

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
of the  
**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VT.**  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2016



Please bring your Town Report with you to Town Meeting.  
**Town Meeting will be at the Ferrisburgh School at 10:00 a.m. on  
Saturday, March 4, 2017**

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

## **The Eagles' Nest**

*(Cover photo by Brian Machanic)*

Ferrisburgh welcomed new residents this past year, thanks to the efforts of longtime residents Jim Danyow and Scott Hawkins. The two men first observed a pair of immature Bald Eagles refurbishing an abandoned Osprey nest on Danyow's property, near Little Otter Creek, in 2015. By March 2016, they observed the then mature eagle pair making definite nesting efforts. It appears that incubation began around March 22, with hatching around April 26.

To protect the area from interested onlookers who wanted to get too close, Danyow posted the land around the nest and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department posted eagle nest warnings. But the site remained easily visible from Hawkins Road and passersby spent the next three months enjoying the eagles' activity.

At least one eaglet became visible in the nest by mid-May, and the parents remained active feeding, sheltering and guarding against predators for the next month. On June 16, Hawkins observed the eaglet jumping back and forth between the edge of the nest and adjoining tree limbs. The eaglet was about two to three weeks from fledging, since its primary feathers were not yet fully developed. The next day, Brian Machanic, a Charlotte resident who frequently observed and photographed the eagles, saw that the eaglet was not visible and the parents were sitting side-by-side on a nearby perch. This was unusual behavior, so Machanic notified Hawkins and they agreed to monitor the situation closely. On Machanic's next visit, the nest appeared vacant and there was no sign of the parents.

Machanic contacted Hawkins, who made his way across the field to the tall grass at the foot of the nesting tree, and discovered the eaglet with an injured wing. Calls were quickly made to Vermont Fish & Wildlife and the local game warden. An animal rescue team was immediately organized, and the eaglet was captured and transferred to wildlife rehabilitation specialists, who over the next several months were able to help heal the wing and rehabilitate the bird. On October 12, the young eagle was released back into the wild at the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area.

This winter, there has been eagle activity around the same nest on Danyow's property. Let's hope it means that we will continue to have eagles for neighbors, perhaps including the young Ferrisburgh native who was rescued last year.

We thank local residents Jim Danyow and Scott Hawkins for being good neighbors and helping these winged residents; neighboring town resident Brian Machanic for chronicling this story in words and photos; and Vermont Fish & Wildlife and the Vermont Institute of Natural Science for all of their support.



# DEDICATION OF TOWN REPORT



In 2016, the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department marked its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Department was formed in 1941, when a small group of men started providing firefighting and first response services in the Hollow.

Today, the Department has more than 40 dedicated men and women participating and providing volunteer emergency services to the town of Ferrisburgh.

It is with sincere appreciation that we dedicate this Town Report to the men and women of the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department for their unfailing and generous service to our community and to the mission of the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department to protect lives, property, and the environment.

**We would like to thank the following people who served the town during the past year:**

**Joe Rivers:** Served as a Justice of the Peace - 2012 – February 2017

**Neil Allen:** Highway Department – October 14, 2014 – June 20, 2016

**Jim Warden:** Served on Selectboard from March 2005 – March 2017 and Town Service Officer 2005 – 2017

**Bob McNary:** In August our town lost a very devoted volunteer; through the years Bob served on many committees and was a regular attendee at Selectboard meetings. He was chair of the Ferrisburgh Fire District #1, a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Addison County Regional Planning and chair of the local Energy Committee; he served on the Train Station/Welcome Center Committee, as a Trustee of the Rogers and Hazard Fund and participated in many other community activities. Bob had a passion for our community and for the preservation of the land and environment.

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### 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.
- The **Planning Commission** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- The **Zoning Board of Adjustment** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- The **Conservation Commission** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM (No meetings in July and August).
- Other associated town functions meet at various locations.
- The **Historical Society** meets the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM.

State Legislators for the Town of Ferrisburgh:

Senator Chris Bray – New Haven  
Senator Claire Ayer - Weybridge

Representative Diane Lanpher - Vergennes  
Representative Warren Van Wyck - Ferrisburgh

<b><u>TOWN OFFICERS</u></b>		<b><u>TERM</u></b>	<b><u>EXPIRES</u></b>
MODERATOR	Bill Clark	(1 Year Term)	2017
TOWN CLERK	Gloria Warden	(3 Year Term)	2017
TOWN TREASURER	Garrit Smits	(3 Year Term)	2017
SCHOOL TREASURER	Garrit Smits	(3 Year Term)	2017
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/TREAS.	Pamela Cousino	Appointed	2017
SELECTBOARD	James Warden	(3 Year Term)	2017
	James Benoit	(2 Year Term)	2017
	Michael 'Red' Muir	(3 Year Term)	2018
	Loretta Lawrence, Chair	(2 Year Term)	2018
	Steve Gutowski	(3 Year Term)	2019
ROAD FOREMAN	John Bull	Appointed	
ROAD CREW	Paul Bodington	Appointed	
	Kyle Bradley	Appointed	
	Reilly LaBerge	Appointed	
	Aaron Schondube	Appointed	
LISTERS	Joe Blasius	(3 Year Term)	2019
	Carl Cole, Chair	(3 Year Term)	2017
	Charlene Stavenow	(3 Year Term)	2018
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Ken Wheeling	Appointed	2018
AUDITOR	Walter E. Reed II	(3 Year Term)	2017
	Susan Oliveria	(3 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Deb Healey	(3 Year Term)	2018
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	Sally Torrey	(1 Year Term)	2017
FIRST CONSTABLE	Chester Hawkins	(1 Year Term)	2017
CIVIL DEFENSE CHAIRMAN	William Wager	Appointed	
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	Jim Warden	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
TOWN GRAND JUROR	Betsy Etchells	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't
TOWN AGENT	Bessie Sessions	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Brad Hargett	(3 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Laurie Gutowski	(2 Year Term)	2017 App't
	Christopher Kayhart	(3 Year Term)	2017
	Bill Clark	(3 Year Term)	2018
	Kate Yarbrough	(2 Year Term)	2018
UNIFIED SCHOOL DIRECTOR	Kristina MacKulin	(2 year Term)	2018
	Finn Yarbrough	(2 year Term)	2018
	George Gardner	(3 year Term)	2019
	Laurie Gutowski	(4 year Term)	2020

<u>TOWN OFFICERS</u>		<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Kristina MacKulin	(3 Year Term)	2018
	George Gardener	(2 Year Term)	2017
ROGERS & HAZARD FUND TRUSTEES	Sally Torrey	(2 Year Term)	2017
	Pennie Beach	(2 Year Term)	2018
ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE	Robert Peisch	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES	Tim Davis	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Arabella Holzapfel	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Vacancy	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMM (TAC)	Bob McNary	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
FERRISBURGH ENERGY COMMITTEE (Appointed – 1 year terms – Advisory)	Bob McNary, Chm	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Matt Neffinger	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Vacancy	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Vacancy	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
	Vacancy	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2 year terms)	Steve Alexander	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Judith Chaves	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Art Cohn	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Norton Davis	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Chester Hawkins	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Chris Kayhart	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Judith Mace	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Jean Richardson	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Charles Shapiro	(2 Year Term)	2019
	J. Silas Towler	(2 Year Term)	2019
PLANNING COMMISSION (Appointed – 4 year terms)	Al Chamberlain	(4 Year Term)	2017
	Robert Beach, Chair	(4 Year Term)	2017
	Anne Cohn	(4 Year Term)	2018
	Arabella Holzapfel	(4 Year Term)	2018
	Bessie Sessions	(4 Year Term)	2019
	Michael Quinn	(4 year Term)	2019
	Keith Wagner	(4 Year Term)	2019
	Gail Blasius	(4 Year Term)	2020
	Walter Reed	(4 Year Term)	2020
	ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (Appointed - 3 year terms)	David Mentzer	(3 Year Term)
Michael Delaney		(3 Year Term)	2017
Norman Smith		(3 Year Term)	2018
Rayner Herzog		(3 Year Term)	2018
Charlene Stavenow, Chr.		(3 Year Term)	2018
Robert Beach		(3 Year Term)	2019
John Paul		(3 Year Term)	2019

**TOWN OFFICERS**

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
(Appointed - 4 year terms – Advisory)

Karen Pettersen	(4 Year Term)	2017
Dennis Armell	(4 Year Term)	2017
Amy Dohner	(4 Year Term)	2018
Jen Cirillo	(4 Year Term)	2018
Finn Yarbrough	(4 Year Term)	2018
Craig Heindel	(4 Year Term)	2020
John Medenwald	(4 Year Term)	2020

**TERM**

**EXPIRES**

FENCE VIEWERS

Ronald Kampner	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
Bob McNary	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.
Michael Muir	(1 Year Term)	2017 App't.

TREE WARDEN

425-2130

Clifton Mix

(1 Year Term)

2017 App't.

FIRE WARDEN

877-3564

Michael Coyle

(5 Year Term)

2017 App't.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFCR

233-7068

Jaimeelyn Gaboriault

Appointed

HEALTH OFFICER

233-7068

Jaimeelyn Gaboriault

(3 Year Term)

2017 App't.

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

877-3002

Jaimeelyn Gaboriault

(3 Year Term)

2017 App't.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

877-3429

TOWN GARAGE

877-3076

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

**FIRE 911**  
**RESCUE 911**  
**POLICE 911**



Fancy clothes and rustic camps were the order of the day at Long Point 100 years ago.  
Photo courtesy of Clark & Suzanne Hinsdale

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

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

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

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

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

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>



Bay View Farm looks much the same today as when this picture was taken about 100 years ago.  
*Photo courtesy of Clark & Suzanne Hinsdale, current proprietors of Bay View Farm.*

**Town Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2016**

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

Due to illness the Moderator was not present so the Selectboard Chair, Steve Gutowski opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Loretta Lawrence then made a motion to nominate Paul Hoffman as acting Moderator, seconded by Jim Benoit. So voted. Paul Hoffman then asked Loretta Lawrence to make a presentation.

Loretta Lawrence presented a plaque to Dr. Don's grandson, Max Ratti-Bicknell in appreciation of the 20 years of service Dr. Donald Bicknell has given to the town as the Town and School Moderator.

Vaughn Collins then moved to suspend the meeting to allow the legislators to speak, seconded by Bob McNary. So voted.

Representative Diane Lanpher was present to update the townspeople regarding her work on the House Appropriations Committee. The biggest challenge this coming year is regarding the high costs of Medicaid. In 2014 it was voted to change the budgeting process, which seems to be working well.

Representative Warran Van Wyck presented a resolution for both Dr. Donald and Elizabeth Bicknell for their years of service, which he read.

The Moderator then read an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Eisenhardt then moved to allow each speaker five minutes maximum speaking time, instead of ten. Seconded by Carl Cole. So voted.

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear reports of the Town Officers.

There were no reports other than what were in the town report. Bob McNary moved and Finn Yarbrough seconded the article.

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the voters authorize the total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,803,427, of which \$1,389,952 shall be raised by taxes and \$413,475 by non-tax revenues? Total expenditures will be increased by any separate articles voted independently.

Bob McNary moves to open Article 2 with a second by Finn Yarbrough. Norm Smith asked the Selectboard to review the highlights. Steve Gutowski reviews. The town treasurer will work 35 hours per week instead of 30. General liability/workers compensation increases. Heating fuel was low. Mileage is in a separate category now instead of in contingency. Added a fifth road crew member, for winter plowing and for summer lawn maintenance since we no longer hire out the lawn maintenance. Catherine Hill asks what the hours for the town office employees are. 40 hours

per week for the Town Clerk, 35 (starting July 1) for the Town Treasurer and 40 for the Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer. Zoning Administrator is 15 hours or less.

Katie Hill asked for an explanation on how the building maintenance was being handled, given that the town voted to have \$30,000 per year put away for long term maintenance on all town buildings. Steve Gutowski responds that instead of having a budget line item for each building, we now have one line item which is currently at \$30,000 per year (1-3710-70). That money will be transferred into a designated fund to be used as needed on town buildings. Therefore the other line items are now in the budget at zero. The Town Offices Routine maintenance fund (1-3710-85) is for the continuing routine maintenance of running the town offices. Article 2 is voted and passes unanimously.

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes?

Finn Yarbrough moved to open the article, seconded by John Bull. Steve Gutowski noted that this was just a housekeeping item. Article was approved unanimously.

**ARTICLE 4** Shall the voters of the Town authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2651d?

Vaughn Collins moved to open the article, seconded by Rick Kerschner. Sally Torrey spoke for the article. She feels that it is a smart move now that the delinquent taxes are on the computer. Chet Hawkins moves to amend the article to make the current tax collector the delinquent tax collector, seconded by Carl Cole. George Gardner remarks that it takes away the boards rights and is hostile. Vaughn Collins is also against the amendment. The moderator rules that it is a hostile amendment and is not valid. Loretta Lawrence moves to call the question. Seconded by Bob Jenkins. So voted. The vote for Article 4 is called and approved.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the town vote to compensate the Collector of Delinquent Taxes a salary amount in lieu of fees and commissions pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1530?

Sally Torrey moved and Matt Vogel seconded the article. Finn Yarbrough asked how the current delinquent tax collector is paid. Steve Gutowski remarked that currently the delinquent tax collector is paid through the 8% penalty. If the collector was appointed, that person would be paid with a stipend, perhaps \$3,000 per year. Sally Torrey remarks that she spent about 80 hours last year and received about \$17,000 in fees. Chet Hawkins moves to amend the article so that the penalty would be 3% instead of 8%. Moderator disregards the amendment as it is out of order. Finn Yarbrough asks how to act on Chet's motion. It can't be voted on until next year. The vote is called and the article passes unanimously.

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters authorize the purchase of a ¾ ton heavy duty pickup truck in an amount not to exceed 40,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed four years?

Bob McNary moved to open the article, seconded by Chris Kayhart. Finn Yarbrough asked why the town needed a new pickup truck. Jim Warden responded that the truck had served the town well but was purchased as a used truck and we have had it at least 10 years. The truck is worn out and it is time to be replaced. John Bull the Road Foreman reports that the truck is used to haul lawn mowers and weed whacker's in the summer, used for checking the roads during emergencies and is much cheaper to run for checking the roads then it would be using one of the larger trucks.

Our insurance company recommends not paying mileage and dollar for dollar it is much cheaper to own the truck. The town will try to purchase a used truck if there is a good deal. Article 6 is voted and passes unanimously.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town voters will approve the following monies for the agencies listed below:

Addison County Court Diversion	\$800.00
Addison County Humane Society	\$1,000.00
Addison County Transit Resources	\$2,412.00
HOPE (Formerly ACCAG)	\$2,000.00
Addison County Economic Development Corporation	\$500.00
Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	\$2,983.00
Addison County Parent Child Center	\$1,600.00
Addison County Readers, Inc.	\$600.00
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	\$500.00
American Legion - Memorial Day Observation	\$300.00
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	\$500.00
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,100.00
Community Health Services Open Door Clinic	\$400.00
Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	\$1,650.00
Elderly Services, Inc.	\$1,100.00
The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	\$500.00
Gage Cemetery Association	\$1,500.00
Green Up Vermont	\$150.00
Hospice Volunteer Services	\$250.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	\$825.00
Lewis Creek Association	\$500.00
North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	\$2500.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$275.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$210.00
Rokeby Museum	\$1,000.00
Union Cemetery	\$2,400.00
Vergennes Summer Rec Program	\$1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$785.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$250.00
WomanSafe	\$1250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,840.00</b>

The Moderator read the article. Bob McNary moved and Ann Poskas seconded the article. Finn Yarbrough moved to amend the article by removing or reducing the 3 items concerning the Cemetery Associations, seconded by Richard Morin. Richard Morin then asked why those cemeteries receive money. Sally Torrey spoke to say that those three cemeteries are the only cemeteries still accepting burials and without these funds they would not be able to maintain them and they would revert to the town. John Pierce spoke about the cost of mowing the North Ferrisburgh Cemetery. Bob Jenkins moved the question on the amendment. It was voted to keep the

cemeteries in the above article. It was then voted to approve the above items for a total of \$30,840.00.

**ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting at this time.

Katie Hill asked about when the board would have a Capital Fund. Jim Warden remarked that it is a plan only. John Bull stated that the town has a Capital Plan in place for the highway. Much discussion ensued. Vaughn Collins then thanked the Selectboard and all of the town volunteers. Richard Kerschner mentioned that he has had some success with utility pole proliferation (when the electric company puts up new poles and the old ones are not removed). Liz Markowski mentions that she would prefer town meeting back to Tuesday. More discussion ensued. Kurt Plank then moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:03, seconded by Bob Jenkins. So voted and the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

At the close of the above business, the meeting was recessed until March 1, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall to vote by Australian ballot on the following matters, to wit:

**ARTICLE 9:** To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers of the Town:

Auditor – 3 year term	Selectperson – 3 year term
Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term	Town Grand Juror – 1 year term
FCS Town School Director – 2 year term	Town Agent – 1 year term
FCS Town School Director – 3 year term	Trustee for Rogers & Hazard Relief Society – 2 year term
First Constable – 1 year term	Vergennes Union High School Dir. – 2 yrs of 3 year term
Lister – 3 year term	Unified School Director – 2 year term
Moderator School – 1 year term	Unified School Director – 2 year term
Moderator Town – 1 year term	Unified School Director – 3 year term
Selectperson – 2 year term	Unified School Director – 4 year term

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cousino  
Ass't. Town Clerk/Treasurer

Paul Hoffman  
Moderator Pro Tem

Steve Gutowski  
Selectboard Chair

**BIRTHS**

<b><u>DATE OF BIRTH</u></b>	<b><u>BABY'S NAME</u></b>	<b><u>PARENT'S NAMES</u></b>
December 3, 2015	Mateo Nelson	Claire Bove David Nelson
January 6, 2016	Emerson Curler	Kari LaRocque-Curler Bradley Curler
January 16, 2016	Lune Stephany	Elizabeth Stephany Brian Stephany
February 27, 2016	Addison Parda	Shannon Sixt Matthew Parda
March 22, 2016	Caige Clark	Krista Reinhart Christopher Clark, Jr.
March 23, 2016	Molly Ruitenber	Melissa Ruitenber Zachary Ruitenber
March 25, 2016	Rhett Cooke	Tammy Cooke Matthew Cooke
March 26, 2016	Eden Flynn	Briena Ploof Maxwell Flynn
April 19, 2016	Charlotte Sprague	Mollie Sprague Lincoln Sprague
April 8, 2016	Andrew Rees	Andrea Rees Cole Rees
May 6, 2016	Emerson Torrey	Rumsey Torrey Davin Torrey
May 25, 2016	Alec Gingras	Christine Gingras Tyler Gingras
April 28, 2017	Axel Trujillo	Lauren Hibbard Yoel Trujillo

<b><u>DATE OF BIRTH</u></b>	<b><u>BIRTHS (Continued)</u></b> <b><u>BABY'S NAME</u></b>	<b><u>PARENT'S NAMES</u></b>
June 4, 2016	Dylan Crossman	Tammy Crossman Daniel Crossman
June 13, 2016	Kayson Lavalla	Hanna Lavalla Jordan Lavalla
June 4, 2016	Nyra Cushing	Chylia Cushing Ryan Cushing
June 30, 2016	Elijah Neffinger	Mary Neffinger Matthew Neffinger
July 12, 2016	Theodore Packard	Emily Howard Richard Packard Jr.
July 16, 2016	Harper Benoit	Katie Benoit Shawn Benoit
July 19, 2016	Amara Neverett-Hawkins	Mariah Neverett David Hawkins
July 26, 2016	Owen Beams	Sara Beams Jason Beams
August 7, 2016	Ethan LaFlam	Ashley LaFlam Sean LaFlam
October 3, 2016	Wyatt Seeley	MacKenzie Seeley Joseph Seeley
November 23, 2016	Elijah Bunn	Elise Bunn Jeffrey Bunn
December 8, 2016	Logan Bradley	Jennifer Bradley Kyle Bradley
December 8, 2016	William Castillo	Hannah Castillo Bradley Castillo
December 12, 2016	Brian Lavoie Jr.	Rebecca Santor Brian Lavoie

**DEATHS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF DEATH</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b>
Cynthia Hoehl	January 11, 2016	73
Jon Wilson	January 22, 2016	60
Caroline Hill	January 25, 2016	86
Rosemarie Provetto	February 6, 2016	90
Anna Haigis	February 8, 2016	88
Charles Stanton	February 16, 2016	73
William Oosterman	March 9, 2016	62
David Parkinson	April 5, 2016	78
Grace Devine	May 11, 2016	91
Sally Munnett	July 8, 2016	71
William Sullivan	July 15, 2016	65
Albert Van De Weert	July 20, 2016	81
Joan Rabideau	July 27, 2016	83
David Allen	August 9, 2016	68
Robert McNary	August 22, 2016	73
Terry Barrows	September 18, 2016	51
Sherman Drake	September 21, 2016	94
David Kaigle	October 2, 2016	66
Eleanor Mitchell	October 13, 2016	82
Armand Benoit	October 15, 2016	78

**DEATHS (Continued)**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF DEATH</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b>
Andrew Godaire	November 3, 2016	22
Theresa Gauthier	November 16, 2016	75
Raymond Vander Wey	December 22, 2016	75
Scott Barnes	December 27, 2016	49



Gage Superior School class picture — 1930. REAR ROW, left to right: Warner Field, Eva May Larrow, Robert Danyow, Miss Gladys St. Jean - the teacher, Olivia Cyr, Gladys Swinton, Nellie Surprise, Lillian Sears and Howard Tatro. FRONT ROW, left to right: Herbert Surprise, Norma Surprise, Ella Sweeney, Emma Sweeney, Muriel Britch, Veronica Larrow, Glenn St. Jean and Clarence Sweeney.

**CIVIL MARRIAGES**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Names</u></b>	<b><u>Town</u></b>
May 1, 2016	Adam John Adoriso Sarah Jane Pitre	North Ferrisburgh North Ferrisburgh
May 28, 2016	Jeffrey Mark Young Carolyn Eve Palmer	Williston North Ferrisburgh
June 13, 2016	Anthony Skyler Morse Angela Marie Quinn	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
June 25, 2016	Jenna Sheyanne Arthers Jordan Michael Rule	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
July 9, 2016	Becky Jean Coltey Christopher James Holsen	Glens Falls, NY Glens Falls, NY
July 9, 2016	Helen Suzanne Lyons Shane Andrew Whaley	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
July 16, 2016	Shane Michael Coyle Jennifer Erin Stahlbush	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
July 30, 2016	Anne Katherine Dunham Steven Vere Audy	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
August 6, 2016	Curtis Paul Bessette Robyn Christine Brosius	Ferrisburgh Huntington
August 20, 2016	Christopher Jeffery Campbell Janel Lee Jewell	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
August 20, 2016	Tyler John Pierce Kaci June Spear	Ferrisburgh Addison
September 4, 2016	Hannah Ellen Curler Korey Alan Whitaker	Ballston Spa Ballston Spa
September 11, 2016	Lauren Pearl Ngwanamogale Bastiaan Robbert Jan Van Wijk	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
September 24, 2016	Jeremy Thomas Bessette Sarah Blake Lincoln	North Ferrisburgh North Ferrisburgh

**CIVIL MARRIAGES (Continued)**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Names</u></b>	<b><u>Town</u></b>
September 24, 2016	April Starr Marble Scott Arthur Rivait	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
September 24, 2016	Michael Scott Mills Colleen Amber Michael	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
October 14, 2016	Brett Patrick Flansburg Alisa Nicole Raymond	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
October 15, 2016	Jason Matthew Thibault Amy Kathleen Flemings	North Ferrisburgh North Ferrisburgh
November 29, 2016	Isabella Mary Gould Wolfgang LeClerc	North Ferrisburgh N. Grosvenordale, CT

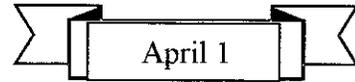


Students from the Hollow school. From the Ellen Morrow Collection.  
*Photo courtesy of Silas Towler/Ferrisburgh Historical Society*

## Zoning Permit Summary

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
New Houses	7	5	3	4	9
Seasonal to Full Time	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total New Residences</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>
Home Occupation	0	1			
Replacement Houses	3	0	1	2	1
House Addition/Renovatio	11	14	20	15	12
Accessory Apartments	4	2	1	1	2
Garage/Barn/Shed	14	14	21	22	23
Decks/Porches	3	0	1	1	3
Renewals	5	9	6	7	7
Pools/Ponds/Fences	2	1	1	4	3
Driveways	0	0	0	0	0
Repair/Maintenance	0	0	1	2	0
Recreation	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Structures	0	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	1
Commercial	1	1	1	3	1
Signs	2	4	5	1	2
Denied	1	0	0	0	0
Variances	0	0	1	0	3
Boundary Adjustments	2	2	3	1	2
Sketch Plans	9	5	9	3	4
Preliminary Plats	4	1	2	1	3
Final Plats	0	3	3	0	3
2-Lot Subdivisions	4	1	4	8	1
Violations	0	1	1	0	2
Certificate of Compliance	58	42	35	28	39
Building Envelope	0	0	0	0	0
Other	3	0	0	5	0
Conditional Use	9	8	8	11	23
Additions to Accessory Bldg	11	2	4		
Amendment	0	2	4		
Appeals	2	0	2		
<b>Total Permit Applications</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>134</b>

Ken Wheeling, Zoning Administrator



**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

**DEFEAT RABIES - Fight with Facts**

**Rabies Kills**  
animals and people!

around the world  
Rabies kills 1 person every 10 minutes

25-50 animals/year positive for rabies

Vermont

**RECOGNIZE RABIES**

VT rabies cases since 2011:

Cat	119
Skunk	83
Bat	26
Wolf	11
Other	8
Other	4
Other	3
Other	1

**PREVENT RABIES**

Vaccinate your animals!

Avoid any weird-acting animals - then tell an adult!

TALK to your doctor if you get bitten by an animal or wake up to find a bat in your house.

**FVMA** One Health Committee [www.vtvet.org](http://www.vtvet.org)  
World Rabies Day 2016



## TOWN CLERK 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 2016 include:

- Vital statistics: 27 births, 19 marriages and 24 deaths were recorded.
- Land records: 3196 pages of land records (warranty deeds, mortgages, mortgage discharges and liens) were received for recording.
- Licenses: 375 dog licenses, 30 applications for Liquor and catering licenses were processed, 46 Green Mountain Passports and 119 Fish & Game licenses were issued.
- Notary: 171 notary services were performed.
- Renewals: 74 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.)
- Website: Averaging more than 11,000 page views per month.
- Voter registrations: 244 removed – 288 new voter registrations added to our voter checklist
- Absentee/Early ballots: between the three elections we processed 967 absentee ballots
- Certified copies: Issued 162 certified copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates

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

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

In February we hosted a well attended election training for this area of the state, it was put on by the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office. All the mandatory training sessions helped to prepare us for the busy election year. We held Town Meeting and local elections/Presidential Primary in March, State Primary in August and the Presidential Election in November. We began to use the tabulator (as required by the state) which also necessitated special training. With the help of our Justices of the Peace and election officials every election went smoothly. Absentee ballot requests were popular, several were even sent to residents that were out of the country. Using the new state elections system, we were able to add bar coding to the voter checklist. By using the bar code we did not have to go back into the system the next day to enter everyone that voted, instead it was entered into the system at the time each voter was checked on the list. Your patience is appreciated as we continue to work with the tabulator and the bar coding system.

The new VT Election Management System (VEMS), where you can register to vote or request an absentee ballot is available on line. As a registered voter, you can use "My Voter Page" by going to <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> to check your voter registration status, absentee ballot status, poll location, sample ballot, etc. New for this year, beginning in January 2017 we will now be offering same day voter registration.

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

Special thanks and appreciation to Pam Cousino, assistant town clerk, for her dedicated work and support throughout a very busy year.

I also want to thank all residents for your support. It has been a privilege to serve as your town clerk for the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria Warden

## 2016 Highway Report

The Ferrisburgh Highway Department would like to thank all the homeowners who have worked with us as we upgrade and repair many areas around Ferrisburgh. Your continued patience and regard for our safety in work zones is appreciated. As part of our planning process we try to design projects in a way to minimize the impact to residents in these areas.

2016 was a busy season for all the residents of Ferrisburgh. A new traffic light at Route 7 and Little Chicago has dramatically improved the safety of this intersection. Please respect this light, we have noticed many cars on Route 7 are driving thru the red light causing a potential risk for motorists entering Route 7.

Construction on Route 7 in Charlotte has increased our traffic on Old Hollow Road and Mt. Philo Road. Both of these roads are on our project list to repair and rebuild. We will be monitoring the traffic during the upcoming construction period and try to schedule our work accordingly.

Construction on the second phase of Rt. 7 will continue this year. This construction coupled with resurfacing Rt. 7 from New Haven to Charlotte will cause traffic delays. Be prepared to adjust commute times accordingly.

Projects this year included rebuilding another section of Walker Road. The last piece of this project should be completed in the spring. Bridge work on Little Chicago Road should be taking place in April and May. The road will be reduced to one lane but we do not anticipate any lengthy delays. As part of our summer work we will upgrade a failed culvert on Plank Road. This project will include replacing the current structure which is too short and repairing the eroded ditch bed. We will upgrade this construction so that it meets the new standards developed for storm water runoff. At the end of 2016 we completed phase 1 of the construction at the Town Offices. This project consisted of adding additional parking and a loop road that connects to Atkins Farm Road. The new parking is intended for overflow parking and a better flow of traffic during events and voting. Phase 2 of the project will be additional lighting, landscaping, and drainage. At this time, use of the remaining property is still undetermined.

New storm water runoff rules are still being written at this time. They should be completed and put into effect sometime this spring. As we receive the new standards we will be upgrading our methods of construction to comply with the new regulations. We have received maps and coordinates of the potential segments of roads that will be affected. Ferrisburgh has over 1700 of these individual segments. We will start inspecting these segments to identify the areas we will need to repair and or reconstruct.

In the past few years we have deferred replacing equipment in an effort to keep the budget increase as small as possible. In doing this we disrupted our equipment depreciation and replacement schedule, creating an extreme spike in the budget by 2020. In an effort to get this schedule back on track we are proposing the purchase of a new tandem axle dump truck, plow, and sander. This unit will replace our 2004 truck that was scheduled to be replaced in 2013. In order to extend the life of our 2006 Tandem truck we will replace the dump body allowing us to defer its replacement from 2017 until 2022. These two decisions will allow us to get back on schedule and eliminate any significant increases in the future.

Thanks again for your support and we are looking forward to another year of quality projects and safe travels.

John W. Bull  
Ferrisburgh Public Works

**TOWN PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT  
ESTIMATED VALUE**

Fire Station Building, Land and Improvements	\$295,000.00
Town Garage, Salt Shed, Tool Shed, Land	\$175,000.00
New Town Highway Facility	\$995,000.00
Center School/Historical Society	\$127,000.00
Town Clerk's Office and Community Center	\$2,800,000.00
Town Clerk's Office Contents	\$20,000.00
Union Meeting Hall, Old Shed, Land	\$267,000.00
Town Forest	\$194,000.00
Town Beach	\$296,000.00
Gravel Pit	\$57,500.00
2001 Chevrolet K2500 & Plow & Sander	\$2,000.00
Truck # 1 - 2010 International (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	\$117,585.00
Truck # 2 - 2006 International (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	\$60,166.00
Truck # 4 - 2012 Mack Tandem (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	\$136,688.00
Vehicle # 4 - 2004 John Deere Grader 772CH	\$123,750.00
Vehicle # 5 - 410G John Deere Loader/Backhoe	\$20,000.00
Truck # 6 - Freightliner FL70 (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	\$12,834.00
Truck # 9 - 2005 International (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	\$45,000.00
Vehicle # 7 - 2005 John Deere 6710 Tractor	\$15,000.00
Vehicle # 8 - 1999 John Deere Loader	\$47,768.00
Chipper	\$11,250.00
2011 Roadside Mower #1	\$10,000.00
2006 - John Deere Z Turn Mower	\$7,200.00
2015 JD 540 Mower/Bagger	\$4,000.00
Leaf Blowers/Broom	\$800.00
Grass Trimmers	\$600.00
2002 Dodge 1 ton	\$11,488.00
1999 25 ton trailer	\$3,750.00
2011 J.D. Excavator	\$80,000.00
Plows	\$12,172.00
Grader Plow & Wing	\$4,500.00
Plasma cutter	\$500.00
Welder	\$1,500.00
Chain Saws	\$1,600.00
Small Tools	\$6,000.00
Power Tamper	\$1,500.00
Compressor	\$1,000.00
Culvert Thawer & Trailer	\$1,000.00
2-Way Radios	\$4,400.00
Pressure Washer	\$1,200.00
Chloride pump, Tank, Trailer	\$2,000.00
Computer & Accessories	\$1,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,975,551.00</b>

**Ferrisburgh Town Audit Committee Report  
for the Year End June 30, 2016**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Ferrisburgh as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 prescribed under Vermont State Article 24, Section 1681-1684. The financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. In our opinion the financial statements present the Town's financial position fairly according to generally accepted accounting principals.

Additionally, the following fiduciary responsibilities were performed for the benefit of the Town:

- Conducted a checklist of treasurer's duties and obligations and found competency with the exception of bank reconciliations which were not completed in a timely manner.
- Audited a single week's payroll, found inconsistencies, and recommend the Selectboard request the Town's CPA firm RHR Smith to perform a payroll audit when doing the annual audit. The audit was conducted and findings provided in December 2016. The findings made us aware that the positions of elected Town Clerks and Treasurers are governed only by the voters. We feel it is important to make the townspeople aware of inconsistencies and to answer questions about how the positions are accomplished. It was brought to our attention that townspeople had concerns regarding tax payments not deposited in a timely manner. We looked at a small number of June 2016 deposits; in our limited testing we saw tax funds were held no longer than 3 days. The professional audit has discovered receipts not recorded for much longer periods of time.
- Reviewed Town's credit card bills and payments for three select months, and the Town's Credit Card Policy. The Selectboard reviewed the policy and subsequently cancelled the current Town credit cards and established a new Credit Card Policy.

We would like to thank the Town staff for their assistance throughout the audit process and their willingness to listen and discuss the findings, and implement recommendations offered by the CPA. We will continue to work with the Selectboard and the Town staff to resolve any audit findings and improve our processes prior to the Town's fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. We encourage everyone to contact us with questions or concerns about any of the Town's financial matters.

Respectfully,

Deb Healey

Walter E. Reed II

Susan Oliveira

**LONG-TERM DEBT (Bonds and Leases)**

**2011 TANDEM TRUCK BOND**  
**July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016**

Outstanding 7/1/15	\$70,000.00
Notes Paid	\$35,000.00
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>

**FORMER SISTER'S PROPERTY MORTGAGE**  
**July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016**

Outstanding 7/1/15	\$120,000.00
Notes Paid	\$7,500.00
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$112,500.00</b>

**TOWN HIGHWAY SHED MORTGAGE**  
**July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016**

Outstanding 7/1/15	\$807,500.00
Notes Paid	\$42,500.00
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$765,000.00</b>

**FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL LEASE**  
**July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016**

Outstanding 7/1/15	\$0.00
Borrowed 2016	\$252,160.00
Notes Paid	\$0.00
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$252,160.00</b>

**JOHN DEERE EXCAVATOR LEASE**  
**July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016**

Outstanding 7/1/15	\$65,310.00
Notes Paid	\$12,267.00
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	<b>\$53,043.00</b>

<b>TOTAL BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING</b>	<b>\$1,217,703.00</b>
<b>as of 6/30/16</b>	

**NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS**  
**From 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016**  
**Town of Ferrisburgh Reappraisal Account**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	\$28,756
Payment from State	\$14,820
Minus expenses	\$0
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$43,576</b>

**Town of Ferrisburgh Highway Facility Account**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	\$88,941
Plus Revenues	\$11,590
Minus expenses	\$73,529
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$27,001</b>

**Town Hall and Community Center Account**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	\$677
Plus Revenues	\$0
Minus Expenses	\$0
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$677</b>

**Town Hall and Community Center Maintenance Fund**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	\$12,200
Rental Revenue Received	\$2,550
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$14,750</b>

**General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	\$124,205
Amount Added in at year end	\$92,696
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$216,901</b>

**Town Clerk's Records and Restoration Fund Account**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	\$19,810
Plus Revenues	\$3,154
Minus Expenses	\$4,540
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$18,423</b>

**Cemetery Trust Account**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	4,000
Plus Revenues	44
Minus Deposit into Cemetery Acct. Fund	44
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>4,000</b>

**NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS**

**From 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016 continued**

**Cemetery Account Funds**

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$9,467
Plus Revenues	\$44
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2015</b>	<b>\$9,511</b>

**Lister's Education Fund**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	\$2,720
Plus Revenues from State	\$0
Minus Expenses	\$250
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$2,470</b>

**Health Reimbursement Account**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	\$7,807
Plus Deposits	\$26,727
Minus Expenses	\$25,810
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$8,724</b>

**Miscellaneous Funds**

7/01/2014 Beginning Balance	\$13,600
Deposits	\$18,272
Expenditures	\$15,015
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2015</b>	<b>\$16,857</b>

**Fire Department Truck**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	90,000
Plus Deposits	30,000
Plus Other Funds	40,805
Minus Expenses	153,255
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>7,550</b>

**Highway Contingency**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	\$5,416
Plus Deposits	\$30,000
Minus Expenses	-\$4,500
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$30,916</b>

**Town Buildings Maintenance Fund**

7/01/2015 Beginning Balance	\$0
Plus Deposits	\$30,000
Minus Expenses	\$0
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

## Town of Ferrisburgh Select Board Report

The Ferrisburgh Select Board would like to recognize and thank all the members of the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Their dedication to our community is above and beyond the call of duty! The year 2016 marked the Fire Department's 75<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Town of Ferrisburgh! Congratulations!

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

The Board would also like to acknowledge our Town Office and Highway personnel: Town Clerk, Gloria Warden; Town Treasurer, Garrit Smits; Assistant Town Clerk/Town Treasurer, Pamela Cousino; and Zoning Administrator, Kenneth Wheeling; Road Foreman, John Bull; Paul Bodington; Kyle Bradley; Reilly Laberge, and Aaron Schondube,

The Select Board continues to work diligently to create and adopt new policies for the town. This past year, we adopted an ordinance for Open Burning and Incineration. The board also, amended and approved the current Personnel Policy and Credit Card Policy.

The Select Board continues to work diligently, at the recommendation of our outside auditing firm and the town auditors. They have been called upon many times during the past year for advice, help, and professional services/recommendations. In particular, the select board has asked for their help in dealing with continuing, problematic deficiencies within the Treasurer's Office.

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

**Reminder, Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m., at Ferrisburgh Central School.** Australian ballot voting will take place on the official Town Meeting Day, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the Town Offices on Route 7.

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

Remember, your vote counts! Please vote on March 7 and come to our Town Meeting Day on Saturday, March 4. The meeting begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Sincerely,

Loretta Lawrence, Chairman  
James Benoit  
Stephen Gutowski  
Michael Muir  
James Warden

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH  
SELECTBOARD 2017/2018 BUDGET**

**REVENUE**

		7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18
<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>GENERAL TOWN FUND</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROJECTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
00	Fund Balance - June 30, 2016	\$74,369	\$74,369	\$0	\$0	\$66,000
2000-00-05	Property Taxes - (All sources)	\$1,272,170	\$1,371,911	\$1,400,452	\$1,400,452	\$1,359,100
2000-00-10	Delinquent Tax Interest	\$20,000	\$22,896	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$22,000
2000-00-90	Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$15,000	\$21,746	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
2000-00-15	Vermont State Mileage Aid	\$161,000	\$161,630	\$161,000	\$161,000	\$161,000
2000-00-12	State School Tax Coll. Reimbursement	\$16,000	\$12,837	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
	Deferred taxes to actual Adj.		-\$4,161			
2000-00-20	Railroad Tax/State Land Tax/PILOT	\$50,000	\$47,619	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$48,000
2000-00-25	Liquor License Fees	\$2,000	\$935	\$925	\$925	\$1,000
2000-00-30	Highway Department and Culverts	\$2,000	\$1,166	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
2000-00-35	Overweight Permits	\$800	\$1,055	\$800	\$800	\$900
2000-00-89	Credit Card Fees Revenue	\$0	\$1,154	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
2000-00-40	Zoning Fees	\$12,000	\$10,810	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2000-00-45	Land Recording & Other Clerk Fees	\$32,000	\$37,258	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$35,000
2000-00-26	Marriage, Dog, Hunting & Misc. Fees	\$8,000	\$8,205	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
2000-00-50	Police Fines	\$10,000	\$6,443	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
2000-00-80	Union Meeting Hall Rent	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0	\$0	\$0
2000-00-55	Sister's Property Rental Fees	\$6,000	\$6,300	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,600
2000-00-60	State - Current Landuse	\$80,000	\$84,602	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$90,000
2000-00-99	Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$4,191	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
2000-00-65	Interest on Town Savings	\$200	\$1,238	\$150	\$150	\$1,500
	<b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,768,339</b>	<b>\$1,877,004</b>	<b>\$1,813,927</b>	<b>\$1,813,927</b>	<b>\$1,850,100</b>
	<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>					
	Administration/General Government	\$367,863	\$422,991	\$420,541	\$420,541	\$441,677
	Highway Department	\$835,479	\$830,496	\$829,250	\$842,750	\$880,268
	Debt Service	\$128,319	\$128,445	\$139,334	\$139,334	\$102,229
	Employee Benefits	\$156,523	\$138,729	\$133,387	\$133,387	\$142,637
	Taxes - Contracts (Fire and Police)	\$278,705	\$258,440	\$279,415	\$281,384	\$282,289
	Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations	\$30,840	\$30,840	\$30,840	\$30,840	\$0
	Education	\$7,025,260	\$7,025,260			
	<b>EXPENSE TOTAL W/EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$8,822,989</b>	<b>\$8,835,200</b>	<b>\$1,832,767</b>	<b>\$1,848,236</b>	
	<b>EXPENSE TOTAL W/O EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$1,797,729</b>	<b>\$1,809,940</b>	<b>\$1,832,767</b>	<b>\$1,848,236</b>	<b>\$1,849,100</b>

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	PROPOSED
		7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18
	<b>Town Clerk's Office</b>					
3400-10.00	Wages - Town Clerk	\$43,680	\$44,746	\$44,720	\$44,720	\$47,840
3400-10.30	Wages - Treasurer	\$28,080	\$28,875	\$33,670	\$33,670	\$21,000
3400-10.05	Wages - Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$30,311	\$41,622	\$41,600	\$41,600	\$32,760
3400-10.10	Wages - Zoning Admin.	\$16,000	\$13,304	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$23,920
3400-10.06	Wages - Lister Clerk	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,920
3400-10.15	Wages - Overtime	\$2,000	\$938	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
3400-10.20	Wages - Contingency	\$3,100	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$18,200
3400-10.25	Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector	\$14,000	\$20,150	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$3,000
3400-10.40	Wages - Minute Taker	\$2,500	\$2,995	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,500
3400-19	Town & Vital Land Books	\$1,500	\$1,340	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
3400-20	Office Supplies	\$4,000	\$5,263	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$5,100
3400-21	Office Equipment/Leased Equipment	\$10,000	\$12,019	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$11,565
3400-22	Postage	\$3,000	\$3,990	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
3400-25	Town Web Site	\$1,000	\$450	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
6310-10	Web Site Coordinator Stipend	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
3400-30	Advertising	\$4,000	\$2,067	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
3400-34	Telephone	\$3,500	\$2,953	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100
3400-40	Workshops/Meetings/Dues	\$1,500	\$688	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
3400-60	Marriage, Dog, Hunting & Misc. Fees	\$5,500	\$5,751	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$5,800
3400-70	Credit Card Fee Expense	\$0	\$973	\$0	\$0	\$1,200
3420-45	Professional Auditor	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,500
3430-45	Board of Listers/Professional Appraisers	\$43,500	\$61,807	\$45,500	\$45,500	\$49,600
3430-46	Board of Listers - Tax Mapping	\$3,100	\$4,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100
3430-50	Board of Listers Stipend	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
3510-60	Town Attorney/Legal Expenses - Selectboa	\$6,000	\$6,837	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
3510-61	Town Attorney/Legal Expenses - Zoning	\$5,000	\$1,690	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
3620-48	Zoning/Planning Expenses	\$2,500	\$402	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
3620-49	Zoning By-laws Rewrite	\$0		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
3630-48	Conservation Commission	\$200	\$15	\$200	\$200	\$500
3640-00	Recycling	\$12,700	\$13,600	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$15,750
3710-48	General Liability/Hazard Insurance	\$35,656	\$38,382	\$41,949	\$41,949	\$45,255
3710-49	Worker's Compensation	\$20,408	\$19,165	\$20,754	\$20,754	\$23,769
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$314,735</b>	<b>\$343,119</b>	<b>\$347,793</b>	<b>\$347,793</b>	<b>\$372,579</b>

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		7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18
	<b>Administration/General Government</b>					
3000-10	Selectboard Stipend	\$3,800	\$3,100	3,800	3,800	3,800
3000-11	Selectboard Expenses	\$100	\$134	100	100	200
3080-62	Annual Report Expenses	\$5,500	\$5,047	5,500	5,500	6,000
3310-20	Elections/Town Meetings	\$1,900	\$3,340	5,000	5,000	3,500
	<b>Union Meeting Hall</b>					
3310-68	Maintenance	\$10,000	\$10,411	0	0	0
3310-76	Electricity - Union Meeting Hall	\$0	\$0	280	280	280
3310-78	Water - Union Meeting Hall	\$0	\$0	240	240	240
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,300</b>	<b>\$22,033</b>	<b>14,920</b>	<b>14,920</b>	<b>14,020</b>
	<b>Town Offices/Community Center</b>					
3710-86	Electricity - Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	\$4,200	\$4,132	4,200	4,200	4,200
3710-87	Heating Fuel - Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	\$6,000	\$1,878	3,500	3,500	2,000
3710-88	Water - Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	\$728	\$728	728	728	728
3710-85	Town Offices Routine Maintenance	\$11,000	\$13,646	10,000	10,000	11,000
3710-89	Atkins Farm Association Fees	\$0	\$0	0	0	500
3710-93	Sister's Property Maintenance	\$2,000	\$2,888	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,928</b>	<b>\$23,271</b>	<b>18,428</b>	<b>18,428</b>	<b>18,428</b>
	<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
	Building Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
9000-91	Interest Expenses - Town Operating	\$500	\$57	\$500	\$500	\$500
9900-79	Contingency	\$4,500	\$1,778	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$2,500
9910-79	Mileage	\$1,500	\$828	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,000
6100-10	Health Officer Stipend	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
6100-20	Health Officer Expenses	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300
6200-10	Animal Control Officer Stipend	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
6200-20	ACHS Contracts - Homeward Bound	\$800	\$550	\$800	\$800	\$800
6100-40	Animal Control Officer - Mileage/Expenses	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300
6200-15	Fire Warden Stipend	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,400</b>	<b>\$4,713</b>	<b>\$40,900</b>	<b>\$40,900</b>	<b>\$37,650</b>

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		7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18
	<b>Highway Department</b>					
	<b>Payroll</b>					
5100-10.00	Wages - Road Foreman	\$51,813.00	\$54,298	52,832	52,832	\$62,400
5100-10.05	Wages - Road Crew	\$116,688.00	\$151,512	151,840	151,840	\$162,240
5100-10.10	Wages - Overtime	\$34,000.00	\$20,340	30,000	34,000	\$36,000
5100-10.15	Wages - Temporary	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0	0	\$0
5100-10.17	Wages - Lawn Maintenance	\$8,400.00	\$0.00	0	0	\$0
5100-10.18	Wages - Winter Maintenance	\$22,800.00	\$0.00	0	0	\$0
5100-10.16	Highway Wages - Contingency	\$5,750.00	\$0.00	5,750	5,750	\$6,800
	<b>Maintenance - Town Highways</b>					
5110-47	Chloride	\$30,000	\$30,843	30,000	32,000	\$36,000
5110-68	Gravel Road Repairs/Maintenance (Constr	\$35,000	\$35,215	35,000	35,000	\$35,000
5100-89	Paving	\$225,000	\$229,079	225,000	225,000	\$225,000
5100-90	Guard Rails	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0
5110-91	Painting Class 2 Roads/Line Strips	\$2,500	\$0	2,500	3,000	\$3,000
5140-21	Winter Maintenance Materials (Salt/Sand)	\$72,000	\$69,196	72,000	72,000	\$72,000
5220-49	Culverts	\$4,500	\$4,652	4,500	4,500	\$6,000
5281-21	Street/Traffic Signs	\$3,000	\$3,000	3,000	3,500	\$4,000
5330-66	Rented Services/Equipment	\$6,500	\$6,739	5,000	5,000	\$5,000
5110-68.05	Road Construction/Bridge Repair	\$75,000	\$74,021	75,000	75,000	\$75,000
5110-68.10	New Const. Rented Services/Equipment	\$3,000	\$0	3,000	3,000	\$3,000
	<b>Town Garage/Yard</b>					
5310-21	Shop Supplies/Equipment	\$4,000	\$5,313	3,500	4,500	\$4,500
5310-34	Telephone	\$1,000	\$715	1,000	1,000	\$1,000
5310-68	Maintenance	\$1,000	\$6,419	4,600	4,600	\$4,600
5310-69	Water	\$728	\$775	728	728	\$728
5310-76	Electricity	\$2,300	\$4,150	2,000	2,500	\$2,500
	<b>Vehicles/Equipment</b>					
5310-73	New Shop Heat	\$3,000	\$3,341	3,000	3,000	\$4,500
5310-74	LP Bulk GAS N/T	\$1,000	\$1,439	1,000	1,500	\$1,500
5310-75	Diesel Fuel	\$55,000	\$28,512	38,000	30,000	\$37,000
5330-21	Operation/Gas	\$4,000	\$2,056	4,000	2,500	\$2,500
5330-68	Maintenance/Repair/Equipment	\$46,000	\$68,880	46,000	60,000	\$60,000
5332-00	Highway Contingency Fund	\$20,000	\$30,000	30,000	30,000	\$30,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$835,479</b>	<b>\$830,496</b>	<b>\$829,250</b>	<b>\$842,750</b>	<b>\$880,268</b>

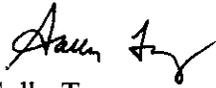
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		7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18
	<b>Debt Service</b>					
5330-92	Truck - Bond 2011	\$35,000	\$35,000	35,000	35,000	\$0
5330-93	Truck - Bond Interest 2011	\$979	\$979	347	347	\$820
5330-97	Excavator Lease	\$12,267	\$12,267	12,267	12,267	\$12,267
5331-90	Highway Facility Bond	\$42,500	\$42,500	42,500	42,500	\$42,500
5331-91	Highway Facility Interest	\$25,263	\$25,401	23,868	23,868	\$22,542
3710-92	Sister's Property Payments	\$12,310	\$12,298	25,352	25,352	\$24,100
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$128,319</b>	<b>\$128,445</b>	<b>139,334</b>	<b>139,334</b>	<b>\$102,229.00</b>
	<b>Employee Benefits/Insurance</b>					
9700-15	Municipal Retirement System	\$19,705	\$20,015	20,772	20,772	\$22,452
9720-14	Unemployment Compensation	\$1,700	\$1,334	1,700	1,700	\$1,700
9730-13	Social Security - Employer's Share	\$29,890	\$30,411	31,608	31,608	\$32,965
9740-12	Medical Insurance	\$94,600	\$75,189	68,242	68,242	\$74,920
9740-13	Disability/Life Insurance	\$10,628	\$10,952	11,065	11,065	\$10,600
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$156,523</b>	<b>\$137,901</b>	<b>133,387</b>	<b>133,387</b>	<b>\$142,637</b>
	<b>Taxes - Assessment</b>					
9300-51	Addison County Tax	\$23,900	\$23,054	22,620	22,620	\$20,000
9300-52	Bristol Gravel Pit Property Tax	\$600	\$592	605	605	\$660
9390-52	Vermont League of Cities & Town	\$3,994	\$3,944	4,003	4,003	\$4,144
9391-53	Addison County Regional Planning Commi	\$3,321	\$3,320	3,404	3,404	\$3,418
9400-00	Bixby Memorial Library	\$52,559	\$52,559	52,559	52,559	\$52,559
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$84,374</b>	<b>\$83,469</b>	<b>\$83,191</b>	<b>\$83,191</b>	<b>\$80,781</b>
	<b>Public Safety (Fire Protection &amp; Police)</b>					
9392-54	Law Enforcement	\$25,000	\$7,039	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
9393-55	Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Co	\$68,625	\$68,625	\$68,625	\$68,625	\$68,625
9000-92	Fire Truck Payment	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
9394-55.05	Vergennes Fire Department - Contract	\$50,166	\$51,059	\$52,559	\$54,528	\$57,800
9395-55.10	Vergennes Fire Department - Extra	\$2,500	\$1,328	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
9395-60	Vergennes Area Rescue Squad	\$18,040	\$18,040	\$18,040	\$18,040	\$18,083
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$194,331</b>	<b>\$176,091</b>	<b>\$196,224</b>	<b>\$198,193</b>	<b>\$201,508</b>

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		7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/15 - 6/30/16	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/16-6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18
	<b>Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations</b>					
9980-56.05	Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
9983-56.25	Addison County Transit Resources	\$2,412	\$2,412	\$2,412	\$2,412	\$3,100
9980-56.00	H O P E	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
9981-56.10	Addison County Restorative Justice Ser.	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
9982-56.10	Addison County Economic Development C	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
9983-56.15	Addison County Home Health & Hospice, I	\$2,983	\$2,983	\$2,983	\$2,983	\$2,983
9979-56.00	Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
9979-56.10	Addison County Readers, Inc.	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
9998-56.30	Addison County River Watch Collaborative	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
9985-56.25	American Legion - Memorial Day Observar	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
9979-56.55	Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
9987-56.35	Age Well (Champlain Valley Agency of Agir	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
9998-56.95	Community Health Services Open Door Cli	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
9981-56.05	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650
9988-56.40	Elderly Services, Inc.	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
9981-56.15	The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
9998-56.40	Gage Cemetery Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,500
9990-56.50	Green Up Vermont	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
9991-56.60	Hospice Volunteer Services	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$500
9992-56.65	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Servic	\$825	\$825	\$825	\$825	\$825
9998-56.10	Lewis Creek Association	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
9998-56.65	North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
9993-56.70	Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservati	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275
9994-56.75	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	\$210	\$210	\$210	\$210	\$210
9994-56.76	Rokeby Museum	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
9998-56-50	Union Cemetery Association	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
9998-56.60	Vergennes Summer Rec. Program	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
9996-56.85	Vermont Adult Learning	\$785	\$785	\$785	\$785	\$785
9997-56.90	Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
9984-56.20	WomenSafe	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
		<b>\$30,840</b>	<b>\$30,840</b>	<b>\$30,840</b>	<b>\$30,840</b>	<b>\$32,778</b>

**TAX COLLECTORS REPORT**  
**July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

Delinquent July 1, 2015	\$205,651.57	
Delinquent June 2, 2016	\$261,589.77	
Total Delinquent		\$467,241.34
Collected July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016	\$280,458.51	
Abated	\$ 11,851.12	
Misc. office error	\$ 4.40	
Delinquent June 30, 2016	\$174,927.31	
		\$467,241.34

Respectfully submitted



Sally Torrey  
 Collector of Delinquent Taxes

**Delinquent as of January 1, 2017**

**2014/2015**

- \*Victor Chaput
- \*\*Timothy Mathewson
- \*\*Peggy Parks
- \*\*Wanda Pero et al

- \*Filed for abatement
- \*\*Payment Plan

**Delinquent 2015/2016**

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Lauren Billings                           | Lotta View Farm LLC      |
| David Booth                               | Michael Louer            |
| Mark Bowen                                | Frank Luyster            |
| Kyle Burkett                              | Marcel Marcotte          |
| Victor Chaput                             | Marcel & Travis Marcotte |
| Sidney Claffin                            | Randy Martin             |
| Pam Coyle Est-Michael Coyle               | Timothy Mathewson        |
| Pam Coyle Est.-P Shortsleeve/J Gaboriault | Paulette McNary          |
| Christopher Dennis                        | Aaron Napoleon           |
| Garth Gaboriault                          | Peggy Parks              |
| Kim Goodell                               | Wanda Pero et al         |
| Helen Huestis                             | Larry Russell Est.       |
| Michael Huestis                           | Shayne Thompson          |

## Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report - 2016

This past year brought a lot of excitement to the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department. In July we celebrated the arrival of our new Primary Fire Pumper, Engine 1. This new truck was manufactured by Toyne Inc. from the specifications developed by our department in order to provide the best service to the residents of Ferrisburgh. This new truck replaced a 1993 KME Pumper which had served us well for the past 23 years.



By adding this new piece of apparatus to the department we have significantly increased both firefighter safety and the initial response capability of our department. In addition to carrying 1250 gallons of water and all the tools necessary to perform a primary fire attack the truck has a seating capacity of 6 firefighters doubling the capacity of our previous engine. All but the driver's seat includes integrated SCBA brackets which allow 5 firefighters to don their equipment in route while remaining belted in their seats enabling them to be ready for action immediately upon arriving at the fire or accident scene.

Countless hours of planning and preparation over the preceding 12+ months by the department and especially the Truck Committee made this acquisition a success. All of this was made possible by the support of the community through our fundraising activities like our Chicken Barbeque and Pancake Breakfast, individual donations, and town budgeting process. Without your support this acquisition would not have been possible. A special thanks goes to the Hoehl Family for their generous donation toward our new truck.

During a ceremony held on July 30th we dedicated this new truck to Bob Jenkins who has been a member and influential leader of our and surrounding departments for over 50 years.



In 2016 our department responded to 75 emergency incidents within the town of Ferrisburgh and our surrounding mutual aid communities. These incidents included structure fires, chimney fires, brush fires, motor vehicle accidents, and carbon monoxide alarms. In addition, we provided manpower support to Vergennes Area Rescue on several occasions.

In our effort to provide the best service to our community in a safe manner we recorded more than 2500 training hours by our members last year. Our active membership is currently at 38 members. We are especially proud of three firefighters; Justin Soter, Trevor Patterson, and Ryan Cushing who successfully completed the training required to become Firefighter II certified.

During the past year, we had several promotions within our department. Ken Lemner was promoted from Captain to Deputy Chief, Ryan Cushing was promoted from Lieutenant to Captain, Mason Jackman was promoted from Training Officer to Lieutenant, and Trevor Patterson was promoted to Training Officer.



As a reminder, the town instituted a burn ordinance effective this past July that requires a burn permit to be issued for any open burning (the ordinance is posted on the town website).

Over the coming year we will continue to expand our capabilities with additional training. We continue to apply for federal grants where possible to help increase the safety and capabilities of our members while minimizing the financial burden to the town. Our Truck Committee has recently started the planning required to replace our aging Utility Truck.

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

Respectfully

Mark Chaffee President

Bill Wager Chief



This 1949 Dodge Pumper Fire Truck was purchased by the Volunteer Fire Department in 1952 for \$1400.  
*Photo courtesy of the Volunteer Fire Department history wall.*

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

<u>Category</u>	<u>2016 budget</u>	<u>2017 budget</u>
Facilities	\$ 6,700	\$ 6,750
Trucks	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,000
Equipment	\$20,000	\$19,000
Insurance	\$15,100	\$15,600
Communications	\$ 7,775	\$ 8,225
Training	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
General	\$ 5,050	\$ 5,050
Incentive	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$68,625</b>	<b>\$68,625</b>



Christening of the new Primary Fire Pumper, Engine 1 taken during the dedication ceremony this past July.  
*Photo courtesy of the Volunteer Fire Department web site.*

## Town of Ferrisburgh 2016 Listers Report

The Ferrisburgh Listers Annual Assessment work (building permits/land subdivisions, etc.) in 2015-2016 resulted in an increase of the Town's Grand List from \$555,215,400 to \$558,680,600, totaling a \$3,465,200 increase.

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

Town of Ferrisburgh <b>2016 Building Permits/Maintenance List</b> Inspected in Late 2015-2016 (through December 31, 2016)		
Category	Number Inspected	Notes
New House Construction	9	6 under construction; 3 completed
Garages/Barns/Pole Barns/Sheds/Lean-tos/Fences	37	11 under construction; 26 completed
Decks/Porches/Gazebos/Patios	13	2 under construction; 11 completed
Renovations/Additions/Duplex Conversion	27	14 under construction; 13 completed
New Construction Rechecks	19	16 under construction; 3 completed
Commercial	5	2 under construction (uc); 2 completed (c) - Dockview, LLC (c) - Starry Night Café (c) - Group Five (Dollar General) (uc) - B. Cairns Property, LLC (uc) - Jolly Associates (uc)
Land Subdivisions, Tax Map Changes, Acreage Changes, Surveys, Listers Corrections and Miscellaneous	61	11 new residential/lots were created
<b>Total Building Permits Inspected and Assessment Changes in 2016:</b>	<b>171</b>	

- As of April 1, 2016, there were 1,525 properties in the Township of Ferrisburgh. The breakdown by property type was as follows:

- 867 Houses
- 64 Mobile Homes
- 17 Vacation/Seasonal Properties (non-Lake Champlain properties)
- 280 Lake Champlain Properties
- 48 Farms
- 58 Commercial
- 0 Industrial
- 10 Utilities
- 181 Miscellaneous (mostly vacant land)
- 1,525 Total Properties**

- A total of 171 Change of Appraisal Notices for 2016 were mailed out to town property owners.
- Listers Pre-Grievance Hearings were held on May 18, 2016 and a total of 6 properties were reviewed. Formal Grievance Hearings were held on May 26, 2016 and July 21, 2016. A total of 21 properties were grieved. **Any property owner who does not receive a Change of Appraisal Notice, but feels their assessment is incorrect, should contact Pam Cousino, Assistant Town Clerk, to be notified of the Grievance Hearing schedule.**

- The 21 Listers Grievance appeals were all resolved with the exception of 1 property owner who appealed to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The BCA Hearing was held on July 5, 2016; and on July 20, 2016 the BCA's final decision upheld the Listers assessment. There were no State Board of Appraisers Hearings in 2016. The results and details of the Hearing can be reviewed at the Ferrisburgh Town Office.
- A total of 161 building/zoning permits were issued by Kenneth Wheeling, the Town Zoning Administrator.
- The 2016 tax map updates were performed by R.J. Turner Co., which greatly improved the accuracy of the town tax maps and the consistency with the grand list.
- The Listers reviewed 55 properties that are under Current Land Use. Recent (2016) changes were mandated by the Vermont Legislature. The changes required listers to value the excluded acreage at its fair market value as a "standalone parcel." A total of 44 properties were changed, primarily dealing with the value of land which is excluded from the program.
- Vermont Law requires towns to be assessed at 100% of Fair Market Value; Vermont Education Taxes are based on the market value of all property in a town. The State Tax Department does an annual correlation (Equalization Study) of the listed values compared to the most recent three years of sale prices for each town. (The current Study includes sales from April 1, 2013 through April 1, 2016.) It determines the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and the coefficient of dispersion (COD), which measures equity and the fair distribution of property taxes paid by owners of different categories of Real Estate (i.e. commercial, residential, vacant land, etc.). When listed values fall below 80% of fair market value or there is a coefficient of dispersion greater than 20%, the State requires a town wide reappraisal. The Town of Ferrisburgh's State of Vermont's Annual Certified Equalization Education Property Value Notice was received from the Vermont Department of Taxes on December 27, 2016 and reflects the final Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) which was 104.73% with a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 12.44%. The new 104.73% CLA showed a very slight increase over the 104.72% CLA in 2015. In addition, we have noted that the volume of sales transactions in Ferrisburgh has continued to increase, especially vacant residential lots. 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 2016 town tax rates are:

<b>Residential:</b>	<b>\$1.9701 per \$100 of assessed value</b>
<b>Non-Residential:</b>	<b>\$1.7389 per \$100 of assessed value</b>

- 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 seven (7) solar properties in this category. They are assessed on the income approach basis. The local tax is based on the Ferrisburgh municipal, non-residential, tax rate. Instead of a state education tax rate, a flat tax (a/k/a Solar Energy Capacity Tax) of \$4.00/kilowatt times the capacity of the solar plant is levied. This tax is billed directly to the property owner by the Vermont Tax Department and is due on April 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Kenneth Wheeling, the Town of Ferrisburgh Zoning Administrator. He 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Properties which are unfinished as of April 1<sup>st</sup> are re-inspected the following year and thereafter until completion.**
- The listers attended five (5) Tax Abatement Hearings in 2016. A summary of the results of these Hearings can be reviewed in detail at the Ferrisburgh Town Office.
- The subject of the “propane” cannon firing in West Ferrisburgh during the summer of 2016 was not an issue. It was reportedly only fired a couple of times with limited duration.
- 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 2016-2017 assessments and on-going building permit changes.

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

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



Witeman and Florence Hawkins house which is still standing at 3083 US Route 7, currently owned by Pete Hawkins. *Photo courtesy of Silas Towler/Ferrisburgh Historical Society.*

**Town of Ferrisburgh Sales per the Multiple Listing Service**

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

**Town of Ferrisburgh Municipal Tax Rates**

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

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

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

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

## **THE FERRISBURGH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

The Zoning Board for the Town of Ferrisburgh 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 are important due to the wide range of applications for our hearings.

The Zoning board of Ferrisburgh is a quasi judicial board and any applications submitted to the board are held in publicly warned hearings of the board. 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, a site visit and the testimony given during the hearings. Conditions may be part of the decision. These are written decisions which are to be enforced by the zoning administrator. The ZBA also hears appeals of the zoning administrator's decisions.

In addition to the regular meetings, there are site visits, which are usually held on the weekends due to the schedules of the members and the applicants. There are also educational opportunities during the year which keeps the members up to date on changes in regulations both state and local.

The zoning By-Laws of Ferrisburgh are detailed for each district in the town. There are permitted uses, conditional uses as well as dimensional standards for each district. The by-laws are available on the town website [www.ferrisburghvt.org](http://www.ferrisburghvt.org).

There is a zoning map which defines the zoning districts and these are part of the by-laws. There are definitions which are designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare and manage growth in Ferrisburgh. Other purposes include conservation of rural agricultural land, protecting land, water, wetland, forests and wildlife in the town. The overall purpose is to preserve the quality of life and enhance Ferrisburgh's sense of community. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Ferrisburgh Town Clerk's office at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Charlene Stavenow, Chair  
Bob Beach  
John Paul  
Mike Delaney  
Rayne Herzog  
Norm Smith  
David Mentzer

## Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission 2016 Annual Report

The Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission had a good year co-hosting two educational events for the public, and providing input to town boards and citizens on conservation issues. Commission members attended local and regional workshops, meetings and presentations to stay informed and abreast of critical issues, new legislation, and topics related to conservation.

We met with other Addison County Conservation Commissions in Salisbury to discuss regional conservation topics and initiatives, and presented some of our recent projects at an Inter-town Conservation Meeting in Monkton.

We continued to steward the Rowland Robinson Town Forest. Commission members checked the health of the forest and inspected some of the property boundaries, noting that boundary-line re-painting will be needed in the not-too-distant future. We continued our effort to formalize a specific route to the Town Forest using the existing non-specific public right-of-way across adjacent property, including having discussions with the landowner's agent and conducting a site-walk with town officials and interested citizens.

We provided input about conservation issues to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment, and listened to neighbors' concerns, regarding several proposed residential subdivisions and commercial / industrial projects. We continued to offer recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding the draft Town Plan update, and heard citizens' comments on addressing water quality issues in the plan.

We co-hosted two public educational events this year: a Water Quality Chat by the Addison County River Watch Collaborative; and a presentation on pollinators by a UVM Natural Resources 206 service learning class. We also provided support to the UVM class's development of their project.

We worked on a vision statement for the Commission, which is still being refined. Commission members Craig Heindel and John Medenwald were reappointed for another 4 year term.

The Conservation Commission meets on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7pm in the Town Center; except not in July and August. The meetings are open to anyone to attend. Minutes of our past meetings are posted on the town website, along with a variety of conservation-related information and links.

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

### **Rogers and Hazard Relief Society**

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

The non-profit corporation has six trustees elected by the Society and two trustees elected by the Town of Ferrisburgh at annual meeting. For the past 126 years the Society has quietly gone about its activities of identifying people within the community who have needs that fall within the Society’s mission. Over this time, the Society has distributed small grants of money to pay for doctor and nurse visits, heating oil, firewood, groceries, a warm coat, eye glasses, emergency house repair, funeral expenses, baby clothes and the like. 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 funds (up to \$500) available to townspeople who need relief.

Contact can be made to any of the listed trustees.

Karlene Devine, President 877-6392; Anna Husk, 877-2810;  
Kim Hornung-Marcy, Sally Torrey Town Trustee 877-6925;  
Shelly Erickson, Treasurer, 475-2465 Pennie Beach, Town Trustee, Art Cohn, 877-2190

*“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

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

## Ferrisburgh Historical Society Report



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

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

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

The Society would like to collect more original photos and scan these so that they are available to all. If you have photos of historical significance, or even photos of quiet local life, but wish to keep them and are willing to have them scanned, please contact the Ferrisburgh Historical Society at 425-3380 or [silastowler@comcast.net](mailto:silastowler@comcast.net).

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

Meetings are typically the second Sunday afternoon of each month at 2:00 PM from October – June. There is no meeting in January and the months of February and March we have our meeting at the Community Center on the same second Sunday at 2:00 PM. Notices of meetings can be found in local publications or on the town website. We also email announcements of our meetings as well as other events of historical interest. To get on our email list, drop us a note. Better yet, join us. We welcome new members and guests always.

Respectfully submitted,

Silas Towler, President

Tim Vincent, Vice-President

Charlie Langworthy, Treasurer

## **Report of Ferrisburgh Vermont Green Line Committee**

Vermont Green Line Devco (VGLD) is proposing to install a 400-MW electric transmission line (HVDC; high-voltage direct current) from Beekmantown, N.Y. to New Haven, VT to be laid on the floor of Lake Champlain, coming out of the lake in Kingsland Bay State Park. From there, the two side-by-side cables are proposed to be buried under about 5.4 miles of town roads from Kingsland Bay State Park to Rte. 7 at Tupper's Crossing, then follow the shoulder of Rte. 7 to connect to the transmission grid in New Haven. Numerous state and federal permits will be needed by VGLD, as well as a Town Road Access Permit.

In the Fall of 2015, the Ferrisburgh Selectboard appointed a five-person committee of town residents to coordinate with representatives of VGLD, and to advise the Selectboard on a potential Host Town Agreement, Road Access Permit, technical and legal matters, and other issues. The current members of the VGL Committee are John Bull (Ferrisburgh Road Foreman), Vaughn Collins, Craig Heindel (Conservation Commission), Keith Wagner (Planning Commission) and Jim Warden (Selectboard member). The VGL Committee has had several meetings and document exchanges with VGL representatives, and negotiations regarding the potential Host Town Agreement and Road Access Permit are underway as of January 2017. VGLD has funded the Town's legal and technical experts to advise the Committee and Selectboard, and as of January these expert fees have had no additional cost to the Town. The Committee is receiving advice and/or reports from George Silver Associates regarding tax valuation, David Marshall of Civil Engineering Associates regarding technical road design issues, Attorney Jim Carroll regarding legal issues particularly the Road Access Permit, and Attorney Ben Marks particularly to represent the Town in the Public Service Board proceedings. The Committee's goal in these negotiations with VGLD is to minimize or eliminate any risks to Town taxpayers with respect to Town roads from the VGLD infrastructure.

In October 2016, VGLD filed an application with the Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good, and in the following weeks they filed numerous applications for other state and federal permits. Regarding the PSB application process, the technical hearings on VGLD's application are currently scheduled for late November 2017, with the intervening months being used for all parties to state their positions and exchange information.

The Ferrisburgh VGL Committee has posted as many of the public documents regarding this Project as are available, on the Town website (on the main webpage, see the link in the upper right corner). We have also provided a printed copy of many of these documents on the table outside the Town Clerk's office, for anyone to review. A member of the Committee attends most Selectboard meetings to provide them and the public with updates.

Feel free to contact any of the Ferrisburgh VGL Committee members, Selectboard members or the Town Clerk's office if you have any questions.



*Proven Expertise and Integrity*

January 13, 2017

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

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont, for the year ended June 30, 2016.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

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

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

A deficiency in design exists when:

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

A deficiency in operation exists when:

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

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

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

These matters do not modify our opinion on the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016, where we expressed an unqualified opinion on our independent auditors' report dated November 28, 2016.

**Significant Deficiency:**

**Cash Balances**

While performing our audit for the above mentioned year end, specifically when confirming bank balances, we identified two bank accounts that were opened using the Town of Ferrisburgh's federal EIN. More specifically, the billings tax sales account had a balance of \$13,787.27 and the booth taxes sales account had a balance of \$3,041.44 at June 30, 2016. These balances were not recorded on the trial balance at year end. It is recommended that all bank accounts opened using the Town of Ferrisburgh's EIN number be properly recorded on the general ledger and that cash be reconciled for each bank account in a timely manner.

**Unidentified Deposit**

While performing our audit for the above mentioned year end, it was noticed that funds received from a tax sale of \$19,178.78 were deposited in the bank in January of 2016, but this deposit was not properly recorded in the general ledger at the time of receipt. This issue remained unresolved on September 13, 2016. However, prior to completion of the audit fieldwork (i.e. September 15, 2016) personnel updated their general ledger to record this deposit. It is recommended that deposits be properly recorded on the general ledger in a timely manner. This will mitigate the risk of deposits getting lost or unrecorded in the general ledger system and should assist in the bank reconciliation process.

**Capital Plan:**

The Town should review its current capital and infrastructure needs short term and long term from all Town departments. By this we mean that the Town should create a list of major capital items it may need to replace in the upcoming years with an estimated replacement cost. We recommend that the Town incorporate this into a formal five or more year plan, thus a Capital Plan. With a formal Capital Plan the Town should identify items needed based on priority and identify a means of paying for these items. We would recommend that the Town pay for these items with equal annual appropriations to a capital fund. Thus, when employed, the capital plan would allow for the Town to pay for major items with a consistent effect on its tax rate and possibly prevent the Town from borrowing to pay for these items.

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**General Ledger Reconciliations:**

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

**Subsequent Event – Cash Receipting:**

While performing the audit for the above mentioned year end, it was noticed while performing our subsequent event testing of cash receipts, that deposits were taking longer than a reasonable period of time upon collection of the Town to depositing in the Town’s bank account for use. Some of the deposits were significant. The Town should review this area for best practice. The Town should also review the controls in place to insure that monies are deposited more timely.

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

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

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

Very Best,

***Draft***

RHR Smith & Company, C.P.A.’s

## TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance - July 1	\$ 224,205	\$ 224,205	\$ 224,205	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property Taxes	8,297,430	8,297,430	8,397,171	99,741
Intergovernmental revenues	307,000	307,000	306,688	(312)
Charges for services	77,600	77,600	76,952	(648)
Interest income	35,200	35,200	41,719	6,519
Other revenue	2,000	2,000	5,365	3,365
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>8,943,435</u>	<u>8,943,435</u>	<u>9,052,100</u>	<u>108,665</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	363,363	363,363	391,212	(27,849)
Public safety	164,331	164,331	146,091	18,240
Highway	577,548	582,048	566,064	15,984
Employee benefits	158,023	158,023	138,729	19,294
Education	7,025,260	7,025,260	7,025,260	-
Tax assessments	84,324	84,324	82,349	1,975
Town meeting - voted authorizations	30,840	30,840	30,840	-
Contingency	4,500	4,500	1,778	2,722
Capital outlay	238,931	238,931	238,931	-
Debt service:				
Principal	94,206	94,206	94,166	40
Interest	34,113	34,113	34,279	(166)
Transfers to other funds	50,000	85,500	85,500	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>8,825,439</u>	<u>8,865,439</u>	<u>8,835,199</u>	<u>30,240</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 117,996</u>	<u>\$ 77,996</u>	<u>\$ 216,901</u>	<u>\$ 138,905</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 106,209</u>	<u>\$ 146,209</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (146,209)</u>

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

## STATEMENT C

## TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2016

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Totals Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 594,903	\$ 8,724	\$ 603,627
Investments	-	4,000	4,000
Taxes receivable	173,222	-	173,222
Due from other funds	40,863	201,731	242,594
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 808,988</b>	<b>\$ 214,455</b>	<b>\$ 1,023,443</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 258,649	\$ -	\$ 258,649
Accrued expenses	2,352	-	2,352
Due to other funds	201,731	40,863	242,594
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>462,732</b>	<b>40,863</b>	<b>503,595</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	12,736	-	12,736
Deferred other	16,829	-	16,829
Deferred property tax	99,790	-	99,790
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>129,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,355</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	18,549	18,549
Committed	-	95,467	95,467
Assigned	-	100,439	100,439
Unassigned	216,901	(40,863)	176,038
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>216,901</b>	<b>173,592</b>	<b>390,493</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>\$ 808,988</b>	<b>\$ 214,455</b>	<b>\$ 1,023,443</b>

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

## STATEMENT E

## TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 8,397,171	\$ -	\$ 8,397,171
Intergovernmental	306,688	22,088	328,776
Interest income	41,719	44	41,763
Charges for services	76,952	14,158	91,110
Miscellaneous	5,365	81,672	87,037
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>8,827,895</u>	<u>117,962</u>	<u>8,945,857</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	391,212	45,616	436,828
Public safety	146,091	-	146,091
Highway	566,064	73,529	639,593
Employee benefits	138,729	-	138,729
Education	7,025,260	-	7,025,260
Tax assessments	82,349	-	82,349
Town meeting - voted authorizations	30,840	-	30,840
Contingency	1,778	-	1,778
Capital outlay	238,931	194,118	433,049
Debt service:			
Principal	94,166	-	94,166
Interest	34,279	-	34,279
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>8,749,699</u>	<u>313,263</u>	<u>9,062,962</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>78,196</u>	<u>(195,301)</u>	<u>(117,105)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	85,500	85,500
Transfers (out)	(85,500)	-	(85,500)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(85,500)</u>	<u>85,500</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(7,304)	(109,801)	(117,105)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>224,205</u>	<u>283,393</u>	<u>507,598</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 216,901</u>	<u>\$ 173,592</u>	<u>\$ 390,493</u>

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

## SCHEDULE B

## TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,724	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,724
Investments	-	-	4,000	4,000
Due from other funds	53,177	139,043	9,511	201,731
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 61,901</b>	<b>\$ 139,043</b>	<b>\$ 13,511</b>	<b>\$ 214,455</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	40,863	-	40,863
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,863</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	5,038	-	13,511	18,549
Committed	-	95,467	-	95,467
Assigned	56,863	43,576	-	100,439
Unassigned	-	(40,863)	-	(40,863)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>61,901</b>	<b>98,180</b>	<b>13,511</b>	<b>173,592</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>\$ 61,901</b>	<b>\$ 139,043</b>	<b>\$ 13,511</b>	<b>\$ 214,455</b>

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## SCHEDULE C

## TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 7,268	\$ 14,820	\$ -	\$ 22,088
Interest income	-	-	44	44
Charges for services	14,158	-	-	14,158
Other income	29,277	52,395	-	81,672
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>50,703</b>	<b>67,215</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>117,962</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Capital outlay	-	194,118	-	194,118
Other	45,616	73,529	-	119,145
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>45,616</b>	<b>267,647</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>313,263</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,087</b>	<b>(200,432)</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>(195,301)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	-	85,500	-	85,500
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,500</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>5,087</b>	<b>(114,932)</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>(109,801)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1</b>	<b>56,814</b>	<b>213,112</b>	<b>13,467</b>	<b>283,393</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30</b>	<b>\$ 61,901</b>	<b>\$ 98,180</b>	<b>\$ 13,511</b>	<b>\$ 173,592</b>

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# 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, 2016

**The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2016 fiscal year:**

### Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

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

### Educational Meetings and Grants

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

### Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County’s Local Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts.
- Hosted “Local Emergency Managers Roundtables” to provide coordination among members.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation plans for the Towns of Bridport, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Monkton, Panton and Salisbury
- Confirmed ERAF status and assisted communities in attaining compliance.

### Energy Planning:

- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals and policies for solar siting.
- Participated as a member of the Governor’s Solar Siting Committee
- Worked with the legislature to help craft Act 174, providing more voice to municipal plans.

### Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee’s work on regional priorities
- Started to amend the Transportation Section of the Addison County Regional Plan
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing leadership and technical support.
- Facilitated the development of the Addison County Walk-Bike Advisory Council
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories for local roads in the Region.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections for several municipalities.
- Assisted towns with enhancement, park and ride and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for town sidewalk construction projects.
- Sponsored municipal transportation studies and supported municipal capital budget development
- Supported Addison County Road Foreman with research and administration

### Natural Resources Planning

- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support forest stewardship resource planning.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.
- Provided educational outreach regarding the Vermont Clean Water Act

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





## ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

DISTRICT

### 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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

#### District Mission

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

#### District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website: [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)

E-mail: [acswmd@acswmd.org](mailto:acswmd@acswmd.org)

Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours: M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are 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.

#### 2016 Highlights

**Act 148.** The District has devoted most of its resources in 2016 toward public outreach in preparation for expansion of leaf & yard debris in 2016 and food scrap collection in 2017. One of the first tasks in 2016 was to survey all District residents and businesses to gather valuable feedback on their general awareness and understanding of solid waste services offered in our member towns. We received 1,513 responses and were encouraged by both the number and quality of responses. Thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to share their thoughts with us! The survey will be repeated five years from now to measure any changes in awareness levels, with a goal toward increasing awareness as a result of our outreach efforts. District staff spent months gathering data for the first annual Implementation Report required by its SWIP. The District has also assisted haulers, member towns and businesses in implementing the new deadlines of Act 148. As of 7/1/16, all commercial waste haulers had to begin offering collection of leaf & yard debris, at least seasonally. A statewide landfill ban also took effect on 7/1/16 for leaf & yard debris and clean wood. **Product Stewardship.** As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District has helped to lead efforts to adopt new extended producer responsibility (EPR) laws for electronic waste (E-Waste), fluorescent light bulbs, and waste paint, whereby manufacturers of those materials take over the costs of transporting and recycling their products once they are no longer wanted. In 2015, Vermont made history by becoming the first state in the U.S. to enact an EPR recycling law for primary cell batteries. Single-use household battery manufacturers that sell or manufacture their products in Vermont were required to plan, implement and manage a statewide battery collection program by 1/1/16. The District Transfer Station is a Collector under this program. **Recycling.** As of September, the Transfer Station received 1,270 tons of single stream recyclables. All generators are required by District ordinance and State law to separate Mandated Recyclables from their waste. A list of Mandated Recyclables is posted on the District website. In 2016, 19 member municipalities had access to town or private recycling drop-off centers, and one – Goshen – provided a curbside program. A list of the drop-off centers can be found on the District website. **Illegal Burning/Disposal.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. As of 9/1/16, the Sheriff's office investigated 25 illegal burning/disposal complaints. The District served once again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, Vermont's annual litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 13.44 tons of roadside trash, 7.29 tons of tires, 11 auto batteries, 2 fluorescent bulbs, 28 E-Waste items, and 5 appliances, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$2,882.

#### 2017 Budget

The District adopted a 2017 Annual Budget of \$2,989,316, a 6% increase over the 2016 Annual Budget. The Transfer Station tip fees will remain at \$123/ton for MSW and C&D. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and \$10/ton on contaminated soils approved by ANR for use as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2017.** For a copy of the full 2016 Annual Report, please give us a call, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).

## What's New with Universal Recycling?

Recently, a few of Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) deadlines came into effect on July 1, 2016, including a statewide landfill ban on leaf & yard debris and clean wood. On July 1, 2017, facilities and haulers that accept trash will have to begin accepting food scraps. Check out the headlines below for more information! The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is here to help you with the requirements of the new law and to prepare for the upcoming changes that are scheduled to take effect in 2017.

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**JULY 1  
2016**

- » Leaf, yard, and clean wood debris are banned from the landfill
- » Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection
- » Food scrap generators of 26 tons/year (1/2 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles

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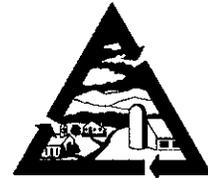
**JULY 1  
2017**

- » Transfer stations/Drop-off Facilities must accept food scraps
- » Haulers must offer food scrap collection
- » Food scrap generators of 18 tons/year (1/3 ton/week) must divert material to any certified facility within 20 miles

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**JULY 1  
2020**

- » Food scraps are banned from the landfill



## Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2016 Overview “Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government”

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

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

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

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

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

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

**For Ferrisburgh Town Report 2017  
Bixby Memorial Free Library.**

Bixby Library offers the traditional library services of lending books and other materials as well as providing regular educational programs for adults and children. In our recent fiscal year Bixby cardholders borrowed more than 34,114 books, CDs and DVDs and over 2,900 e-books and audio books were downloaded to personal devices using Bixby Library cards. Usage of library computers totaled over 1665 hours and countless people accessed the Wi-Fi that Bixby provides to the community 24/7. With your Bixby card free online classes and foreign language programs are available through the Vermont Department of Libraries as well as vetted databases on a huge variety of subjects.

The library provides space to nonprofit organizations who offer services to residents of our five towns in order to make their services available locally. Last year these included RSVP free tax preparation for seniors, Vermont Adult Learning literacy tutoring and English as a Second Language classes. Bixby also supports the RSVP Tax Prep Program by loaning laptop computers to volunteer preparers during the tax season. Local committees such as the ANWSD Community Engagement Committee regularly use Bixby Library as a central meeting space.

We continue to develop our programs to meet the needs and requests of our five-town residents. A few recent highlights:

- “HomeCard,” was introduced. This allows all Bixby Library card holders to check out books and materials from 21 other Vermont libraries free of charge. Several of these libraries are conveniently located for residents who regularly commute to Chittenden County for work.
- Bixby Youth Services Librarian increased outreach to area schools and preschools, promoting childhood literacy and providing support for area educators. New emphasis is being placed on STEM skills.
- Two Bixby Library writers groups who meet weekly began an Addison County literary magazine to encourage local writers. They were able to secure foundation funding for the project.
- Bixby’s Interlibrary Loan program provided books for several local book discussion groups and doubled the number of books being ordered for residents of our five towns this year.
- We increased the number of basic computer tutorials provided by the Adult Services Librarian and offer tutorials for multiple levels of computer literacy.
- Bixby is in the process of digitizing our VHS and VUHS Yearbook collection in order to make it available beyond library walls.
- Research and organization of local artifacts and one-of-a-kind documents reflecting our local heritage continued.

We are always on the lookout for new ways to be efficient and creative with the resources that we have while providing services that are meaningful to the residents who support us. Our many volunteers greatly help us accomplish what we do and we actively fundraise to support the operating budget. We thank the town of Ferrisburgh for your support and invite everyone to visit the library! For more information please visit [www.BixbyLibrary.org](http://www.BixbyLibrary.org) or call us at 877-2211 with your concerns and suggestions. Ferrisburgh’s representatives on the Bixby board are Gail Blasius and Silas Towler.

**VERGENNES AREA RESCUE SQUAD**  
***ANNUAL REPORT – DECEMBER 31, 2016***

The Vergennes Area Rescue Squad (VARS) is a non-profit, primarily volunteer organization. Vergennes Rescue provides a variety of medical related services to the citizens of the five area towns we serve, Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Addison, Panton, and Waltham. We also assist other agencies in nearby towns.

At the heart of our service is responding to medical emergencies which included a total of 854 calls, with 202 specifically in Ferrisburgh. Our staff and volunteer members have presented Emergency Responder classes throughout the year. In addition VARS offers community CPR classes several times each year.

We provide other community outreach programs such as education in child safety including inspection and replacement of car seats. Our certified child safety seat technicians, Chuck Welch and Beth Bearor, inspect car seats on the third Saturday of every month and also on request. We can provide seats to replace those that do not pass inspection. We have partnered with Addison County Safe Kids, an organization which provides education programs geared to prevent childhood injuries. Vergennes Rescue also provides several scholarships each year to area high school students who will be entering the next level of emergency service providers.

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

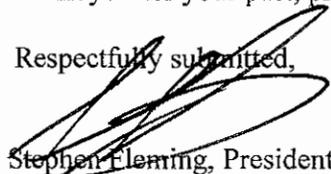
We encourage citizens to become involved in local emergency service organizations. Volunteers are the backbone of our service and we depend on them to provide valuable time and service. If you are interested in becoming a member or in participating in any of our activities, please contact us at 802-877-3683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

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

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

Thank you for your past, present and future support.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Fleming, President



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### **Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County**

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

**Supported healthy communities:** United Way of Addison County was recently awarded a 5-year grant of \$130,000 per year to focus on substance abuse prevention. The efforts will be focused on reducing underage and binge drinking; reducing marijuana use and reducing prescription drug misuse.

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

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** We responded to 96 cases of infectious disease in Addison County last year. For calendar year 2015, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide.

**Aided communities in emergency preparedness:** In July of 2016 we participated in a large-scale exercise to practice our procedures for distributing medicine, to keep people from getting sick in case of a public health emergency. For 2016/17, \$57,096 will support emergency preparedness capabilities at Porter Medical Center. Finally, we are recruiting for Emergency Medical Services providers and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. For more information and to sign up, please visit <http://www.oncallforvt.org/>.

**Trained Town Health Officers:** Town Health Officers from Addison and Rutland counties gathered for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Health Officer training. Information was provided about the prevention of Anaplasmosis, an emerging tick borne infection in Vermont, as well as an update about Lyme Disease. Health Officers were also given an overview of Zika virus infection including the present situation in the United States, what Vermonters and travelers need to know to prevent infection, and mosquito testing efforts.

For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov).

Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/vdhmiddlebury> and follow us on [www.twitter.com/healthvermont](http://www.twitter.com/healthvermont)



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**Ferrisburg Grange**

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MEETINGS:

Second and Fourth Thursday Evenings  
Ferrisburg Congregational Church  
Ferrisburg, Vermont

Eagan, Conley	Heisler, Charles
Faneuf, Edith D.	Heisler, Margaret
Field, Warner	Hicks, Marjorie
Fiske, Clarence	Hicks, Stacy
Fiske, Friend	Higbee, Agnes
Fiske, Julia	Higbee, Leroy
Fiske, Rena	Higbee, Robert
Fiske, Sheldon	Husk, Anna
*Flynn, Charles	Husk, Caroline E.
Flynn, DeLisle	Husk, Elson
Flynn, Eunice	Husk, John
*Flynn, Madeline	Husk, Marjorie
Flynn, Olin	Husk, Neil
Gains, Allen	Husk, Ray
Gains, Josephine	Jerger, Alfred
*Ganong, Harriet	Jerger, August
*Ganong, Mortimer	Jerger, Berta
Gebo, Yvonne	Jenimo, Carroll
German, George	Jenimo, Ivis
Gilson Edna	Kandzior, Frances
*Gilson Elwin	Kandzior, Henry
*Gilson, Myrtle	*Kimball, Alice
Gregory, Lucy	*Kimball, Theodore
Gregory, Mary	Knott, Charles
Griffith, Glenn	Knott, Mabel
Griffith, Margery	LaFlam, Catherine
Guyette, Beatrice	*LaFlam, Helen
Guyette, T. Cassius	LaFlam, Julius
Haight, Grant	*LaFlam, Louis
Haight, Howard	Laird, Albert
Haight, Jacqueline	Laird, Susan
Hatch, Anna	LaLumiere, Lillian
Hatch, Gerald	Langeway, Alan
Hawkins, Beverly	*Langeway, Alice
Hawkins, Calvin	Langeway, Clarinda
*Hawkins, Chester	*Langeway, Eleanor
*Hawkins, Dorothy	Langeway, Henry
Hawkins, Florence	*Langeway, Stella
Hawkins, Richard	LaRose, Francis
Hayden, Nadine	LaRose, Leona

MEMBERS

\* Charter Members

Allen, Y. Dorothy	Chamberlain, Gardner
Allen, Martin	*Chamberlain, Harley
Atkins, Edmund	*Chamberlain, Julia
Atkins, Herbert	Chapman, Harriett
*Atkins, John	Claffin, Sidney, Jr.
Baker, Mildred	Collins, Aleda
Baker, Claude	*Collins, Bertha
Ball, Edna A.	*Collins, Grace
*Ball, Emerson	*Collins, Helen
*Ball, Mabel	Collins, Roger
Ball, Stephen	Commo, Alex
Barnes, Roland	Commo, Flora
Barrows, Dennis	Cook, Florence
Barrows, Dana	Cook, Kenneth
Barrows, Harry	Croat, Howard
Barrows Samuel	Croat, Marie
Beach, Barbara	*Cushman, Kenneth
Beach, Vida	Cushman, M. Evelyn
Besette, Bernie	Cushman, Lynn
Birkett, Charles	*Cushman, Ruth
Birkett, Lillian	Danyow, Arthur, Jr.
Booska, Betty	Danyow, Arthur, Sr.
Booth, Arthur	Danyow, Bertha
Booth, Beatrice	Danyow, Evelyn
Booth, Herman	Danyow, Orville
Booth, Joanne	Danyow, Ramona
Booth, Ralph	DeVin, Bernice
Booth, Ralph F.	DeVin, Henry
Booth, Vera	*DeVine, Albert
Bourassa, William	DeVine, Beatrice
*Bushey, Henry	DeVine, Doris
*Bushey, Violet	DeVine, Ernest
Carpenter, Gladys	*DeVine, Karl
Casey, Martin	Donovan, Stella
Casey, Sylvia	Donoway, Katherine
Chamberlain, David	Douglas, Grace
Chamberlain, Doris	Douglas, Richard

Larrow, Bertha	Sears, Elaine
Larrow, Helen	Sears, Loretta
Larrow, Leona	Sears, Marion
Larrow, Leslie	Sears, Mary
Larrow, William	Sears, Marion
Lawrence, Arthur	Sisters, Henry J. Jr.
Lawrence, Gladys	*Sisters, Paul
LeGrand, Albert	Sisters, Robert
LeGrand, Ella	Sisters, Yvonne
*Mace, Calla	Smith, Fannie
Mace, Martha	Smith, Oliver
McCormack, James	Spade, Helen
McCormack, Jessica	Spade, Ralph
*Miles, Edna	Spooner, Donald
*Miller, Etta	Spooner, Weston
*Miller, Louis	Strickland, Franklin
*Miller, Warren	*Strickland, Harry
Mills, Martin	Summer, Olive
Munnett, Isabelle	Surprise, Benjamin
Munnett, Ralph	Tatro, Charlotte
Muzzy, Norma	Tatro, Joan
Noris, Edna	Tatro, Lester
*Palmer, Eleanor	Tatro, Lester M.
Parent, Minnie	Thorpe, Julia
Parmenter, Marie	Thorpe, Rupert
*Pidgeon, Bertha	Tucker, Betty
*Pidgeon, Edward	Tucker, Edna
Pidgeon, Marcus	Tucker, Foster
Pierce, Rena	Tucker, Gladys
*Plotezyk, Evelyn	Tupper, Keith
Porter, Freda	Tupper, Marion
Provencher, Betty	Vincent, Benjamin
Ringer, Alma	Vincent, Lillian
Ringer, Bernard	*Wing, George
Roberts, Sylvester, Jr.	Wyman, Ida
Robinson, Elizabeth	Yattaw, Flossie
Robinson, Rowland	Yattaw, Roy
*Roscoe, Ralph	Yattaw, Walter
Sears, Clara	Yattaw, Rose
Sears, Clement	Yongen, Alma
	Yongen, Ralph

## **Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2017**

### **Addison County Economic Development Corporation - \$500**

ACEDC has been serving the Ferrisburgh community for over twenty years. ACEDC is Ferrisburgh's economic development resource. They offer expertise and resources to businesses throughout Addison County. They also serve the neighboring communities that Ferrisburgh residents may work at or own. Their mission is to be the resource for navigating opportunities and challenges for new and existing businesses in Addison County. They do this through direct assistance, as with their revolving loan funds, and through their networks of partners and collaborators locally and at the state level. Some of their most important work they do is connecting people to the resources they need. One of the loans they made in 2016 was to Vermont Custom Rug, which moved their business to Ferrisburgh this past fall.

### **Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc. - \$2,983**

Addison County Home Health & Hospice is a community focused non-profit home healthcare agency. They provide an array of services that enable our neighbors to receive care in their own home, where they are the most comfortable and often experience the best quality of life. Seventy-two Ferrisburgh residents were served with 3078 visits in 2016.

### **Addison County Parent Child Center - \$1,600**

The PCC helps families to assess their children's physical and cognitive development and provides support services if needed. They also offer 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 103 Ferrisburgh residents received service in 2016.

### **Addison County Readers, Inc. - \$600**

Addison County Readers, Inc. is an entirely volunteer non-profit organization that sponsors the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The program mails free books monthly to preschool (ages 0-5) children in Addison County. In December 2016, 63 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**

Formerly known as Addison County Court Diversion, they provide 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. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in either the Court Diversion programs or the Community Justice Projects has a chance to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way and learn from the experience. 10 individuals from the Town of Ferrisburgh were served through the 7 different programs in FY 2016.

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**Addison County River Watch Collaborative - \$500**

For each of the past thirteen years, the voters of the Town of Ferrisburgh have contributed \$500 to the funding of Addison County River Watch. Eight other towns in the county contribute similar amounts. ACRWC's annual cash budget is approximately \$12,000. Non-cash donated services, including the processing and analyzing of our water samples by the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation's LaRosa laboratory, are valued at about \$45,000. This past spring/summer they took monthly samples at 5 locations in Ferrisburgh: four in the Little Otter Creek Watershed and one on Lewis Creek. They expect results to be finalized by March, when they will deliver copies to our Conservation Commission for review. Volunteers donated approximately 120 hours of their time to River Watch sampling at the stations in 2016.

**Addison County Transit Resources- \$3,100**

ACTR provides significant services to dozens of "transportation disadvantaged" Ferrisburgh residents. In the past year their Dial-A-Ride System provided 1,932 rides either by ACTR volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles, including ACTR owned vehicles operated by Elderly Services, Inc. Ferrisburgh residents have direct access to Burlington via the GMT/ACTR Link Bus services. Riders coming into Vergennes have access to an extensive shuttle bus system that can take them around town, connect them to Bristol, Middlebury or the Snow Bowl and link them to Rutland. State and Federal grants through which ACTR provides these rides require that ACTR raise up to 20% of the cost of the programs through "local match" dollars. All of ACTR's transportation programs enable our riders to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services.

**American Legion – Vergennes Post # 14 - \$300**

Plans are underway for the annual observance of Memorial Day which will be observed on Monday, May 29, 2016. As in past years, Vergennes Post # 14 will assume the responsibility for decorating the graves of all veterans buried in the Town of Ferrisburgh. The donation will also help fund the annual Memorial Day Parade.

**Boys & Girls Club - \$500**

The club serves more than 500 youth every year through after school programs at our Club facility in the City of Vergennes as well as through outreach activities in partnership with local schools and organizations and community events. Club staff provide support and informal guidance to youth from 9 through 19 years old through programs and activities in five core areas: Character & Leadership Development; Education & Career Development; Health & Life Skills; The Arts; and Sports, Fitness & Recreation.

**Age Well (Formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging) - \$1,100**

For more than 40 years, Age Well has provided services and support that allow seniors to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be. Age Well are the experts in promoting independence, dignity and choice for seniors in our diverse towns and communities. Thanks to past support from the Town of Ferrisburgh, Age Well has provided Meals on Wheels and helped with fitness & wellness, nutrition counseling, case management and offer a senior HelpLine.

**Community Health Services of Addison County - Open Door Clinic - \$400**

The Open Door Clinic provided access to health care services, free of charge, to those uninsured and underinsured individuals that meet financial eligibility guidelines. It is their goal to provide quality health care for patients seeking assistance, until such time that one can obtain insurance, find a

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healthcare provider and establish a permanent medical “home”. Between January 1 and December 31, 2016 they provided services to 40 Ferrisburgh citizens for healthcare services via 78 interactions. Clinic hours are by appointment and include Vergennes (Little City Family Practice) every other Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and at 110 Porter Drive every Tuesday from 6-9pm and one Friday morning per month from 9am – 12pm.

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

During fiscal year 2016, the Counseling Service provided 19,901 hours of service to residents from the town of Ferrisburgh, who had mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability needs. They provide a broad array of vitally needed mental health services to: children, adolescents, adults and families facing challenges and crises in their lives. They also provide 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 228 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at Project Independence Adult Day Center, 2 of whom were residents of Ferrisburgh. Ferrisburgh residents received a total of 384 hours of care, 101 hot meals and approximately 140 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency \$5,909 for direct services to Ferrisburgh residents. 5 family caregivers received respite and peace of mind. Two Ferrisburgh residents are on their staff.

**Friends of the Vergennes Opera House - \$500**

The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House (FVOH) 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 - \$2500**

Gage Cemetery Association oversees the care and maintenance of Gage Cemetery located on Little Chicago Road. Their primary source of income is interest on the investment of the perpetual care funds. They depend on approximately \$1350 yearly from this. Other sources of income are sales of lots and donations, which fluctuate yearly. Their biggest expense is mowing which they currently contract with a Ferrisburgh business to do for \$5000 per season. They also depend on volunteers to help with additional maintenance. There are many broken stones which need repair, but with dwindling funds they are cautious about spending money for that so they can make sure to cover yearly mowing costs. Their hope going forward is to repair a few stones each year and still be able to cover the cost of mowing. They appreciate the generosity of the Town of Ferrisburgh in providing assistance to help maintain the appearance of the cemetery in showing respect to our forefathers.

**Green Up Vermont - \$150**

Green Up Day marked its 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016 with over 22,000 volunteers participating! The success of Green Up Day depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. People can now

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choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form. You can visit their web site at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

**Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE) - \$2,000**

HOPE seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE provides significant goods and services to people in need, including food, clothing, housing and heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs and more. They work to assist people in accessing information and developing new skills in order to become more empowered and have healthier and more stable lives. During the 12 month period ended September 30, 2016, HOPE provided assistance to 49 Ferrisburgh residents. Many of those households were served multiple times with large amounts of funds.

**Homeward Bound - \$1,000**

In FY2016 they served the Town of Ferrisburgh by taking 2 stray animals. Those animals were cared for daily, provided with necessary medical attention, and spayed/neutered prior to being placed for adoption. 12 animals were adopted to residents of Ferrisburgh. As the only animal shelter in Addison County they also offer programs and services to meet a wide array of critical animal welfare needs.

**Hospice Volunteer Services - \$500**

During the past year Hospice Volunteer Services provided hospice services, bereavement programs and educational opportunities to the residents of the town of Ferrisburgh. At no cost to individuals they provided 11 hospice or palliative patients with 63 visits and 146 hours of respite care. One person received 1 hour of grief support. Eleven families were invited to the annual Service of Remembrance. They currently manage a force of 217 trained volunteers for patient care, vigil sitting, bereavement support and Wellspring singers. Five Ferrisburgh residents are currently active Hospice volunteers.

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

This year the John Graham Shelter located on Main Street in Vergennes, marks 36 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals. In 2016 they provided more than 13,000 bed nights of food, shelter, services and hope to hundreds of people, many of whom were children. Provided rapid rehousing to families at our own buildings in Vergennes, Middlebury and Bristol and at many scattered sites as well as helped dozens of families find permanent housing and employment and provided counseling, case management and support services that help people take the next step in their lives. Visit their website at [www.johngrahamshelter.org](http://www.johngrahamshelter.org) for more information.

**Lewis Creek Association - \$500**

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

### **Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2016 (cont'd.)**

#### **Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District - \$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. They continue to receive token administrative funds from the State; however, it is the yearly contribution from Addison County towns and city that enable them to maintain their services to farmers, landowners, town, businesses and schools.

#### **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program - \$210**

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

#### **Rokeby Museum - \$1,000**

2016 was their fourth year in the new Education Center and they continue to build on the momentum set in motion when the Center and its stunning exhibit – *Free & Safe: The Underground Railroad in Vermont* – opened in 2013. Their 2016 seasonal exhibit – *Quaker Made: Vermont Furniture, 1820-1835* – was quite a hit. It even garnered a small mention in the *New York Times*. Visitors were enchanted by the beautiful desk, cradle, chests, and bureau made by Quaker cabinetmaker Stephen Foster Stevens. Besides showcasing this unique collection, the exhibit explored the meaning of plainness for Friends, who made up such a large part of Ferrisburgh residents at the time. They also won two prestigious awards in 2016 – from the New England Museum Association and the American Alliance of Museums. The first place (NEMA) and honorable mention (AAM) was for their book, *Farming & Feasting with the Robinsons*.

#### **Vergennes Summer Rec Program - \$1,000**

The program was housed at Saint Peter's Parish Hall on a daily basis during eight weeks of the summer. Summer 2016 marked the completion of its fourteenth year of contributing as a positive resource for children and families in our community, striving to meet the expressed needs of participants for consistent, high-quality care and enrichment. With an average daily attendance of 75, the summer session accumulated 31,100 hours of care – not to mention games, crafts, swimming, field trips, sports and friendship-making time. Forty-seven percent of the children participating in the program were Ferrisburgh children and youth. They have attained a level of 4STARS in the Vermont Quality Recognition System, which documents their efforts to provide strong staff, nutritious food and a developmentally appropriate base.

#### **Vermont Adult Learning - \$785**

In FY'16 Vermont Adult Learning of Addison County provided services to 1811 individuals statewide, 6 of whom were residents of Ferrisburgh. They offer a variety of individual learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. Areas of focus include reading, writing, math, GED, high school diploma and English as a second language. Instruction is

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available to students with a GED or diploma who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes. They work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment.

**Vermont Center for Independent Living - \$250**

In FY'16 VCIL responded to over 2711 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors provided one-on-one peer counseling to 360 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and 24 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program assisted 196 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 95 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 92 individuals with information on assistive technology; 35 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 559 individuals had meals delivered through their Meals on Wheels program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. During FY'16 one Ferrisburgh resident received services.

**WomenSafe, Inc. - \$1,250**

During FY'16 they served at least 14 residents of Ferrisburgh and the parents of at least 13 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, our statistics for those served in any given town are understated. Your contribution would be used to support the services that we provide to our service users, such as our hotline, supervised visitation program, education and outreach, and transitional housing support with victims of domestic and sexual violence.

## Ferrisburgh Central School

Beginning this year the Ferrisburgh Central School report will be included in the Addison Northwest Supervisory District Report. The Unified District Report will include information for grades K-12.

The ANWSD report will be available at the Town Clerk's office, the Superintendent's office and online at [www.anwsu.org](http://www.anwsu.org).



Photo taken from Orvis Farm facing east on Middlebrook Road in 1955. The brick home is currently owned by Allan Brisson. *Photo courtesy of Clark & Suzanne Hinsdale.*

**WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Ferrisburgh are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Ferrisburgh Central School, in said town, on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business. NOTE: Polls for Australian balloting will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Town Hall.

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear reports of the Town Officers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Addison County Restorative Justice	\$800.00
Addison County Transit Resources	\$3,100.00
HOPE (Formerly ACCAG)	\$2,000.00
Addison County Economic Development Corporation	\$500.00
Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	\$2,983.00
Addison County Parent Child Center	\$1,600.00
Addison County Readers, Inc.	\$600.00
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	\$500.00
American Legion - Memorial Day Observation	\$300.00
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	\$500.00
Age Well (Champlain Valley Agency on Aging)	\$1,100.00
Community Health Services Open Door Clinic	\$400.00
Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	\$1,650.00
Elderly Services, Inc.	\$1,100.00
The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	\$500.00
Gage Cemetery Association	\$2,500.00

Green Up Vermont	\$150.00
Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	\$ 1,000.00
Hospice Volunteer Services	\$500.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	\$825.00
Lewis Creek Association	\$500.00
North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	\$2500.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$275.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$210.00
Rokeby Museum	\$1,000.00
Union Cemetery	\$2,400.00
Vergennes Summer Rec Program	\$1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$785.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$250.00
Women Safe	\$1250.00

**TOTAL** **\$32,778.00**

**ARTICLE 10:** 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 7, 2017 at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall to vote by Australian ballot on the following matters, to wit:

**BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

**ARTICLE 11:** To elect Town Officers.

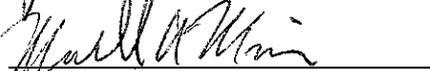
**Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Dated at Ferrisburgh, Vermont this 24th day of January, 2017.**

  
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 Loretta Lawrence, Chair

  
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 James Benoit

  
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 Steve Gutowski

  
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 Michael Muir

  
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 Jim Warden

Received for record this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Warden, Town Clerk

**OFFICES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT**  
**March 7, 2017**

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Moderator – 1 year term        | Auditor – 2 years (of a 3 year term)       |
| Town Agent – 1 year term       | Auditor – 3 year term                      |
| Town Grand Juror – 1 year term | Rogers & Hazard Fund Trustee – 2 year term |
| Town Clerk – 3 year term       | First Constable – 1 year term              |
| Town Treasurer – 3 year term   | Town School Director – 1 year term         |
| Lister – 3 year term           | Town School Director – 1 year term         |
| Selectperson – 2 year term     | Town School Director – 1 year term         |
| Selectperson – 3 year term     | Union High School Director – 1 year term   |

**NOTES:**