and governance to more than 1,000 members this past year.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, reducing carbon emissions, and ensuring water quality. Members are also represented at the federal level primarily through our partner, the National League of Cities, as well as directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust (VERB) provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs provide coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

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 progress we continue to make 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, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.



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1/10/20

Select Board
Town of Ferrisburgh, VT
3279 Route 7
Ferrisburgh, VT 05456

MANAGEMENT LETTER

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ferrisburgh, VT as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town's internal control. We did so to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Ferrisburgh, VT's internal control over financial reporting or compliance.

During our audit we became aware of several matters referred to as "management letter comments" that offer opportunities for strengthening internal control and improving operating efficiencies of the Town of Ferrisburgh, VT. The following pages summarize our comments and suggestions on those matters.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Select Board, management, and others within the entity and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

These matters do not modify our opinion on the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019, where we expressed an unmodified opinion on our independent auditors' report dated January 10, 2020.

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Budget:

While performing the audit for the above-mentioned fiscal year, we noted the Entity's fiscal software did not have the budget and approved special articles correctly posted. We recommend the Town implement procedures that ensure a balanced budget is posted on its accounting software that includes all approved special articles.

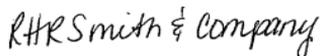
Bank Reconciliations:

While performing the audit for the above-mentioned fiscal year, we noted the Town was behind in its bank reconciliations. We consider this area crucial in the Town's processing of accurate financial information. We recommend that the Town perform all bank reconciliations on its financial software within 21 days of month end.

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

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

Very Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RHR Smith & Company". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

RHR Smith & Company, CPAs

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 185,717	\$ 185,717	\$ 185,717	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	8,764,998	8,764,998	8,775,377	10,379
Intergovernmental revenues	318,000	318,000	371,680	53,680
Charges for services	69,675	69,675	70,596	921
Interest income	37,500	37,500	37,795	295
Other revenue	3,250	3,250	1,640	(1,610)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>9,379,140</u>	<u>9,379,140</u>	<u>9,442,805</u>	<u>63,665</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	418,203	418,203	487,305	(69,102)
Public safety	165,330	165,330	175,863	(10,533)
Highway	868,820	868,820	945,076	(76,256)
Employee benefits	147,249	147,249	132,961	14,288
Education	7,193,812	7,193,812	7,193,812	-
Tax assessments	91,129	91,129	92,682	(1,553)
Town meeting - voted authorizations	31,778	31,778	31,778	-
Contingency	2,500	2,500	1,000	1,500
Debt service:				
Principal	167,082	167,082	162,808	4,274
Interest	37,520	37,520	37,504	16
Transfers to other funds	70,000	70,000	128,863	(58,863)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>9,193,423</u>	<u>9,193,423</u>	<u>9,389,652</u>	<u>(196,229)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 185,717</u>	<u>\$ 185,717</u>	<u>\$ 53,153</u>	<u>\$ (132,564)</u>

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

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2019

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 281,282	\$ 6,951	\$ 288,233
Delinquent taxes receivable	162,257	-	162,257
Other receivable	56,725	-	56,725
Due from other funds	-	276,527	276,527
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 500,264</u>	<u>\$ 283,478</u>	<u>\$ 783,742</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 26,636	\$ -	\$ 26,636
Accrued expenses	17	-	17
Due to other funds	276,527	-	276,527
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>303,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303,180</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	14,735	-	14,735
Deferred property tax	129,196	-	129,196
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>143,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,931</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	14,007	14,007
Committed	-	67,849	67,849
Assigned	-	201,622	201,622
Unassigned	53,153	-	53,153
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	<u>53,153</u>	<u>283,478</u>	<u>336,631</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	<u>\$ 500,264</u>	<u>\$ 283,478</u>	<u>\$ 783,742</u>

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TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 8,775,377	\$ -	\$ 8,775,377
Intergovernmental	371,680	-	371,680
Interest income	37,795	409	38,204
Charges for services	70,596	-	70,596
Miscellaneous	1,640	23,920	25,560
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>9,257,088</u>	<u>24,329</u>	<u>9,281,417</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	487,305	19,419	506,724
Public safety	175,863	-	175,863
Highway	945,076	408	945,484
Employee benefits	132,961	-	132,961
Education	7,193,812	-	7,193,812
Tax assessments	92,682	-	92,682
Town meeting - voted authorizations	31,778	-	31,778
Contingency	1,000	-	1,000
Capital outlay	-	99,109	99,109
Debt service:			
Principal	162,808	-	162,808
Interest	37,504	-	37,504
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>9,260,789</u>	<u>118,936</u>	<u>9,379,725</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(3,701)</u>	<u>(94,607)</u>	<u>(98,308)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	128,863	128,863
Transfers (out)	(128,863)	-	(128,863)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(128,863)</u>	<u>128,863</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(132,564)	34,256	(98,308)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>185,717</u>	<u>249,222</u>	<u>434,939</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 53,153</u>	<u>\$ 283,478</u>	<u>\$ 336,631</u>

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2019

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,951	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,951
Due from other funds	58,752	203,768	14,007	276,527
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 65,703	\$ 203,768	\$ 14,007	\$ 283,478
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	14,007	14,007
Committed	-	67,849	-	67,849
Assigned	65,703	135,919	-	201,622
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	65,703	203,768	14,007	283,478
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
	\$ 65,703	\$ 203,768	\$ 14,007	\$ 283,478

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SCHEDULE D

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Interest income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 409	\$ 409
Other income	6,456	17,464	-	23,920
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>6,456</u>	<u>17,464</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>24,329</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	99,109	-	99,109
Other	19,419	408	-	19,827
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>19,419</u>	<u>99,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,936</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(12,963)</u>	<u>(82,053)</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>(94,607)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	18,000	110,863	-	128,863
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>18,000</u>	<u>110,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,863</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	5,037	28,810	409	34,256
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>60,666</u>	<u>174,958</u>	<u>13,598</u>	<u>249,222</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 65,703</u>	<u>\$ 203,768</u>	<u>\$ 14,007</u>	<u>\$ 283,478</u>

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LONG-TERM DEBT (Bonds and Leases)

2017 Tandem Truck Loan	
<u>July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019</u>	
Outstanding 7/1/18	\$190,000.00
Notes Paid	<u>\$33,725.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19	\$156,275.00
Former Sister's Property Mortgage	
<u>July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019</u>	
Outstanding 7/1/18	\$67,679.25
Notes Paid	<u>\$22,559.75</u>
Balance 6/30/19	\$45,119.50
Town Highway Shed Mortgage	
<u>July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019</u>	
Outstanding 7/1/18	\$680,000.00
Notes Paid	<u>\$42,500.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19	\$637,500.00
Fire Truck Capital Lease	
<u>July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019</u>	
Outstanding 7/1/18	\$208,038.01
Notes Paid	<u>\$23,155.64</u>
Balance 6/30/19	\$184,882.37
John Deere Excavator Lease	
<u>July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019</u>	
Outstanding 7/1/18	\$33,464.48
Notes Paid	<u>\$10,762.55</u>
Balance 6/30/19	\$22,701.93
Pick-Up Truck	
<u>July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019</u>	
Outstanding 7/1/18	\$20,000.00
Notes Paid	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/19	\$10,000.00
John Deer Loader	
<u>July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019</u>	
Borrowed 6/20/18	\$101,208.00
Notes Paid	<u>\$20,241.59</u>
Balance 6/30/19	\$80,966.41
Total Bonds and Notes Outstanding 6/30/19	\$1,137,445.21

NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS
From 7/1/2018 through 6/30/2019

Reappraisal Account

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$71,766
Payment from State	\$13,464
Minus expenses	<u>\$0</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$85,230

Highway Facility Account

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$11,265
Minus expenses	<u>-\$409</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$10,856

Town Hall and Community Center Maintenance Fund

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$20,064
Rental Revenue Received	<u>\$2,913</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$22,977

General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$185,717
Amount used in FY18/19	<u>-\$132,564</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$53,153

Town Clerk's Records and Restoration Fund Account

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$18,854
Plus Revenues	\$2,830
Minus Expenses	<u>-\$1,607</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$20,077

Cemetery Trust Funds Account

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$8,000.00
Plus Revenues	\$0.00
Minus Deposit into Cemetery Acct. Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$8,000.00

Town Buildings Maintenance Fund

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$82,967
Plus Deposits	\$30,000
Minus Expenses	<u>-\$56,469</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$56,499

NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS

From 7/1/2018 through 6/30/2019 continued

Cemetery Checking Account

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$5,598
Plus Revenues	<u>\$409</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$6,007

Lister's Education Fund

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$2,470
Plus Revenues from State	\$0
Minus Expenses	<u>\$240</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$2,230

Health Reimbursement Account

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$4,557
Plus Deposits	\$18,000
Minus Expenses	<u>-\$15,606</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$6,951

Miscellaneous Funds

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$14,677
Deposits	\$163
Expenditures	<u>-\$1,132</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$13,708

Highway Contingency Fund

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$49,330
Plus Deposits	\$44,000
Minus Expenses	<u>-\$42,641</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$50,689

Conservation Fund

7/01/2018 Beginning Balance	\$536
Plus Deposits	\$550
Minus Expenses	<u>-\$832</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	\$254

2019 Highway Equipment List

F350	2016 Ford pickup, plow, sander	\$25,000.00
Truck #1	2010 International plow sander equipment	\$35,000.00
Truck # 2	2006 International plow sander equipment	\$30,000.00
Truck # 4	2012 Mack plow sander equipment	\$40,000.00
Vehicle #4	2004 John Deere Grader 772CH	\$60,000.00
Vehicle #5	410G Loader/Backhoe	\$15,000.00
Truck # 6	2018 Mack plow wing sander	\$155,000.00
Vehicle # 7	John Deere 6710 tractor	\$13,500.00
Truck # 9	2005 IH single axle	\$18,500.00
	2018 John Deere Loader	\$110,000.00
	2018 Roadside mower	\$43,500.00
	2011 JD excavator	\$42,500.00
	2006 John Deere Z mower	\$3,500.00
	2015 JD 540 mower/bagger	\$2,000.00
	leaf blowers broom	\$1,200.00
	grass trimmers	\$500.00
	2002 Dodge	sold
	1999 25 ton trailer	\$2,000.00
	plows	\$18,500.00
	grader plow wing	\$4,500.00
	plasma cutter	\$500.00
	welders	\$1,500.00
	chainsaws	\$2,000.00
	small tools	\$7,500.00
	power tampers	\$4,000.00
	compressor	\$1,000.00
	culvert thawer and trailer	\$2,000.00
	2 way radios	\$4,400.00
	pressure washer	\$1,200.00
	Chloride pump tank trailer	\$4,500.00
	computer software @ accessories	\$8,000.00
F550	2019 3 ton truck plow sander	\$65,000.00
	TOTAL	\$721,800.00

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

Delinquent July 1, 2018	\$195,629.02	
Delinquent June 2, 2019	\$218,902.64	
Total Delinquent		<u>\$414,531.66</u>

Collected July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	\$252,246.79	
Abated	0	
Delinquent June 30, 2019	\$162,284.87	
Total		<u>\$414,531.66</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Healey
Collector of Delinquent Taxes 6/30/19

Delinquent as of January 1, 2020
2016/17

Michelle Malone	Victor Chaput *
Alexander Brace	

2017/18

Michelle Malone	Victor Chaput *
Alexander Brace	Michael Louer
Lotta-vu Farm LLC	Craig Parks *
Lauren Billings	

2018/19

Michelle Malone	Victor Chaput *
Alexander Brace	Linda Hawkins *
Lotta-vu Farm LLC	Michael Louer
Lauren Billings	Marcel Marcott
Randy Martin	Timothy Mathewson *
Linda VanderWey **	Craig Parks *

* Payment Agreement

** PAID IN FULL IN JANUARY

Ferrisburgh Town Audit Committee Report Year Ending December 2019

A new Town Audit Committee was formed this year, with two new members filling vacancies in open positions. The Committee met on Wednesday, September 25 to discuss our fiduciary responsibilities and our plan for auditing the Town records.

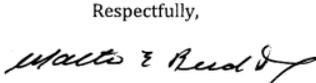
The Committee subsequently met with the Town Treasurer on Monday, September 30. We discussed the Treasurer's processes with regard to payroll, timely deposits of tax payments and accounts payable.

The Committee implemented a strategic plan to audit the town warrants twice monthly, on the day after each Selectboard meeting. We inspected each payment against the warrant signed by the Selectboard, ensuring the payment amounts matched the invoices and were made in a timely manner. The Treasurer, Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk were available during our audit sessions to answer any questions we had on individual payments.

We found no concerns from our inspections. In our opinion the management of the Town accounts is being done in a competent manner.

We thank the Town staff for their assistance during our audit sessions, and their willingness to answer our questions.

Respectfully,



Walter E. Reed II



Brian Goodyear



Andrew Dombek

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH					
SELECTBOARD 2020/2021 BUDGET					
REVENUE					
ACCOUNT	GENERAL TOWN FUND	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
		7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
2000-00-05	Property Taxes - (All sources)	1,571,186	1,581,565	1,640,820	1,697,923
2000-00-10	Delinquent Tax Interest	22,000	23,261	22,000	22,000
2000-00-90	Delinquent Tax Penalty	14,000	11,598	14,000	14,000
2000-00-15	Vermont State Mileage Aid	161,000	161,503	161,000	161,000
2000-00-12	State School Tax Coll. Reimbursement	17,000	16,950	17,000	17,000
2000-00-20	Railroad Tax/State Land Tax/PILOT	50,000	40,304	45,000	32,000
2000-00-25	Liquor License Fees	925	995	925	925
2000-00-30	Highway Department and Culverts	500	2,520	500	500
2000-00-35	Overweight Permits	900	1,575	1,000	1,200
2000-00-89	Credit Card Fees Revenue	1,000	298	500	0
2000-00-40	Zoning Fees	10,000	10,470	10,000	10,000
2000-00-45	Land Recording & Other Clerk Fees	35,000	32,005	35,000	40,000
2000-00-26	Marriage, Dog, Hunting Fees	9,000	6,372	8,000	6,000
2000-00-50	Police Fines	7,000	9,818	7,000	8,000
2000-00-80	Union Meeting Hall Rent	0	0	0	0
2000-00-55	Sister's Property Rental Fees	6,600	7,150	6,600	6,600
2000-00-60	State - Current Landuse	90,000	93,139	92,000	96,000
2000-00-99	Miscellaneous	2,000	1,034	2,000	1,000
2000-00-65	Interest on Town Savings	1,500	2,936	1,500	2,000
2000-00-70	Non-budget Grants	0	59,784	0	0
	REVENUE TOTAL	1,999,611	2,063,276	2,064,845	2,116,148
	EXPENSE BUDGET SUMMARY				
	Administration/General Government	450,703	437,315	448,033	453,839
	Highway Department	908,820	995,095	978,985	983,451
	Debt Service	174,602	170,311	171,501	169,666
	Employee Benefits	147,249	132,961	149,281	170,718
	Taxes - Contracts (Fire and Police)	286,459	298,544	317,045	338,475
	Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations	31,778	31,778	32,195	0
	Education	7,193,814	7,193,814	0	0
	EXPENSE TOTAL W/ EDUCATION	9,193,425	9,259,819	2,097,040	2,116,148
	EXPENSE TOTAL W/O EDUCATION	1,999,611	2,066,005	2,097,040	2,116,148

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
		7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
	Town Clerk's Office				
3400-10.00	Wages - Town Clerk	49,400	56,204	50,440	52,000
3400-10.05	Wages - Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer	33,930	41,061	34,710	42,640
3400-10.50	Wages - Lister Clerk	11,310	2,980	11,570	2,000
3400-10.60	Wages - Lister	0	0	0	21,000
3400-10.10	Wages - Zoning Admin.	24,960	16,363	26,000	26,000
3400-10.15	Wages - Overtime	500	911	500	500
3400-10.25	Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,000	2,192	3,000	3,000
3400-10.30	Wages - Treasurer	26,000	24,027	26,520	27,300
3400-10.35	Wages - Clerical	10,000	15,315	13,260	11,000
3400-10.40	Wages - Minute Takers	3,675	4,860	10,400	10,400
3400-10.20	Wages - Contingency	9,200	0	5,687	5,687
3400-19	Town & Vital Land Books	1,500	1,209	1,500	1,500
3400-20	Office Supplies	5,000	4,842	5,000	5,000
3400-21	Office/Leased Equip./Support	4,400	5,292	4,770	8,500
3400-22	Postage	4,000	4,420	4,200	4,400
3400-23	Office/IT Outsourced	5,200	3,892	5,270	6,400
3400-24	Office/Computer Replacement	1,900	2,355	1,500	2,800
3400-25	Town Web Site	500	550	500	600
3400-30	Advertising-Town	1,200	836	800	1,000
3400-31	Advertising-Planning & Zoning	1,300	514	2,000	1,300
3400-34	Telephone-Clerk's Office	2,100	5,350	2,600	5,304
3400-40	Workshops/Meetings/Dues	1,000	430	1,000	1,000
3400-60	Marriage, Dog, Hunting & Misc. Fees	5,800	4,538	5,800	4,800
3400-70	Credit Card Fee Expense	1,200	283	600	0
3420-45	Professional Auditor	8,925	6,200	11,000	11,000
3430-45	Lister's Professional Appraisers	49,000	72,742	62,900	38,000
3430-46	Lister's Tax Mapping	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,600
3430-50	Lister's Stipend	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
3510-60	Legal Exp. Selectboard	10,000	13,297	10,000	10,000
3510-61	Legal Exp. Zoning	4,200	823	4,200	4,200
3620-48	Zoning/Planning Expenses	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
3620-49	Zoning By-laws Rewrite	10,000	4,833	10,000	10,000
3630-48	Conservation Commission	550	300	550	550
3640-00	Recycling	16,538	8,858	0	0
3710-48	General Liability/Hazard Insurance	45,123	35,123	32,170	35,765
3710-49	Worker's Compensation	21,150	20,800	16,984	18,436
	TOTAL	379,061	366,899	371,931	378,082

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		7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
	Administration/General Government				
3000-10	Selectboard Stipend	3,800	3,100	3,800	3,800
3000-11	Selectboard Expenses	200	122	200	200
3080-62	Annual Report Expenses	5,500	4,359	5,500	5,555
3310-20	Elections/Town Meetings	5,000	4,758	4,000	5,700
	Union Meeting Hall				
3310-76	Electricity - Union Meeting Hall	192	236	275	275
3310-68	Maintenance - Union Meeting Hall	0	80	100	100
3310-78	Water - Union Meeting Hall	750	750	750	750
	TOTAL	15,442	13,405	14,625	16,380
	Town Offices/Community Center				
3710-85	Town Offices Routine Maintenance	11,000	11,032	12,800	11,000
3710-86	Electricity-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	4,400	5,534	5,580	5,580
3710-87	Heating Fuel-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	2,000	4,141	4,397	4,397
3710-88	Water-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	750	750	750	750
	TOTAL	18,150	21,457	23,527	21,727
	Other Administration				
3710-70	Town Bldgs. Reserve Fund	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
9000-91	Bank Service Charges	300	168	200	100
9900-79	Contingency	2,500	1,000	2,500	2,500
9910-80	Mileage-all	1,000	551	1,000	1,000
6100-10	Health Officer Stipend	750	750	750	750
6100-20	Health Officer Expenses	300	0	300	300
6200-10	Animal Control Officer Stipend	750	750	750	750
6200-20	ACHS Contracts - Homeward Bound	800	600	800	600
6100-40	Animal Control Officer - Mileage/Exp.	300	385	300	300
6200-15	Fire Warden Stipend	750	750	750	750
6310-10	Web Site Coordinator Stipend	600	600	600	600
	TOTAL	38,050	35,554	37,950	37,650

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		7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
	Highway Department Payroll				
5100-10.00	Wages - Road Foreman	64,480	71,038	66,632	67,392
5100-10.02	Wages - Road Foreman OT	10,000	10,018	12,000	12,636
5100-10.05	Wages - Road Crew	170,040	180,693	179,608	185,952
5100-10.10	Wages - Overtime	20,000	35,728	23,800	23,800
5100-10.16	Highway Wages - Contingency	6,800	0	9,050	6,670
	Maintenance - Town Highways				
5100-89	Paving	225,000	267,073	250,000	250,000
5110-47	Chloride	36,000	23,679	30,000	32,000
5110-68	Gravel Rd Repair/Maintenance	35,000	36,945	40,000	40,000
5110-68.05	Road Construction/Bridge Repair	85,000	82,293	85,000	65,000
5110-68.10	New Const. Rented Svcs/Equip	4,000	3,604	4,000	4,000
5110-91	Painting Class 2 Roads/Line Strips	3,000	0	5,000	5,000
5140-21	Winter Maintenance Materials	72,000	82,886	76,000	85,000
5220-49	Culverts	4,500	2,366	4,500	4,500
5281-21	Street/Traffic Signs	3,500	482	2,000	3,000
5330-66	Rented Services/Equipment	5,000	8,554	8,500	10,000
	Town Garage/Yard				
5310-21	Shop Supplies/Equipment	4,500	7,634	6,000	5,000
5310-34	Telephone - cell & land line	2,000	2,847	1,254	2,460
5310-68	Maintenance	4,600	2,123	2,500	3,000
5310-69	Water	739	767	750	750
5310-76	Electricity	3,261	3,717	3,891	3,891
	Vehicles/Equipment				
5310-73	New Shop Heat	4,500	7,552	8,000	8,000
5310-74	LP Bulk GAS N/T	1,500	2,204	2,100	3,000
5310-75	Diesel Fuel	40,000	46,817	50,000	50,000
5330-21	Operation/Gas	3,400	4,154	3,400	2,400
5330-68	Maintenance/Repair/Equipment	60,000	71,921	65,000	70,000
5332-00	Highway Contingency Fund	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
	TOTAL	908,820	995,095	978,985	983,451

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		7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
	Debt Service				
5330-98	Truck - Bond 2017	38,000	33,725	38,000	38,000
5330-99	Truck - Bond Interest 2017	4,275	4,275	3,420	2,573
5330-88	2019 HD Truck MELF Prin	0	0	0	10,333
5330-89	2019 HD Truck MELF Int	0	0	0	1,034
5330-97	Excavator Lease	12,267	12,267	12,267	12,267
5330-94	Pick-Up Truck/Heavy Duty	10,382	10,376	10,191	0
5334-90	JD Loader 2018 MELF bond prin	20,241	20,242	20,241	20,241
5334-91	JD Loader 2018 MELF bond int	2,024	2,024	1,620	1,215
5331-90	Highway Facility Bond	42,500	42,500	42,500	42,500
5331-91	Highway Facility Interest	21,216	21,187	19,944	18,564
3710-92	Sister's Property Payments	23,697	23,715.71	23,318	22,939
	TOTAL	174,602	170,311	171,501	169,666
	Employee Benefits/Insurance				
9700-15	Municipal Retirement System	21,953	22,810	20,700	29,090
9720-14	Unemployment Compensation	2,100	1,523	1,700	1,700
9730-13	Social Security - Employer's Share	32,962	36,149	33,491	37,690
9740-12	Medical Insurance	80,134	61,964	82,790	95,230
9740-13	Disability/Life Insurance	10,100	10,516	10,600	7,008
	TOTAL	147,249	132,961	149,281	170,718
	Taxes - Assessment				
9300-51	Addison County Tax	20,976	20,976	21,476	21,976
9300-52	Bristol Gravel Pit Property Tax	693	614	639	632
9300-53	Vermont Stormwater Payment	576	2,326	576	2,326
9390-52	Vermont League of Cities & Town	4,351	4,233	4,350	4,437
9391-53	A.C. Regional Planning Commiss.	3,483	3,483	3,535	3,592
9400-00	Bixby Memorial Library	61,050	61,050	61,050	61,050
	TOTAL	91,129	92,681	91,626	94,013
	Public Safety (Fire Protection & Police)				
9392-54	Law Enforcement	15,000	16,221	15,000	16,000
9393-55	Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Dept. Cont.	70,465	70,645	87,145	87,145
9000-92	Fire Truck Payment	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
9394-55.05	Vergennes Fire Department - Contract	59,782	69,018	69,018	87,060
9395-55.10	Vergennes Fire Department - Extra	2,000	1,896	2,000	2,000
9395-60	Vergennes Area Rescue Squad	18,083	18,083	22,256	22,256
	TOTAL	195,330	205,863	225,419	244,461

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		7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/18-6/30/19	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
	Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations				
9980-56.05	Homeward Bound (A.C. Humane Soc)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
9983-56.25	Addison County Transit Resources	3,100	3,100	3,517	3,517
9980-56.00	H O P E	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
9981-56.10	A. C. Restorative Justice Services	800	800	800	800
9982-56.10	A. C. Economic Development Corp.	500	500	500	500
9983-56.15	A. C. Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	2,983	2,983	2,983	2,983
9979-56.00	Addison County Parent/Child Center	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
9979-56.10	Addison County Readers, Inc.	600	600	600	600
9998-56.30	A. C. River Watch Collaborative	500	500	500	500
9985-56.25	Am. Legion - Memorial Day Observ.	300	300	300	300
9979-56.55	Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	500	500	500	500
9987-56.35	Age Well (C. V. Agency of Aging)	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
9998-56.95	ODC Open Door Clinic	400	400	400	400
9981-56.05	Counseling Service of Addison County	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650
9988-56.40	Elderly Services, Inc.	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
9991-56.60	End of Life Services (f/k/a Hospice)	500	500	500	500
9981-56.15	Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	500	500	500	500
9998-56.40	Gage Cemetery Association	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
9990-56.50	Green Up Vermont	150	150	150	150
9992-56.65	John Graham Housing and Services	825	825	825	825
9998-56.10	Lewis Creek Association	500	500	500	500
9998-56.65	N. Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
9993-56.70	Otter Creek Nat. Res. Conserv. Dist.	275	275	275	275
9994-56.75	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	210	210	210	210
9994-56.76	Rokeby Museum	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
9998-56.50	Union Cemetery Association	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
9996-56.85	Vermont Adult Learning	785	785	785	785
9997-56.90	Vt. Center for Independent Living	250	250	250	250
9984-56.20	WomenSafe	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
	TOTAL VOTED AUTHORIZATIONS	31,778	31,778	32,195	32,195

Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2020

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. They do this through direct assistance, as with their revolving loan funds. Since 1993, ACEDC has loaned over \$5 million to dozens of local businesses, creating or retaining more than 1500 jobs in Addison County.

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. Ninety-one Ferrisburgh residents were served with 2,483 visits in 2019.

Addison County Parent & Child Center (PCC) - \$1,600

The PCC helps families assess 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 108 Ferrisburgh residents received service in 2019.

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 at an annual cost of approximately \$30 per child. At the end of 2019, 84 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. They have expanded their program beyond Court Diversion and the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program to include the Driving with License Suspended Program, Safe Driving Program, Reparative Restorative Panels, Reentry Navigation and Circles of Support and Accountability for those reentering the community from incarceration. Also, Pretrial monitoring & Tamarack for those community members who have committed a crime and have a mental illness or substance abuse problem. Twenty-six individuals from the town of Ferrisburgh were served through the 8 different programs in FY 2019.

Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2020 (cont'd.)

Addison County River Watch Collaborative (ACRWC) - \$500

For each of the past sixteen years, the voters of the town of Ferrisburgh have contributed \$500 to Addison County River Watch. Nine other towns in the county contribute similar amounts. During the 2019 sampling season, their trained volunteer water monitors collected samples – once per Month, from April to September – from four locations in Ferrisburgh: two in the Little Otter Creek Watershed and two on Lewis Creek. Their water quality measurements include: bacteria (E.coli), phosphorus, temperature and turbidity. Volunteers donated approximately 120 hours of their time to River Watch sampling at the above-sited stations in 2019.

Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) - \$3,517

ACTR provides significant services to dozens of “transportation disadvantaged” Ferrisburgh residents. Last year Ferrisburgh helped support 2,711 door-to-door trips for Ferrisburgh residents, either by ACTR volunteer drivers or by wheelchair accessible vehicles, including ACTR owned vehicles operated by Elderly Services, Inc. ACTR’s Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus systems provided 168,387 rides this past year. The state and federal grants through which they provide those rides require them to raise up to 20% of the cost of the programs through “local match” dollars. ACTR’s requests of the towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement.

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. They offer care and service coordination; Meals on Wheels; community meals; wellness programs; social activities; Tia Chi; transportation services; expertise on Medicare, insurance and long and short-term care options; a helpline and more.

American Legion – Vergennes Post # 14 - \$300

Plans are underway for the annual observance of Memorial Day which will be observed on Monday, May 25, 2019. 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 Boys & Girls club moved to their new home on 20 Armory Lane in Vergennes. They currently have 162 registered members and are serving an average of 27 children each day. They continue to serve dinner and a snack each day. From September of 2018 to August of 2019 have served 5,506 meals to area youth. They will be sponsoring a Youth of the Year candidate this year that will be representing the Vergennes Club at the Statewide competition. In April 2020.

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 52 Ferrisburgh residents through 91 medical visits, 40 dental visits, 22 consults and case management services and 1 Vermont Health Connect visit.

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations
Requesting Town Funds for 2020 (cont'd.)**

Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc. - \$1,650

During fiscal year 2019, the Counseling Service provided 25,319 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, 216 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at Project Independence Adult Day Center, six of whom were residents of Ferrisburgh. Ferrisburgh residents received a total of 1,916 hours of care, 685 hot meals and approximately 742 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency \$37,291 for direct services to Ferrisburgh residents. In addition, many Ferrisburgh seniors were students at ESI College Lifelong Learning Center. Ferrisburgh residents have volunteered and Ferrisburgh residents are on our staff.

End of Life Services - \$500

During the past year Hospice Volunteer Services provided hospice services, bereavement programs and educational opportunities to 17 residents of the town of Ferrisburgh. Their primary commitment is providing the support of trained hospice volunteers to people with terminal illnesses and their families. They provide services to families free of charge. They rely on some funding from the United Way of Addison County and raise a considerable percentage of their budget through their own fundraising efforts. The people of Addison County sustain them by their generous gifts to their annual appeal, memorial donations and support of our fundraising.

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

The Gage Cemetery Association thanks the Town of Ferrisburgh for supporting them during the past year. With the support of the town they are able to continue the lawn maintenance at the cemetery. Their annual meeting will be held April 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall. All are welcome.

Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2020 (cont'd.)

Green Up Vermont - \$150

Green Up Day marked its 49th Anniversary in 2019. Some quick litter stats from 2019: 43 tons of litter and over 2,100 tires were collected. 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. Mark your Calendar for Green Up Day 2020, May 2nd and help us celebrate 50 years of keeping Vermont green! 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

Homeward Bound - \$1,000

In FY 2018, Howard Bound served Addison County by taking in 850 animals. Those animals were cared for daily, provided with necessary medical attention, and spayed/neutered prior to being placed for adoption. Five animals were adopted by residents of Ferrisburgh. Five stray animals were turned to their owner. Two strays were brought to Homeward Bound and 4 animals were surrendered by their owner. As the only animal shelter in Addison County it also offers programs and services to meet a wide array of critical animal welfare needs.

John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc. - \$825

This year the John Graham Shelter, located on Main Street in Vergennes, marks 39 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals. In 2019, with generous help from Addison County municipalities the shelter provided food, shelter, services and hope to more than 300 people, many of whom were children. Housing was provided to more than 100 families with children. They 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.

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 volunteers participated in many projects including the water quality education and improvement work that they promote through the "Ahead of the Storm" program. Since 2015 they have known that Lake Champlain receives the bulk of its phosphorus pollution when the streams are experiencing their highest flows. This is critically important for Lake Champlain Valley towns and watersheds.

Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2020 (cont'd.)

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. They appreciate the help from the town and are continuing to make improvements to the cemetery, such as additions of gravel to the driveway, which they would not be able to do if the mowing had to be fully paid by the Association.

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 them to maintain its services to farmers, landowners, towns, businesses and schools. 5 Ferrisburgh residents purchased fruit and shade tree seedlings from the Annual District Tree sale. 1 Ferrisburgh student received a full scholarship and attended Green Mountain Conservation Camp. The contribution of \$275 is the same assessment since 1983 and amounts to \$.11 per resident.

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. Overall, 355 Addison County residents benefited from attending the Bone Builders classes and 516 community members received income tax services. During the winter months, RSVP provided food staples to 440 families through local food shelves and hundreds of blankets and warm clothing items were distributed to community members. In Ferrisburgh, items were distributed via Ferrisburgh Central School.

Rokeby Museum - \$1,000

In 2019, Rokeby Museum experienced an increase in both attendance and earned income. They attracted more visitors from across Vermont and the US, and from Europe and Australia. They worked with the 4/5 grade Ferrisburgh Elementary students in 2019, and launched a new program with Vergennes Union High School, partnering with American history, literature and art history teachers to bring students to Rokeby. Likewise, college and teacher training programs visited through the year for a variety of special programs.

Union Cemetery Association - \$2,400

This request will help cover the cost of maintenance of the cemetery and mowing during the grass growing season.

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) - \$785

In FY 2019, Vermont Adult Learning provided services to 1,412 individuals statewide, four 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. They offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing, and math and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes. They also offer WorkKeys certification, a nationally recognized career readiness certificate based on "Real world" skills that employers look for in employees.

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations
Requesting Town Funds for 2020 (cont'd.)**

Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) - \$250

VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability in FY 2019. One person from Ferrisburgh was assisted. Annual support from over 150 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives.

WomenSafe, Inc. - \$1,250

During FY 2019, WomenSafe, Inc. served at least 12 residents of Ferrisburgh and the parents of at least 10 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 understated. Your contribution will be used to support the services provided to their service users, such as their hotline, supervised visitation program, education and outreach, and transitional housing support with victims of domestic and sexual violence.



A slightly older Benedict Ball in the sheep pasture, about 1895
— *courtesy of Ferrisburgh Historical Society*

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Mr. C. R. Hawkins,
Selectman,
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Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Will you kindly arrange to send us your check for the new Walter Truck as soon as possible. You told the writer you would send this at once, and no doubt by oversight, this has not been done.

Thank you.

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PRESIDENT.

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WARNING
TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
February 29, 2020

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, February 29, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business from the floor. NOTE: Polls for Australian ballot voting will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 2: Will the town vote to collect taxes 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 4:00 p.m. on the due date?

ARTICLE 3: Will the town approve an increase in the Town Building Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$20,000 per year for a total appropriation of \$50,000 per year?

ARTICLE 4: Will the town approve total general fund expenditures of \$2,116,148, of which \$1,697,923 shall be raised by taxes and \$418,225 by non-tax revenue for the 2020-2021 Selectboard Budget, excluding any other amounts authorized by the voters? NOTE: Total expenditures will be increased by any separate articles voted independently.

ARTICLE 5: Will the voters of the town approve the following appropriations for the agencies listed:

Addison County Economic Development Corporation	500
Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	2,983
Addison County Parent Child Center	1,600
Addison County Readers, Inc.	600
Addison County Restorative Justice	800
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	500
Addison County Transit Resources	3,517
American Legion - Memorial Day Observation	300
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	500
Age Well (Champlain Valley Agency on Aging)	1,100
Community Health Services Open Door Clinic	400
Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	1,650
Elderly Services, Inc.	1,100
End of Life Services (formerly Hospice)	500
Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	500
Gage Cemetery Association	2,500
Green Up Vermont	150
Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	1,000
HOPE (formerly ACCAG)	2,000
John Graham Shelter	825
Lewis Creek Association	500
North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	2,500
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	275
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	210
Rokeby Museum	1,000

Union Cemetery	2,400
Vermont Adult Learning	785
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250
Women Safe	<u>1,250</u>
TOTAL	\$32,195

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting at this time.

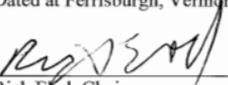
At the close of the above business, the meeting shall be recessed until March 3, 2020, at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall to vote by Australian ballot on the following matters, to wit:

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

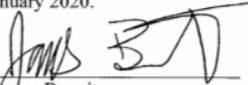
ARTICLE 7: To elect Town Officers.

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

Dated at Ferrisburgh, Vermont, this 21st day of January 2020.



Rick Ebel, Chair



James Benoit

Clark Hinsdale



Jessica James

Michael Muir

Received for record this 21st day of January 2020.



Pam Cousino, Town Clerk

**OFFICES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT
March 3, 2020**

- Auditor – 1 year of a 3-year term
- Auditor – 2 years of a 3-year term
- Auditor – 3-year term
- First Constable – 1-year term
- Lister – 3-year term
- Moderator – 1-year term

- Rogers & Hazard Fund Trustee – 2-year term
- Selectboard – 2-year term
- Selectboard – 3-year term
- Town Agent – 1-year term
- Unified School Director – 3-year term
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Plank Road in front of Godard's, 1958. Located near Pea Ridge and Plank Road — *courtesy of Earl Bessette's History*

NOTES:

Marvin Ball sitting on his 1935 John Deere wide front end (B) tractor. It was built on July 29, 1935, and shipped to the North Ferrisburgh John Deere dealership. After being owned by a few other people—including his uncle—Marvin bought the tractor in 1969 and sold it in 2016. One year, Marvin was first in line in the annual East Charlotte Tractor Day Parade.
—Courtesy of Marvin Ball

