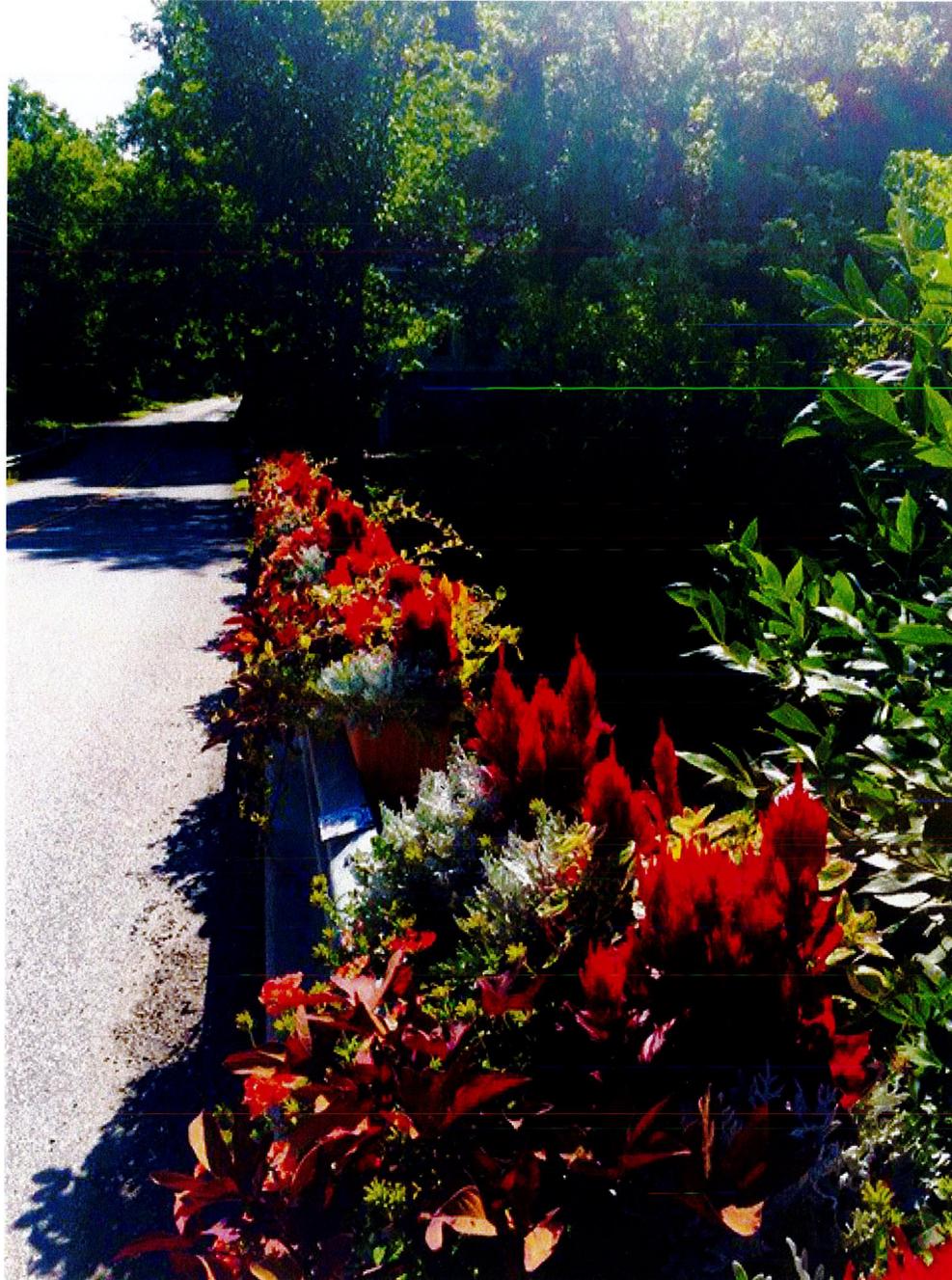


ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VT.
For the Year Ending December 31, 2018



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 2, 2019**

Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 5

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

Steve Gutowski: Steve began serving the town as the representative to the Addison County Solid Waste District from 2001 – 2012. Steve also served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment from 2001 - 2012. He served on the Selectboard December 2013 - 2019, serving as chair in 2015.

Chet Hawkins: After retiring from the Town Clerk and Treasurer, Delinquent Tax Collector and Constable positions Chet continued to serve as a Justice of the Peace 2015 – 2019.

Susan Oliveira: Susan served as an Auditor from March of 2016 through February 2019.

Charles Shapiro: Charles served as a Justice of the Peace from February 2007 until February 2019.

Silas Towler: Silas served as a Justice of the Peace from February 1986 until February 2019. He was very active in all of our elections and his expertise will be missed. Silas was also very involved in the rebuilding of the Grange Hall into the Town Offices and Community Center.

Cover Story

(Cover photo by Kim Hornung-Marcy)

The bridge over Lewis Creek in North Ferrisburgh replaced the Spade Farm covered bridge in 1958. The covered bridge was then moved to its present location on Route 7 between the Starry Night Café and Vermont Flannel Company. It is still being used today as a pedestrian crossing between Starry Night and Vermont Flannel.

The photo on page 2 shows the covered bridge looking west, at the time they were removing the Grist Mill building on Old Hollow Road next to Lewis Creek. On page 39 you can see another photo of the covered bridge when it was still being used to cross Lewis Creek.

As part of the traffic calming efforts in the hollow, flower boxes were installed on the bridge and are maintained by the group known as the North Ferrisburgh Village Association. Judy Chaves mentioned that often when she is watering the plants people will stop when driving across the bridge to comment on the beautiful flowers!

DEDICATION OF TOWN REPORT



John C. Pierce

The town would like to recognize John Pierce, who passed away December 18, 2018, for his many years of service to Ferrisburgh, in a variety of roles. John came to town from Hinesburg in 1963 and started farming in North Ferrisburgh, which he continued until he semi-retired in 1988. He always had a horse and enjoyed hooking up the horse and buggy to give people rides through the neighborhood.

In 1968, the Selectboard formed a group to begin work on the first zoning regulations for the town. John was appointed to the group and served as chair through adoption of the interim Zoning Regulations and the subsequent adoption of Ferrisburgh's Zoning Regulations in 1970. He continued to serve until 1979 as the chair of the combined Planning Commission and Zoning Board.

In 1974, John was elected Town Moderator and continued to serve in this role for the next 20 years. John is remembered as a commanding presence at the front of the room, both in stature and in his ability to conduct an enjoyable, well-organized town meeting.

In 1986, John was elected to the Selectboard and served as chair from 1989-1991. Between 1988-1994, he also co-chaired the town's Recreation Committee. While on the Selectboard, John recognized the need for a larger town office and a new fire station. He was instrumental in the fire department acquiring, through donation and purchase, the land the fire station sits on today.

John was a gentle giant of a man who was good-humored, had a positive outlook on life and was very civic-minded. His record of service to the town demonstrates his love of Ferrisburgh and his commitment to making the town a better place for all residents. He will be sorely missed.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation for his many years of service to our community, we dedicate this Town Report to John Pierce.

BUSINESS HOURS

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

MEETING SCHEDULES

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

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

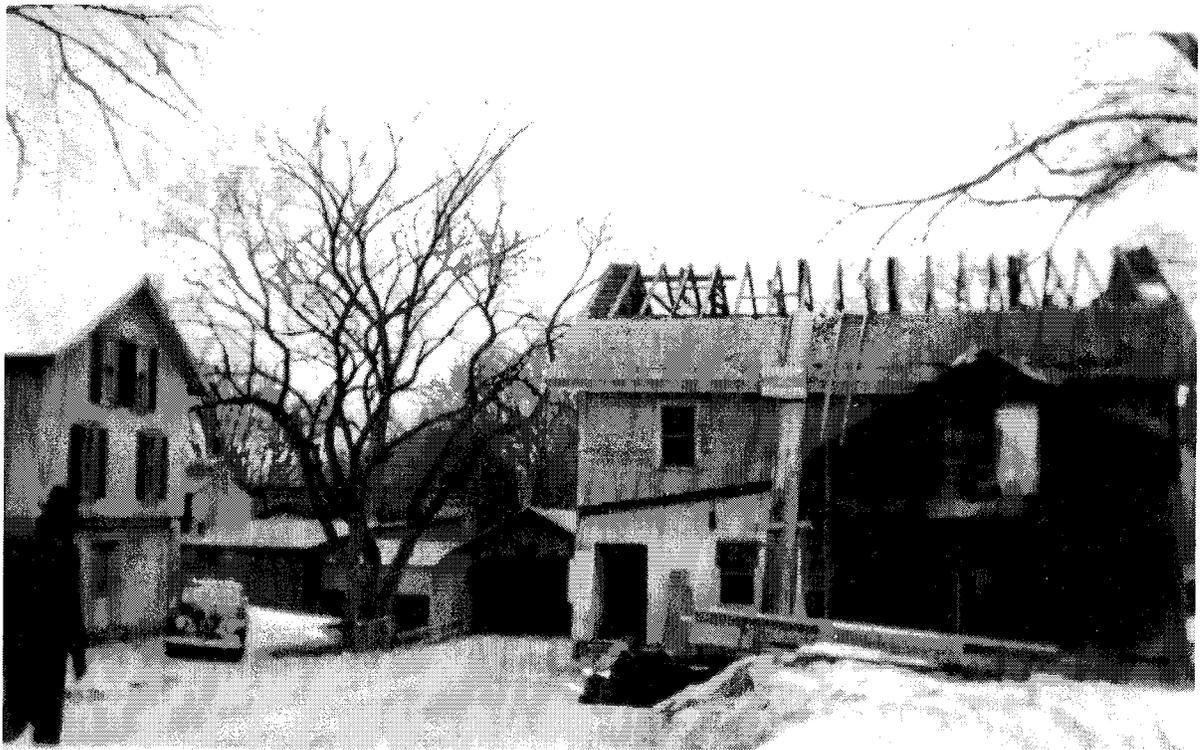


Photo of the Grist Mill being torn down in the Hollow in North Ferrisburgh. It was rebuilt in 1828 by T. R. Robinson and was still in use in 1900. You can see the covered bridge to the left. Courtesy of Silas Towler and the Ferrisburgh Historical Society.

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<u>TOWN OFFICERS</u>		<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
MODERATOR	Bill Clark	(1 Year Term)	2019
TOWN CLERK	Gloria Warden	Appointed	2020
TOWN TREASURER	Deborah Healey	Appointed	2020
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/TREAS.	Pamela Cousino	Appointed	2020
SELECTBOARD	Steve Gutowski	(3 Year Term)	2019
	James Benoit	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Rick Ebel	(3 Year Term)	2020
	Jessica James	(2 Year Term)	2020
	Michael "Red" Muir	(3 Year Term)	2021
ROAD FOREMAN	John Bull	Appointed	
ROAD CREW	Paul Bodington	Appointed	
	Corey Collette	Appointed	
	Reilly LaBerge	Appointed	
	Aaron Schondube	Appointed	
LISTERS	Joe Blasius	(3 Year Term)	2019
	Carl Cole, Chair	(3 Year Term)	2020
	Brian Goodyear	(3 Year Term)	2021
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Bonnie Barnes	Appointed	2020
AUDITOR	Susan Oliveira	(3 Year Term)	2019
	Walter E. Reed II	(3 Year Term)	2020
	Danielle Licursi	(3 Year Term)	2019 App't
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	Deb Healey	Appointed	2019
FIRST CONSTABLE	Jeffrey Warden	(1 Year Term)	2019
CIVIL DEFENSE CHAIRMAN	William Wager	Appointed	
TOWN GRAND JUROR	Betsy Etchells	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't
TOWN AGENT	Bessie Sessions	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't.
UNIFIED SCHOOL DIRECTOR	Kristina MacKulin	(3-year Term)	2021
	Finn Yarbrough	(2-year Term)	2021
	George Gardner	(3-year Term)	2019
	Laurie Gutowski	(4-year Term)	2020
ROGERS & HAZARD FUND TRUSTEES	Sally Torrey	(2 Year Term)	2019
	Pennie Beach	(2 Year Term)	2020
ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE	Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't.
	Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't.
ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING REPRESENTATIVES	Tim Davis	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't.
	Arabella Holzapfel	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't.
	Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2019 App.t
	Vacancy, Alternate	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't.
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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMM (TAC)	Steve Huffaker	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't.	
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2-year terms)	Steve Alexander	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Judy Chaves	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Art Cohn	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Norton Davis	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Lissa Gebo	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Chris Kayhart	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Judith Mace	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Chris McClain	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Jean Richardson	(2 Year Term)	2021	
	Joe Rivers	(2 Year Term)	2021	
PLANNING COMMISSION (Appointed – 4-year terms)	Bessie Sessions	(4 Year Term)	2019	
	Michael Quinn	(4-year Term)	2019	
	Keith Wagner	(4 Year Term)	2019	
	Gail Blasius	(4 Year Term)	2020	
	Walter Reed	(4 Year Term)	2020	
	Robert Beach, Chair	(4 Year Term)	2021	
	Al Chamberlain	(4 Year Term)	2021	
	Anne Cohn	(4 Year Term)	2022	
	Arabella Holzapfel	(4 Year Term)	2022	
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (Appointed – 3-year terms)	Robert Beach	(3 Year Term)	2019	
	John Paul	(3 Year Term)	2019	
	Michael Delaney	(3 Year Term)	2020	
	David Mentzer	(3 Year Term)	2020	
	Rayne Herzog	(3 Year Term)	2021	
	Clark Hinsdale	(3 Year Term)	2021	
	Norman Smith, Chair	(3 Year Term)	2021	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Appointed – 4-year terms – Advisory)	Craig Heindel	(4 Year Term)	2020	
	John Medenwald	(4 Year Term)	2020	
	Dennis Armell	(4 Year Term)	2021	
	Karen Pettersen	(4 Year Term)	2021	
	Amy Dohner	(4 Year Term)	2022	
	Jen Cirillo	(4 Year Term)	2022	
	Vacancy	(4 Year Term)	2022	
FENCE VIEWERS	Ronald Kampner	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't.	
	Steve Alexander	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't.	
	Vacancy	(1 Year Term)		
TREE WARDEN	425-2130	Clifton Mix	(1 Year Term)	2019 App't.
FIRE WARDEN	877-3564	Michael Coyle	(5 Year Term)	2022 App't.

TOWN OFFICERS

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

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE 911
 RESCUE 911
 POLICE 911

State Legislators for the Town of Ferrisburgh:

Senator Chris Bray – New Haven
 Senator Ruth Hardy – Middlebury

Representative Diane Lanpher – Vergennes
 Representative Matt Birong – Vergennes



Ferrisburgh school children posing for a photo. Not sure of the location or date.
 Photo courtesy of Silas Towler and the Historical Society.

**TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2018**

Town officials present: Selectboard members – Loretta Lawrence – Chair, Steve Gutowski, Jim Benoit, Red Muir and Rick Ebel. Gloria Warden – Town Clerk, John Bull – Road Foreman, Deborah Healey – Treasurer and Pam Cousino – Assistant Town Clerk.

At 10:00 Moderator Bill Clark opened the Town Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Representatives Diane Lanpher and Warren Van Wyck spoke about the work they have been doing this year in the legislature.

ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of the Town Officers.

Selectboard member Red Muir acknowledged the retirement of Loretta Lawrence from the Selectboard after 17 years of service and presented a clock as a token of appreciation.

Red then spoke about the town building maintenance fund. He stated that there will be about \$118,000 in the fund and that most of it will be used for the following: A new roof on the fire station and a new roof on the old center school (Historical Society). The Union Meeting Hall tower will also be refurbished.

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

Carl Cole moved and Judy Langeway seconded the article. There was no discussion and the article was passed with no nay votes.

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

Rick Kerschner moved the article. Loretta Lawrence seconded. After a very brief discussion the article was passed unanimously.

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

Brian Goodyear moved to open the article, seconded by Jessica James. John Bull explained that our current loader was purchased used in 1999. It will currently bring about \$35,000 in trade towards a slightly used loader. It is heavily used and John feels that the current loader will not continue to function well. There were no other questions and the article was put to a vote. It passed with no nay votes.

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

Jim Warden moved to open the article, seconded by Patti Paul. Loretta Lawrence highlighted some of changes in the budget which included the continuing \$10,000 needed for the zoning by-laws rewrite. There is now a stipend for the forest fire warden. Street signs went up a bit since some had to be changed to meet new codes and a few get stolen every year. There is an increase in medical insurance due to rising rates and the fact that we have added another employee to the policy. Bixby Library was level funded from last year.

Katie Hill asked about the wages contingency line item in the clerk’s office. Loretta explained that there is currently a part time clerical person in the office and the board is not sure if it will need to be permanent yet so they wanted to keep funding for that position in the next budget. Mike Quinn asked about the reason for lowering the budget for law enforcement. Loretta responded that the Sherriff’s office is providing the same coverage as before, we had been over budgeting in the past and wanted the budget to better reflect actual expenditures. Jim Warden mentioned that the selectboard has recently meet with the Sheriff’s office and reaffirmed that they need to stay off of Route 7 and to patrol the back roads. Rick Kerschner asked about the audit management report with 2 deficiencies. Loretta explained that since the new treasurer began working this past March, those two issues have been taken care of. With no other questions the moderator asked for a vote. The article passed unanimously.

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

Addison County Restorative Justice	\$ 800.00
Addison County Transit Resources	3,100.00
HOPE (Formerly ACCAG)	2,000.00
Addison County Economic Development Corporation	500.00
Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	2,983.00
Addison County Parent Child Center	1,600.00
Addison County Readers, Inc.	600.00
Addison County River Watch Collaborative	500.00
American Legion - Memorial Day Observation	300.00
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	500.00
Age Well (Champlain Valley Agency on Aging)	1,100.00
Community Health Services Open Door Clinic	400.00
Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	1,650.00
Elderly Services, Inc.	1,100.00
The Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	500.00
Gage Cemetery Association	2,500.00
Green Up Vermont	150.00
Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	1,000.00
Hospice Volunteer Services	500.00
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	825.00
Lewis Creek Association	500.00
North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	2500.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	275.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	210.00
Rokeby Museum	1,000.00
Union Cemetery	2,400.00
Vermont Adult Learning	785.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250.00
Women Safe	1250.00
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TOTAL	\$31,778.00

The moderator explains that this can be voted on as one article or that each one can be voted separately. Brian Goodyear moves to open the article and to vote all items as one, seconded by Carl Cole. The vote to approve \$31,778 in town voted authorizations was approved with no nay votes.

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

Loretta Lawrence thanked Representative Warren Van Wyck for all of the time and hard work spent on getting the Town Charter through the legislative process.

Lauren Fisher asked how dogs are regulated in town. Loretta Lawrence responded that the animal control officer deals with dog issues. Loretta also stated that Lauren's dog issue was already on the March 6 selectboard agenda and her issues would be addressed at that time. Steve Gutowski spoke about how the town's hands are tied in regard to rescue operations because the State has control which doesn't allow the town to take action.

Brian Goodyear moved to adjourn the annual town meeting at 10:50 a.m., seconded by Jessica James.

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

**OFFICES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT
March 6, 2018**

Moderator – 1-year term
Town Agent – 1-year term
Town Grand Juror – 1-year term
Auditor – 3-year term
Lister – 3-year term
Rogers & Hazard Fund Trustee – 2-year term

First Constable – 1-year term
Select board – 2-year term
Select board – 3-year term
ANWSD School Director – 3-year term
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Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Cousino
Ass't. Town Clerk/Treasurer



Bill Clark
Moderator



Loretta Lawrence
Selectboard Chair

Town of Ferrisburgh Selectboard Annual Report 2018

Dear Ferrisburgh Neighbors,

First and foremost, we want to recognize and thank each and every person who has given his or her time and talent toward making Ferrisburgh a great place to live. As you read through this year's annual report please take note of all of your neighbors who are listed for their work on the various boards, committees, commissions and departments that make our town a safe, respectful and productive community.

Your Selectboard would like to take this opportunity to offer a review of agenda items from its meetings during 2018.

- Continue communication with Vermont Green Line regarding laying a cable along 5.3 miles of town right-of-ways to transmit sustainable electricity.
- Approve installation of standing-seam metal roofing on firehouse and old schoolhouse.
- Address the matter of extensive tree cutting in the town right-of-ways on Arnold Bay Road.
- groSolar generation panels and battery installation located on Greenbush Road.
- Adopt Town Charter. Town approved May 2017; Montpelier approved 2018 legislative session. Effective July 1, 2018.
- Develop a safe-use policy for individuals and organizations sponsoring bicycle, running, walking and other events that traverse town roads.
- Communicate regularly with Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce traffic safety and parking rules on town roads.
- Monitor recording of property transfers to minimize backlog of filing.
- Promote cross-training of town office staff to allow for efficient use of human resources.
- Revise the town Dog Ordinance to include rescue operations and to limit the number of adult dogs to five per household. (More than five will require application for a conditional use permit from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.)
- Resolve the matter of a rat infestation at Heidi's Haven Dog Rescue located at 2512 Sand Road.
- Work with the Building Maintenance Committee and contractors to resolve various building alarm problems.
- Adopt Selectboard Rules of Procedure recommended by the Vermont League of Cities & Towns.
- Approve a part-time, 20-hour per week, clerical position for inclusion in town office operational budget.
- Approve purchase and installation of new telephone system.
- Select site for 15kW solar installation from groSolar. The site is on town property southwest of the town office building.
- Approve installation of security cameras on interior and exterior of town office building.
- Support safety improvements to the US 7/Old Hollow Rd./Stage Rd./ intersection.
- Accept donation of a painting of the Ferrisburgh Grange Hall from the Jenkins Family in memory of Bob Jenkins.

- Receive reports from the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission regarding bobcat habitat in the town forest and the potential effects on wildlife and water quality from the extensive tree cutting in the right-of-ways on Arnold Bay Road.
- Approve numerous meeting hall rental agreements.
- Approved 19 Liquor License Renewal Applications.
- Work with neighboring towns to establish a fee-based drop-off service for both solid waste and recycling.
- Support the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department acquisition of 5.5 acres of land abutting the Lower Otter Creek Wildlife Management Area.
- Correspond with county, state and federal representatives seeking funding to support the recruitment and retention of emergency response and firefighting personnel.
- Consider purchase and sale agreements for town-owned property on the corner of US 7 and Rte. 22A.
- Communicate with Long Point Association regarding inadvertent damage from town snowplows.
- Update personnel policy to allow for jury duty leave and notification of vacation leave.
- Hold work sessions for development of the 2019–2020 town budget.
- Dedicate the 2018 Town Report to John Pierce.

Your five current Selectboard members have lived in Ferrisburgh for all their lives or for a really long time! In total we bring 179 years of living in Ferrisburgh to every meeting. Please add to the wisdom at the Selectboard meetings. Regular meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the town office meeting room. Your voice and vote matter! Please mark these two very important dates on your calendar: Saturday, March 2, Town Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at Ferrisburgh Central School. Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. polls are open at the town hall. We are all Ferrisburgh!

Sincerely,

Jim Benoit
Rick Ebel, Chair
Steve Gutowski
Jessica James, Clerk
Mike “Red” Muir, Vice-Chair

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

Statistics for 2018 include:

- Vital statistics recorded: 20 births, 21 marriages and 25 deaths.
- Land records: 2720 pages of land records (warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, mortgages, mortgage discharges, easements and liens) were received for recording.
- Licenses: 368 dog licenses, 27 applications for Liquor and catering licenses were processed, 41 Green Mountain Passports and 66 Fish & Game licenses were issued.
- Notary: 235 people requested notary services.
- Renewals: 69 motor vehicle registration renewals were processed. (If you need Department of Motor Vehicle forms or manuals we have many of them available in our office.)
- Voter registrations: 204 new voter registrations added to our voter checklist – 127 names removed.
- Certified copies: Issued 144 certified copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.

The Community Hall is available for rental; call our office to reserve a date and time. Note that no alcohol is allowed on the premises. The policy and forms for rental are available at our office and on the town website at www.ferrisburghvt.org.

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

The new Vital Records Law (Act 46) goes into effect in July 2019. Act 46 significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records – namely, birth and death certificates. Only certain parties will be able to apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate and the individual **must** complete an application **and** show valid identification when applying for the certified copy. See more information about the law from the VT Dept. of Health on page 34 in this report.

This is not an elections year. 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! With so much attention on election fraud it is even more important to be able to depend on well-trained election officials. I also want to thank my co-workers for their help especially with absentee/early voting. Last year we processed 604 early voter requests, 431 of those were for the General Election in November. The numbers continue to increase with the state and candidates encouraging early voting.

We have a very special group of people working at the town offices: a big thank you to Pam Cousino, assistant town clerk, for her work and support throughout the year, Deb Healey, Jean Silveira and Bonnie Barnes. They are a joy to work with and always ready with a helping hand if needed. Another person who has become a very important part of the office is Kristin DeBellis. Kristin volunteers a couple hours every week. A recent project she has helped with is going through and sorting, labeling and creating a spreadsheet for the more than 250 miscellaneous maps that were on shelves and in drawers in the vault. She also helped to sort through old school accounts that were returned to the school district, helped create user manuals for the Selectboard, and the list goes on. Her patience and attention to detail is invaluable. Thank you to Sally Torrey for her help in proofreading and new ideas for arranging the town report.

It has truly been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your town clerk for the past five years. I want to thank all residents for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Warden

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Last August I held a program that summarized how our property tax system works, how the money is raised, where it goes, when it is due. I will hold another this summer and am glad to go over these particulars with individuals anytime. Please stop in; I am in the office most days 9am until noon.

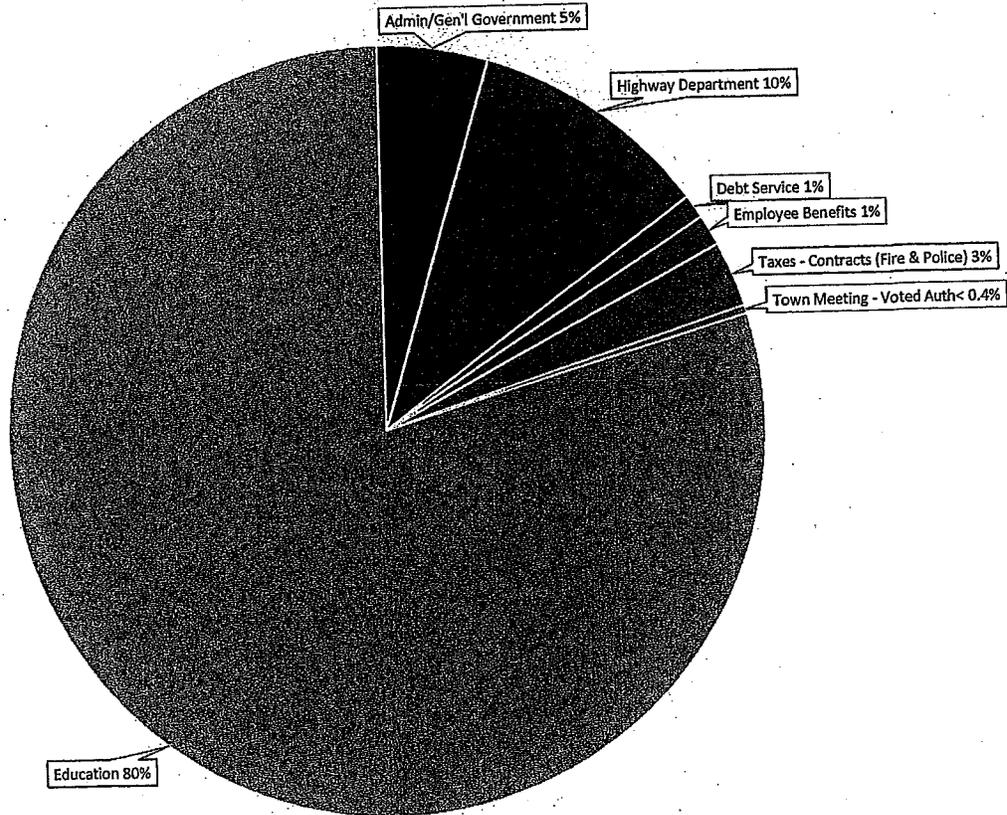
We will be offering you the ability to pay your property taxes on-line with a secure and transparent transaction. Look for the details with your 2019/20 tax bill next July.

Many thanks to Gloria Warden and Jean Silveira for assisting me with tax collections and being terrific people to work with, and especially to Assistant Town Treasurer Pam Cousino for her knowledge and willingness to double-check all my work. The professional audit of the Town's books disclosed no surprises. The Town's financial status is good.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Deb Healey

Actual Expenses FY 2017/2018



■ Admin/Gen'l Government 5% ■ Highway Department 10% ■ Debt Service 1% ■ Employee Benefits 1%
■ Taxes - Contracts (Fire & Police) 3% ■ Town Meeting - Voted Auth < 0.4% ■ Education 80%

2018 Town Highway Report

As 2018 drew to a close, I once again reflect on the many projects that we completed this year. There were also some setbacks due to weather and appropriation of grant dollars, but in the end we had a very busy and successful season.

We started the Old Hollow Road Project. This project requires some major issues with drainage, infrastructure, and pedestrian safety. It also should be noted that the Town along with the State of Vermont are working on installing a traffic light at this dangerous intersection. Grant dollars were not made available until late in the season, so we were only able to rebuild the first section of Old Hollow Road where it intersects with Route 7. At this intersection we improved the drainage to eliminate water ponding and adjusted the centerline to improve safety when exiting or entering Old Hollow Road. This spring we will start removing failed sections of the road, improving drainage thru out The Hollow, grinding and removing existing pavement and replacing with new pavement to blend into the existing drainage network.

Other projects we completed this year were on Kelloggs Bay Road and Arnold Bay Road. These two projects were in step with improving our ditches and drainage systems to meet the new Clean Water Act. Both of these projects were paid for with grant funds for that purpose. New crossing gates have been installed at the railroad tracks on Tupper's Crossing, and Town Line Road. We have just received notice that these will also be installed on Monkton Road, Little Chicago Road, and Long Point Road.

We received a grant to upgrade sign packages on Basin Harbor Road, Botsford Road, Button Bay Road, Hawkins Road, Little Chicago Road, Long Point Road, and Middlebrook Road. This project is going out to bid soon, and I would expect the signs will be erected sometime this summer. This project is being paid by a grant for safety improvements on Class 2 roads.

During the winter my crew stays very busy dealing with snow storms, drifting roads, equipment repair and keeping ditches and intersections cleaned out so water will flow and drivers can safely see oncoming traffic. One issue we deal with often is private driveway snow that is either plowed over culverts inlets and outlets or plowed into the ditches. All this snow restricts the water flow when it warms up and causes road and property damage from flooding. It would be appreciated if you could take a moment to see if that is happening on your property and maybe have a discussion with the plow driver about finding a better spot to pile the snow.

We are in the process of inventorying all our roads, ditches, and culverts. This work is paid by a grant related to the new storm water rules. This process allows us to make informed decisions on which roads to improve or repair.

Over 40 years ago I was approached by Bill Scott to become involved in Town politics. Since that time I have been on Planning and Zoning Boards, a Selectman, Lister, and various other committee's involving issues in town. 27 years ago, John Pierce approached me and asked that I become involved with the Highway Department. Sadly this year John passed away. I could always go to John for advice, history, and events that have shaped our past and affect our future. I will miss his thoughtful insight and advice. I would like to remind everyone how important it is to stay connected with our "Old Timers". Ask questions and listen to their response. The information they possess is priceless.

A special thanks to my great crew, Paul Bodington, Aaron Schondube, Reilly Laberge, and Corey Collette. Their work ethic and support gives me the strength and courage to keep up with our many challenges. If you encounter the crew, give them a thanks for their hard work and devotion.

John W. Bull

Planning Commission Report

As we enter the new year, the task of an updated and approved Town Plan leads us to the next phase of our work. We have begun the process of the zoning map update and zoning bylaw revision. We started with an assessment of our current bylaws compared to our new Town Plan to see how they lined up. We hired professional planner Brandy Saxton, who assisted in the last bylaw revision. She will help guide us through the process until completion. Our town team is headed up by planning commission member Arabella Holzapfel and a mix of other planning commission members, zoning board members and other townspeople who had expressed interest in helping. This process is entirely open to all town residents who would like to participate; meetings are scheduled for the last Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. If you unable to attend, do not feel left out, there will be a series of public outreach events to ensure that all voices are heard.

This is your town and your bylaws; please do not hesitate to contact any planning commission member with comments you have regarding our current zoning bylaws, anything you would like to see changed or any suggestions or concerns about the process.

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

Planning Commission Land Use Regulation Update Committee

The Ferrisburgh Planning Commission has established an ad hoc committee to review and update the town's zoning by-laws and subdivision regulations to align with the new town plan and address some inconsistencies and outdatedness. The committee has been named the Land Use Regulation Update Committee (LURUC); members include Bonnie Barnes (Ferrisburgh Zoning Administrator), Bob Beach, Anne Cohn, Carl Cole, Steve Gutowski, Arabella Holzapfel (Chair), Dave Mentzer, Karen Pettersen, Kurt Plank, and Norm Smith. LURUC began its work in late 2018 and meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

THE FERRISBURGH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

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

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

Decisions of the Board are made by applying the zoning by-laws to the evidence and arguments presented at the Hearing. Often there is a site visit to review the proposed use. The Board may impose conditions as part of its approval. The Board issues written decisions, which are to be enforced by the Zoning Administrator. In 2018 22 applications were presented to the Zoning Board, 21 of which were granted as submitted or with conditions. One application remains pending as of the date of this report.

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

Applications for permitted uses can be granted by the Zoning Administrator. The Board reviews applications for conditional uses. The Board also hears appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions. In 2018 the Board heard one appeal of a Notice of Violation issued by the Zoning Administrator. It upheld the Zoning Administrator's decision.

The town is currently undertaking a review of the current Zoning By-Laws. Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment are part of the Committee that is considering changes and revisions to the By-Laws.

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

Norman C. Smith, Chair

Bob Beach

Mike Delaney

Clark Hinsdale III

Rayne Herzog

David Mentzer

John Paul

Zoning Permit Summary

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
New Houses	4	5	7	5	3
Seasonal to Full Time	0	1	0	0	0
Total New Residences	4	6	7	5	3
Home Occupation	2	0	0	1	
Replacement Houses	3	1	3	0	1
House Addition/Renovations	8	11	11	14	20
Accessory Apartments	0	0	4	2	1
Garage/Barn/Shed	19	22	14	14	21
Decks/Porches	11	11	3	0	1
Renewals	0	4	5	9	6
Pools/Ponds/Fences	5	2	2	1	1
Recreation	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Structures	0	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	0	3	0	0	0
Commercial	1	1	1	1	1
Signs	2	3	2	4	5
Denied	0	1	1	0	0
Variance, waiver	1	0	0	0	1
Boundary Adjustments	1	3	2	2	3
Sketch Plans	6	5	9	5	9
Preliminary Plats	0	2	4	1	2
Final Plats	6	0	0	3	3
2-Lot Subdivisions	2	0	4	1	4
Certificate of Compliance	33	49	58	42	35
Other	1	0	3	0	0
Conditional Use	6	14	9	8	8
Additions to Accessory Bldg.	4	1	11	2	4
Amendment	0	1	0	2	4
Appeals	0	0	2	0	2
Solar	4	3			
Agricultural/Exempt	6	3			
Total Permit Applications	125	146	155	117	135
Violations	2	0	0	1	1

Bonnie Barnes, Zoning Administrator

Town of Ferrisburgh
2018 Listers Report

The Ferrisburgh Listers Annual Assessment work (building permits/land subdivisions, etc.) in 2017-2018 resulted in an increase of the Town’s Grand List from \$565,357,800 to \$569,354,882 totaling a **\$3,997,082** increase.

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

Town of Ferrisburgh <u>2018 Building Permits/Maintenance List</u> Inspected late 2017-2018 (through December 31, 2018)		
Category	Number Inspected	Notes
New House Construction	12	5 under construction/7 completed
Garages/Barns/Pole Barns/Sheds/Lean-tos/Fences	40	9 under construction/31 completed
Decks/Porches/Gazebos/Patios	24	5 under construction/19 completed
Renovations/Additions/Duplex Conversion	28	11 under construction/17 completed
New Construction Rechecks	20	11 under construction/9 completed
Commercial	5	2 under construction: - Palmer’s Garage - Cyr’s Campground 3 completed: - Basin Harbor Club - Jolley Associates - Group 5 Investments
“Outside Only” follow-up inspections from the 2013 town-wide reappraisal	1	0 interior inspections/1 exterior inspection
Land Subdivisions, Tax Map Changes, Acreage Changes, Surveys, Listers Corrections and Miscellaneous	55	9 new building lots were created
Total Building Permits, Properties Inspected and Assessment Changes in 2018:	185	

➤ As of April 1, 2018, there were 1,538 properties in the Township of Ferrisburgh. The breakdown by property type was as follows:

- 875 Houses
- 65 Mobile Homes
- 16 Vacation/Seasonal Properties (non-Lake Champlain properties)
- 281 Lake Champlain Properties
- 50 Farms
- 60 Commercial
- 0 Industrial
- 13 Utilities
- 178 Miscellaneous (mostly vacant land)
- 1,538 Total Properties**

➤ A total of 153 Change of Appraisal Notices for 2018 were mailed out to town property owners.

- Listers informational meetings were held on May 17, 2018 and a total of 7 properties were reviewed. Formal Grievance Hearings were held on May 24, 2018 and June 20, 2018. A total of 46 property owners filed grievances. **Any property owner who does not receive a Change of Appraisal Notice, but feels their assessment is incorrect, should contact Pam Cousino, Assistant Town Clerk, to be notified of the Grievance Hearing schedule before April 1, 2019.**
- The 43 Listers Grievance appeals were all resolved with the exception of 3 property owners who appealed to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The BCA Hearings were held on September 13, 2018; and October 9, 2018. The BCA's final decisions dated October 9, 2018 upheld all three of the Listers 2018 assessments. The results and details of the BCA Hearings can be reviewed at the Town Clerk's Office. There were 3 appeals to the State Board of Appraisers submitted in 2018.
- A total of 127 building/zoning permits were issued by Bonnie Barnes, the Town Zoning Administrator during 2018.
- 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, 2015 through April 1, 2018.) 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 24, 2018. **The final Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 102.26% with a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 14.13%.** The new 102.26% CLA showed a slight decrease over the 102.97% CLA in 2017, indicating a slight increase in prices of the State's sales data analyzed. In addition, we have noted that the volume of sales transactions in Ferrisburgh has begun to decrease as the Addison County Multiple Listing Service (MLS) inventory overall has been decreasing. Based on the state's data, "A COD of 10% or lower is considered to reflect a relatively high level of equity across taxpayer's assessments." The 2018 town tax rates are:

Residential:	\$1.8959 per \$100 of assessed value
Non-Residential:	\$1.8296 per \$100 of assessed value
- It should be noted that solar array projects in excess of 50,000 watts are now considered taxable by the State of Vermont and municipalities. Ferrisburgh has 8 solar properties in this category. They are assessed on the income approach basis. The local tax is based on the Ferrisburgh municipal, non-residential tax rate. Instead of a state education tax rate, a flat tax (a/k/a Solar Energy Capacity Tax) of \$4.00/kilowatt times the capacity of the solar plant is levied. This tax is billed directly to the owner or lessee of the solar array by the Vermont Tax Department and is due on April 15th of each year.
- **The Listers continue to deal with a number of misconceptions covering the need for zoning building permits. To clarify, all property owners contemplating any construction or land development (including agricultural buildings) should contact Bonnie Barnes, the Town of Ferrisburgh Zoning Administrator. She will determine if a building permit is necessary. The Listers obtain copies of all the building permits/zoning permits and perform interior inspections on these properties throughout the year. The effective date of all the Change of Assessments is April 1st of each year. Properties which are unfinished as of April 1st are re-inspected the following year and thereafter until completion.**

- The listers attended one Tax Abatement Hearing in 2018. A summary of the result of this Hearing can be reviewed in detail at the Ferrisburgh Town Office.
- There was one (1) listers correction to the 2018 Grand List approved by the Selectboard.
- Since 1984, Vermont Statute 32 VSA§3692 addressed the taxation of travel trailers/recreational vehicles as real estate if, *“it is situated in the town on the same trailer site or camp site more than 180 days during the 365 days prior to April 1st.”* The Town of Ferrisburgh has two campgrounds with approximately 72 travel trailers that may meet this criteria. For the last 25-30 years the listers have discussed this taxation and the challenges associated with implementing the process. In 2017, the listers completed significant research on the topic (including what other towns are taxing travel trailers and their experiences, as well as checking with legal counsel and the State Tax Department). The conclusions were that in order to properly inspect, verify, monitor, value, assess, produce new listers cards, tax bills and collect taxes, that the time and costs associated would be prohibitive. The listers decided to assess the travel trailers in aggregate. One campground owner appealed to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) and the BCA decision was that the listers methodology of aggregate taxation was flawed and the assessment was reduced. The listers also corrected and reduced the other campground owner’s assessment. The listers sent a letter to the Vermont Tax Commissioner asking for consideration in repealing the travel trailer taxation statute (dated February 5, 2018) and Jean Richardson continued to work with our legislature. There was no action taken during the 2018 legislative session. On December 18, 2018 the listers met with Legislature Representatives Diane Lanphear and Matt Birong to continue the effort towards repealing and replacing the statute.
- 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 2018-2019 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
Brian Goodyear
-Ferrisburgh Listers-



The Field Schoolhouse being moved by a grader in 1960. Photo taken by the Spooner Farm. Courtesy of Dorothy Muzzy.

Town of Ferrisburgh Sales per the Addison County Multiple Listing Service

Sale Category	Sales 2018	Sales 2017	Sales 2016	Sales 2015	Sales 2014	Sales 2013	Sales 2012	Sales 2011	Sales 2010	Sales 2009	Sales 2008	Sales 2007	Sales 2006
Residential	26	40	42	30	26	30	17	21	21	23	16	30	21
Vacant Land	3	2	7	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	6	5	8
Commercial	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2
Multi-Family	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SALES	29	42	52	34	30	34	22	22	23	24	24	35	31

Town of Ferrisburgh Municipal Tax Rates

Residential Tax Rate			
Year	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	Tax Rate	% Change
2005	112.24%	\$1.2933	--
2006	101.64%	\$1.5213	17.63%
2007	95.75%	\$1.4888	- 2.14%
2008	92.53%	\$1.5904	6.82%
2009	88.84%	\$1.6297	2.47%
2010	90.37%	\$1.7806	9.26%
2011	99.06%	\$1.7334	- 2.65%
2012	100.36%	\$1.6276	- 6.10%
*2013	102.01%	\$1.5474	- 4.93%
2014	102.70%	\$1.7893	15.6%
2015	104.72%	\$1.9000	6.19%
2016	104.73%	\$1.9701	3.69%
2017	102.97%	\$1.8226	- 7.49%
2018	102.26%	\$1.8959	4.02%

Non-Residential Tax Rate			
Year	*CLA	Tax Rate	% Change
2005	112.24%	\$1.2418	--
2006	101.64%	\$1.5212	22.50%
2007	95.75%	\$1.5728	3.39%
2008	92.53%	\$1.6870	7.26%
2009	88.84%	\$1.7212	2.03%
2010	90.37%	\$1.7945	4.26%
2011	99.06%	\$1.7539	- 2.26%
2012	100.36%	\$1.6675	- 4.93%
*2013	102.01%	\$1.5681	- 5.96%
2014	102.70%	\$1.7187	9.60%
2015	104.72%	\$1.7619	2.51%
2016	104.73%	\$1.7389	- 1.34%
2017	102.97%	\$1.7305	- 0.48%
2018	102.26%	\$1.8296	5.73%

** 2013 was the last town-wide reappraisal*

**Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
2018 Annual Report**

2018 was a busy year for the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission (FCC).

The FCC sponsored four well-attended presentations throughout the year. In February, we hosted a film screening of “Look and See” – a portrait of farmer, writer and activist Wendell Berry. Chris Bernier of the VT Fish and Wildlife joined us in March for “Turkey Talk”, a presentation on turkeys in Vermont. State wildlife biologist Alyssa Bennett presented on bats and efforts to monitor their population at the Rokeby Museum in June. “Wild Yet Wonderfully Near Us – Bobcats of the Champlain Valley” was the topic of our workshop led by Sue Morse of Keeping Track in October.

The FCC continued to steward the Town Forest by monitoring wildlife and invasive species, maintaining boundary markers and working with a local snowmobiling club to access the forest on an annual basis.

In 2018, we started a database to manage wildlife sightings in town and collected information either directly from town residents or posts from Front Porch Forum. Sightings included red fox, bobcat, moose, bear and coyote.

We continued to network with other municipal conservation commissions throughout the state. We were represented at the annual networking summit with the Addison County Conservation Commissions in April and renewed our membership in the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions.

2018 was our second year working with Vermont Fish and Wildlife to monitor the declining bat population at Kingsland Bay State Park. The FCC recruited several volunteers and coordinated four evenings in July to count and observe bats.

The FCC started a draft of the Ferrisburgh Natural Resources flyer for new landowners in town. The flyer will provide information on the natural resources in town and be available in the town office for all other interested residents.

The FCC continued to review and advise the town on permit applications and related issues including one case involving agricultural run-off and town road drainage.

The FCC was represented in the Ferrisburgh Land Use Regulations Update initiative and reviewed the analysis of the existing zoning and subdivision regulations as compared to the current town plan. FCC member Karen Pettersen will continue as a member of the committee.

There were changes in the FCC membership. Jen Cirillo and Amy Dohner were reappointed for four years and Finn Yarborough did not seek reappointment. FCC is looking for new members.

Respectfully submitted,

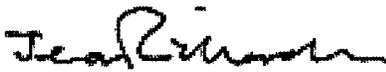
Craig Heindel, Chairman
Dennis Armell, Treasurer
Karen Pettersen, Secretary
John Medenwald
Amy Dohner
Jen Cirillo

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY & BOARD OF ABATEMENT

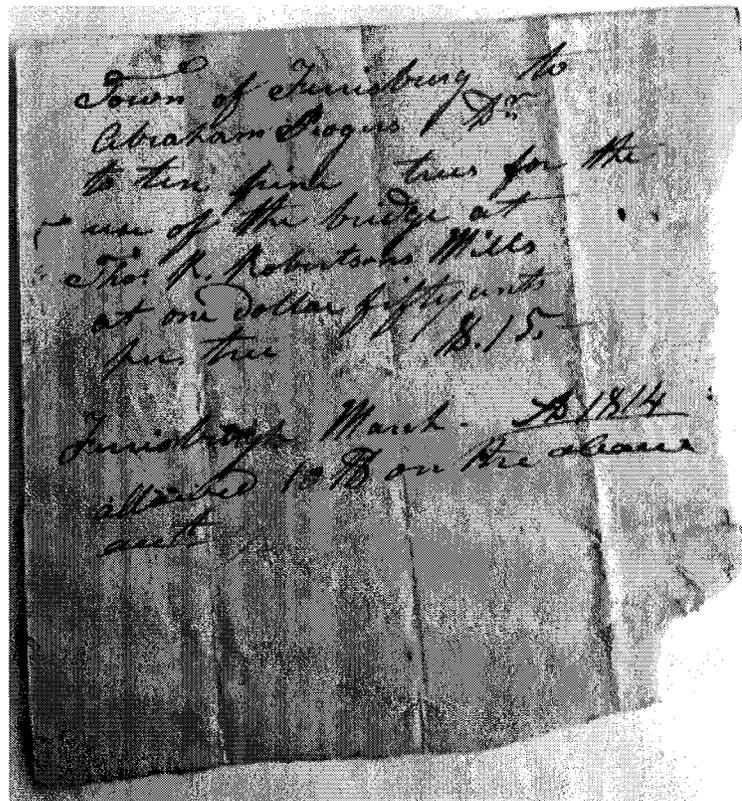
The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) consists of the 10 Justices of the Peace, 5 members of the Selectboard and the Town Clerk. When town taxpayers are concerned about the Listers' appraised value of their property, they "grieve" to the Board of Listers first, and if they are still not satisfied, they appeal further to the BCA. Only a minimum of 3 of this group need to present to hear the appeal. The common Level of Assessment (CLA) for Ferrisburgh is very close to the 100% level as determined at state level (presently 102.26%) which indicates that Listers' appraisals are very close, slightly higher than calculated by the state. The taxpayer appealing their appraisal has the burden of showing why the Lister's appraisal is incorrect. In 2018 we had only two such appeals to the BCA. Following the required site visit, public hearing, and written Decision to deny, both were appealed to the State Board of Appraisers and we await their decision.

The Board of Abatement (BOA) consists of all of the members of the BCA, plus the Town Treasurer and the Listers. That is a total of 20, and at least 11 of those is normally required to conduct the public hearing because any abatement amounts will have an impact on the Grand List. These requests are from taxpayers who, for some specific reasons as laid out in the statute, such as loss of the property by fire during the tax year, are unable to pay their property tax bill. In 2018 we had two such requests, both of which were granted in part.

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



Jean Richardson
Chair of BCA and BOA.



Receipt of a toll for use of a bridge in 1814. Courtesy of Silas Towler and the Historical Society.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

2018 brought stray dogs, noise complaints and proper shelter & food complaints. A few dogs were brought to Homeward Bound, most were reunited with their owner. Proper shelter and food complaints all checked out to be adequate, and dog owners were respectful. I thank you all for this, being an animal control officer is generally a thankless job and it is much easier for you and me when we can come to a resolution in a respectful and timely manner.

Testimony was given on one case within Ferrisburgh.

Registration for you dogs is due by April 1st each year, please be sure to do so to avoid late fees.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

The main response in 2018 for the Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer, as well as many other town officials was a rat infestation. This consumed many hours between inspections and data collection and presentation.

There was a septic report, which will be reassessed again in Spring 2019.

New laws went into effect and require a much more detailed inspection once a complaint is received. If you are a landlord and are not aware of these changes it may be a good idea to refer to the Department of Health website to review this information. Proactive is always better than reactive.

Jaimeelyn Gaboriault

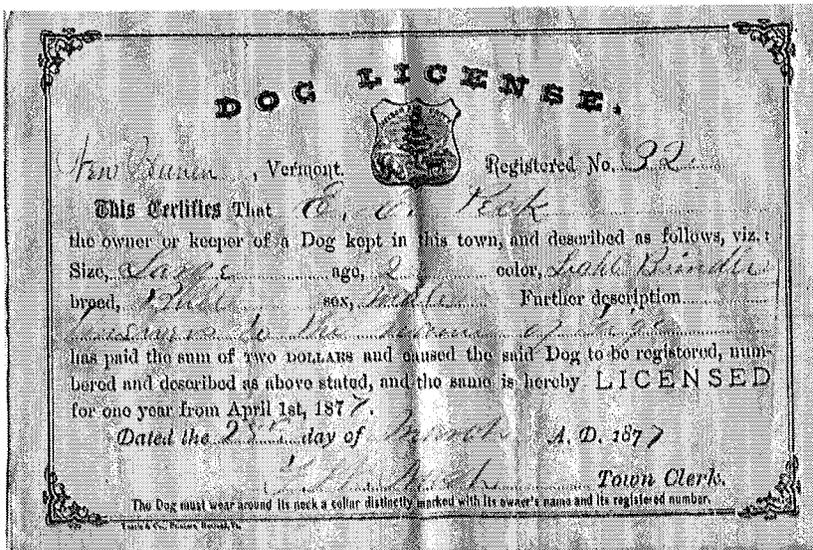
RABIES TESTING

Rabies is a viral disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The rabies virus infects the central nervous system, ultimately causing disease in the brain and death.

If a person is suspected of being exposed to rabies, either through a bite or contact with saliva, testing at the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory (VDHL) will be performed on the suspected animal.

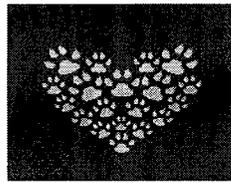
All specimens submitted for rabies diagnostic testing must be pre-approved by the VDH Public Health Veterinarian. Test results are usually available within 24-48 hours of receipt.

Because rabies is present in nervous system tissue, the required tissue for testing is brain tissue. This requires that the animal be euthanized. Specific sections of the brain are used for testing (e.g. the cerebellum and brain stem), so it is imperative the head not be damaged prior to submission.



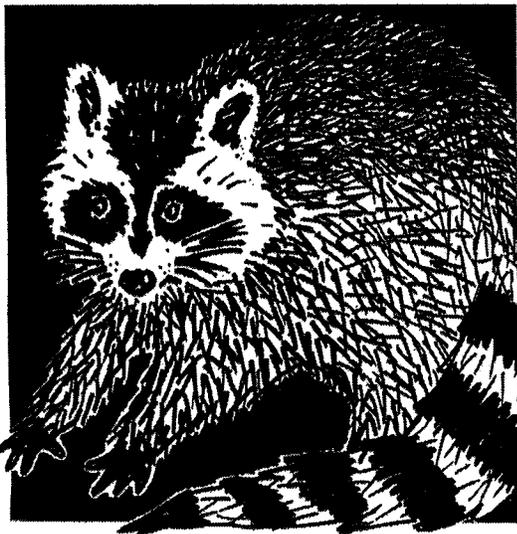
Erastus's Dog:

One of the more interesting documents saved over the years and handed down to George Peck is a dog license from 1877. It's for a bulldog named Gigi owned by Erastus.



*Every once in a while a dog enters your life
and changes everything*

RABIES ALERT!



- ▼ Don't feed or touch wild animals, or animals you don't know—even baby animals.
- ▼ Get rabies shots for all your pets, even cats.
- ▼ Call your doctor right away if you are bitten, or get animal saliva in a cut, eyes, nose or mouth.

Vermont Rabies Hotline:
1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)

If you have contact with an animal that may have rabies, call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-640-4374 or 863-7240 (8 to 4:30 Mon-Fri).



**Remember to register
your dog!**



On or before April 1

We need a copy of your dog's valid
rabies certificate

Fee is \$9 for a neutered/spayed dog
\$13 for non-neutered/non-spayed dog
After April 1

\$11 for a neutered/spayed dog
\$17 for non-neutered/non-spayed dog

**2018 Annual Report
Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department**

It is with great pride to report the accomplishments and challenges of our Fire Department:

We responded to over 75 emergencies last year, this represents about a 15% average increase over the past 10 years.

In 2018 we received recognition for the third highest training hours in the Addison County Firefighters Association.

Tyler Shortsleeve, Brandon Wagner, and Josh Hanlon have completed Firefighter I training, this is a significant undertaking. This course is 6 months long and is 230 hours. Captain Ryan Cushing has also undergone advanced training in becoming a Certified Vermont Fire Instructor. Please help us congratulate these firefighters for their accomplishments.

Thanks to several donations we were able to purchase and outfit a 16-foot inflatable rescue boat. This asset has already responded to numerous water rescues in and around our community.

Our department has added "LifeNet" to our emergency team. LifeNet is a medivac service located in Ticonderoga. They offer advanced life support for critically injured patients. The helicopter is staffed with a pilot, critical care nurse, paramedic, and advanced life support equipment.

In October of this year we held an open house. This event was a great success. We were able to provide fire education and some fun activities for the youngsters. The activities included a bouncy house, educational games, and interaction with our Firefighters. We look forward to holding this event again in 2019.

Special thanks to our friends at the Ferrisburgh Bake Shop, Dakin Farm, Vermont Live Stock, and Clover State for helping us make our Chicken Barbeque and Pancake Breakfast a success. The community support for both of these events was fantastic. The barbeque sold out again and the attendance for the breakfast was incredible.

We are actively looking for volunteers. Our department is seeing a decline in prospective members. Unfortunately, this is becoming a state wide problem. Fewer people are interested in supporting their communities. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact one of our members or drop us a note via the 'Contact Us' link on our web page (www.ferrisburghvolfire.org).

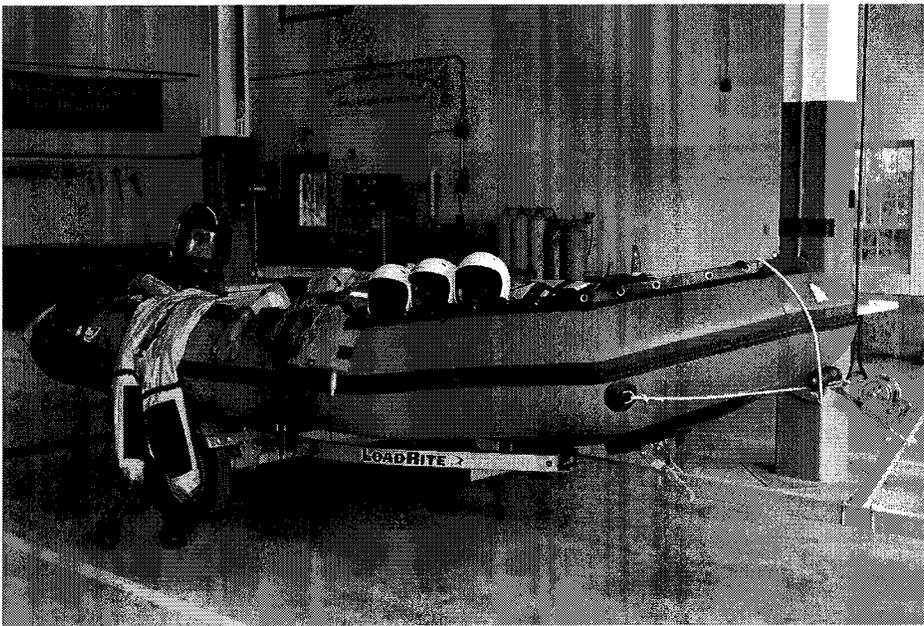
We are requesting all residents to properly identify their residence with reflective 911 signage. We had several delayed responses to residences due to insufficient marking. We are requesting that the 911 sign be 3-inch white reflective lettering on a green reflective background. The sign can be oriented vertically or horizontally. Located at the road by the entrance of the driveway.

The signs may be attached to the mailbox with visibility facing both directions of travel. These signs are available through the fire department, upon request at www.ferrisburghvolfire.org/e911_signs.

On behalf of the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department I want to thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely

Bill Wager Chief



Rescue Boat



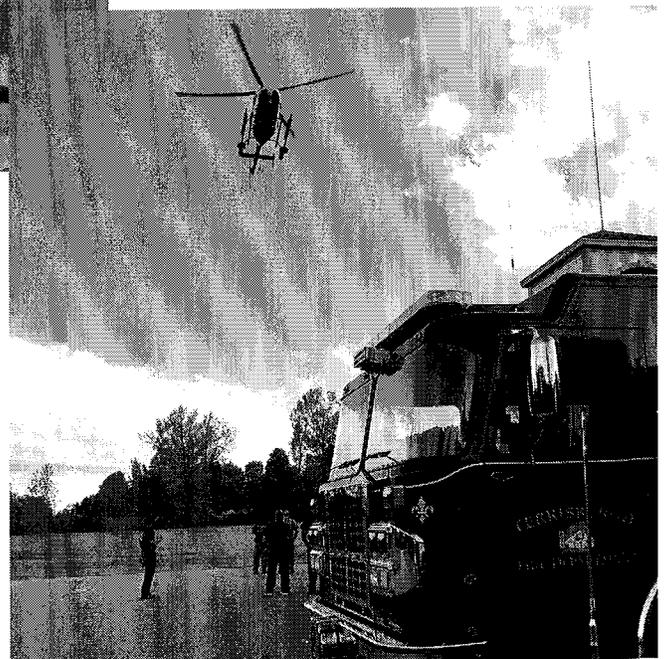
Open House

Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department Inc. Annual Contract Projection

<u>Category</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Facilities	\$ 6850	\$ 7850
Trucks	\$ 8000	\$ 8000
Equipment	\$18700	\$18700
Insurance	\$16500	\$16800
Communications	\$ 8465	\$ 8945
Training	\$ 3500	\$ 3500
General	\$ 6450	\$ 6350
Incentive	<u>\$ 2000</u>	<u>\$17000</u>
Totals	<u>\$70465</u>	<u>\$87145</u>



LifeNet Medivac Service
Located in Ticonderoga, NY



Michael Coyle
Forest Fire Warden

Hello all,

Where did 2018 go??

Seems like yesterday it was April warming up nicely, the daily weather reports were average with humidity low.

Perfect burning weather.

We issued 266 permits in our town this year, with many more being a multi-day burns.

Please keep in mind if the pile you feel will not burn in one day I must be contacted and review the site prior to approval.

This does mean it may take a few days for me to arrive on site so plan accordingly.

This also may require a different permit given by the state and not local authority

We do most all approvals via phone, to do this you must call 802-985-8051 the day you wish to burn.

You will reach our dispatch center which is a huge help as they are reachable 24hours day 7 days a week and can contact me by more means than a phone.

Thank you to all of those who called to gather a permit prior to burning, this saves many unneeded fire tones and people on the road with red lights flashing posing an unneeded risk, also saves you from a visit of big red trucks to your property.

Please feel free to call me if ever the need.

Michael Coyle,
Ferrisburg Forest Fire Warden



Sleigh ride in the North Ferrisburgh Hollow. Photo courtesy of Silas Towler and the Historical Society.

Ferrisburgh Historical Society Report



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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

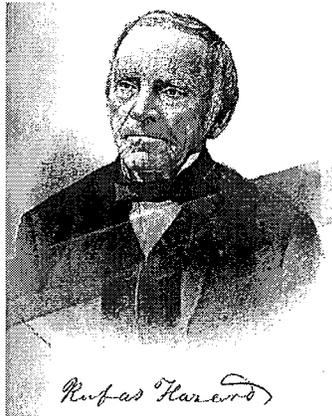
Silas Towler, President

Gail Blasius, Vice-President

Charlie Langworthy, Treasurer

Rogers and Hazard Relief Society

Serving the Ferrisburgh Community Since 1886



Rufus Hazard
(1869-1934)

This non-profit Vermont corporation has six trustees elected by the Society and two trustees elected by the Town of Ferrisburgh at Town Meeting. This fund, formally the “Rogers and Hazard Relief Society”, was established in 1886 with a purpose to “...relieve the wants of the sick and poor in Ferrisburgh, Addison County, Vermont by doctoring, nursing and such ministries as said trustees deem proper.” The Society began with funds bequeathed by Joseph Rodgers (\$3050) and donated by Rufus Hazard (\$360).

As of June 2016, Rogers and Hazard Relief Society is recognized as 501(C) 3 by IRS regulations. The Society is a public charity and any donations are tax deductible under IRS section 170.

For the past 132 years, the Society has quietly gone about its activities of identifying people within the Ferrisburgh community who have needs that fall within the Society’s mission. Between 2013 and 2018, Rogers and Hazard provided small “emergency” grants equaling \$4950.00 to pay for such things as heating oil, rent, firewood, furnace repair and emergency house repair. This assistance is always provided without fanfare and in strict confidentiality of who is receiving the assistance.

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

Contact can be made to any of the listed trustees.

Karlene DeVine, President 877-6392

Art Cohn, Vice-President 989-8931

Shelly Erickson, treasurer-475-2465

Anna Husk

Kim Hornung-Marcy 425-4608

Liz Markowski 877-6523

Sally Torrey 877-6925, Town Trustee

Pennie Beach 475-2318, Town Trustee

“Many a life has been saved, many heavy hearts lightened and many homes gladdened by the kind 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 and are tax deductible. The more we have, the more we can help our Ferrisburgh neighbors.

Bixby Library: 2019 Contribution to Ferrisburgh Town Report

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

On average, 106 people visit the Bixby every day. Last year, patrons borrowed 30,888 physical items from the library, and many more took advantage of other Vermont library resources through interlibrary loan and the Homecard system. We saw a great increase in digital service use this year, with 4,551 digital resources borrowed and 664 people taking advantage of free databases, online classes and language learning through the Vermont Online Library. Hundreds of library patrons took advantage of museum and state park passes, which provide free or discounted access to cultural institutions throughout the state.

In 2018, the library offered 96 programs for adults, 204 for children and 33 for teens, providing a total of 5,677 people the opportunity to engage, discover and learn. Regular children's programming included story hour and preschool outreach serving children from all five towns, and regular adult programs included two writers' groups, a book club, bridge, and monthly movie nights.

The library has two new faces this year. Masha Harris, our new Director, and Laksamee Putnam, Adult Services Librarian, both hold Master's degrees in Library and Information Science and bring to the library a passion for community engagement, inclusion, and access to information.

In 2019, the library looks forward to increased adult programming and outreach, welcoming new board members, announcing new innovative, community-oriented library services, and more. We will continue to serve the community through traditional and contemporary library services and always welcome suggestions for new materials, programs, and initiatives.

One in three Ferrisburgh residents has a Bixby library card, and we'd love to see that number grow. To learn more, speak with Ferrisburgh's representatives to the Board of Trustees, Silas Towler, Marjorie London and Marsha Hoffman, or contact Masha Harris, Library Director, at masha.harris@bixbylibrary.org. Visit the library at 258 Main Street in Vergennes, call (802) 877-2211, or visit our website at <http://bixbylibrary.org>.

VERGENNES AREA RESCUE SQUAD, INC
ANNUAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2018

The year 2019 marks our 50th anniversary of emergency medical service to our community. We are a non-profit ambulance service. We have served the City of Vergennes, Towns of Ferrisburgh, Panton, Addison, Waltham and part of New Haven and Monkton since 1969. We do this with a mix of volunteers and paid staff.

The heart of our service is responding to medical emergencies which included 718 calls, with 138 specifically in Ferrisburgh.

VARS has relied on the support of volunteer EMTs who provide 24/7 coverage to our service area, as well as mutual aid stretching from the heart of dairy land to the Green Mountain peaks. To celebrate this proud semi centennial, VARS is pleased to open up applications to all community members, no prior experience required. We are looking for dedicated, motivated and energetic individuals who want to serve in an exciting and rewarding field. There is currently a critical need for volunteers in Addison County. To find out more, just visit us at the station or online at www.vergennesrescue.org/join.

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

Funds to operate Vergennes Rescue Squad come from a variety of services. We offer a subscription program to provide no cost coverage to individuals in our communities. If you have not received your letter to sign up for a subscription, please call 877-2429 or you can visit us online at www.vergennesrescue.org/subscriptions. 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 would be remiss if we did not thank the many emergency organizations that have given us valuable support over the past year. 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. We take great pride in being a part of this community public safety group.

We wish to thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,


Sara McKirryher, President



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

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.**

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, go to

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

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

Two years ago, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online in 2016. For the November 2016 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.

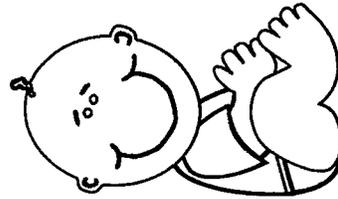
Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

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



Weston Spooner at the Spooner farm. circa 1947
Photo courtesy of Dorothy Muzzy

BIRTHS



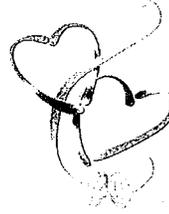
<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>BABY'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENT'S NAMES</u>
February 2018	Talyah Church	Tanya Tenney Tanner Church
February 2018	Leiyah Cushing	Chylia Dayton Ryan Cushing
March 2018	Miles Johanssen	Michelle Poulin Mark Johanssen
March 2018	Zoe Burkett	Danielle Hausler Kyle Burkett
March 2018	Weston Parda	Shannon Sixt Matthew Parda
April 2018	Elliott Cornellier	Rachel Quinn Ryan Cornellier
April 2018	Silas Crowley	Lisa Maggio Shawn Crowley
May 2018	Levi Rose	Emily Wisiewski Justin Rose
May 2018	Henry Verburg	Sarah Richardson David Verburg
June 2018	Louise Donovan	Rachael Donovan Jeffrey Giknis
July 2018	Felix Goulette	Kristen Brisee Jeffrey Goulette
July 2018	Lyndsey Van De Weert	Rebecca Sabourin William Van De Weert

<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>BABY'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENT'S NAMES</u>
July 2018	Harper Bushee	Stephanie Commo Jacob Bushee
July 2018	Wylie Curler	Kari LaRocque Bradley Curler
August 2018	Raegan Brands	Brittany Benjamins Ryan Brands
September 2018	Cillian Dolan	Lauren Harris Daniel Dolan
October 2018	Lila Sullivan	Rachel Brands Zachary Sullivan
November 2018	Lucas Brouillard	Holly Gonyeau
December 2018	Jade Jerger	Pilar Rinder-Goddard Jeffrey Jerger



Center School photo, courtesy of Silas Towler and the Historical Society.

CIVIL MARRIAGES



<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Town</u>
April 13, 2018	Steven Hoyt Krizza Faigane	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
April 27, 2018	Kristi Arredondo Randy Poquette	Middlebury Ferrisburgh
May 12, 2018	Benjamin Andrews Katherine Wimett	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
May 26, 2018	Jon-Taylor Vincent Morgan Preston	Ferisburgh Ferrisburgh
June 2, 2018	Matthew Leta Katharine Sokolowski	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
June 9, 2018	Mary Knight Raymond DeVoid	North Ferrisburgh North Ferrisburgh
June 15, 2018	Melissa Kampner Paul Nash	United Kingdom United Kingdom
June 23, 2018	Kelli Cogger Brandon Hammond	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
June 30, 2018	Tinesha Davis Christopher Schaer	North Ferrisburgh North Adams, MA
July 5, 2018	Lindsay Warden Erik Hausler	Hudson Falls, NY Ferrisburgh
July 5, 2018	Michelle Gilliam James Hingle	Santa Fe, Texas Sante Fe, Texas
July 14, 2018	Hilary DeVos Rye Matthews	North Ferrisburgh North Ferrisburgh
July 18, 2018	Lyman Gaudette Megan Stearns	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Town</u>
July 21, 2018	Morgan Ruelle Dana Weiss	Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA
August 11, 2018	Alejandra Caballero Jolee Ladd	North Ferrisburgh North Ferrisburgh
August 11, 2018	Karizma Joyal Kristian Ashley	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
August 24, 2018	Victoria Additon Aaron Malaney	North Ferrisburgh North Ferrisburgh
August 27, 2018	Sofia Medina Emilio Cardamone	Houston, TX Rome, Italy
September 16, 2018	Rebecca Boyle Lemi Hernandez	Ferrisburgh Whiting
September 22, 2018	Allen Marshall Christina Howe	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh
December 22, 2018	John Atkins Suzele Smith	Ferrisburgh Ferrisburgh



Lewis Creek covered bridge in North Ferrisburgh Hollow, 1946. Picture taken from upstream, looking South toward the mill. It was moved in the 1950's to Route 7.

DEATHS



<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Jeffrey Yandow	January 1, 2018	65
Robert Leavitt	January 7, 2018	87
Wayne Jones, Sr.	January 9, 2018	62
Michael Quiet	January 23, 2018	31
Edna Nelson	January 26, 2018	95
Marion Bartlett	January 27, 2018	65
Darlene Murray	March 10, 2018	65
Rolf Trinkner	March 11, 2018	80
Karl Dennis	March 19, 2018	82
Rene Smith	March 24, 2018	66
Joseph Provetto	April 14, 2018	92
Joel Kilbourn	May 2018	62
Robert Warner, Jr.	May 18, 2018	43
Michael Drescher	June 4, 2018	61
Richard Smith	July 24, 2018	64
Peter Tolis	August 1, 2018	56
Laurie Raymond	August 25, 2018	51

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>AGE</u>
Lawrence Keyes	August 30, 2018	77
Teal Couture	September 11, 2018	57
Calvin Hawkins	October 23, 2018	85
Gail Foerch	November 23, 2018	81
Yvette Field	December 14, 2018	96
John Pierce	December 18, 2018	84
Marjorie Dent	December 22, 2018	90
August Jerger	December 25, 2018	88



Polly Ann Lattin and David Dodge Middlebrook.
David was the town clerk in 1840-1841 and became a Selectman in 1842.
Photo courtesy of Charles Russell.



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2018 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^d Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

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

District Office and Transfer Station

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

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

2018 Highlights

Act 148. The District continued its efforts this year to implement the goals outlined in VT's Universal Recycling Law. Food scrap diversion remains one of the most challenging aspects of the URL in a rural county with low population density. The District's efforts thus far have helped increase food scrap diversion, both at local town drop-offs as well as at the District Transfer Station. This year, more Addison County businesses and schools transitioned to a sustainable diversion system for food scraps. With the 2020 landfill ban for food scraps approaching, the District is focusing its efforts on both residential and business organics diversion. The District also provided numerous workshops on backyard composting this year.

Recycling. One of the most pressing aspects of waste diversion is the downturn in recycling market prices. China, the export market for one-third of all U.S. recyclables, recently enacted its National Sword initiative. Designed to reduce contamination, it has caused disruption of international recycling markets. Acceptable levels of contamination in imported bales of recycled commodities are so low that few, if any, facilities in the U.S. can meet the new standard. The result has been a scramble to find other markets, and a glut of recycled materials. Revenues for recycling are at historic lows. In spite of this, the District's commitment to recycling remains steadfast. The District will continue to improve efforts to educate the public about what is and is not recyclable, and to work with local processors and haulers to ensure that we can collectively weather this crisis until markets eventually rebound.

Product Stewardship. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws are a useful tool to help distribute the cost of recycling and safe management of these products between industry, government and consumers. EPR can alleviate the financial burden for municipalities and residents, while mitigating environmental impacts from disposal by increasing collection and recycling rates of covered products. Vermont's EPR programs remain effective at collecting targeted materials, largely due to education and collection efforts by the State and solid waste districts. VT has the second highest number of EPR laws in the U.S. and has recently led the way with a law on primary cell batteries. These efforts are coordinated through the VT Product Stewardship Council, of which the District is a member, and which recently celebrated its tenth year of success in establishing EPR laws in VT.

Illegal Burning/Disposal. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, VT's annual litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 17.30 tons of roadside trash, .39 tons of tires, 4 auto batteries, 11 E-Waste items, 1 appliance, and various other hazardous items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$5,424.

2019 Annual Budget

The District adopted a 2019 Annual Budget of \$3,223,095. This represents a 7.69% increase over the 2018 Annual Budget, primarily due to a major increase in recycling costs. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$126/ton for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$92/ton. Rates on some other items will have nominal increases. New fees: \$1 per visit or per 50 or < lbs of household goods at the **Reuse It or Lose It!** Shed; and \$5/load for books. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and \$10/ton on contaminated soils used as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2019.** For a copy of the full 2018 Annual Report and Adopted 2019 Rate Sheet, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.



Special Recycling for Plastic Bags & Films

Bring materials to the Transfer Station for FREE - *Not in your blue bin!*
1223 Route 7 South, Middlebury, VT, 05753

We accept EMPTY, CLEAN, and DRY:



Grocery bags



Produce bags



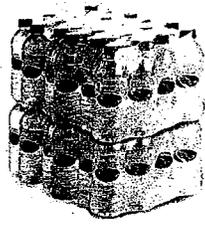
Newspaper bags



Food storage bags



Dry cleaning bags



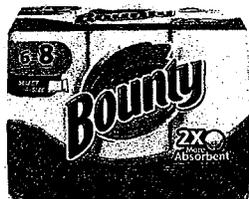
Case wrap



Shipping envelopes



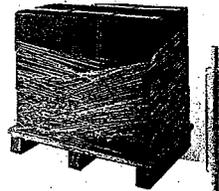
Bread bags



Product overwrap



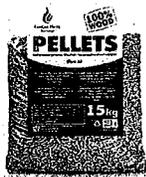
Air pillows & bubble wrap



Stretch wrap & plastic wrap



Cereal bags



Pellet bags

Cut off ends and turn inside out to remove residue



Salt bags



Ice bags



Items with these labels (#2 or #4 plastic films)

Film collected by ACSWMD and grocery stores is recycled into Trex® decking materials.

Not accepted: salad mix bags, grape bags, chip bags, candy wrappers, black plastic, biodegradable materials, frozen food bags, cellophane, metallic/foil packaging, six-pack rings, agricultural films

Addison County Solid Waste Management District | 802-388-2333 | AddisonCountyRecycles.org

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2018

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2018 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

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

Educational Meetings and Grants

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

Emergency Planning

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

Energy Planning:

- Assisted a second round of three towns, Salisbury, Monkton and Panton in strengthening their energy plans by adding goals and policies supporting renewable energy.
- Completed the Regional Energy Plan to comply with Act 174, providing more voice to municipal and regional plans in the Section 248 process.

Transportation Planning

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

Natural Resources Planning

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

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





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Middlebury District Office
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HealthVermont.gov

Vermont Department of Health Local Report

2019

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

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

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

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov
Join us on [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VDHMIDDLEBURY](https://www.facebook.com/vdhmiddlebury)/Follow us on
www.twitter.com/healthvermont



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

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

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

November 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Miraldi".

Laura Miraldi
Acting Medical Center Director



Proven Expertise and Integrity

January 4, 2019

Board of Selectmen
Town of Ferrisburgh
Ferrisburgh, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont for the year ended June 30, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 18, 2018. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont are described in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

As described in Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements, the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont changed accounting policies related Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB Statement) No. 75, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*", GASB Statement No. 81, "*Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*", GASB Statement No. 85, "*Omnibus 2017*" and GASB Statement No. 86, "*Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*" in 2018. There was no impact in the financial statements based on the cumulative effect of these accounting changes.

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Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate(s) affecting the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont's financial statements was (were):

- Depreciation expense which is based on the estimated useful lives of capital assets
- Deferred property tax revenues
- Pension and OPEB related assets, liabilities and expenses which are based on actuarial valuations

Management's process for determining the above estimates is based on firm concepts and reasonable assumptions of both historical and future events. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements are reflected in the deposits and investments, capital assets, long-term liabilities and fund balance footnotes.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. A schedule of any uncorrected misstatements has been presented to management with the management representation letter. We did not identify or propose any adjustments of misstatements as a result of audit procedures that were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

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Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 9, 2018.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of Contributions - Pensions and Notes to Required Supplementary Information, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

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Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very Best,

RHR Smith & Company

RHR Smith & Company, CPAs

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 224,114	\$ 224,114	\$ 224,114	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	9,345,225	9,345,225	9,315,309	(29,916)
Intergovernmental revenues	314,000	314,000	434,300	120,300
Charges for services	68,500	68,500	68,304	(196)
Interest income	40,500	40,500	124,226	83,726
Other revenue	2,000	2,000	4,287	2,287
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>9,994,339</u>	<u>9,994,339</u>	<u>10,170,540</u>	<u>176,201</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	409,177	409,177	472,260	(63,083)
Public safety	171,508	171,508	156,634	14,874
Highway	851,268	851,268	960,683	(109,415)
Employee benefits	142,637	142,637	132,148	10,489
Education	7,944,856	7,944,856	7,944,856	-
Tax assessments	89,272	89,272	88,439	833
Town meeting - voted authorizations	32,778	32,778	35,978	(3,200)
Contingency	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
Debt service:				
Principal	97,606	97,606	97,606	-
Interest	34,623	34,623	33,719	904
Transfers to other funds	60,000	60,000	60,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>9,836,225</u>	<u>9,836,225</u>	<u>9,984,823</u>	<u>(148,598)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 158,114</u>	<u>\$ 158,114</u>	<u>\$ 185,717</u>	<u>\$ 27,603</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 66,000</u>	<u>\$ 66,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (66,000)</u>

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

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 413,007	\$ 4,558	\$ 417,565
Investments	-	4,000	4,000
Delinquent taxes receivable	182,553	-	182,553
Other receivable	13,196	-	13,196
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-
Due from other funds	40,863	281,527	322,390
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 649,619	\$ 290,085	\$ 939,704
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 40,278	\$ -	\$ 40,278
Due to other funds	281,527	40,863	322,390
TOTAL LIABILITIES	321,805	40,863	362,668
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	7,525	-	7,525
Deferred property tax	134,572	-	134,572
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	142,097	-	142,097
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	13,598	13,598
Committed	-	94,725	94,725
Assigned	-	181,762	181,762
Unassigned	185,717	(40,863)	144,854
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	185,717	249,222	434,939
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	\$ 649,619	\$ 290,085	\$ 939,704

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STATEMENT E

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 9,315,309	\$ -	\$ 9,315,309
Intergovernmental	434,300	5,038	439,338
Interest income	124,226	33	124,259
Charges for services	68,304	3,050	71,354
Miscellaneous	4,287	29,911	34,198
TOTAL REVENUES	9,946,426	38,032	9,984,458
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	472,260	28,963	501,223
Public safety	156,634	-	156,634
Highway	960,683	650	961,333
Employee benefits	132,148	-	132,148
Education	7,944,856	-	7,944,856
Tax assessments	88,439	-	88,439
Town meeting - voted authorizations	35,978	-	35,978
Contingency	2,500	-	2,500
Capital outlay	-	328,646	328,646
Debt service:			
Principal	97,606	10,000	107,606
Interest	33,719	595	34,314
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,924,823	368,854	10,293,677
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	21,603	(330,822)	(309,219)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Proceeds from note issuances	-	291,208	291,208
Transfers in	-	60,000	60,000
Transfers (out)	(60,000)	-	(60,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(60,000)	351,208	291,208
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(38,397)	20,386	(18,011)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	224,114	228,836	452,950
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 185,717	\$ 249,222	\$ 434,939

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

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,558	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,558
Investments	-	-	4,000	4,000
Due from other funds	56,108	215,821	9,598	281,527
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 60,666	\$ 215,821	\$ 13,598	\$ 290,085
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	40,863	-	40,863
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	40,863	-	40,863
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	13,598	13,598
Committed	-	94,725	-	94,725
Assigned	60,666	121,096	-	181,762
Unassigned	-	(40,863)	-	(40,863)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	60,666	174,958	13,598	249,222
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 60,666	\$ 215,821	\$ 13,598	\$ 290,085

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

SCHEDULE D

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH, VERMONT

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 5,038	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,038
Interest income	-	-	33	33
Charges for services	3,050	-	-	3,050
Other income	16,532	13,379	-	29,911
TOTAL REVENUES	24,620	13,379	33	38,032
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	328,646	-	328,646
Debt service:				
Principal	-	10,000	-	10,000
Interest	-	595	-	595
Other	28,963	650	-	29,613
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	28,963	339,891	-	368,854
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(4,343)</u>	<u>(326,512)</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>(330,822)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from note issuances	-	291,208	-	291,208
Transfers in	-	60,000	-	60,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	351,208	-	351,208
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(4,343)	24,696	33	20,386
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>65,009</u>	<u>150,262</u>	<u>13,565</u>	<u>228,836</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 60,666</u>	<u>\$ 174,958</u>	<u>\$ 13,598</u>	<u>\$ 249,222</u>

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

LONG-TERM DEBT (Bonds and Leases)

2017 TANDEM TRUCK BOND
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Outstanding 7/1/17	\$0.00
Borrowed 7/3/17	\$190,000.00
Notes Paid	\$0.00
Balance 6/30/18	\$190,000.00

FORMER SISTER'S PROPERTY MORTGAGE
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Outstanding 7/1/17	\$90,239.00
Notes Paid	\$22,559.75
Balance 6/30/18	\$67,679.25

TOWN HIGHWAY SHED MORTGAGE
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Outstanding 7/1/17	\$722,500.00
Notes Paid	\$42,500.00
Balance 6/30/18	\$680,000.00

FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL LEASE
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Outstanding 7/1/17	\$230,456.00
Notes Paid	\$22,417.99
Balance 6/30/18	\$208,038.01

JOHN DEERE EXCAVATOR LEASE
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Outstanding 7/1/17	\$43,592.08
Notes Paid	In June \$10,127.60
Balance 6/30/18	\$33,464.48

PICKUP TRUCK
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Outstanding 7/1/17	\$30,000.00
Notes Paid	\$10,000.00
Balance 6/30/18	\$20,000.00

JOHN DEERE LOADER
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Borrowed 6/20/18	\$ 101,208.00
Outstanding 7/1/17	\$ 101,208.00
Notes Paid	\$ -
Balance 6/30/18	\$ 101,208.00

TOTAL BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING	\$1,300,389.74
as of 6/30/18	

NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS
From 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018

Town of Ferrisburgh Reappraisal Account

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$58,387
Payment from State	\$13,379
Minus expenses	\$0
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$71,766

Town of Ferrisburgh Highway Facility Account

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$11,915
Minus expenses	\$650
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$11,265

Town Hall and Community Center Account

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$677
Plus Revenues	\$0
Minus Expenses	\$0
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$677

Town Hall and Community Center Maintenance Fund

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$17,038
Rental Revenue Received	\$3,026
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$20,064

General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$224,115
Amount used in FY17/18	-\$38,398
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$185,717

Town Clerk's Records and Restoration Fund Account

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$17,741
Plus Revenues	\$2,843
Minus Expenses	\$1,730
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$18,854

Cemetery Trust Account

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	8,000
Plus Revenues	0
Minus Deposit into Cemetery Acct. Fund	0
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	8,000

NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS
From 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018 continued

Cemetery Account Funds

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$5,565
Plus Revenues	\$33
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$5,598

Lister's Education Fund

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$2,470
Plus Revenues from State	\$0
Minus Expenses	\$0
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$2,470

Health Reimbursement Account

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$10,286
Plus Deposits	\$10,008
Minus Expenses	\$15,736
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$4,558

Miscellaneous Funds

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$17,291
Deposits	\$3,168
Expenditures	\$5,783
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$14,676

Town Buildings Maintenance Fund

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$58,125
Plus Deposits	\$30,000
Minus Expenses	\$5,158
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$82,967

Highway Contingency Fund

7/01/2017 Beginning Balance	\$62,706
Plus Deposits	\$30,000
Minus Expenses	\$43,376
Ending Balance 6/30/2018	\$49,330

TOWN PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - ESTIMATED VALUE

Fire Station Building, Land and Improvements	295,000.00
Salt Shed, Tool Shed, Land	175,000.00
New Town Highway Facility, (Fnd., drainage, septic, elec.)	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
2016 Ford F350 w/Plow & Sander	27,500.00
Truck # 1 - 2010 International (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	45,000.00
Truck # 2 - 2006 International (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	35,000.00
Truck # 4 - 2012 Mack Tandem (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	55,000.00
Vehicle # 4 - 2004 John Deere Grader 772CH	72,500.00
Vehicle # 5 - 410G John Deere Loader/Backhoe	15,000.00
Truck # 6 - 2018 Mack Tandem (Plow, Wing, Sander)	170,000.00
Vehicle # 7 - 2005 John Deere 6710 Tractor	15,000.00
Truck # 9 - 2005 International (Plow, Sander, Equipment)	25,000.00
2018 John Deere 524 Loader	125,000.00
2018 Roadside/boom mower	48,500.00
2011 J.D. Excavator	42,500.00
2006 - John Deere Z Turn Mower	4,000.00
2015 JD 540 Mower/Bagger	2,000.00
Leaf Blowers/Broom	1,200.00
Grass Trimmers	600.00
2002 Dodge 1 ton	7,000.00
1999 25 ton trailer	2,500.00
Plows	18,500.00
Grader Plow & Wing	4,500.00
Plasma cutter	500.00
Welder	1,500.00
Chain Saws	2,000.00
Small Tools	6,000.00
Power Tampers	3,000.00
Compressor	1,000.00
Culvert Thawer & Trailer	2,000.00
2-Way Radios	4,400.00
Pressure Washer	1,200.00
Chloride pump, Tank, Trailer	2,000.00
Computers, Software & Accessories	8,000.00
TOTAL	<u>5,974,400.00</u>

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

Delinquent July 1, 2017	\$175,155.45	
Delinquent June 2, 2018	\$328,928.57	
Total Delinquent		\$504,084.02

Collected July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018	\$300,504.32	
Abated	\$7,950.68	
Delinquent June 30, 2018	\$195,629.02	
Total		\$504,084.02

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Healey
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent as of January 1, 2019
2016/17

Victor Chaput	Michelle Malone
Wanda Pero, et.al. *	Mark Bowen
Alexander Brace	Timothy Mathewson *
Estate of Jean Chase *	Aaron Napoleon

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Linda Hawkins	David J. Booth
Kyle Burkett	Victor Chaput
Peter Denton	Sandra Harris
Michelle Malone	Wanda Pero, et.al. *
Mark Bowen	Lotta-vu Farm LLC
Alexander Brace	Timothy Mathewson *
Frank Luyster	Estate of Jean Chase *
Nancy Chamberlain	John VanderWey
Aaron Napoleon	Raymond Yandow
Richard Charlebois	Michael Louer
Craig Parks *	Lauren Billings
Joseph Birkett **	Beau Harbor Rev. Tr. **
Phillip Drumheller **	

* Payment Agreement

** PAID IN FULL IN JANUARY

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH						
SELECTBOARD 2019/2020 BUDGET						
REVENUE						
ACCOUNT	GENERAL TOWN FUND	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/17-6/30/18	ACTUAL 7/1/17-6/30/18	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/18-6/30/19	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/19-6/30/20	
	Fund Balance	66,000	66,000	0	0	
2000-00-05	Property Taxes - (All sources)	1,366,641	1,370,453	1,571,186	1,640,820	
2000-00-10	Delinquent Tax Interest	22,000	22,917	22,000	22,000	
2000-00-90	Delinquent Tax Penalty	17,000	13,633	14,000	14,000	
2000-00-15	Vermont State Mileage Aid	161,000	161,501	161,000	161,000	
2000-00-12	State School Tax Coll. Reimbursement	15,000	19,540	17,000	17,000	
2000-00-20	Railroad Tax/State Land Tax/PILOT	48,000	45,733	50,000	45,000	
2000-00-25	Liquor License Fees	1,000	1,065	925	925	
2000-00-30	Highway Department and Culverts	1,000	444	500	500	
2000-00-35	Overweight Permits	900	1,318	900	1,000	
2000-00-89	Credit Card Fees Revenue	1,000	550	1,000	500	
2000-00-40	Zoning Fees	10,000	11,320	10,000	10,000	
2000-00-45	Land Recording & Other Clerk Fees	35,000	33,675	35,000	35,000	
2000-00-26	Marriage, Dog, Hunting Fees	7,000	6,932	9,000	8,000	
2000-00-50	Police Fines	6,000	8,015	7,000	7,000	
2000-00-80	Union Meeting Hall Rent	0	150	0	0	
2000-00-55	Sister's Property Rental Fees	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	
2000-00-60	State - Current Landuse	90,000	96,185	90,000	92,000	
2000-00-99	Miscellaneous	2,000	3,577	2,000	2,000	
2000-00-65	Interest on Town Savings	1,500	4,429	1,500	1,500	
2000-00-70	Non-budget Grants	0	206,282	0	0	
	REVENUE TOTAL	1,857,641	2,080,319	1,999,611	2,064,845	
	BUDGET SUMMARY					
	Administration/General Government	442,151	475,280	450,703	448,033	
	Highway Department	880,268	1,028,211	908,820	978,985	
	Debt Service	102,229	101,325	174,602	171,501	
	Employee Benefits	142,637	132,148	147,249	149,281	
	Taxes - Contracts (Fire and Police)	291,356	275,073	286,459	317,045	
	Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations	32,778	34,978	31,778	0	
	Education	7,944,856	7,944,856			
	EXPENSE TOTAL W/EDUCATION	9,836,275	9,991,872	1,999,611	2,064,845	
	EXPENSE TOTAL W/O EDUCATION	1,891,419	2,047,016	1,999,611	2,064,845	

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	EXPENSES		ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
		APPROVED BUDGET	7/1/17-6/30/18			
	Town Clerk's Office					
3400-10.00	Wages - Town Clerk	47,840	49,370	49,400	49,400	50,440
3400-10.05	Wages - Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer	32,760	40,952	33,930	33,930	34,710
3400-10.06	Wages - Lister Clerk	10,920	3,955	11,310	11,310	11,570
3400-10.10	Wages - Zoning Admin.	23,920	16,566	24,960	24,960	26,000
3400-10.15	Wages - Overtime	1,000	644	500	500	500
3400-10.25	Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,000	2,388	3,000	3,000	3,000
3400-10.30	Wages - Treasurer	21,000	22,138	26,000	26,000	26,520
3400-10.35	Wages - Clerical	8,000	7,770	10,000	10,000	13,260
3400-10.40	Wages - Minute Takers	3,500	4,315	3,675	3,675	10,400
3400-10.20	Wages - Contingency	10,200	0	9,200	9,200	5,687
3400-19	Town & Vital Land Books	1,500	873	1,500	1,500	1,500
3400-20	Office Supplies	5,100	4,813	5,000	5,000	5,000
3400-21	Office/Leased Equip./Support	4,400	5,459	4,400	4,400	4,770
3400-22	Postage	4,000	4,128	4,000	4,000	4,200
3400-23	Office/IT Outsourced	5,265	3,974	5,200	5,200	5,270
3400-24	Office/Computer Replacement	1,900	908	1,900	1,900	1,500
3400-25	Town Web Site	500	550	500	500	500
3400-30	Advertising-Town	1,200	3,205	1,200	1,200	800
3400-31	Advertising-Planning & Zoning	1,300	415	1,300	1,300	2,000
3400-34	Telephone-Clerk's Office	3,100	2,913	2,100	2,100	2,600
3400-40	Workshops/Meetings/Dues	1,200	880	1,000	1,000	1,000
3400-60	Marriage, Dog, Hunting & Misc. Fees	5,800	4,971	5,800	5,800	5,800
3400-70	Credit Card Fee Expense	1,200	585	1,200	1,200	600
3420-45	Professional Auditor	8,500	11,400	8,925	8,925	11,000
3430-45	Lister's Professional Appraisers	49,600	68,780	49,000	49,000	62,900
3430-46	Lister's Tax Mapping	3,100	3,600	3,100	3,100	3,100
3430-50	Lister's Stipend	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
3510-60	Legal Exp. Selectboard	8,000	31,173	10,000	10,000	10,000
3510-61	Legal Exp. Zoning	4,000	6,338	4,200	4,200	4,200
3620-48	Zoning/Planning Expenses	2,500	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
3620-49	Zoning By-laws Rewrite	10,000	4,550	10,000	10,000	10,000
3630-48	Conservation Commission	550	550	550	550	550
3640-00	Recycling	15,750	15,000	16,538	16,538	0
3710-48	General Liability/Hazard Insurance	45,255	53,960	45,123	45,123	32,170
3710-49	Worker's Compensation	23,769	27,001	21,150	21,150	16,984
	TOTAL	372,029	406,521	379,061	379,061	371,931

ACCOUNT #	FUNCTION	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/17-6/30/18	ACTUAL 7/1/17-6/30/18	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/18-6/30/19	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/19-6/30/20
	Administration/General Government				
3000-10	Selectboard Stipend	3,800	3,100	3,800	3,800
3000-11	Selectboard Expenses	200	182	200	200
3080-62	Annual Report Expenses	6,000	4,175	5,500	5,500
3310-20	Elections/Town Meetings	3,500	847	5,000	4,000
	Union Meeting Hall				
3310-76	Electricity - Union Meeting Hall	280	275	192	275
3310-68	Maintenance - Union Meeting Hall	0	0	0	100
3310-78	Water - Union Meeting Hall	240	750	750	750
	TOTAL	14,020	9,329	15,442	14,625
	Town Offices/Community Center				
3710-85	Town Offices Routine Maintenance	11,000	13,623	11,000	12,800
3710-86	Electricity-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	4,200	5,557	4,400	5,580
3710-87	Heating Fuel-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	2,000	3,294	2,000	4,397
3710-88	Water-Town Offices/Comm. Ctr	728	750	750	750
3710-89	Atkins Farm Association Fees	500	0	0	0
	TOTAL	18,428	23,224	18,150	23,527
	Other Administration				
3710-70	Town Bldgs. Maint. Fund	30,000	29,533	30,000	30,000
9000-91	Bank Service Charges	500	189	300	200
9900-79	Contingency	1,924	2,500	2,500	2,500
9910-79	Mileage	1,000	520	1,000	1,000
6100-10	Health Officer Stipend	750	750	750	750
6100-20	Health Officer Expenses	300	14	300	300
6200-10	Animal Control Officer Stipend	750	750	750	750
6200-20	ACHS Contracts - Homeward Bound	800	600	800	800
6100-40	Animal Control Officer - Mileage/Exp.	300	0	300	300
6200-15	Fire Warden Stipend	750	750	750	750
6310-10	Web Site Coordinator Stipend	600	600	600	600
	TOTAL	37,674	36,206	38,050	37,950

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	Highway Department Payroll				
5100-10.00	Wages - Road Foreman	62,400	68,873	64,480	66,632
5100-10.02	Wages - Road Foreman OT	8,000	8,048	10,000	12,000
5100-10.05	Wages - Road Crew	162,240	171,784	170,040	179,608
5100-10.10	Wages - Overtime	28,000	38,261	20,000	23,800
5100-10.16	Highway Wages - Contingency	6,800	0	6,800	9,050
	Maintenance - Town Highways				
5100-89	Paving	225,000	225,144	225,000	250,000
5110-47	Chloride	36,000	39,245	36,000	30,000
5110-68	Gravel Rd Repair/Maintenance	35,000	32,750	35,000	40,000
5110-68.05	Road Construction/Bridge Repair	75,000	165,835	85,000	85,000
5110-68.10	New Const. Rented Svcs/Equip	3,000	4,100	4,000	4,000
5110-91	Painting Class 2 Roads/Line Strips	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,000
5140-21	Winter Maintenance Materials	72,000	76,871	72,000	76,000
5220-49	Culverts	6,000	5,530	4,500	4,500
5281-21	Street/Traffic Signs	4,000	3,614	3,500	2,000
5330-66	Rented Services/Equipment	5,000	6,509	5,000	8,500
	Town Garage/Yard				
5310-21	Shop Supplies/Equipment	4,500	7,389	4,500	6,000
5310-34	Telephone - cell & land line	1,000	1,299	2,000	1,254
5310-68	Maintenance	4,600	4,510	4,600	2,500
5310-69	Water	728	773	739	750
5310-76	Electricity	2,500	3,848	3,261	3,891
	Vehicles/Equipment				
5310-73	New Shop Heat	4,500	7,999	4,500	8,000
5310-74	LP Bulk GAS N/T	1,500	2,109	1,500	2,100
5310-75	Diesel Fuel	37,000	49,632	40,000	50,000
5330-21	Operation/Gas	2,500	4,333	3,400	3,400
5330-68	Maintenance/Repair/Equipment	60,000	66,756	60,000	65,000
5332-00	Highway Contingency Fund	30,000	30,000	40,000	40,000
	TOTAL	880,268	1,028,211	908,820	978,985

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	Debt Service				
5330-92	Tandem Truck - Bond 2011	0	0	0	0
5330-93	Tandem Truck - Bond Interest 2011	820	0	0	0
5333-90	Truck - Bond 2017	0	0	38,000	38,000
5333-91	Truck - Bond Interest 2017	0	0	4,275	3,420
5330-97	Excavator Lease	12,267	12,267	12,267	12,267
5330-94	Pick-Up Truck/Heavy Duty	0	0	10,382	10,191
5334-90	JD Loader 2018 bond prin	0	0	20,241	20,241
5334-91	JD Loader 2018 bond int	0	0	2,024	1,620
5331-90	Highway Facility Bond	42,500	42,500	42,500	42,500
5331-91	Highway Facility Interest	22,542	22,466	21,216	19,944
3710-92	Sister's Property Payments	24,100	24,092	23,697	23,318
	TOTAL	102,229	101,325	174,602	171,501
	Employee Benefits/Insurance				
9700-15	Municipal Retirement System	22,452	21,598	21,953	20,700
9720-14	Unemployment Compensation	1,700	1,598	2,100	1,700
9730-13	Social Security - Employer's Share	32,965	34,233	32,962	33,491
9740-12	Medical Insurance	74,920	64,588	80,134	82,790
9740-13	Disability/Life Insurance	10,600	10,132	10,100	10,600
	TOTAL	142,637	132,148	147,249	149,281
	Taxes - Assessment				
9300-51	Addison County Tax	20,000	19,192	20,976	21,476
9300-52	Bristol Gravel Pit Property Tax	660	635	693	639
9300-53	Vermont Stormwater Payment	576	0	576	576
9390-52	Vermont League of Cities & Town	4,144	4,144	4,351	4,350
9391-53	A.C. Regional Planning Commis.	3,418	3,418	3,483	3,535
9400-00	Bixby Memorial Library	61,050	61,050	61,050	61,050
	TOTAL	89,848	88,439	91,129	91,626
	Public Safety (Fire Protection & Police)				
9392-54	Law Enforcement	25,000	9,176	15,000	15,000
9393-55	Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Dept. Cont.	68,625	68,625	70,465	87,145
9000-92	Fire Truck Payment	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
9394-55.05	Vergennes Fire Department - Contract	57,800	59,782	59,782	69,018
9395-55.10	Vergennes Fire Department - Extra	2,000	968	2,000	2,000
9395-60	Vergennes Area Rescue Squad	18,083	18,083	18,083	22,256
	TOTAL	201,508	186,634	195,330	225,419

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	Town Meeting - Voted Authorizations				
9980-56.05	Homeward Bound (A.C. Humane Soc)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
9983-56.25	Addison County Transit Resources	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,517
9980-56.00	H O P E	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
9981-56.10	A. C. Restorative Justice Services	800	800	800	800
9982-56.10	A. C. Economic Development Corp.	500	500	500	500
9983-56.15	A. C. Home Health & Hospice, Inc.	2,983	2,983	2,983	2,983
9979-56.00	Addison County Parent/Child Center	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
9979-56.10	Addison County Readers, Inc.	600	600	600	600
9998-56.30	A. C. River Watch Collaborative	500	500	500	500
9985-56.25	Am. Legion - Memorial Day Observ.	300	300	300	300
9979-56.55	Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes	500	500	500	500
9987-56.35	Age Well (C. V. Agency of Aging)	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
9998-56.95	CHS Open Door Clinic	400	400	400	400
9981-56.05	Counseling Service of Addison County	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650
9988-56.40	Elderly Services, Inc.	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
9981-56.15	Friends of the Vergennes Opera House	500	500	500	500
9998-56.40	Gage Cemetery Association	2,500	3,250	2,500	2,500
9990-56.50	Green Up Vermont	150	150	150	150
9991-56.60	Hospice Volunteer Services	500	500	500	500
9992-56.65	Graham Emergency Shelter Service	825	825	825	825
9998-56.10	Lewis Creek Association	500	500	500	500
9998-56.65	N. Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	2,500	3,750	2,500	2,500
9993-56.70	Otter Creek Nat. Res. Conserv. Dist.	275	275	275	275
9994-56.75	Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	210	210	210	210
9994-56.76	Rokeby Museum	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
9998-56.50	Union Cemetery Association	2,400	3,600	2,400	2,400
9998.56.60	Vergennes Summer Rec. Program	1,000	0	0	0
9996-56.85	Vermont Adult Learning	785	785	785	785
9997-56.90	Vt. Center for Independent Living	250	250	250	250
9984-56.20	WomenSafe	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
	TOTAL VOTED AUTHORIZATIONS	32,778	34,978	31,778	32,195

Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations Requesting Town Funds for 2019

Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) - \$500

ACEDC has been serving the Ferrisburgh community for over twenty years. ACEDC is Ferrisburgh's economic development resource. It offers expertise and resources to businesses throughout Addison County. They do this through direct assistance, as with their revolving loan funds. Since 1993, ACEDC has loaned over \$4 million to dozens of local businesses, creating or retaining more than 1400 jobs in Addison County.

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

Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc. is a community focused non-profit home healthcare agency. It provides an array of services that enable our neighbors to receive care in their own homes, where they are the most comfortable and often experience the best quality of life. Eighty-two Ferrisburgh residents were served with 3,443 visits in 2018.

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

The PCC helps families access their children's physical and cognitive development and provides support services if needed. It also offers consultation and support to families and childcare providers around young children's social, emotional and behavioral development. Playgroups are offered around the county to promote social interactions for children and parents. All families with newborns are offered Welcome Baby bags and visits to introduce them to available services in the county. Follow-up supports are available for those who request it. Approximately 103 Ferrisburgh residents received service in 2018.

Addison County Readers, Inc. - \$600

Addison County Readers, Inc. is an entirely volunteer non-profit organization that sponsors Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The program mails free books monthly to preschool (ages 0-5) children in Addison County at an annual cost of approximately \$30 per child. At the end of 2018, 79 children in Ferrisburgh were receiving books through the program. More than half of the parents reported that they read to their children more as a result of the program.

Addison County Restorative Justice Services - \$800

Addison County Restorative Justice Services provides a community restorative justice response focusing on the "balanced approach" in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the offender. The goal is to help the offender develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims, and compensation of resources for the community. They have expanded their program beyond Court Diversion and the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program to include the Driving with License Suspended Program, Safe Driving Program, Reparative Restorative Panels, Reentry Navigation and Circles of Support and Accountability for those reentering the community from incarceration. Also, Pretrial monitoring & Tamarack for those community members who have committed a crime and have a mental illness or substance abuse problem. Thirteen individuals from the town of Ferrisburgh were served through the 8 different programs in FY 2018.

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations
Requesting Town Funds for 2019 (cont'd.)**

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

For each of the past fifteen years, the voters of the town of Ferrisburgh have contributed \$500 to Addison County River Watch. Nine other towns in the county contribute similar amounts. During the 2018 sampling season, their trained volunteer water monitors collected samples – once per Month, from April to September – from six rivers in Addison County, three of which flow through or along Ferrisburgh: Lewis Creek, Otter Creek and Little Otter Creek. Their water quality measurements include: bacteria (E.coli), phosphorus, temperature and turbidity. Annual municipal appropriations totaling \$5100 help pay for the above-mentioned outlays and also foster community ownership of our watersheds.

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

ACTR provides significant services to dozens of “transportation disadvantaged” Ferrisburgh residents. Last year Ferrisburgh helped support 1,588 door-to-door trips for Ferrisburgh residents, either by ACTR volunteer drivers or by wheelchair accessible vehicles, including ACTR owned vehicles operated by Elderly Services, Inc. ACTR’s Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus systems provided 168,387 rides this past year. The state and federal grants through which they provide those rides require them to raise up to 20% of the cost of the programs through “local match” dollars. ACTR’s requests of the towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement.

Age Well - \$1,100

For more than 40 years, Age Well has provided services and support that allow seniors to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be. They offer care and service coordination; Meals on Wheels; community meals; wellness programs; social activities; Tia Chi; transportation services; expertise on Medicare, insurance and long and short-term care options; a helpline and more. They served 123 people from Ferrisburgh last year, including 1150 Meals on Wheels delivered, 120 hours of Care and Service Coordination and 65 calls to the help line.

American Legion – Vergennes Post # 14 - \$300

Plans are underway for the annual observance of Memorial Day which will be observed on Monday, May 27, 2019. As in past years, Vergennes Post # 14 will assume responsibility for decorating the graves of all veterans buried in the town of Ferrisburgh. The donation will also help fund the annual Memorial Day Parade.

Boys & Girls Club - \$500

The Boys & Girls club moved to their new home on 20 Armory Lane in Vergennes. They have enrolled 25 new members since opening the doors in September. They currently have 162 registered members and are serving an average of 26 children each day. They continue to serve dinner and a snack each day and are serving over 400 meals a month on average. They have added a Youth Mentoring program and currently have 8 volunteers to come to the club each week to meet with our members. They will be sponsoring a Youth of the Year candidate this year that will be representing the Vergennes Club at the Statewide competition.

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations
Requesting Town Funds for 2019 (cont'd.)**

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

Open Door Clinic provides access to healthcare services, free of charge, to those uninsured and underinsured individuals that meet financial eligibility guidelines. Services are provided in a compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive manner until a permanent healthcare provider can be established. The clinic served 61 Ferrisburgh residents through 91 medical visits, 40 dental visits, 22 consults and case management services and 1 Vermont Health Connect visit.

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

During fiscal year 2018, the Counseling Service provided 23,194 hours of service to residents from the town of Ferrisburgh, who had mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability needs. The service provides a broad array of vitally needed mental health services to children, adolescents, adults and families facing challenges and crises in their lives. It also provides assistance to individuals living with developmental disabilities as well as their families, people with severe and persistent mental illness, people dealing with substance abuse problems, elderly people suffering from depression, anxiety and other mental health issues and the entire community, through educational programs and special events.

Elderly Services, Inc. - \$1,100

In the past year, 214 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at Project Independence Adult Day Center, four of whom were residents of Ferrisburgh. Ferrisburgh residents received a total of 1,428 hours of care, 483 hot meals and approximately 552 van rides. These hours of care cost the agency \$22,992 for direct services to Ferrisburgh residents. In addition, many Ferrisburgh seniors were students at ESI College Lifelong Learning Center. Ferrisburgh residents have volunteered and two Ferrisburgh residents are on staff..

Friends of the Vergennes Opera House - \$500

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

Gage Cemetery - \$2,500

Once again, Gage Cemetery Association appreciates and is very thankful for the support given to us by Ferrisburgh residents. We continue to struggle to maintain our Cemetery, but through your generosity we continue to carry on. We are fortunate to contract our mowing with a resident of our town who charges a very reasonable fee. This past year we received donations for material and volunteer labor to begin repair of the broken stones. We have also begun to clean the stones to make the inscriptions legible.

Green Up Vermont - \$150

Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary in 2018 with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Since Green Up Vermont is not a state agency, its success depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout

**Brief Summary of Activities of Organizations
Requesting Town Funds for 2019 (cont'd.)**

Vermont. 75% of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form. You can visit the website at www.greenupvermont.org

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

HOPE seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE provides significant goods and services to people in need, including food, clothing, housing, heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs and more. The organization works to assist people in accessing information and developing new skills in order to become more empowered and have healthier and more stable lives. During the 12-month period that ended December 31, 2017, HOPE provided assistance to 97 Ferrisburgh residents.

Homeward Bound - \$1,000

In FY 2018, Howard Bound served Addison County by taking in 850 animals. Those animals were cared for daily, provided with necessary medical attention, and spayed/neutered prior to being placed for adoption. Six animals were adopted by residents of Ferrisburgh. Two stray animals were turned to their owner. Five strays were brought to Homeward Bound and 31 animals were surrendered by their owner. As the only animal shelter in Addison County it also offers programs and services to meet a wide array of critical animal welfare needs.

Hospice Volunteer Services - \$500

During the past year Hospice Volunteer Services provided hospice services, bereavement programs and educational opportunities to 16 residents of the town of Ferrisburgh. Their primary commitment is providing the support of trained hospice volunteers to people with terminal illnesses and their families. They provide services to families free of charge. They rely on some funding from the United Way of Addison County and raise a considerable percentage of their budget through their own fundraising efforts. The people of Addison County sustain them by their generous gifts to their annual appeal, memorial donations and support of our fundraising.

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

This year the John Graham Shelter, located on Main Street in Vergennes, marks 38 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals. In 2018, the shelter provided more than 16,000 bed nights of food, shelter, services and hope to more than 250 people, many of whom were children. Housing was provided to more than 100 families with children. They provided rapid rehousing to families at its own buildings in Vergennes, Middlebury, and Bristol and at many scattered sites. The shelter helped dozens of families find permanent housing and employment and provided counseling, case management and support services that helped people take the next step in their lives. Visit their website at www.johngrahamshelter.org for more information.

Lewis Creek Association (LCA) - \$500

Thanks to Ferrisburgh's annual financial support, LCA continues to monitor water quality trends, wildlife habitat, and river corridor conditions while pursuing restoration and conservation opportunities in Ferrisburgh and nearby watershed towns. By keeping track of natural resource conditions in

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Ferrisburgh, the town can understand Ferrisburgh's local resource conditions over time, document them in Ferrisburgh's Town Plan, and determine goals and strategies based upon actual field assessments and studies. This past year, LCA volunteers participated in many projects including the water quality education and improvement work that they promote through the "Ahead of the Storm" program. Since 2015 they have known that Lake Champlain receives the bulk of its phosphorus pollution when the streams are experiencing their highest flows. This is critically important for Lake Champlain Valley towns and watersheds.

North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association - \$2,500

This request will help cover the cost of maintenance of the cemetery and mowing during the grass growing season. They appreciate the help from the town and are continuing to make improvements to the cemetery, such as additions of gravel to the driveway which they would not be able to do if the mowing had to be fully paid by the Association.

Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCD) - \$275

The Otter Creek NRCS has been serving the land use needs of the landowners of Addison County since 1941. They were organized and partially funded by the State of Vermont to furnish free technical assistance to landowners in order to bring about proper land use and treatment. The district continues to receive token administrative funds from the state; however, it is the yearly contribution from Addison County towns that enables them to maintain its services to farmers, landowners, towns, businesses and schools. 5 Ferrisburgh residents purchased fruit and shade tree seedlings from the Annual District Tree sale. The contribution of \$275 is the same assessment since 1983 and amounts to \$.11 per resident.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) - \$210

Ferrisburgh senior citizens took advantage of RSVP's free income tax return preparation services and free osteoporosis prevention classes. Overall, 354 Addison County residents benefited from attending the Bone Builders classes and 462 community members received income tax services. During the winter months, RSVP provided food staples to families through local food shelves and hundreds of blankets and warm clothing items were distributed to community members. In Ferrisburgh, items were distributed via Ferrisburgh Central School

Rokeby Museum - \$1,000

In 2018, Rokeby Museum experienced an increase in both attendance and earned income. They attracted more visitors from across Vermont than ever before, and more visitors in pursuit of increasing their awareness of African American history. School group attendance was also up, with a notable increase of alternative teen education programs such as Burlington's ReSource YouthBuild program and Middlebury's Addison County Parent Teacher center. Likewise, college and teacher training programs visited through the year for a variety of special programs.

Union Cemetery Association - \$2,400

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

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Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) - \$785

In FY 2018, Vermont Adult Learning provided services to 1,581 individuals statewide, three of whom were residents of Ferrisburgh. VAL offers a variety of individual learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. They offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing, and math and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes. They also offer WorkKeys certification, a nationally recognized career readiness certificate based on "Real world" skills that employers look for in employees.

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

VCIL responded to over 3,700 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability in FY 2018. One person from Ferrisburgh was assisted. Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives.

WomenSafe, Inc. - \$1,250

During FY 2018, WomenSafe, Inc. served at least 18 residents of Ferrisburgh and the parents of at least 21 children who were exposed to violence. Often victims choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their safety and that of their children. Therefore, statistics for those served in any given town are understated. Your contribution will be used to support the services provided to their service users, such as their hotline, supervised visitation program, education and outreach, and transitional housing support with victims of domestic and sexual violence.

**WARNING
TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2019**

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 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business from the floor. NOTE: Polls for Australian ballot voting will be open from 7:00 am. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 5, 2019 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 in four (4) installments with the installment dates to be September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1 with each installment to be received in the town office before 4:00 p.m. on the due date?

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

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

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

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

North Ferrisburgh Cemetery Association	2500
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	275
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	210
Rokeby Museum	1,000
Union Cemetery	2,400
Vermont Adult Learning	785
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250
Women Safe	<u>1250</u>
TOTAL	\$32,195

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

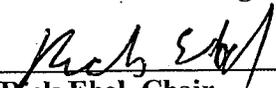
At the close of the above business, the meeting shall be recessed until March 5, 2019 at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall to vote by Australian ballot on the following matters, to wit:

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

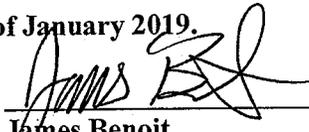
ARTICLE 8: To elect Town Officers.

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

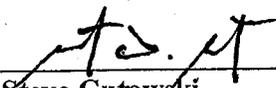
Dated at Ferrisburgh, Vermont this 15th day of January 2019.



 Rick Ebel, Chair



 James Benoit



 Steve Gutowski

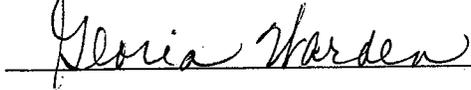


 Jessica James



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Received for record this 15th day of January 2019.


 _____ Gloria Warden, Town Clerk

**OFFICES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT
 March 5, 2019**

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

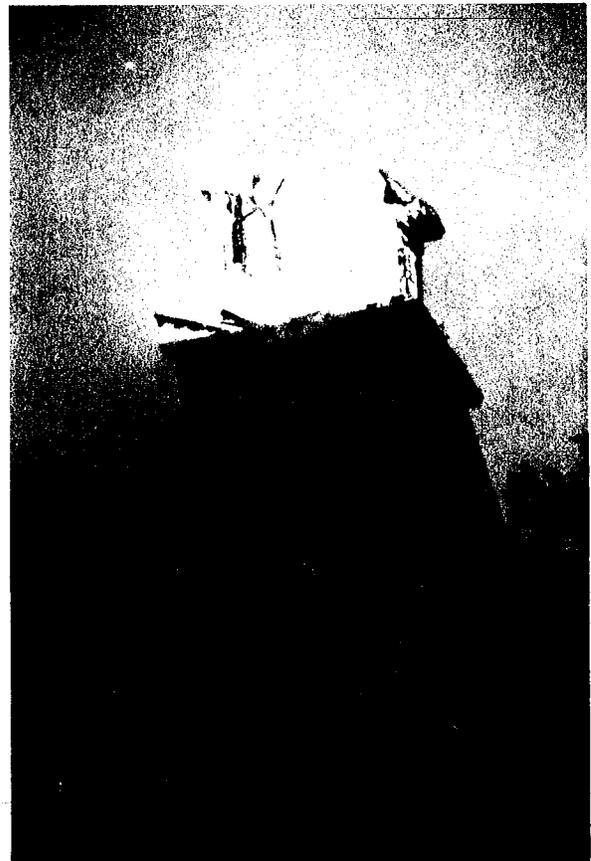
NOTES:



Snowy day in the Hollow. Photo courtesy of Silas Towler and the Historical Society



Weston Spooner at the Spooner farm in the east corner of North Ferrisburgh. (1952) Photo courtesy of Dorothy Muzzy.



Steeple of the North Ferrisburgh Methodist Church on fire. (1958) Photo courtesy of Dorothy Muzzy.

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