

**ANNUAL REPORT 2016**  
**WHEELOCK, VERMONT**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2016

WHEELOCK TOWN HALL

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

9:00 AM

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM **8 AM - 7 PM**  
FOR AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ARTICLES  
AND UD 37/KINGDOM EAST VOTES

PLEASE BRING A DISH FOR THE NOON  
MEAL—NO STOVES AVAILABLE!

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TOWN  
REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

*Dog Licenses Due April 1*




*Rabies Clinic*

*February 18, 2017 11:30 - 12:30*

*Dr. Donald Steen, DVM*

*Wheelock Town Hall*

# WHEELOCK TOWN HALL PROJECT

<p><b>THE HISTORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* built in 1871</li><li>* on National Register of Historic Buildings</li><li>* our community gathering place</li></ul>	 <p>TOWN HOUSE AND MEETING HOUSE, WHEELOCK HOLLOW, VT</p>
<p><b>THE MYSTERY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Who cut the timbers out that support the roof?</li><li>* When did this happen? Maybe 1920s?</li><li>* Why?</li></ul>	
<p><b>THE MIRACLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* the roof and ceiling never caved in during the past 80-90 years</li><li>* Structural Engineers from all around the country heard about our town hall at an annual conference at Yale.</li><li>* Thank you VT Community Foundation for the \$5000 Urgent Needs Grant</li></ul>	
<p><b>WORKS IN PROGRESS</b></p> <p><b>PLANNING</b> for accessibility and safety code compliance</p> <p><b>STRUCTURAL REPAIRS</b></p>	<p>THANK YOU</p> <p>VT Community Development Program \$30,000 Planning Grant</p> <p>Preservation Trust of Vermont and Freeman Foundation \$50,000 Preservation Grant</p> <p>VT Department of Historic Preservation \$20,000 Preservation Grant</p>

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**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

March 7, 2017

*Notice to the Voters:* Residents of Wheelock—Beginning January 1, 2017, eligible persons may register to vote on any day up to and including the day of the election. Registration is available during all normal business hours of your town clerk’s office on days preceding the election and during polling hours on Election Day {17 VSA § 2144}. Applications for addition to the checklist are available at the Town Clerk’s Office, or online at <https://www.sec.state.vt.us>.

**Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for UD #37/Kingdom East School District balloting.**

The legal voters of the Town of Wheelock in the county of Caledonia are notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Wheelock, on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 9:00 o’clock** in the forenoon, to transact the following business, viz:

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|---------|-----|---|
| ARTICLE | 1.  | To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.  |
| ARTICLE | 2.  | Will the voters accept the reports of the Town Officers?  |
| ARTICLE | 3.  | Will the voters approve expenditures in the amount of \$158,885.75 for the General Fund, of which zero will be raised in taxes, to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the ensuing year?  |
| ARTICLE | 4.  | Will the Town will appropriate up to \$211,815.70 for the maintenance of its highways, including summer roads, winter roads and State Aid resurfacing?  |
| ARTICLE | 5.  | To elect all Town and School Officers required by law.  |
| ARTICLE | 6.  | Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the \$50,347.76 already in the Reserve Fund under the control and direction of the Selectboard for bridge repair, replacement and/or major road repair?   |
| ARTICLE | 7.  | Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the \$55,213.40 already in the Road Equipment Replacement Fund under the control and direction of the Selectboard?   |
| ARTICLE | 8.  | Shall the town establish a reserve fund to be called the Town Hall Project Reserve Fund to be used for major repair and rehabilitation work on the Wheelock Town Hall in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 2804?  |
| ARTICLE | 9.  | Shall the treasurer be directed to transfer \$21,389.33, from taxes raised in 2016 for the town’s share of VCDP Planning Grant matching funds, from the 2016 General Fund surplus to the Town Hall Project Reserve Fund, under the control and direction of the Selectboard, to be used for the town’s share of expenses related to the VCDP Planning Grant and major repair and rehabilitation work on the Wheelock Town Hall? |
| ARTICLE | 10. | Shall the voters of the town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to the Town Hall Project Reserve Fund under the control and direction of the Selectboard to be used for major repair and rehabilitation work on the Wheelock Town Hall?  |
| ARTICLE | 11. | Shall the town establish a reserve fund to be called the Town Garage Reserve Fund for the purpose of addressing the needs for a town garage in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 2804?  |
| ARTICLE | 12. | Shall the voters of the town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$24,000 to the Town Garage Reserve Fund under the control and direction of the Selectboard to be used for addressing the needs for a town garage?  |

- ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$18,041.00 for the operating expenses of Lyndon Rescue, Inc?
- ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Wheelock raise \$17,000.00 for the operating expenses of the Sheffield/Wheelock Fire Department?
- ARTICLE 15. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$9,700 to the Sheffield/Wheelock Fire Department for fire trucks and/or major equipment replacement fund?
- ARTICLE 16. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock vote that taxpayers pay real estate taxes to the Treasurer on or before the first Monday of November annually with U.S. Postal Service postmarks accepted and with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent (1%) per month and with a seven percent (7%) penalty charged against them from the due date?
- ARTICLE 17. Shall the voters authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?
- ARTICLE 18. To see if the voters will direct the Listers to set the real estate in the Grand List for Town purposes.
- ARTICLE 19. Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$755,527.00?\*
- ARTICLE 20. Shall the voters appropriate \$24,792.00 for the town's share of Transfer Station expenses?
- ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town raise \$4,397.00 to support the following organizations?
- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| 1) American Red Cross                        | \$250.00 |
| 2) Caledonia Home Health & Hospice           | \$300.00 |
| 3) Community Restorative Justice Center      | \$250.00 |
| 4) Darling Inn Senior Meal Site              | \$250.00 |
| 5) H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everyday)  | \$500.00 |
| 6) NEK Council on Aging                      | \$300.00 |
| 7) Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.    | \$852.00 |
| 8) Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. | \$100.00 |
| 9) Northeast Kingdom Youth Services          | \$250.00 |
| 10) Rural Community Transportation           | \$300.00 |
| 11) Sheffield Food Pantry                    | \$360.00 |
| 12) Umbrella                                 | \$600.00 |
| 13) Vermont Center for Independent Living    | \$85.00  |
- ARTICLE 22. To transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting.
- ARTICLE 23. To adjourn

\*\*Article 19 to be voted by Australian ballot- the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dated at Wheelock, Vermont, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017  
 Recorded before posting:

Jason DiGiulio, Selectboard Chair  
 Justin Pierce, Selectboard

Dennis Sawyer, Selectboard  
 Attest: Doug Reid, Town Clerk

## WARNING ANNUAL MEETING OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT # 37

### Notice to Voters:

Residents of Wheelock and Sheffield, who are not already on the voter checklist, may register to vote up to and including the date of the vote, March 7, 2017, no later than 7:00 p.m., at your respective Town Clerk's Office.

### Warning Notice:

The legal voters of Unified School District # 37 are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Miller's Run School in Sheffield, Vermont, at 6:00 in the evening on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, to hold an Informational Meeting on Articles Two to Three (2 - 3). Voting for Articles Two to Three (2 - 3) will be by Australian Ballot at the Town Meeting where you are registered to vote on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The Sheffield meeting will be held at the Town Hall in Sheffield, Vermont with the polls open between the hours of 8:00 A.M and 7:00 P.M. The Wheelock meeting will be held at the Wheelock Town Hall. Wheelock voting will take place at the Town Hall in Wheelock, with the polls open between the hours of 8:00 A.M and 7:00 P.M. Registered voters may apply at the Sheffield Town Clerk's Office until 3:00 p.m. and the Wheelock Town Clerk's Office until 3:00 p.m. on the day before the election for an early voter ballot for Australian ballot issues.

The legal voters of Unified School District #37 are hereby duly warned and notified to meet in the Miller's Run School in Sheffield, Vermont on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, just prior to the informational meeting for the Australian Ballot articles to transact Article 1 and immediately following the informational meeting to transact Article 4 through Article 10 of the School Annual meeting business.

*Article 1.* To elect a Moderator.

*Article 2.* Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,347,731, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,912 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.74% higher than spending for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

*Article 3.* Shall the voters of Unified School District #37 authorize the school directors to transfer to the Maintenance Reserve surplus funds from the year ending June 30, 2017, if any? (Australian Ballot)

*Article 4.* To elect a Clerk.

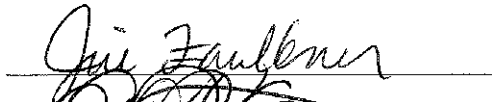


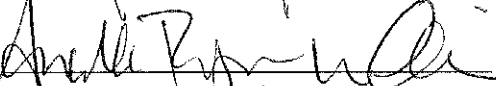
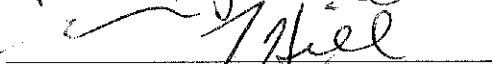
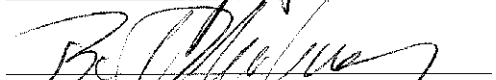
*Article 5.* To elect a Treasurer.

*Article 6.* To fill all other offices which may be vacant.

*Article 7.* To hear and act upon reports of the District Officers and School Directors.

2017 WARNING of the ANNUAL MEETING of the UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #37  
Continued

- Article 8. Shall the voters of Unified School District # 37 authorize and empower the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of receipts and to give a note or notes in the name of the District to secure payment thereof?
- Article 9. To transact any other business appropriate to come before said meeting.
- Article 10. To adjourn.

	Jill Faulkner, Chairperson
	Erika Lavallee
	Leah Rexford
	Angela Ryan Williams
	Michelle Hill
	Brian Mahoney

School Directors, Unified School District # 37

Recorded Before Posting:

Dated at Wheelock, County of Caledonia, State of Vermont, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

ATTEST:   
Carol Rossi, Clerk

## Miller's Run School Board Report 2016/17

### New Leadership

Our big news of the year was the hiring of a new principal and a new superintendent. A committee was formed to search for a new principal. We met many times, interviewed several candidates and finally decided on our very own popular Mr. Patrick Ham, former MRS math teacher of 20+ years.

Another important hire was the new superintendent to lead the CNSU. In the summer we welcomed Ms. Jennifer Botzjorns. Jenn brings incredible knowledge, experience and a ton of energy to our community. You'll see her in the halls bouncing in and out of classrooms. She is determined to visit all the schools regularly and become a familiar face representing the Supervisory Union.

This fall marks a 10% increase in our student population, last year our enrollment was 109 students, this year we have 119. We have a pre-K class of 15, and our kindergarten class boasts 20 students, good news for Miller's Run considering many schools are still seeing a decline in enrollment.

Miller's Run School is also shining with a brand new roof, all portions are now completed.

### Act 46 - Taxpayers Vote on School Governance

Act 46 passed in 2015. Its intention is to reduce education costs and enhance student opportunities in Vermont through a simpler and more sustainable governance model that encourages school district consolidation. Under Act 46, each town is viewed initially as an individual district.

A group of school board members and community members have been working on studying district consolidation since the fall of 2015. In the spring of 2016, the Caledonian North Supervisory Union, minus East Haven, and Concord and Lunenburg districts from the Essex Caledonia Supervisory Union, formed **The Kingdom East Governance Committee**.

On Dec 20, 2016 some members of the Committee went to the State Board of Education meeting in East Montpelier to present the proposal. The State Board accepted the proposal, which includes Articles of Agreement written by the committee.

## **IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT:**

- The new school district will provide PK-8 to all students in the district and high school choice to all grade 9-12 students.
- No school can close in the first four years of the district merger and thereafter school closure would require a board supermajority vote (79% of the board) and a positive vote in the town the school is located.
- The new district will comply with and honor current employee contracts and will commence negotiations for new contracts as required under Vermont law.
- The Kingdom East district recognizes the benefits of a district wide curricula, and will offer consistent educational opportunities for all students across the district.
- Operating deficits and/or surpluses of any of the combining districts shall become the property, and/or obligation, of the Kingdom East School District as of July 1, 2018. Any encumbered funds voted by the electorate of the merging school district will be used in accordance of the said provisions. For example, funds in a town set aside for future capital improvements in that town will be utilized only in that town.
- Buildings, land, and property will be conveyed to the new district. The property will return to the town for \$1 if at some future date the new school district does not use the building.
- If at least four school districts vote to approve the merger, the Kingdom East School District will be formed and will commence full operation on July 1, 2018 under the provisions of the Act.

The **complete articles of agreement** outlining the structure of the new Kingdom East School District can be found at the local town clerk's office or on the Kingdom East website at: [\*kegcvt.wordpress.com\*](http://kegcvt.wordpress.com)

In March, voters in the **Burke, Concord, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Miller's Run (Sheffield and Wheelock), Newark, and Sutton** will vote by Australian ballot to decide if their school district will join the newly formed **Kingdom East School District**.

## **WHAT IF THE VOTE TO MERGE WITH THE KINGDOM EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT PASS IN OUR TOWN?**

Act 46 creates a multi-year process that provides tax incentives for communities that voluntarily merge into unified governance models. Districts that do not pursue or achieve a voluntary merger must evaluate their ability to meet or exceed state goals and make proposals to the State Board.

If a district (town) does not voluntarily merge, the State of Vermont will determine the district’s merging option. In 2018 the Vermont Secretary of Education will develop a proposal and the State Board will issue a final statewide design that realigns unmerged districts into sustainable models of governance that meet State goals. By being proactive, the Kingdom East Governance Study Committee seeks to assess the unification options and works to present a model for voter consideration that unifies our school governance, increases educational opportunities for all students, and meets the educational needs of our individual communities.

The new 15 member Kingdom East School Board will be elected in all participating School Districts on Town Meeting Day by Australian ballot.

**SAMPLE BALLOTS and ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There will be Informational meetings in each school district within 10 days of the vote. Sample Ballots and other information will be available at these meetings and at the Town Office, and local Schools.

*The informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 with the budget meeting for Miller’s Run School, followed at 7:15 by an informational meeting regarding Act 46.*

**CURRENT VS. NEW GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

	Current Structure	Kingdom East
<b>Number of Districts</b>	7	1
<b>Number of Boards</b>	9 (each School District and 2 Supervisory Union Districts)	1
<b>Number of Budgets</b>	9 (each School District and 2 Supervisory Union Districts)	2
<b>Number of Board Members</b>	30	15

Tune Faulkner, Miller’s Run School Board Chair

**WARNING**  
**Miller's Run Union School District #37**

The legal voters of the Miller's Run Union School District #37 in the County of Caledonia and State of Vermont are hereby duly warned and notified to meet at the Sheffield Town Hall, 3222-RT 122, in said Town of Sheffield on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles.

**Article I.** Shall the Miller's Run Union School District #37, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed Kingdom East Unified Union School district, join with the school districts of the Burke, Concord, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Newark, and Sutton, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Kingdom East Unified Union School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

If all of the advisable districts vote to approve the merger, Kingdom East Unified Union School District will commence full educational operations and services on July 1, 2018 under the provisions of Act 46. In the event that the majority of the advisable districts vote to approve the merger, but one, two, or three advisable districts vote against merger, the Kingdom East Unified Union School District is still formed and will commence full educational operations and services on July 1, 2018.

- (a) Grades. Kingdom East Unified Union School District will provide pre-kindergarten through grade eight education to all of the students in the Kingdom East Unified Union School District and pay tuition in accordance with Vermont statutes for all grade nine through twelve students in the Kingdom East Unified Union School District.
- (b) Board of School Directors. A town district's representation on the Kingdom East Unified Union School District Board of School Directors will be determined as an at large "hybrid model" as follows: Membership on the Kingdom East Unified Union School District Board is apportioned to each town. Apportionment does not have to be proportional to the town's population. Directors shall be elected by the voters of all forming districts. At no time will a town within the Kingdom East Unified Union School District have less than one board member with a single vote for the Board of School Directors. The Kingdom East Unified Union School District Board of School Directors shall also evaluate and consider the advisability of continuing the at-large "hybrid" model after the first three years of operation.

The initial membership for the Board of School Directors will be fifteen (15). In the event that all advisable districts do not vote to join the Kingdom East Unified Union School District, there may be fewer board members.

- (c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The Kingdom East Unified Union School District shall assume all capital debt as may exist on June 30, 2018, including both principal and interest, of the forming school districts that join the Kingdom East Unified Union School District; the Kingdom East Unified Union School District shall assume any and all operating deficits, surpluses, and fund balances of any of the forming districts that may exist at the close of business on July 1, 2018. In addition, reserve funds will be transferred to the Kingdom East Unified Union School District on June 30, 2018 and will be applied for such established purposes unless otherwise determined through the appropriate legal procedures. All other debts and ownership of school property will be addressed as specifically identified and provided for in Articles 7 and 8 in the Final Report.
- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file in the Lyndon Town Clerk's office, shall govern the Kingdom East Unified Union School District.

**Article II.** To elect fifteen (15) school directors from the nominees to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

- One (1) school director who is a resident of Burke for a two-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Burke for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Concord for a one-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Concord for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Lunenburg for a one-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Lunenburg for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Lyndon for a one-year term.
- Two (2) school directors who are residents of Lyndon for a two-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Lyndon for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Newark for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Sheffield for a two-year term.

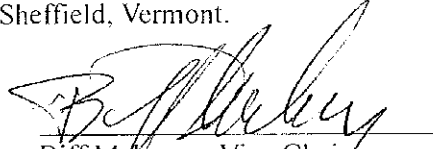
One (1) school director who is a resident of Sutton for a one-year term.

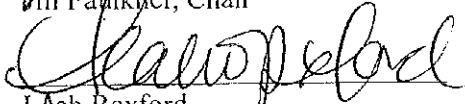
One (1) school director who is a resident of Sutton for a two-year term.

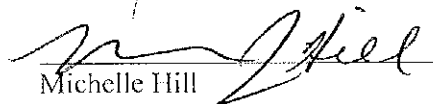
One (1) school director who is a resident of Wheelock for a one-year term.

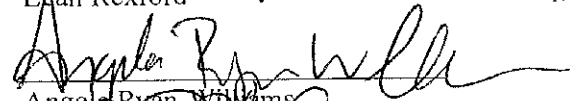
Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017 at Sheffield, Vermont.

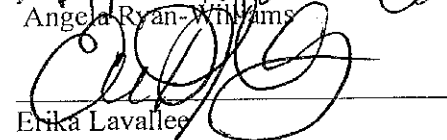
  
Bill Faulkner, Chair

  
Biff Mahoney, Vice Chair

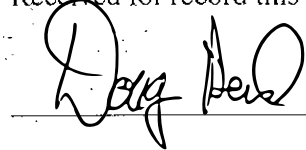
  
Leah Rexford

  
Michelle Hill

  
Angela Ryan-Williams

  
Erika Lavalley

Received for record this 26 day of January, 2017

  
Day Bell, Town Clerk

**TOWN OFFICERS**

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>ELECTED OFFICER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Moderator	Peter Miller	2017
Town Clerk	Doug Reid	2017
Town Treasurer	Doug Reid	2017
Selectboard	Stephen Amos, chair (Resigned)	2018
	Dennis Sawyer	2017
	Justin Pierce	2019
	Jason DiGiulio, chair (appointed)	2017
Listers	Carol Rossi	2019
	Kennth J. Blackbird	2017
	Vanessa Seguin (appointed)	2017
Auditors	Kimberly Crady-Smith	2018
	Tiffany Rice	2019
	Barbara Miller	2017
Delinquent Tax Collector	Carol Rossi	2017
First Constable	Charles Lacaillade (appointed)	2017
Second Constable	Atti Seguin	2017
Grand Juror	Martin Holladay	2017
Town Agent to Convey Real Estate	Annie Croteau	2017
Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend	Selectboard	2017
Cemetery Commissioners	Annie Croteau (appointed)	2017
	Donna Camber (appointed)	2017
	Mike Martin (appointed)	2017
	Ayan Cole (appointed, resigned)	2016
School Directors	Angela Ryan-Williams	2017
	Leah Rexford	2018
	Jill Faulkner	2019

**ELECTED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION**

Justice of the Peace: Stephen Amos, Eileen Boland,  
Kimberly Crady-Smith, Carol Rossi

**APPOINTED OFFICERS**

Road Commissioners	Dennis Sawyer & Justin Pierce
Assistant Clerk	Marina-Celine D. Cole Carol Rossi
Assistant Treasurer	Marina-Celine D. Cole Carol Rossi
Fence Viewers	Selectboard
Inspectors of Lumber & Coal	Selectboard
Fire Warden	Charles Rice (5 year term-expires June 30, 2019)
Green Up Coordinator	Stephen Amos
Health Officer	Peter Miller (3 year term-expires April 1, 2019)
Tree Warden	Selectboard
Town Service Officer	Stephen Amos
Emergency Coordinator	Marc Brown
Dog Officer	Cindy Cady
N.V.D.A. Representatives	Jerry Ramsey (resigned) Marc Brown (resigned)
Solid Waste District Rep.	Preston Smith
Truant Officer (appointed by UD#37 Board)	Michelle Hill
911 Coordinator	Robert Smith
Planning Commission	Carol Rossi (2018), Lorraine Poulin (2018), Stephen Amos(2017), Rachel Lindstrom (2019)
Lyndon Rescue, Inc.	Shane Lanpher

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Mailing address:	P.O. Box 1328 Lyndonville, VT 05851
Office Hours:	Monday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Wednesday 10:30 am to 6:00 pm Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Closed Tuesday and Friday <u>available by appointment</u>
Phone & Fax:	802-626-9092. Email: <a href="mailto:wheelocktown@gmail.com">wheelocktown@gmail.com</a>

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00am - 5:00pm  
**Permits required**- available at the Town Clerk's Office  
**Bulky Days**- one week every calendar quarter, see attendants for details  
Phone: 802-626-8117

**TOWN GARAGE**

Phone:	802-626-1060
	Please leave your name and number on the answering machine

**DOG WARDEN & POUND**

Cindy Cady	802-274-1296
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**VERMONT LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY LISTINGS**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY - ORLEANS-CALEDONIA DISTRICT 1**

Vicki Strong      1367 Creek Road      802-754-2790  
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Sam Young      P.O. Box 10      802-321-0365  
West Glover, VT 05875      e-mail:      syoung@leg.state.vt.us

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## VERMONT'S 9-1-1 SYSTEM

### USE 9-1-1 WHEN SECONDS COUNT:

- TO SAVE A LIFE:** if a person is unconscious, not breathing or unresponsive
- TO STOP A CRIME:** if you see someone breaking into a building or a car or if you see someone being assaulted.
- TO REPORT A FIRE:** if you see smoke or fire or hear a smoke detector or fire alarm

**PLEASE DISPLAY YOUR 9-1-1 NUMBER IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE AND FAMILY!**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN MEETING	MARCH 7, 2017, AT 9:00AM, WHEELOCK TOWN HALL
SELECTBOARD MEETING	Second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Wheelock Town Hall or as scheduled
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	3rd Monday of each month at 5:30pm at Miller's Run School or as scheduled
ANNUAL U.D. #37 DISTRICT MEETING	February 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Miller's Run School
ANIMAL LICENSES	On or before April 1, 2017 Dogs and wolf-hybrids over 6 months old must be licensed State law requires ferrets and cats have rabies shots
Licensing fees:	Males/Females- \$13.00                      Spayed/Neutered- \$9.00
GRIEVANCE HEARINGS	Begins 14 days after the mailing of the change of appraisal notices. The exact date varies (usually May or early June). Contact a Lister or the Town Clerk's Office for further information. Objections must be submitted in writing on or before the Hearing date.

**FORM HS-122  
HOMESTEAD DECLARATION  
AND PROPERTY TAX  
ADJUSTMENT CLAIM**

**ANNUAL Vermont Homestead Declaration MUST be filed EACH YEAR by ALL Vermont residents who own and occupy a Vermont Homestead on April 1st even if a claim for property tax adjustment is not made.**

**You must file a Property Claim every year in order to receive one! Use Form HS-122 and attach Schedule HI-144 to file the claim. The filing due date is April 15, 2017. Claims may be filed up to October 15, 2017 (\$15 late filing penalty applies). No Property Tax Adjustment Claim accepted after October 15, 2017.**

**You may be eligible for an adjustment if:**

- \* You HAVE a Vermont Homestead Declaration on file**
- \* You were domiciled in Vermont all of calendar year 2016**
- \* You are not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer for tax year 2016**

**SCHOOL**

There is no Wheelock Town School district, as Wheelock belongs to Unified District #37. U.D.#37 school reports will be distributed to the voters prior to the annual meeting.

Miller's Run School- grades PreK - 8 is located in Sheffield Village and is the only school operated by the District.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**  
**"CHILD FIND NOTICE"**

In accordance with state and federal laws Caledonia North Supervisory Union, serving the Towns of Burke, East Haven, Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock, serves notice that special education and related services are available to appropriately identified individuals between the ages of birth through twenty-one. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of these services or desiring additional information and/or copy of "Parental Rights in Special Education" may contact Student Services Director at 802-626-6100

**TOWN HALL RENTAL**

<b>FEE SCHEDULE:</b>	Residents	\$100.00 plus \$25.00 deposit fee*
	Non-residents	\$200.00 plus \$50.00 deposit fee*

\*The key deposit will be refunded if the key is returned and there are no damages to the Town Hall inside and out.

Contact Town Clerk's Office for further information regarding rules and regulations

**TABLES AND CHAIRS:** Residents may borrow tables and chairs from the Town Hall. There is no charge. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office in advance to make arrangements

## ORDINANCES

- Snowmobile** "The Town Highways and Trails are hereby opened to the operation of snowmobiles during the winter months. The Town will not be responsible for any injuries or damages incurred by snowmobiles within its jurisdiction." Dated: April 1, 1973
- Traffic** The speed limit of motor vehicles on any Town street or highway shall be not more than 35 MPH. Within the limits of the village of Wheelock, the speed limit on Route 122 is 35 MPH This ordinance also contained provisions related to the Selectboard changing the speed limit of a highway, regulating parking, posting speed limit signs and making traffic rules or regulations as the public good requires. Dated: August 10, 1978 Revised: October 13, 2004
- Winter Parking Ordinance** "No person shall stop, park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, within the right of way limits of any Town road or State Aid road during the period in any year beginning November 1st and ending May 1st." This ordinance contains provisions for towing or removal of a vehicle and for the imposition of a fine of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$250.00 plus all costs. Dated: April 8, 1982
- Dump Permit Ordinance** This ordinance was written to ensure that the facility is used by residents and to monitor the material being disposed of. A resident is defined as any person who legally resides in the Town whether full-time or seasonally. The enforcement provision provides for a fine of not more than \$500 for each offense. Dated: April 8, 2004
- Solid Waste Management Ordinance** This ordinance was written to protect the public health and safety and to promote the responsible use of resources and protection of the environment. (a copy of the ordinance may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office) Dated: April 8, 2004
- All Terrain Vehicle** All Town highways are hereby opened to all-terrain vehicle travel EXCEPT for a section of road between the Charles Peak property on Kenniston Hill road to the end of the Class 4 section of the Sparhawk Road, which will be closed to ALL motorized traffic except snowmobiles in accordance with the provisions of VSA 23, Section 3506 (b)(1). An all-terrain vehicle may not be operated between the hours from 10:00 in the evening to 7:00 in the forenoon. An all-terrain vehicle may not be operated on a Class 2 or Class 3 Highway at speeds greater than 20 MPH or on a Class 4 Highway at speeds greater than 35 MPH. An all-terrain vehicle may not be operated on any Town Highway during the time between December 15th and April 15th. Dated July 10, 1986; Revised: July 11, 2007; Revised: November 14, 2007
- Animal Bites** ALL ANIMAL BITES MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE WHEELOCK TOWN CLERK AND/OR THE WHEELOCK TOWN HEALTH OFFICER: DR. PETER MILLER 626-9821 This ordinance requires a 10 day quarantine period in certain instances. The Town Health Officer should be consulted regarding this. No animal which has bitten a person shall be destroyed without first obtaining the approval of the Wheelock Town Health Officer or veterinarian, unless it is deemed necessary to prevent further immediate injury or harm. In no case should the animal be put to death by destruction of the brain. Animals in quarantine shall not be vaccinated for rabies. There is a provision for a fine for persons violating the terms of this ordinance. Please contact the Town Clerk or Health Officer for further information.

### **CLASS IV ROAD POLICY** *(Full written policy is available in the town clerk's office)*

"Not liable for maintenance of any Class IV Highway beyond the level of maintenance currently provided." Adopted: September 12, 1985

**Vermont Mobile Home Bill of Sale/Release:** Title 32 VSA, Section 5079 requires that a Mobile Home Bill of Sale be signed by Sellers, Town Clerk of the town where the Mobile Home is located prior to sale, and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town where the Mobile Home will be located after the sale. **If you own a mobile home, please contact the Town Clerk before moving it.**

**The New Vermont Residential Energy Code:** VT established minimum efficiency standards for all new homes. Builders are required to certify that a new home, as built, meets or exceeds the minimum standards. Contact Energy Code Assist. Center

### **VERMONT STATUTE TITLE 20 SECTION 3544**

#### Section 3545. **Right to kill dogs**

- (a) A person may kill a dog that suddenly assaults him or when necessary to discontinue an attack upon the person or another person provided that the attack or assault does not occur while the dog is restrained, within an enclosure containing the dog, or on the premises of the owner.
- (b) A dog found wounding, killing or worrying a domestic animal or fowl may be killed when the attendant circumstances are such that the killing is reasonably necessary to prevent injury to the animal or fowl.

## CEMETERY LOTS

FULL LOT with \$100 endowment fund	Four person lot- Resident	\$300.00
	Non-Resident	\$500.00
HALF LOT with \$100 endowment fund	Two person lot- Resident	\$200.00
	Non-Resident	\$350.00

## CLERK'S OFFICE SERVICES AND FEES

Notary Public	No Charge
Copy of Record/Document on file	\$1.00/page / \$2.00 minimum; certified \$10.00
Vault Research	\$2.00 per hour
Copy of Listers/Assessors Card	\$0.25 per page
Copy of Checklist, Grand List, other	\$0.25 per page
Certified Copy of Vital Record	\$10.00
Civil Marriage Certificate License	\$45.00
Green Mountain Passport	\$2.00
Use of Town copier	\$0.25 per copy
Posting of Land	\$5.00 fee

Complete set of Vermont Statutes Annotated for use in Office some blank forms from the Motor Vehicle Department- Registration services NOT offered.

## PERMITS REQUIRED

### **Highway Access Permits:**

A permit is required from the Selectmen for any access from property to State Highways and all Town Roads (VSA 19, Section 1111)\*  
\*VT law passed in 1998 requires this permit to be recorded in the land records

### **Fire Permits:**

Required for all open burning when the ground is not snow-covered.  
Permits available from the Fire Warden, Charles Rice- 802-318-6405

### **Zoning:**

*No local zoning in Wheelock.* State laws apply

### **Overload Permits:**

Required for the operations of motor vehicles over local highways and bridges with gross loads (VSA 23, Section 1400). Available at the Town Clerk's office.

### **Transfer Station Permits:**

Available at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Transfer Station, no fee.

### **Kennel Permits:**

Owners or keepers of two or more domestic pets or wolf-hybrids kept for sale or breeding purposes, except for his or her own use (i.e. hunting), shall apply to the Town Clerk for a Kennel Permit by April 1st each year and pay a fee of \$12.00. After April 1st, the fee is \$18.00. (VSA 20, Section 3681)

### **Water Supply & Wastewater Disposal Permits**

Buildings other than one single family residence on its own lot may require a State permit. Contact Agency of Natural Resources (Environmental Conservation) 802-751-0120

### **Subdivisions**

Contact Agency of Natural Resources (Environmental Conservation) 802-751-0120

### **Act 250**

Contact Agency of Natural Resources (Environmental Conservation) 802-751-0120

### **Wetlands**

A permit may be required. Check map on file at Town Clerk's Office. Contact: Vermont Wetlands Office, Water Quality Division, Department of Environmental Conservation, 103 South Main St., Waterbury, VT 05671

## **VT Secretary of State Announces Online Voter Registration**

Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos has announced the roll-out of the new Elections Management Platform. This platform has three main parts:

- **Elections Management System (EMS)** – includes a new statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election related business – from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results;
- **New Online Voter Registration Tool** – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet; and
- **New “My Voter Page”** – online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.

Secretary Condos states, “I am very excited to announce the roll-out of Vermont’s first online voter registration system. One of my primary goals as Vermont’s chief election officer is to increase voter participation. I am confident that our new online voter registration system and the ‘My Voter Page’ tool will increase engagement with the electoral process across the state and make it easier than ever for all eligible Vermonters to participate in our elections.”

The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> and the My Voter Page login can be found at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

## **Neighbors are talking on Front Porch Forum**

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. One-third of Vermont households participate with thousands more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors in need, organize local projects, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, share crime reports, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>.

**2016 Auditor's Report**

As directed by 24 VSA §1681, the Auditors have examined the financial records of the Town and the supporting data. We believe that all records and accounts contained herein are a true and accurate account of the Town's financial affairs.

State Law 24 VSA §1684 requires that the Auditors publish a statement showing the condition of the Town's indebtedness, trust funds, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit. A list of these follows:

**-Assets-**

Cash on Hand	
General Fund:	\$99057.48
Road Fund:	\$34558.62
Road Equipment	
Replacement Fund:	\$55213.40
Road & Bridge Reserve:	\$50347.76
Reappraisal Savings:	\$40571.22
Cemetery:	\$6445.20

**-Debts-**

Grader Loan:	\$24061.00 (Paid off this year.)
Vacant Lot Loan	
Payment:	\$5970.95
Outstanding Principal:	\$40145.2

**FIVE YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Grand List	653,716.70	595,462.00	604,022.00	610,458.00	616,859.00
Tax Rate:					
*Residential	1.9640	2.2336	2.0482	2.0556	2.0822
*Non-Residential	2.0703	2.3497	2.0032	1.9159	1.9486
*Local	0.0034	0.0042	0.0043	0.0153	0.0059
Taxes Raised:					
*General Fund & Roads	497,583.33	526,497.34	297,874.09	307,675.92	319,742.09
*School	682,650.59	694,710.52	726,945.31	760,260.61	745,010.35
VT State Aid to Roads	43,629.07	58,884.62	58,819.07	74,067.62	58,752.21
VT Hold Harmless	55,272.00	61,282.00	67,304.00	47,817.00	40,055.00

	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
General Fund	171,957.32	43,238.98	78,421.51	81,109.90	158,885.75
Appropriations	50,460.00	51,560.00	68,802.00	68,569.00	139,527.33
Highway Fund	<u>304,080.02</u>	<u>254,635.11</u>	<u>219,254.41</u>	<u>179,061.00</u>	<u>211,815.70</u>
Total	526,497.34	349,434.09	366,477.92	328,739.90	510,228.78

## Report of the Select Board

To the families, taxpayers, community members, and voters of Wheelock:

2016 has been an interesting year.

As you know, the Town Hall roof became a significant issue. We can document, from the bids for the roof work in the 1990's, that we were aware of the structural issues of the Town Hall back then. Deferred maintenance, and its consequences, reared its ugly head this year. The building was closed and required temporary shoring supports to reopen the structure.

A bridge on Fall Brook required cementing work.

The Town Hall furnace was declared unsafe.

Numerous items from previous select boards were brought back and actions taken. We needed to meet twice monthly for the summer and into the fall to get caught up.

The budget for the ensuing year represents the work of not only the select board, but a community committee that met during 7 sessions to minimize expenditures, examine each line item and weight its worth and impact, and attempt to stabilize local property taxes. Wheelock, in the past, has had varying and fluctuating taxes. We hope to make taxes more predictable and are committed to ensuring that each tax dollar raised is spent responsibly and transparently.

There are significant articles that carry allocation, however. Wheelock will need to decide these articles and their financial implications.

We appreciate the feedback of community members. Many are present at meetings and have presented perspectives that enrich and inform the board before it acts. We hope this continues into the new year, especially as we investigate options for the town garage. We plan to hold another public meeting when more information is available about that project.

Jason Di Giulio, Chair      Dennis Sawyer      Justin Pierce

## Town Clerk & Treasurer Report

It's been a busy year in the Town Clerk's office, with many changes to process both in-house and from the state and federal government. Many changes are anticipated in 2017 as well.

As of January 1, 2017, residents can now register to vote on the same day as an election. In 2016, the Secretary of State rolled out the new election website portal, and it works pretty well. Residents can use the website to register, change their address, request absentee ballots, and view sample ballots at <https://www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. If you prefer, you can still register at the Town Clerk's Office.

Also in 2016, the selectboards of Wheelock and Sheffield adopted a new agreement for the operation of the Transfer Station. Funds from trash bag sales are now deposited to a single account owned and operated by both towns. This account is used exclusively to pay many Transfer Station expenses that used to be part of the General Fund budget. Because of the large volume of trash bag sales in 2016, the Transfer Station line item in the General Fund budget has been significantly reduced. If the trend continues, we should see a further budget reduction.

My thanks to assistant Town Clerks Carol Rossi and Marina Cole for their support, and to the several members of the Budget Committee for the many volunteer hours they spent crafting this year's budget.

There are some open positions on boards and committees. Please consider volunteering—many hands make lighter work!

It has been an honor to serve you for the past three years, and I very much appreciate the support I've received. My special thanks to Bobbi Brindlecombe, the Marshfield Town Clerk, for her assistance in creating the new QuickBooks accounting system.

Respectfully submitted,



Doug Reid  
Town Clerk & Treasurer

## WHEELOCK LISTERS

Assessors: Carol Rossi, Jim Blackbird, Vanessa Seguin

2016 MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST 614,096

Categories Parcel Count for Taxable Parcels

Residential 6 acres or less	101	
Residential 6 acres or more	156	
Mobile Homes no land	11	
Mobile Homes and land	31	
Seasonal 6 acres or less	19	
Seasonal 6 acres or more	91	
Commercial	2	
Farm	2	Enrolled in Current Use:
Woodland	<u>150</u>	76 Parcels
Total Parcel Number	567	

Throughout 2017, we plan to conduct site visits and update the grand list information for parcels on Peak Road, South Wheelock Road and for property in West Wheelock. The listers signed up for a grant through the State of Vermont to have a professional mapper help resolve the boundary discrepancies that remain from the 2014 property map initiative.

We need and appreciate the help of property owners.

- \* Please ask for a copy of your lister card and check it for accuracy.
- \* Please notify us in writing if you remove a structure or mobile home and want the change reflected in your assessed value.
- \* Please contact us if you disagree with the assessment of your property so we can work together to develop an accurate assessment.
- \* Every property owner has the right to file a grievance if they disagree with the assessed value of their property. The grievance must be filed in writing prior to the annual deadline which will be posted but is usually in early June.

## WHEELOCK PLANNING COMMISSION

*The Planning Commission would like to thank Roger DeKett and Fred Bishop for their 20 years of service. You will be missed. **There are openings on the Planning Commission and we really need someone willing to take a leadership role.***

*The Wheelock Town Plan was last revised in 2014. The Planning Commission recommended an amendment to the Town Plan: adoption of flood regulations. Public Hearings have been held. The matter remains undecided by the Selectboard. The Planning Commission also recommended Wheelock join the Village Center Designation Program. The matter is awaiting Selectboard action. **Energy is the issue that will require attention in the next town plan.***

## DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK  
 STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES  
 Dec. 31, 2016

<u>TAX YEAR</u>	<u>TURNED OVER FOR COLLECTION</u>	<u>ABATED BY BCA</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS FOR 2016</u>	<u>BALANCE TO COLLECT</u>
2013	6239.00	332.35	3,574.37	2,332.28
2014	6316.64	937.50	3,941.37	1,437.77
2015	41187.56	896.64	24,347.00	15,943.92
2016	<u>65235.18</u>	<u>436.06</u>	<u>24,544.06</u>	<u>40,255.06</u>
TOTAL	118978.38	2602.55	56406.80	59969.03

TOTAL TAX COLLECTED	56,406.80
INTEREST COLLECTED	4,442.96
TAX COLLECTOR'S FEE	2,276.63
HOMESTEAD FILING FEE	0.00
TAX SALE COSTS	0.00
REFUND DUE / OVERPAYMENT	<u>44.21</u>
	63,170.60
REMITTED TO TREASURER	63,170.61

2015 Warrant Amended  
 April 25, 2016

### Abatements by the Board of Civil Authority

Parcel	Year	Tax	Interest	Penalty Waived
030-198001-001	2013	\$332.35	\$151.00	\$30.27

Reason: Title 24 Section 1535 (3) taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest and collection fees

003-028010-001	2014	\$937.50		65.63
003-028010-001	2015	\$896.64		62.76
003-028010-001	2016	\$436.06		56.74

Reason: Title 24 Section 1535 (1) taxes of persons who have died insolvent

Every taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in Title 24 V.S.A. Sec. 1535. A request for abatement should be submitted to the Town Clerk in writing and needs to state a reason from the statute.

**MUNICIPAL TAXES ASSESSED - 2016**

Taxable Grand List as of 8/8/16, the Date of Town Tax Rate Setting: \$616,859

**GENERAL FUND**

\$	81,109.90	BUDGET
\$	17,000.00	FIRE DEPT.
\$	9,700.00	FIRE DEPT. FIRE TRUCK
\$	15,871.00	LYNDON RESCUE
\$	5,998.00	APPROPRIATIONS
\$	129,678.90	TOTAL

**ROADS**

\$	179,061.00	BUDGET
\$	15,000.00	ROAD EQUIPMENT FUND
\$	5,000.00	RESERVE FUND
\$	199,061.00	TOTAL

**GENERAL FUND**

**ROADS**

**LOCAL AGREEMENT-VETERANS**

**TOTAL**

\$	129,678.90
\$	199,061.00
\$	3,624.00
\$	<u>332,363.90</u>

**Local Agreement Rate:**

(Veteran's Exemption @ <30,000 per veteran)	
Homestead:	2,778.12
Non-Residential:	<u>845.88</u>
Equals Amount of School tax to Make up	<u>3,624.00</u>
Divided by Grand Lists Equals Local Rate	0.0059

**RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION TAX RATE FIGURED BY THE STATE**

\$1.5434

**NON-RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL TAX RATE FIGURED BY THE STATE**

\$ 1.4098

Budget amounts divided by Grand List

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$	0.2102
<b>ROADS</b>	\$	0.3227
<b>LOCAL</b>	\$	0.0059
<b>TOTAL LOCAL</b>	\$	<u>0.5388</u>
<b>RESIDENTIAL TAX-SCHOOL</b>	\$	1.5434
<b>NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX</b>	\$	1.4098

<b>RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE:</b>	\$	2.0822
<b>NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE</b>	\$	1.9486

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

Total Taxes raised for School	\$ 745,010.35
Total Taxes raised for Municipal	\$ 257,171.00
Total Taxes raised (Grand List)	\$ 1,252,485.53
State Homestead Payments	\$ 180,626.62
Total Current Taxes Collected by Treasurer	1,001,978.95
Delinquent Taxes for 2015	\$ 24,317.75
All Delinquent Taxes w/Interest	\$ 60,801.68

**STATEMENT OF LOAN TRANSACTIONS**

2015-2016 Current Expense Borrowing with Community National Bank with an interest rate of 2.85%

Balance Borrowed	\$ 445,000.00
Paid on Balance	\$ 445,000.00
Paid on Interest	\$ 10,458.72

Refinanced Grader Loan with Community National Bank with an interest rate of 3.23%. ***Last payment due in 2017.***

Balance Borrowed		\$ 150,886.42
Paid on Balance	2011	\$ 24,062.31
Paid on Balance	2012	\$ 24,062.31
Paid on Balance	2013	\$ 24,062.31
Paid on Balance	2014	\$ 24,062.31
Paid on Balance	2015	\$ 24,062.31
Paid on Balance	2016	\$ 24,063.31

Adjacent Vacant Lot Loan with Community National Bank with an interest rate of 3.25%. ***Last payment due 2027.***

Balance Borrowed		\$ 70,000.00
Paid on Balance	2013	\$ 5,970.95
Paid on Balance	2014	\$ 5,970.95
Paid on Balance	2015	\$ 5,970.95
Paid on Balance	2016	\$ 5,970.95

### **ROAD EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND**

Community National Bank with an interest rate of 0.33%

Deposited	2011	\$	5,000.00
Deposited	2012	\$	5,000.00
Deposited	2013	\$	5,000.00
Deposited	2014	\$	10,000.00
Deposited	2015	\$	15,000.00
Deposited	2016	\$	15,000.00
Total Interest		\$	213.40
Total		\$	55,213.40

### **ROAD & BRIDGE RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Community National Bank with an interest rate of 0.33%

Deposited	2010	\$	5,000.00
Deposited	2011	\$	20,000.00
Deposited	2012	\$	5,000.00
Deposited	2013	\$	5,000.00
Deposited	2014	\$	5,000.00
Deposited	2015	\$	5,000.00
Deposited	2016	\$	5,000.00
Total Interest		\$	347.76
Total		\$	50,347.76

### **REAPPRAISAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Community National Bank with an interest rate of 0.10%

Balance as of 1/1/2010		\$	25,963.32
Deposited	2011	\$	5,784.68
Deposited	2012	\$	5,434.00
Deposited	2013	\$	5,472.00
2013 Reappraisal-withdrawal (2 years)		\$	(18,600.00)
Deposited	2014	\$	5,898.76
Deposited	2015	\$	5,111.68
Deposited	2016	\$	4,913.00
Total Interest		\$	593.78
Total		\$	40,571.22

**ROAD EQUIPMENT REPORT BY CLASS**

Winter Maintenance:

State Aid - Class II			
Labor	7,376.67		
Town Equipment	20,149.00		
		<u>27,525.67</u>	
Town Highways - Class III			
Labor	16,090.20		
Town Equipment	44,411.00		
		<u>60,501.20</u>	
Town Highways - Class IV			
Labor	0.00		
Town Equipment	0.00		
		<u>0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>			<b><u>88,026.87</u></b>

Summer Maintenance:

State Aid - Class II			
Labor	15,164.24		
Town Equipment	42,215.00		
		<u>57,379.24</u>	
Town Highways - Class III			
Labor	37,249.77		
Town Equipment	103,698.75		
		<u>140,948.52</u>	
Town Highways - Class IV			
Labor	280.15		
Town Equipment	786.00		
		<u>1,066.15</u>	
<b>TOTAL SUMMER MAINTENANCE</b>			<b><u>199,393.91</u></b>
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE</b>			<b><u><u>287,420.78</u></u></b>

**2015 Diesel Use by Equipment in Gallons**

Roads		<u>Hours</u>	<u>Miles</u>
09 Truck	3580	935	14,325
04 truck	1911	475	5,125
Loader	845	621	
Grader	2308	758	
Total Roads	<u>8644</u>		
SWFD	<u>164</u>		
<b>Total Diesel Use by Equipment</b>	<b><u><u>8808</u></u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,316.66</b>

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51								1,800.00	1,064.49	500.00	1,589.65	1,500.00	1,529.03	1,500.00						
52								2,500.00	846.46	2,000.00	617.58	700.00	803.31	700.00						
53								1,250.00	0.00	600.00	2,116.12	300.00	858.74	300.00						
54								360.00	360.00	2,000.00	617.58	400.00	436.47	600.00						
55								400.00	1,219.56	400.00	1,739.50	1,000.00	1,086.00	600.00						
56								0.00	698.10	0.00	675.97	700.00	917.12	900.00						
57								1,800.00	105.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	40.00	0.00						
58								1,000.00	536.00	1,000.00	372.25	1,000.00	638.00	750.00						
59								0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00						
60								9,110.00	4,829.61	7,500.00	7,808.65	6,200.00	6,308.67	5,350.00						
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63								0.00	3,296.20	0.00	4,404.11	0.00	2,368.93	0.00						
64								0.00	(3,296.20)	0.00	(4,404.11)	0.00	(2,368.93)	0.00						
65								1,500.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00						
66								0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
67								250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	260.00	260.00	260.00						
68								0.00	246.00	0.00	222.00	250.00	276.00	250.00						
69								300.00	300.00	900.00	900.00	1,200.00	1,100.00	1,200.00						
70								500.00	707.13	1,000.00	507.74	0.00	942.44	200.00						
71								24,000.00	23,124.85	24,000.00	23,550.08	24,000.00	24,000.08	12,135.00						
72														12,135.00						
73								2,900.00	2,175.03	2,900.00	2,398.11	2,900.00	2,900.04	1,200.00						
74								1,500.00	1,006.61	1,200.00	584.10	1,200.00	740.00	1,200.00						
75								4,355.74	2,721.45	4,000.00	3,143.08	3,300.00	3,087.87	3,800.00						
76								8,845.51	7,372.64	7,787.77	6,865.98	9,761.16	9,668.89	10,234.00						
77								0.00	1,254.97	0.00	1,489.55	1,500.00	1,287.20	1,500.00						
78								0.00	1,780.00	0.00	1,090.00	700.00	420.00	1,000.00						
79								44,151.25	44,538.68	45,637.77	44,600.64	48,671.16	48,282.52	48,714.00						
80																				
81								0.00	238.81	0.00	238.81	250.00	0.00	250.00						
82								0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00						
83								500.00	316.75	650.00	188.38	500.00	36.99	350.00						
84								10,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	7,200.00	0.00	0.00	400.00						
85								0.00	943.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00						
86								500.00	510.38	500.00	475.49	500.00	78.99	250.00						
87								0.00	400.00	800.00	250.00	500.00	245.00	250.00						
88								1,500.00	2,045.00	5,000.00	5,257.03	7,600.00	4,251.00	5,000.00						
89								12,500.00	19,453.94	6,950.00	13,659.71	12,400.00	4,611.98	9,550.00						

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90						15260 · County Tax		7,095.00	7,095.00	6,000.00	6,822.00	7,000.00	6,848.00			7,000.00					
91						15270 · General Liability Insurance		0.00	11,686.30	0.00	10,993.00	10,000.00	6,075.00			10,000.00					
92						15290 · Non-Arbitrage Interest Expense		500.00	14,766.00	15,000.00	12,467.22	12,000.00	9,606.44			12,500.00					
93						15310 · Legal Services															
94						15311 · Legal Services Received		1,000.00	460.00	1,000.00	468.75	1,000.00	1,170.03			1,500.00					
95						15315 · Tax Sale Expense		0.00	3,295.65	0.00	3,557.38	0.00	2,588.01			0.00					
96						15316 · Tax Sale Expense Reimbursed		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2,588.01)			0.00					
97						<b>Total 15310 · Legal Services</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>3,755.65</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>4,026.13</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,170.03</b>			<b>1,500.00</b>					
98						15320 · Accounting Services		0.00	5,133.21	0.00	3,104.31	1,500.00	1,225.94			1,000.00					
99						15325 · Payroll Processing Fee		500.00	518.19	500.00	355.96	0.00	496.08			400.00					
100						15330 · Dues, Memberships, Licenses															
101						15332 · NVDA		0.00	260.00	0.00	608.00	608.00	608.00			608.00					
102						15334 · VLCT		0.00	1,623.00	0.00	1,843.00	2,000.00	1,842.00			2,000.00					
103						15335 · NEMRC Annual license		0.00	0.00	0.00	707.35	0.00	728.57			200.00					
104						15336 · Miscellaneous Dues		0.00	50.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	40.00			0.00					
105						<b>Total 15330 · Dues, Memberships, Licenses</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,933.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>3,173.35</b>	<b>2,608.00</b>	<b>3,218.57</b>			<b>2,808.00</b>					
106						15990 · Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00					
107						<b>Total 15000 · General Government Expenses</b>		<b>65,746.25</b>	<b>108,879.97</b>	<b>77,587.77</b>	<b>99,202.32</b>	<b>95,179.16</b>	<b>81,534.56</b>			<b>93,472.00</b>					
108						16000 · Buildings & Grounds Expenses															
109						16010 · Town Hall Expenses															
110						16020 · Generator Maint & Repair		0.00	195.00	0.00	731.08	200.00	478.00			500.00					
111						16030 · Janitor Wages		960.00	960.00	1,000.00	1,400.00	1,440.00	1,440.00			1,440.00					
112						16031 · Janitor SS & Medicare		0.00	73.44	0.00	107.10	0.00	118.80			111.00					
113						16040 · Town Hall Supplies		1,000.00	1,598.45	600.00	2,714.59	2,325.00	819.09			1,200.00					
114						16045 · Town Hall Repairs		4,000.00	1,463.92	4,000.00	1,229.66	500.00	542.78			5,600.00					
115						16050 · Town Hall Temp Shoring Project		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,062.57			0.00					
116						16060 · Town Hall Renovation		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	10,000.00	8,410.67			0.00					
117						<b>Total 16010 · Town Hall Expenses</b>		<b>5,960.00</b>	<b>4,290.81</b>	<b>5,600.00</b>	<b>7,182.43</b>	<b>14,465.00</b>	<b>43,871.91</b>			<b>8,851.00</b>					
118						16065 · Vacant Lot Debt (2027 payoff)		5,970.90	5,970.90	5,970.90	5,970.90	5,970.75	5,970.75			5,970.75					
119						16070 · Park, Trees, & Monuments															
120						16075 · Park Mowing		0.00	720.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	710.00			250.00					
121						16070 · Park, Trees, & Monmnts - Other		0.00	7,182.61	5,000.00	8,959.94	2,500.00	1,956.13			1,500.00					
122						<b>Total 16070 · Park, Trees, &amp; Monuments</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,902.61</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>9,709.94</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>2,666.13</b>			<b>1,750.00</b>					
123						16080 · Gen Fund Utilities															
124						16081 · Electricity		1,500.00	1,437.00	1,500.00	1,267.30	1,500.00	964.05			1,500.00					
125						16082 · Heating Fuel		4,000.00	3,806.49	4,000.00	3,793.34	4,000.00	1,309.02			4,000.00					
126						16083 · Water		900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00			900.00					
127						16084 · Street Lights		2,500.00	2,331.53	500.00	2,302.06	2,300.00	1,973.74			2,100.00					
128						16085 · Telephone & Internet		0.00	1,853.16	2,500.00	1,769.76	2,000.00	2,130.67			2,000.00					
129						<b>Total 16080 · Gen Fund Utilities</b>		<b>8,900.00</b>	<b>10,328.18</b>	<b>9,400.00</b>	<b>10,032.46</b>	<b>10,700.00</b>	<b>7,277.48</b>			<b>10,500.00</b>					
130						16100 · 68 Sutton Rd Property Cleanup		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			5,000.00					
131						<b>Total 16000 · Buildings &amp; Grounds Expenses</b>		<b>20,830.90</b>	<b>28,492.50</b>	<b>25,970.90</b>	<b>32,895.73</b>	<b>33,635.75</b>	<b>59,786.27</b>			<b>32,071.75</b>					

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132						17000 · Cemetery Expenses		4,773.00		3,346.52		4,773.00		3,591.09		3,700.00		936.00		2,000.00
133						18000 · SWFD Expenses														
134						18010 · SWFD Sub-Station Electricity		400.00		1,437.00		400.00		250.68		400.00		328.23		350.00
135						18020 · SWFD Sub-Station Heating Fuel		1,500.00		3,806.49		1,200.00		460.07		1,000.00		623.94		650.00
136						18030 · SWFD Street Light		0.00		2,331.53		0.00		234.16		250.00		181.01		200.00
137						Total 18000 · SWFD Expenses		1,900.00		7,575.02		1,600.00		944.91		1,650.00		1,133.18		1,200.00
138						19000 · Transfer Station Expenses - GF														
139						19010 · Transfer Station Payroll														
140						19020 · TS Wages		11,583.00		14,491.26		15,000.00		12,625.92		15,000.00		14,729.31		16,000.00
141						19021 · TS SS & Medicare		0.00		1,108.58		0.00		1,087.16		2,210.00		1,126.79		1,224.00
142						19022 · TS Workers' Comp		0.00		1,250.00		0.00		956.00		1,000.00		978.00		1,000.00
143						19023 · TS Unemployment Ins		0.00		61.00		0.00		66.00		60.00		42.00		60.00
144						19024 · TS Mileage		0.00		0.00		0.00		20.70		0.00		0.00		0.00
145						Total 19000 · Transfer Station Payroll		11,583.00		15,599.84		15,000.00		13,713.08		17,210.00		15,856.10		17,224.00
146						19030 · TS Liability Insurance		1,016.20		1,016.20		1,300.00		982.52		900.00		984.30		1,000.00
147						19100 · TS Appropriation Minus Payroll		56,216.20		54,390.29		51,500.00		44,770.66		44,320.00		40,274.62		6,568.00
148						Total 19000 · TS Expenses from GenFund		68,815.40		71,006.33		67,800.00		59,466.26		62,430.00		57,115.02		24,792.00
149						Total 10001 · Selectboard Managed Expenses		102,360.15		153,123.62		117,431.67		144,442.70		140,364.91		149,698.68		158,885.75
150																				
151						<b>Total GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>		<b>102,360.15</b>		<b>153,123.62</b>		<b>117,431.67</b>		<b>144,442.70</b>		<b>140,364.91</b>		<b>149,698.68</b>		<b>158,885.75</b>
152																				
153						83000 · Separate Article Appropriations														
154						83001 · Social Services Article		5,683.00		5,683.00		6,381.00		6,381.00		5,998.00		5,998.00		4,397.00
155						83002 · Lyndon Rescue		9,327.42		9,327.42		15,871.00		15,871.00		15,871.00		15,871.00		18,041.00
156						83003 · SWFD Operating Expense		16,850.00		16,850.00		16,850.00		16,850.00		17,000.00		17,000.00		17,000.00
157						83004 · SWFD Truck/Equip Fund		9,700.00		9,700.00		9,700.00		9,700.00		9,700.00		9,700.00		9,700.00
158						83005 · Bridge & Road Reserve Fund		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
159						83006 · Road Equip Replacement Fund		5,000.00		10,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00		10,000.00
160						83007 · Town Hall Project Reserve Fund		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		30,000.00
161						83008 · TH VCDP Grant Transfer from GF		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		21,389.33
162						83009 · Town Garage Reserve Fund		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		24,000.00
163						Total 83000 · Separate Article Appropriations		51,560.42		56,560.42		68,802.00		68,802.00		68,569.00		68,569.00		139,527.33
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3						<b>Income</b>														
4						11120 · Tax to Highway Fund	254,635.11	254,635.11	219,254.41	229,254.41	179,061.00	175,858.70	211,815.70							
5						20000 · Highway Fund Income														
6						20010 · State Aid to Highways	58,846.04	50,352.84	59,000.00	74,067.62	60,000.00	58,752.21	60,000.00							
7						20020 · Materials Sales	0.00	881.47	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
8						20030 · Overload & Access Permits	200.00	185.00	200.00	210.00	200.00	215.00	200.00							
9						20040 · Rented Equipment Revenue	1,000.00	1,347.80	1,000.00	265.00	250.00	825.00	250.00							
10						20050 · Highway Fund Interest	25.00	18.91	25.00	18.32	20.00	10.89	20.00							
11						20060 · Guardrail Damage Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	304.30	0.00	0.00	0.00							
12						20070 · Hwy Health Ins Emp Contribution		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	741.70							
13						20080 · Hwy Fund Surplus Previous Year	3,801.18	72,764.55	12,298.90	17,022.04	9,996.45	34,558.62	21,122.82							
14						Total 20000 · Highway Fund Income	63,872.22	125,550.57	72,523.90	91,987.28	70,466.45	94,361.72	82,334.52							
15						91200 · Highway Grants														
16						91210 · Better Back Roads -State Grants	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	19,624.10	0.00							
17						91220 · Fall Brook Bridge - State Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,120.00	33,120.00	0.00							
18						91230 · Dept of Public Safety Grant	0.00	651.79	0.00	7,057.22	0.00	0.00	0.00							
19						Total 91200 · Highway Grants	10,000.00	10,651.79	10,000.00	7,057.22	53,120.00	52,744.10	0.00							
20						Total Income	328,507.33	390,837.47	301,778.31	328,298.91	302,647.45	322,964.52	294,150.22							
21																				
22						<b>Expense</b>														
23						21000 · HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES														
24						14274 · Hwy Fund Advertising	0.00	385.26	400.00	216.00	300.00	387.00	300.00							
25						21050 · Grader Loan Payment (Paid off in 2017)														
26						21055 · Grader Loan Interest	2,187.72	2,187.72	2,187.72	2,187.72	2,187.72	2,187.72	2,187.00							
27						21060 · Grader Loan Principal	21,874.59	21,874.59	21,874.59	21,874.59	21,874.59	21,874.59	21,874.00							
28						Total 21050 · Grader Loan Payment	24,062.31	24,062.31	24,062.31	24,062.31	24,062.31	24,062.31	24,061.00							
29						21100 · Road Crew Expenses														
30						21110 · Road Crew Wages	76,000.00	71,649.49	76,000.00	76,589.17	70,000.00	76,161.03	78,445.86							
31						21120 · Road Crew Temp Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,129.32	2,000.00							
32						21130 · Road Crew Social Security/Medicare	5,814.00	6,071.61	5,814.00	5,972.86	6,200.00	6,278.68	6,200.00							
33						21145 · Health Insurance - Hwy Fund	22,146.02	17,104.54	17,382.00	15,935.62	23,638.68	25,698.96	24,723.36							
34						21150 · Unemployment Insurance	0.00	436.00	0.00	526.00	360.00	327.00	360.00							
35						21180 · Road Crew Uniforms	2,500.00	4,517.07	2,500.00	4,851.48	5,772.50	1,380.69	2,000.00							
36						21190 · Road Crew Training	0.00	198.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	480.00	400.00							
37						Total 21100 · Road Crew Expenses	106,460.02	99,976.71	101,696.00	103,875.13	106,171.18	114,455.68	114,129.22							
38						22000 · Garage Expenses														
39						22010 · Garage Utilities														
40						22011 · Garage Electricity	1,500.00	1,261.26	1,500.00	1,231.30	1,500.00	997.20	1,500.00							
41						22012 · Garage Heating Fuel	4,000.00	3,359.40	4,000.00	3,330.68	3,200.00	1,448.65	3,200.00							
42						22013 · Garage Telephone & Internet	550.00	595.36	600.00	529.28	500.00	1,045.64	1,500.00							
43						22014 · Garage Water	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00							
44						22015 · Garage Portable Toilet	570.00	535.00	570.00	960.00	1,000.00	960.00	960.00							
45						Total 22010 · Garage Utilities	7,070.00	6,201.02	7,120.00	6,501.26	6,200.00	4,901.49	7,610.00							

**Highway Fund  
3 Year Comparison**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
1																				
2								<b>2014 Budget</b>		<b>2014 Actual</b>		<b>2015 Budget</b>		<b>2015 Actual</b>		<b>2016 Budget</b>		<b>2016 Actual</b>		<b>2017 Budget</b>
46						22020 · Repairs to Garage		500.00		0.00		500.00		7,056.29		500.00		1,023.05		500.00
47						22040 · Garage - Shop Supplies		2,000.00		3,030.40		4,000.00		3,651.20		4,000.00		2,841.19		3,000.00
48						22100 · Safety Equipment										0.00		1,708.93		3,000.00
49						22105 · Highway Liability Insurance		0.00		14,069.00		0.00		13,570.00		12,000.00		7,627.00		9,000.00
50						22110 · Misc Garage Expenses		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
51						<b>Total 22000 · Garage Expenses</b>		<b>9,570.00</b>		<b>23,300.42</b>		<b>11,620.00</b>		<b>30,778.75</b>		<b>16,500.00</b>		<b>18,101.66</b>		<b>23,110.00</b>
52						23000 · Equip Maintenance/Repair														
53						23100 · 04 International														
54						23110 · 04 International Maintenance		1,000.00		75.10		500.00		420.72		500.00		122.54		500.00
55						23120 · 04 International Repair		2,000.00		4,234.69		3,500.00		12,378.15		4,000.00		6,575.19		5,000.00
56						<b>Total 23100 · 04 International</b>		<b>3,000.00</b>		<b>4,309.79</b>		<b>4,000.00</b>		<b>12,798.87</b>		<b>4,500.00</b>		<b>6,697.73</b>		<b>5,500.00</b>
57						23200 · 09 International														
58						23210 · 09 International Maintenance		1,000.00		430.92		500.00		287.26		500.00		386.91		500.00
59						23220 · 09 International Repair		3,000.00		7,803.62		3,000.00		4,890.63		3,000.00		9,291.36		4,000.00
60						<b>Total 23200 · 09 International</b>		<b>4,000.00</b>		<b>8,234.54</b>		<b>3,500.00</b>		<b>5,177.89</b>		<b>3,500.00</b>		<b>9,678.27</b>		<b>4,500.00</b>
61						23300 · Grader														
62						23310 · Grader Maintenance		3,000.00		472.22		1,500.00		162.29		1,500.00		369.05		1,000.00
63						23320 · Grader Repair		2,500.00		19,344.64		8,000.00		7,747.44		4,000.00		4,617.86		4,000.00
64						<b>Total 23300 · Grader</b>		<b>5,500.00</b>		<b>19,816.86</b>		<b>9,500.00</b>		<b>7,909.73</b>		<b>5,500.00</b>		<b>4,986.91</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>
65						23400 · Loader														
66						23410 · Loader Maintenance		1,000.00		144.65		500.00		278.01		500.00		114.03		500.00
67						23420 · Loader Repair		3,500.00		195.00		3,500.00		1,284.60		1,500.00		1,404.46		1,500.00
68						<b>Total 23400 · Loader</b>		<b>4,500.00</b>		<b>339.65</b>		<b>4,000.00</b>		<b>1,562.61</b>		<b>2,000.00</b>		<b>1,518.49</b>		<b>2,000.00</b>
69						23580 · Chain Saws		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
70						23640 · Tools		250.00		1,396.88		500.00		452.26		500.00		266.69		200.00
71						23700 · Tires-- All Equipment														
72						23710 · Tire Chains-- All Equipment		6,000.00		4,416.42		6,000.00		6,186.25		5,000.00		4,109.20		4,000.00
73						23700 · Tires-- All Equipment		3,200.00		5,986.00		7,000.00		7,425.66		7,000.00		10,272.52		4,000.00
74						<b>Total 23700 · Tires-- All Equipment</b>		<b>9,200.00</b>		<b>10,402.42</b>		<b>13,000.00</b>		<b>13,611.91</b>		<b>12,000.00</b>		<b>14,381.72</b>		<b>8,000.00</b>
75						<b>Total 23000 · Equip Maintenance/Repair</b>		<b>26,450.00</b>		<b>44,500.14</b>		<b>34,500.00</b>		<b>41,513.27</b>		<b>28,000.00</b>		<b>37,529.81</b>		<b>25,200.00</b>

**Highway Fund  
3 Year Comparison**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	
							<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2015 Actual</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Actual</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>								
1																					
2							<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2015 Actual</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Actual</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>								
76	<b>24000 · Highway Materials</b>																				
77	24010 · Fabric						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								
78	24020 · Salt						4,200.00	2,558.30	4,500.00	2,300.79	4,500.00	2,703.25	2,000.00								
79	24030 · Chloride						20,000.00	11,660.14	20,000.00	18,890.76	20,000.00	18,893.28	20,000.00								
80	24040 · Gravel						32,500.00	32,500.00	10,000.00	546.00	24,000.00	18,244.00	14,000.00								
81	24050 · Staymat						2,500.00	2,473.02	0.00	573.75	12,000.00	1,173.00	0.00								
82	24060 · Stone						2,000.00	621.87	2,000.00	1,053.93	2,000.00	3,689.33	3,000.00								
83	24070 · Winter Sand						23,750.00	17,248.26	23,000.00	11,731.43	23,000.00	6,941.73	23,000.00								
84	24080 · Repaving Expenses						0.00	0.00	0.00	69.93	0.00	827.73	2,000.00								
85	24090 · Equipment Fuel																				
86	24092 · Gasoline						100.00	168.80	100.00	49.92	150.00	92.03	150.00								
87	24094 · Diesel						10,234.00	33,937.58	35,000.00	21,475.31	20,000.00	16,316.66	20,000.00								
88	24096 · Lube & Oil						1,900.00	1,418.73	1,500.00	1,723.85	2,000.00	1,173.38	2,000.00								
89	Total 24090 · Equipment Fuel						12,234.00	35,525.11	36,600.00	23,249.08	22,150.00	17,582.07	22,150.00								
90	Total 24000 · Highway Materials						97,184.00	102,586.70	96,100.00	58,415.67	107,650.00	70,054.39	86,150.00								
91	<b>25000 · Highway Infrastructure</b>																				
92	25010 · Culverts						2,500.00	3,359.00	2,500.00	2,263.71	3,000.00	2,078.59	3,000.00								
93	25040 · Road Signs						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,922.88	0.00								
94	25050 · Guardrails						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								
95	25060 · Class 4 Roads						0.00	4,112.75	0.00	2,506.00	5,000.00	1,692.08	5,000.00								
96	Total 25000 · Highway Infrastructure						2,500.00	7,471.75	2,500.00	4,769.71	8,000.00	17,693.55	8,000.00								
97	<b>26000 · Rented Equipment</b>																				
98	26010 · Mowing						2,000.00	1,800.00	5,000.00	3,900.00	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00								
99	26020 · West Wheelock Plowing - Chuck Hill						0.00	1,840.00	0.00	1,360.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00								
100	26030 · Greensboro Plowing						0.00	2,262.50	0.00	2,262.50	2,500.00	2,262.50	2,500.00								
101	26040 · Road Crew Mileage						0.00	441.87	0.00	1,790.58	1,500.00	1,676.16	1,500.00								
102	26050 · Rented Equipment - Other						0.00	8,595.46	0.00	1,265.00	0.00	4,722.50	4,500.00								
103	Total 26000 · Rented Equipment						2,000.00	14,939.83	5,000.00	10,578.08	10,200.00	10,361.16	14,700.00								
104	<b>27000 · Grant Projects</b>																				
105	27001 · Stannard Mtn Rd - BBR						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,036.94	0.00								
106	27002 · Fall Brook Rd Bridge - BBR						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,778.43	0.00								
107	27003 · Burroughs Rd - BBR						0.00	0.00	0.00	13,931.34	0.00	0.00	0.00								
108	27004 · Storm Damage - DPS						0.00	0.00	0.00	6,447.20	0.00	0.00	0.00								
109	Total 27000 · Grant Projects						0.00	0.00	0.00	20,378.54	0.00	56,815.37	0.00								
110	<b>28000 · Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted</b>						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								
111	Total 21000 · HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES						268,226.33	317,223.12	275,878.31	294,587.46	300,883.49	349,460.93	295,650.22								
112	Total Expense						268,226.33	317,223.12	275,878.31	294,587.46	300,883.49	349,460.93	295,650.22								

### Transfer Station 3 Year Comparison

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
							2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget							
1																				
2																				
3						<b>Income</b>														
4						70000 · Transfer Station Income														
5						70100 · Pay-per-throw Bags Sales														
6						70100 · Wheelock Clerk Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.00	5,717.00	6,000.00							
7						70200 · Sheffield Clerk Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,904.00	8,000.00								
8						70300 · Transfer Station Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	17,134.00	18,000.00							
9						Total 70100 · Pay-per-throw Bags Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,123.00	16,000.00	30,755.00	32,000.00							
10						70300 · Transfer Station Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.24	10.00							
11						70400 · Sheffield Reimbursement	30,000.00	17,073.03	15,000.00	49,024.79	17,000.00	12,000.00	0.00							
12						Total 70000 · Transfer Station Income	30,000.00	17,073.03	15,000.00	64,147.79	33,000.00	42,761.24	32,010.00							
13						<b>Total Income</b>					33,000.00	42,761.24	32,010.00							
14						<b>Expense</b>														
15						71000 · Transfer Station Expense														
16						71100 · Waste														
17						71110 · Casella														
18						71112 · Compactor (Tipping & Tonnage)					20,000.00	18,500.40	20,000.00							
19						71114 · Open Top/Construction/Bulky					5,000.00	8,834.49	10,000.00							
20						Total 71110 · Casella						25,000.00	27,334.89	30,000.00						
21						71120 · NEKWMD Surcharge			Seperately											
22						71122 · Compost				Budgeted	0.00	1,006.70	1,100.00							
23						71124 · Construction & Debris					3,500.00	3,812.95	4,000.00							
24						71126 · Solid Waste (Compactor)					7,000.00	2,721.89	4,000.00							
25						71128 · Tires					0.00	12.00	0.00							
26						Total 71120 · NEKWMD Surcharge					10,500.00	7,553.54	9,100.00							
27						71200 · Pay-per-throw Bags -- Stock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,891.00	2,891.00							
28						Total 71100 · Waste	60,000.00	53,971.63	55,000.00	48,480.93	35,500.00	37,779.43	41,991.00							
29																				
30						71300 · Transfer Station Utilities														
31						71310 · Transfer Station Electricity	1,000.00	1,034.68	1,200.00	1,264.19	1,400.00	851.35	1,000.00							
32						71312 · Transfer Station Street Lights	0.00	116.56	0.00	175.17	175.00	175.98	200.00							
33						71320 · Transfer Station Heating Fuel	600.00	1,477.73	800.00	1,359.11	1,200.00	414.46	600.00							
34						71330 · Transfer Station Telephone	0.00	600.43	0.00	386.83	500.00	471.97	500.00							
35						71340 · Transfer Station Porta Toilet	100.00	80.00	100.00	80.00	100.00	55.00	110.00							
36						Total 71300 · Transfer Station Utilities	1,700.00	3,309.40	2,100.00	3,265.30	3,375.00	1,968.76	2,410.00							
37						71400 · Transfer Station Supplies	200.00	236.75	200.00	248.01	200.00	499.54	500.00							
38						71500 · Transfer Station Repairs	0.00	1,392.73	0.00	287.74	500.00	64.61	200.00							
39						71600 · Transfer Station Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	17.28	45.00							
40						Total 71000 · Transfer Station Expense	61,900.00	58,910.51	57,300.00	52,281.98	39,620.00	40,329.62	45,146.00							
41						<b>Total Expense</b>	61,900.00	58,910.51	57,300.00	52,281.98	39,620.00	40,329.62	45,146.00							
42						<b>Net Income</b>	-61,900.00	-58,910.51	-57,300.00	-52,281.98	-6,620.00	2,431.62	-13,136.00							
43																				
44						Total Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,000.00	42,761.24	32,010.00							
45						Total Transfer Station Expense	-61,900.00	-58,910.51	-57,300.00	-52,281.98	-39,620.00	-40,329.62	-45,146.00							
46							-61,900.00	-58,910.51	-57,300.00	-52,281.98	-6,620.00	2,431.62	-13,136.00							
47																				
48						Total Appropriation														13,136.00
49						per town														6,568.00
50																				
51						Wheelock Payroll (from General Fund)					16,000.00	17,036.89	17,000.00							

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**Cemetery Commissioners Report**

Thank you to Donna Camber for serving a one-year term as a Cemetery Commissioner. A special thank you to fellow commissioner Mike Martin for donating his time and using his equipment to keep our cemeteries looking great. It has been an honor to serve the town of Wheelock again this year. This year, I marked out the sites for one interment and two headstones.

Sincerely,

Annie M. Croteau  
Town agent to convey real estate and  
cemetery commissioner

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	<u>2014 BUDGET</u>	<u>2014 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2015 BUDGET</u>	<u>2015 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2016 BUDGET</u>	<u>2016 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2017 BUDGET</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
Taxes	4,773.00	4,773.00	4,773.00	4,773.00	3,700.00	0.00	2,000.00
Endowments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Sale of Lots	0.00	785.00	0.00	538.00	0.00		
Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	25.00	
Interest	20.00	20.89	0.00	22.51	0.00	33.36	
Total	<u>4,793.00</u>	<u>5,578.89</u>	<u>4,773.00</u>	<u>5,411.00</u>	<u>3,700.00</u>	<u>58.36</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>							
Advertising						117.00	
Labor with own machinery	400.00	400.00		0.00		27.70	
Contracted Labor	3,800.00	2,950.98		2,995.00		755.00	
Supplies/Maintenance/Flags	50.00	240.48		0.00		39.00	
Cleaning & Repairing Stones	500.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Equipment & Misc	0.00	110.48		46.09		25.00	
Fencing Project	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Town Share SocSec	23.00	18.38		22.96		2.30	
Total	<u>4,773.00</u>	<u>3,720.32</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>3,064.05</u>	<u>3,700.00</u>	<u>966.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Checkbook Balance on hand		7,346.50		7,391.09		6,445.20	
CD Endowment		7,584.50		7,584.50		7,584.50	
CD Survey		847.46		849.65		852.54	
Lots Savings Account		8,071.90		8,092.89		8,114.94	

## KENISTON AND DANE EDUCATIONAL FUND

The Keniston and Dane Educational Fund was established by Marion K. Dane and Harry A. Keniston to benefit qualified college students as well as qualified endeavors of Miller's Run School.

### Annual Report Year 2016

	Basis	Market Value
<b>PRINCIPAL</b>		
Invested assets as of December 31, 2016	\$ 1,160,074.11	\$ 1,331,582.06
Cash balance as of December 31, 2016	3,206.37	3,206.37
Total Principal	\$1,163,280.48	\$1,334,788.43
<b>INCOME/RECEIPTS</b>		
Dividends and interest received during 2016 (gross)		\$ 39,752.81

**The following students received annual distributions from the Fund during 2016:**

**From Sheffield:** Nicholas F. Aiken, Erica S. Beer, Kira M. Cogger, Kaitlin N. Cushman, Taylor J. Cushman, Katherine H. Ham, Lydia M. Ham, Chantelle E. Mathewson, MacKenzie L. Moreau, Kyle J. Morin, Alyssa M. Sanville, Julie B. Thompson, Rebecca L. Thompson, Richard A. Trucott, Emma E. Tucker and Bryana M. Williams. **From Wheelock:** Sarah A. Camber, Ayan T. Cole, Christian DeKett, Jordan C. DeKett, Katrina M. DeKett, Rebekah J. Kadamus, Abagael M. Lasseigne, Autumn D. Lee, Noah N. Manning, Margaret R. Martin, Miranda J. Martin, Keith A. Norris, Devon J. Switser, Bryanna S. Trottier, Zachary J. Trottier, Angelina M. Zola and Emily M. Zola.

In addition, students in the eighth grade at **Miller's Run School** received matching funds during 2015.



**Sheffield – Wheelock Fire Department**

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(802)626-8862

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

To our supporters,

This past year has been an eventful one. As we're sure many of you know, we saw the resignation of long time member and former Fire Chief Marc Brown as well as his wife and former Treasurer Cindy Santaw-Brown. Without a doubt, all of you have seen their dedication to the towns and especially the Fire Department and we have much to show for it. Marc's countless hours of service and knowledge are evident in the skill and professionalism of the members of the department as well as the many equipment upgrades and awarded grants that would not have been possible without his drive and dedication. It goes without saying that we are where we are as a department because of his efforts. That being said let us reassure you that we are, as we always have been, fully dedicated to serving the towns of Sheffield and Wheelock by providing the quickest and most skilled, professional and appropriate responses possible.

In the coming year we hope to focus our efforts on more involved training as well as membership drives to try and bring new people into the department. Although we are happy to report that we have had a few familiar faces return to the department in recent months, membership is still (as it is with many departments) a major concern. Our equipment is up to date and functional however this year we saw a spike in maintenance cost particularly on the apparatus. This was mostly attributed to two major malfunctions on both of our pumpers, one (E-23) needing a charging system overhaul and the other (E-24) needing a motor rebuild. Fortunately both repairs were able to be completed within our budget limitations and did not require outside funding. In an effort to help avoid such incidents in the future we will be implementing a new vehicle maintenance program as well as performing more specific routine maintenance checks in house. This should also help keep us on track with our vehicle upgrade schedule and allow us to pay down a large portion of our debt before our next scheduled replacement. As we always have, we encourage everyone to consider volunteering in any capacity and hope to see a few new faces this year. We look forward to an exciting and productive 2017 and as always we appreciate your overwhelming continued support.

For 2017 we are proud to propose no increase to the Fire Department budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane Lanpher, Chief / President

SHEFFIELD-WHEELOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 2016

===== Checking account beginning balance January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 = \$58,511.00\*

DEPOSITS:

Town of Sheffield Appropriations	\$17,000.00
Town of Sheffield Truck Loan Fund	\$9,700.00
Town of Wheelock Appropriations	\$17,000.00
Town of Wheelock Truck Loan Fund	\$9,700.00
Sheffield Field Day	\$2,400.00
Donations and Fundraising	\$7,447.63
LEPC9 Receivership	\$4,000.00

**TOTAL DEPOSITS =** \$67,247.63

EXPENSES:

Workers Compensation	\$1,508.00
Dispatch	\$2,545.00
Insurance	\$4,536.00
Vehicle Maint. & Repairs	\$9,202.39
Equipment Repairs	\$2,059.62
Radio/Pager	\$3,488.04
Training	\$441.00
Personal Equipment	\$516.38
New Equipment	\$5,673.44
General	\$4,046.15
Capital Equipment	-----
Truck Loan Payments	\$22,024.08
LEPC9 Payouts	\$8,000.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES =** \$64,040.10

=====Checking account ending balance December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 = \$12,636.70\*\*

\*Includes \$5,111 in checking from 2015

\*\* Ending balance does not reflect \$4,228.15 in unprocessed 2016 payments made

**Savings Account** as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 = \$7,041.30

# WARNING

## NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE MARCH 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 to act on the following article.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$755,527?

Jane Lynn	Robert R. Rind
Theresa Givens	Robert Smith
<del>John</del>	Elizabeth O. Hubbard
Kiara Flanders	<del>John</del>
Claude G. Phipps	
Wade	
Jack Sunberg	
Steve Larney	
Mrs. Daigle	
Robert R. Rind	
David Gaudin	
<del>John</del>	
Deborah Hill-Lazen	
Heather Burt	
Gene LaBrie	
Jan Batters	

## Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2016 with a 2% decrease in recyclables processed compared to 2015. However, ten towns and eight schools reported increases in recycling. Recycling markets began the year on the low side, but rebounded during late summer and into the fall. Although commodity prices rebounded toward the end of the year, it was not enough to overcome the expenses incurred for equipment repairs in 2016. The District ended 2016 with a deficit of \$53,459. Revenues in 2016 were 5% below projections. While budgeted expenses were 2.4% above projections.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District in 2016. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) guided most of our activities in 2016 and will continue to do so for the next several years. 2017 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with Act 148. The NEKWMD will assist 11 Towns with establishing food scrap collection at their transfer stations before July 1, 2017.

The NEKWMD is entering 2017 with a proposed budget of \$755,527 – an increase of 5.3% compared to 2016, but only a 1.6% increase compared to 2015. The surcharge rate of \$23.25 will increase by \$1.00 for 2017 to \$24.25. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$25.07.

The NEKWMD was staffed by ten full-time and four part-time employees in 2016. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The nearly 50,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

***NEKWMD Executive Committee***

BUDGET ITEM	2016 BUDGET	2016 ACTUAL as of 12/31/16	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	\$600.00	\$447.13	\$600.00
Audit -- Financial	\$6,500.00	\$6,200.00	\$6,200.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$6,000.00	\$6,221.37	\$6,000.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Cleaning	\$1,900.00	\$1,960.00	\$2,100.00
Copier	\$1,800.00	\$1,765.40	\$1,900.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$2,700.00	\$2,695.00	\$3,000.00
Heating Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$484.08	\$1,000.00
Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$15,000.00	\$18,724.00	\$16,000.00
Planning	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Legal Fees	\$2,500.00	\$2,294.73	\$2,500.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,655.52	\$3,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,300.00	\$4,200.00	\$3,600.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,000.00	\$3,164.05	\$3,200.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,400.00	\$856.05	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$51,800.00</b>	<b>\$51,692.33</b>	<b>\$52,200.00</b>
Gross Wages	\$375,856.00	\$368,058.86	\$376,570.00
Overtime Wages-- Warehouse	\$7,000.00	\$2,169.61	\$5,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$23,737.00	\$22,954.45	\$23,347.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,552.00	\$5,368.44	\$5,460.00
State Unemployment Insurance	\$12,725.00	\$11,656.41	\$13,500.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$19,160.00	\$18,822.49	\$19,200.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$32,393.00	\$32,393.00	\$32,000.00
Mileage - Employee	\$6,300.00	\$5,320.84	\$7,000.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$5,000.00	\$4,830.36	\$5,000.00
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
Personnel Equipment	\$1,300.00	\$577.43	\$1,300.00
Training	\$1,200.00	\$1,548.75	\$1,500.00
Travel	\$100.00	\$24.25	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$490,823.00</b>	<b>\$473,974.89</b>	<b>\$490,477.00</b>
<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>			
Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$29.03	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$8,100.00	\$8,103.73	\$8,900.00
Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$4,358.89	\$1,500.00
Misc. Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,023.87	\$3,600.00
<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$14,600.00</b>	<b>\$15,515.52</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>

BUDGET ITEM	2016 BUDGET	2016 ACTUAL as of 12/31/16	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>			
Purchases	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Baler Repairs	\$6,000.00	\$4,072.90	\$5,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$7,038.96	\$8,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$2,483.82	\$2,900.00
Forklift Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$6,398.22	\$5,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$333.29	\$1,000.00
Skidsteer Fuel	\$900.00	\$540.43	\$600.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$1,750.00	\$6,928.15	\$3,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,043.05	\$1,500.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$21,000.00	\$17,983.19	\$18,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$12,000.00	\$36,071.66	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$58,650.00</b>	<b>\$83,893.67</b>	<b>\$55,500.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	\$2,500.00	\$1,294.88	\$2,000.00
Permits & Fees	\$400.00	\$250.00	\$450.00
Composting	\$15,000.00	\$18,123.00	\$18,500.00
Composter/Bin	\$7,000.00	\$1,680.48	\$4,000.00
Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$14,000.00	\$11,010.84	\$14,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$32,000.00	\$29,202.07	\$27,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,816.90	\$4,000.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$17,000.00	\$31,198.16	\$26,000.00
Special Collections	\$300.00	\$109.13	\$300.00
Supplies	\$600.00	\$553.89	\$600.00
Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$11,469.60	\$9,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$100,800.00</b>	<b>\$108,708.95</b>	<b>\$105,850.00</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$716,673.00</b>	<b>\$733,785.36</b>	<b>\$719,527.00</b>
<b>DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS</b>			
Interest			
Principal			
<b>TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION</b>			
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>			
Capital Improvement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$716,673.00</b>	<b>\$733,785.36</b>	<b>\$755,527.00</b>
Grants--St of VT	\$59,000.00	\$48,266.98	\$59,000.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$1,500.00	\$5,531.50	\$40,000.00
Hazardous Waste (CEG Fees)	\$1,000.00	\$7,228.53	\$2,000.00
Interest Income	\$50.00	\$12.55	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$7,594.08	\$500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,000.00	\$1,026.60	\$1,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$157,000.00	\$152,337.29	\$150,000.00
Compost Income	\$1,000.00	\$6,282.50	\$6,000.00
Electronics Income	\$10,473.00	\$19,814.42	\$21,352.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$9,000.00	\$4,577.10	\$4,000.00
Battery Income	\$4,000.00	\$3,520.50	\$3,500.00
Tire Income	\$12,000.00	\$11,202.95	\$8,000.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$460,000.00	\$412,840.85	\$460,000.00
<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$716,673.00</b>	<b>\$680,310.85</b>	<b>\$755,527.00</b>

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ANNUAL REPORT**

For 2016

We completed another audit for our office this past year and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years as we know the times are tough and we want people to feel that they can still afford our services. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. We have thirteen marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV, two golf carts, and two snowmobiles that we use for our snowmobile patrols. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has eighteen Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, in the county, but are unable to do that right now. I'm looking into a different location for the department's office because of the high rent the state wants to charge the county for our current location.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me at the office. My door is always open. I look forward to serving this county as the Sheriff. We have continued with our great relationship with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital and are helping them make certain that their patients and staff feel safe while in the hospital. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county. Doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints. Please check out our website listed at the top of this page, or our facebook page. Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Sheriff Dean Shatney

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 1, 2016

Moderator Peter Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Peter then read the warning, and, after hearing no objection to a suspension of the rules, introduced State Representatives Vicki Strong and Sam Young, who gave the town an update on actions in Montpelier.

Mr. Young spoke about changes in healthcare, including new programs for addiction, and funding for drugs to treat critical illnesses. He said that he favors legalizing marijuana, but wants to keep it away from children, and that he's involved in developing legislation allowing towns to opt out if they don't want it in their community.

Ms. Strong congratulated the town on its town hall preservation efforts, and offered to help the grant process. She spoke about the Judiciary Committee's pending legislation which would reduce fine amounts for people with multiple non-moving violation charges so that they can clear their records and be able to drive to a job. She also spoke about recent changes to Act 46, the School Governance bill, and the problems and frustrations towns are experiencing. Finally, she said that the committee wants to slow the progress of the marijuana law, because they want to try to determine the social effects the law would have if passed.

Steve Amos asked if progress had been made regarding local high-speed internet service. Mr. Young said that VTel and Fairpoint have received federal funds to apply to this effort, and that they are gradually spreading out service to more areas.

Regarding Act 46, Marc Brown urged the representatives to allow the town to retain local control. Both representatives said that the bill works better for large communities than small ones.

Camille Bisson asked about Democrat party super-delegates intending to vote contrary to the popular ballot results. Steve Amos, secretary of the state Democratic party, said that several state super-delegates have declared, but some haven't yet, and that there is an on-line petition at *moveon.org* for voters to sign urging delegates to represent the will of the voters.

Regarding the marijuana bill, Doug Reid asked how it would be supplied, and cautioned against subsidizing black-market sales. He also asked if pharmaceutical manufacturers would be held liable for providing opiates to the black market. Mr. Young said that legislators should not trump doctors' decisions, but that the issue should be examined. He also said that Washington's marijuana legalization taxes sales at 25%, raising the price above the black market price, and that Vermont should avoid the problem by lowering the sales tax.

Peter Miller gave the floor to school board Chair Jill 'Tune' Faulkner, so she could address school budget issues prior to the opening of the polls. She said there will be an informational meeting March 7, at 7 pm, at the school to discuss Act 46 ramifications. She said the board has met with other towns about merging, and that Lyndon Institute and St. Johnsbury Academy had worked to keep tuition cost increases low. She said this year's budget was slightly lower than last year, because less students were attending high school. Speaking about act 46, she said towns would have board representation based on population, favoring larger towns, but that balance could be achieved by bringing more small towns into the district. She said an advisory committee could be established to advise the single board representative. She welcomed new Millers Run School principal Patrick Ham, and said there would be a new superintendent. Carol Rossi spoke about the many positive changes at the school. There was discussion about the school budget. Tune said that some salaries are high, but the district has to offer competitive wages in order to get capable staff. She also spoke about the cost of roof repairs.

**Article 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.** Steve Amos nominated Peter Miller, seconded by Martin Holladay. Lorraine Poulin moved that the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Kim Crady-Smith; the motion carried.

Steve asked to speak before the election of town officers. He thanked Lorraine Poulin for serving as interim selectboard member after Jay Ramsey's resignation, and said that she was of major assistance in the creation of the budget. Steve then announced that, due to personal commitments, he would resign effective immediately.

**Article 2: To elect all Town and School Officers required by law.**

**Selectboard:** For the 3-year selectboard seat vacated by Jay Ramsey and Lorraine Poulin, Camille Bisson nominated Justin Pierce, and Gaylon Smith nominated Kenneth (Jim) Blackbird. As Jim was in absentia, Gaylon read into the record a statement from him, saying that he welcomed once again the opportunity to serve the town, and hoped to lower taxes and use funds more effectively. Justin spoke briefly, saying he has a lot of road work experience, is good with computers, and is easy to get along with. Dennis Sawyer made the motion that nominations cease, seconded by Eileen Boland; the motion carried. Justin Pierce was elected with 39 votes out of 67 cast; Jim Blackbird received 28 votes.

For the 2-year position vacated by Steve Amos, Kathy Schmidt nominated Jim Blackbird, and Sandra Magoon nominated Jason Digiulio. Jason spoke briefly, and said that he'd lived in town since 1997, and is a teacher at Lyndon Institute, served in the military, and has budgeting experience. Dennis Sawyer made the motion that nominations cease, seconded by Doug Reid; the motion carried. Jason Digiulio was elected with 44 out of 67 votes cast (one spoiled); Jim Blackbird received 22 votes. As Carol Rossi had previously mentioned a possible conflict of interest when selectboard members have relatives who are town employees, Doug Reid called the Secretary of State's office during the vote count, then told the voters that the office's J.P. Isabelle told him that there is no conflict of interest according to statute, and the town should establish a written policy. Doug called VLCT for their position, leaving a message requesting a call back. Dennis Sawyer thanked Steve Amos for his years of service.

**Lister:** For the 3-year position, Jill Faulkner nominated Carol Rossi, seconded by Kim Crady-Smith. Marc Brown made the motion that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Kim Crady-Smith; the motion carried.

For the open 2-year position, Carol Rossi nominated Vanessa Sequin, seconded by Marc Brown. Dennis Sawyer made the motion that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Kathy Schmidt; the motion carried.

**Auditor:** Kim Crady-Smith nominated Tiffany Rice, seconded by Dennis Sawyer. Carol Rossi made the motion that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Dennis Sawyer; the motion carried.

**Delinquent Tax Collector:** Kathy Schmidt nominated Carol Rossi, seconded by Donna Camber. Dennis Sawyer made the motion that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Steve Amos; the motion carried. Eileen Boland thanked Carol for her years of service.

**1<sup>st</sup> constable:** As there were no nominations from the floor, Lorraine Poulin made the motion to pass over the article, seconded by Kim Crady-Smith; the motion carried.

Doug Reid said that Sarah Jarvis from VLCT called back, and told him that the second selectboard vote for Jason Digiulio was invalid, as by statute a new board member cannot be elected upon a resignation at the same town meeting, since the ballot wasn't duly warned. Ms. Jarvis said that the remaining two members may make an appointment at a future board meeting. There was further discussion about remedies to the conflict of interest issue. Doug said that he would call VLCT during the noon break to get more details.

**2nd constable:** Carol Rossi nominated Atti Seguin, seconded by Dennis Sawyer. Martin Holladay moved that nominations cease, and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Kathy Schmidt; the motion carried.

**Grand Juror:** Dennis Sawyer nominated Martin Holladay, seconded by Steve Amos. Marc Brown moved that the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Dennis Sawyer; the motion carried.

**Town Agent to Convey Real Estate:** Marina Cole nominated Annie Croteau, seconded by Lorraine Poulin. Dennis Sawyer moved that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Steve Amos; the motion carried.

**Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend:** Lorraine Poulin nominated the select board, seconded by Kathy Schmidt. Jill Faulkner moved that the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Kim Crady-Smith; the motion carried.

**Cemetery Commissioner:** For the 3-year term, Carol Rossi nominated Annie Croteau, seconded by Kim Crady-Smith. Dennis Sawyer moved that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Steve Amos; the motion carried. For the 2-year term, Martin Holladay nominated Ayan Cole, seconded by Kathy Schmidt, but Ayan declined the nomination. For the 2-year term, Elizabeth St. Louis nominated Michael Martin, seconded by Dennis Sawyer. Marina Cole moved that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Kathy Schmidt; the motion carried. For the 1-year term, Kathy Schmidt nominated Donna Camber, seconded by Dennis Sawyer. Dennis Sawyer moved that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Kathy Schmidt; the motion carried.

**School Director:** Kathy Schmidt nominated Jill 'Tune' Faulkner, seconded by Martin Holladay. Dennis Sawyer moved that the nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Kim Crady-Smith; the motion carried.

**Article 3: Will the voters accept the report of the town officers?** Noah Manning moved in the affirmative, seconded by Kim Crady-Smith. Doug Reid said that he was aware of two errors due to his miscalculations in the town report:

- 1) that on page 32, in the column for Road Expenditures 2015 Actual Total Payroll Expenses, printed as \$145,393.02, the correct amount is \$83,913.75, which reduces the 2015 Actual Total Road Expenditures line on page 34 from \$365,452.68 to \$303,973.41.
- 2) that on page 25, the Road Equipment Report By Class Winter Maintenance total, printed as \$277,221.57, the correct amount is \$93,298.31; and Summer Maintenance Class 4, printed as \$8,553.45, the correct amount is \$10,036.81. Total Summer Maintenance, printed as \$180,130.73, is corrected to \$181,614.09.

Thus the corrected combined Road Equipment By Class total is \$274,912.40.

Carol Rossi spoke about the variance between the Delinquent Tax Collector's Report on page 21, and the General Fund Revenue Delinquent Taxes section on pages 26 to 27. She said that the differences in the total are because of tax sales, where she had to record dollar amounts for values, but did not require the town to write a check in those amounts. She said that she and Doug are working on a method to accurately record the tax sale process. She also said the new board would have to address issues with this property, behind the town hall, because of pollutants which may be in the ground.

Gaylon Smith asked why the 2016 Budget Health Insurance - Road Crew amount was so much higher than the 2015 actual amount. Doug Reid explained that, as Dennis Sawyer had retired from the road crew in September 2014, and Chuck Rice was without insurance because of the six-month probation period, the 2015 Actual line item was reduced accordingly. He said that when Chuck's probation period ended, Chuck elected to put his wife on the town insurance plan, as is provided for in written selectboard policy. Doug said that 2015 insurance rates were about \$605 per individual, which has risen in 2016 to about \$656, and that the combination of adding an individual unit and the rise in unit cost accounted for the difference. He also said that, in lieu of a raise in town clerk salary offered by the selectboard, he had asked that his wife's Medicare supplemental, at about \$1884/year, be added to the town insurance cost, as it was less than the offered amount for a raise.

Regarding the General Fund line item Taxes to be Raised on page 26, in the amount of \$92,459.90, Doug said that the amount reflects the selectboard's decision to include \$31,350 for a town hall renovation planning grant, also addressed in Article 8. He said there should be a separate line item for the grant amount, but that he mistakenly omitted it when creating the report. He said Carol Rossi had suggested the inclusion during budget planning, as a way to give the voters the option to include the grant cost in the General Fund budget, which would negate the need to borrow the amount as put forward in Article 8. If the grant amount is voter-approved in the budget, Article 8 would be passed over. If the grant amount is not included in the budget, the Taxes to be Raised line item would be reduced to \$61,109.90.

Many voters expressed frustration at the number of errors in the town report, and that they felt hampered by the confusion of multiple corrections, so that they were unsure what amounts they would be voting for. Martin Holladay proposed the amendment that 'we the voters accept the report of the town officers with the following corrections: namely, that the Road Equipment Report By Class, page 25, include the corrections of \$93,298.31 for Winter maintenance, \$10,036.81 for Class 4 summer maintenance, the total of \$181,614.09 for all Summer maintenance, making the total winter & summer maintenance \$274,912.40; further that the Taxes to be Raised for the General Fund 2016 budget, page 26, be corrected to \$61,109.90; and that the Road Fund 2015 Actual Total Payroll Expenses, page 32, be corrected to \$83,913.75,' seconded by Jason Digiulio.

Jack Smith asked what work was done under Class 4 winter maintenance. Dennis Sawyer said that the work involved culvert replacement on Kenniston Hill Road.

The motion to amend as above carried, as did the original motion, with amendments, to accept the report of the town officers. Kim Crady-Smith, speaking for the auditors, apologized for not finding the errors. She said that they are new to the process, and that, with ongoing training and more experience, they hope to do a better job this year.

Adjourned for the noon meal at 12:13, reconvened at 1:00.

**Article 4: To see how much money the Town will appropriate for the General Fund to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the ensuing year.** Martin Holladay made the motion to raise \$61,109.90, seconded by Marc Brown. In response to a question from Carol Rossi, Doug Reid said that the 2016 budget mistakenly included amounts for separately warned appropriation articles. Several people again expressed confusion about what amount they would be voting on. Martin Holladay said that the separately warned articles, totaling \$68,569, when removed from the General Fund budget of \$61,109.90, result in a surplus amount, and no taxes would need to be raised. Doug Reid said that the \$99,057.48 cash on hand in the General Fund at the close of 2015 included \$72,764.55 appropriated for the Road Fund. He said that, because of the language of the Road Fund appropriation at the 2015 town Meeting, the latter amount did not need to be transferred to roads, remaining in the General Fund, and was used to reduce the 2016 General Fund budget.

Carol Rossi, speaking as town hall renovation coordinator, said that the town received a block planning grant for \$30,000 for ADA accessibility compliance, and the town has to raise matching funds. She said the grant doesn't address structural, lead paint, or electrical issues, but only universal accessibility requirements, and that the town would be bid-ready in 2016. She said the hall could have an interior LULA lift, or put a lift in a small addition on the building. She hoped the selectboard would contract with NVDA to administer grants, as NVDA have the expertise required. She said she'd been able to reduce the town's matching share for the grant to \$20,000. Carol said that estimated expenses for construction might be as high as \$250,000, which doesn't include timber framing, a new furnace, or other structural issues, and she's seeking other grants for those costs.

Marc Brown said that the state Fire Marshall had seen the town hall structural assessments, and wanted the town to contract with a structural engineer to determine if the building is safe for public use. Carol said that she'd applied for structural historic renovation grants, but the application was placed on the alternate list. Marc said the town could request an emergency grant from USDA, but it would only cover a third of the cost. Carol and Marc said the roof project might run over \$100,000.

Camille Bisson asked why efforts were being made on town hall needs, but not on the town garage. After discussion, Steve Amos said that at the July meeting, voters had approved action on the town hall, but not the garage.

After lengthy discussion and more confusion, Martin Holladay moved to amend the motion for the General Fund appropriation to \$81,109.90, which would include the \$20,000 for the town hall planning grant (allowing Article 8 to be passed over), seconded by Marc Brown; the motion carried. The original motion as amended carried.

**Article 5: To see how much money the Town will appropriate for the maintenance of its highways, including summer roads, winter roads, and State Aid resurfacing.** Martin Holladay moved to raise \$232,711.45, seconded by Steve Amos. During discussion with more errors being discovered, there was a motion to call the question. Peter Miller explained that a vote in support of that motion would be to support raising the full amount of the original motion; the motion failed. Martin moved to amend the amount to \$196,613.49, seconded by Kim Crady-Smith. Doug said that, of the total Road Grant revenue, the Stannard Mountain Road grant had

yet to be received, and, as the work hadn't been done yet, should have been a line item in expenditures. Martin said that the other amounts in Road Grants Revenue should be included as revenue, though the treasurer and the board did not include them in revenue. Therefore, Martin made the motion to amend the amendment to raise up to \$179,061.00, seconded by Barb McCarty. The amendments were voted on and carried, and the original motion, as amended, also passed.

**Article 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the \$45,280.16 already in the reserve fund under the control and direction of the Selectboard for bridge repair, replacement and/or major road repair?** Steve Amos moved in the affirmative, seconded by Noah Manning; the motion carried.

**Article 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the \$40,132.59 already in the Road Equipment Replacement Fund under the control and direction of the selectboard?** Steve Amos made the motion in the affirmative, seconded by Noah Manning; the motion carried, with one nay.

**Article 8: Shall the voters authorize the selectboard to borrow up to \$31,350.00 for the town's share of the expenses related to the planning and permitting of renovations to the Wheelock Town Hall?** Carol Rossi made the motion to pass over, Marc Brown seconded; the motion carried.

**Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$15,871.00 for the operating expenses of Lyndon Rescue, Inc?** Noah Manning moved in the affirmative, Dennis Sawyer seconded; the motion carried.

**Article 10: Shall the Town of Wheelock raise \$17,000.00 for the operating expenses of the Sheffield-Wheelock Fire Department?** Lorraine Poulin Moved in the affirmative, seconded by Noah Manning; the motion carried.

**Article 11: Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$9,700 to the Sheffield-Wheelock Fire Department for fire trucks and/or major equipment replacement fund?** Noah Manning moved in the affirmative, Dennis Sawyer seconded; the motion carried.

**Article 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock vote that taxpayers pay real estate taxes to the Treasurer on or before the first Monday of November annually with U.S. Postal Service postmarks accepted and with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent (1%) per month and with a seven percent (7%) penalty charged against them from the due date?** Steve Amos moved in the affirmative, Kathy Schmidt seconded; the motion carried.

**Article 13: Shall the voters authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?**

Noah Manning moved in the affirmative, seconded by Steve Amos; the motion carried.

**Article 14: To see if the voters will direct the Listers to set the real estate in the Grand List for Town purposes.** Tune Faulkner moved in the affirmative, seconded by Kim Crady-Smith; the motion carried.

**Article 15: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$716,673.00?\***

Kim Crady-Smith made the motion to pass over, as this is an Australian ballot article, seconded by Dennis Sawyer; so moved.

**Article 16: Shall the Town raise \$5,998.00 to support the following organizations?**

1) Area Agency on Aging	\$300.00
2) The Boot Fund	\$50.00
3) Caledonia Home Health	\$300.00
4) Cobleigh Public Library	\$600.00
5) Darling Inn Senior Meal Site	\$250.00
6) Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium	\$811.00
7) Green Up Vermont	\$50.00
8) H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everyday)	\$500.00
9) Kingdom Animal Shelter	\$250.00
10) Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$852.00
11) Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	\$100.00
12) Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$250.00
13) Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$250.00
14) Rural Community Transportation	\$300.00
15) Umbrella	\$600.00
16) Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$85.00
17) American Red Cross	\$250.00
18) VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
19) Vermont Symphony Orchestra	\$100.00

Noah Manning moved in the affirmative, seconded by Cindy Santaw-Brown; the motion carried, with one nay.

**Article 17: To transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting.**

Doug Reid spoke about the February 16 meetings which he and the selectboard had with representatives from Dartmouth College. The meetings were held by Skype on the internet, as that day's ice storm prevented travel to Hanover. Doug said the the campus Advancement Office offered to stand with the town in support at meetings with granting organizations, political offices, or philanthropists, but that they don't have access to the Alumni Society for donations. He said there was also a conference call with college President Philip Hanlon, who spoke about enlisting aid from heads of academic departments to get student help with engineering, design, and construction for the town hall and garage. Doug said Dr. Hanlon understood the town's financial needs, and is trying to find philanthropic routes to assist the town. On the same day, the town received a call from student Peter Gipps, who spoke about fraternity members coming to Wheelock as volunteers to do landscaping, cemetery repair, and the like. Steve Amos spoke about the Advancement Office's willingness to help guide the town when meeting with the VT Community Foundation, which pools philanthropic funds to direct toward needs.

Tune Faulkner asked if Miller's Run School is a designated emergency shelter. Marc Brown said that the school is considered a 'summer shelter', as it doesn't have a generator. He said the town hall is considered a 'warming shelter' (because of the generator) but not designated to be used as an overnight shelter-- but that designation has been removed pending the results of the upcoming structural assessment. He said there are such shelters in Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury, and the Burke School is considered a 'county shelter.' He said that there is a phone system in place which towns can use in an emergency to coordinate with media and service communications. He said 211 can be called in emergencies to meet critical needs.

Carol Rossi urged the incoming selectboard to address several critical issues, including road equipment, the acquisition of property through tax sale, the needs of the town hall and garage, the Clean Water Act, and the National Flood insurance Program & River Corridors.

There was discussion about the property behind the town hall, and the possible pollutants in the ground. The tax sale due date is in August. Carol suggested legal counseling to find out what options the town has. Donna Camber made the motion to pass over, seconded by Noah Manning, the motion carried.

**Article 18: To adjourn**

Donna Camber made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dennis Sawyer; the meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Doug Reid, Town Clerk

Attest:

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Peter Miller, Moderator

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Dennis Sawyer, Selectboard chair

## **Special Informational Meeting for Town Hall Renovation & New Garage Ballots**

November 1, 2016

The meeting convened at 7 pm, attended by approximately thirty people.

### **Article I:**

Town Hall Renovation Project Coordinator Carol Rossi gave a presentation about the town hall renovation project, followed by questions and discussion from the attendees. The following material is from that presentation.

The article was drafted in accordance with VSA Title 24, Chapter 53. Whenever a municipality considers indebtedness for a period of more than five years, it must be voted by Australian ballot. Though the word 'bond' is used, it is in the context of the town's bond, or promise, and not to describe a financial instrument, which might be a commercial note through a bank, or a bond raised through the Vermont Bond Bank.

The town hall renovation project is divided into two parts hereafter referred to as 'Phase I' and 'Phase II.'

Phase I includes structural repair to the roof system and cupola system and necessary electrical rewiring. The town would borrow \$150,000 by commercial note or bond to pay for Phase I. If the town votes in favor of Article I, the Preservation Trust of Vermont and the Freeman Foundation have guaranteed \$50,000 in grants, and the town is eligible to receive up to \$20,000 from the state Historic Preservation fund. The grants are in the form of reimbursements, which would reduce the total Phase I indebtedness by those amounts.

Phase II includes bringing the town hall into conformity with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by providing a restroom on the main floor, and a LULA lift to access the basement offices. These would be accomplished via a small addition on the back of the building. Phase II would also provide a basement level entrance, and possible reconfiguration of the basement to enhance office space and the kitchen, dining, and meeting areas.

The town has issued three grant applications this fall. The grant applications require positive evidence from the community in support of a bond vote for minimum matching funds from the town. Though the article states the amount of \$300,000, the town would not need to borrow that amount, only to make the commitment to borrow. Currently the town has in process a planning grant, an architectural grant, and a USDA Community Building grant.

According to the engineer and timber framers who installed the temporary shoring posts system in June 2016, around 1910 or 1920 the roof system was dismantled in order to install a lowered ceiling. The three trusses spanning the width of the building were cut out, the king posts supporting them removed, and new beams were pegged under the cut truss butt ends, four feet from the plate. The engineers and timber framers said there was evidence of an original plaster ceiling, which failed, and the person or persons doing the work were in their opinion unskilled. Nonetheless, the building is still standing, with dimensions in plumb, and the engineer, Janet Kane, is giving a presentation on the town hall at an upcoming national engineers' symposium.

The roof rebuilding project would be designed by Janet Kane, and would involve complete replacement of the truss beams back to the original design, and reinstalling the king posts, perlins, and crossties. One of the timber framers has a design for installing the king posts without putting upward pressure on the existing standing seam roof. The structure beneath the cupola will be rebuilt, the beadboard ceiling will be renovated, and the new insulation installed.

St. Johnsbury Academy has committed to providing a portion of the electrical work, possibly including exit lighting and exterior lighting, through their Building Trades program. UL-certified electricians must do

other electrical work.

The total estimated cost, calculated in 2015, for Phase I is \$123,900, though prices have gone up.

Carol Rossi, Steve Amos, Eileen Boland, Lorraine Poulin, Ann Lawless, Kathy Schmidt, Becky Martin, Brian Plust, and Rachel Lindstrom are members of the Town Hall Renovation committee established by the selectboard.

### **Discussion:**

In response to a question, Doug Reid said that he was informed by the Secretary of State's office that votes on both Australian ballots had to be cast on election day, and could not be voted by absentee ballot.

John Wolf said that a new town hall building could be built for less than the \$300,000 requested in Article I, and that taxes are already high.

Barb McCarty asked about on-site storage of the town's historic vault records, and whether they would be transferred to the state archives in Waterbury. Carol said that she had aggressively culled old records deemed obsolete and ready for destruction according to statute (old financials, correspondence, etc.), resulting in the removal of four filing cabinets from the vault, and leaving ample space for land records, historic documents, and other records which must be kept in perpetuity. Carol said the town now has enough space for the next 20 years, and that other towns are using fireproof cabinets rather than building new vaults, as they are less expensive.

Kathy Schmidt said the town hall represents the historic aspect of the town, and the center of the community. Carol said that, if the article doesn't pass on Election Day, it would be re-presented for discussion and vote at town meeting.

In response to a question, Carol said that the Phase I estimates are based on information for VT Preservation Trust in 2015. She said that, if the article passes, a professional cost estimate update would be designed.

Carol discussed tax cost by property value. She said that, if the town borrows \$80,000 (after grants) for ten years, taxes for a property valued at 150,000 would go up about \$23.25 per year, and on a \$200,000 property about \$31.00 a year. She said the 2016 budget passed at Town Meeting included a line item for \$30,000 for town hall renovation, and the annual note payment would be approximately \$9,500 per year. Carol reiterated that it is not necessary to borrow the full \$300,000 named in Article I.

### **Article II:**

Selectmen Justin Pierce and Dennis Sawyer gave a presentation on the article for the new town garage. The following material is from that presentation.

The current garage is inadequate in a number of areas, including no running water or restroom, and no ability to expand the structure at the current location. The selectboard board was recently approached by Mike Burrington with an offer to sell the town the Burrington Log Yard on Route 122 to use as the town garage. He offered the property for sale in the amount of \$220,000, including 29 acres. Also, there is available a 10-acre lot above the shop offered at \$40,000. There has been local discussion that there might be gravel on site, but to date test pits have not found any usable gravel. If the town does not buy the property, it will be commercially listed at \$300,000.

The log yard is located in the flood plain and has flooded a few times. The Army Corps of Engineers may approve a future application to build a protective berm, 6 feet high by 20 feet wide, but the Corps would not make the decision until the town acquires the property. Flood insurance will be available after the town's adoption of the National Flood Insurance Program regulations. As the town would not borrow by mortgage, flood insurance would not be required.

If the town purchases the property, there would also be an agreement to allow Mr. Burrington to lease the existing garage for \$1.00 a year for five years to store his equipment. If the town denies the lease, the offer will be withdrawn.

If the town borrowed \$250,000 for ten years, the annual payment would be about \$28,934; for fifteen years, \$20,941; and for 30 years, \$17,590. Interest rates would range from 2.75% to 3.5%, according to term.

The Burrington building has ample space, and all the town equipment could be housed there. The floor has been raised fourteen inches, and has radiant heat fueled by a waste-oil furnace. Also, gravel and other material could be stored on site.

**Discussion:**

There was discussion about whether both articles could be amended to the amounts discussed at this meeting. Statute requires that the articles cannot be changed after the warning has been posted.

Doug Reid suggested that the excess acreage could be sold to recoup costs, and that, in the event that the town office remain at town hall, the Burrington office space could be rented out to another business.

Hurricane Irene flooded the garage to a depth of 23 inches. The garage has flooded once since then, to 14 inches. Several people spoke in favor of the town purchasing flood insurance, after NFIP adoption, if the property is purchased.

Steve Amos asked what impact the purchase by the town would have on the Grand List, in terms of lost tax revenue; that data was unavailable for this meeting.

If the article passes, the town would take possession of the property within 60 days.

There were concerns that a berm might worsen flooding downriver.

There was discussion about the wording of the article, and whether it implied that the town could buy any piece of property with improvements to use as a town garage.

Jack Smith said that the Sheffield/Wheelock Fire Department owns one of the bays in the existing garage. This may impact the lease for equipment space.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_ Doug Reid, Town Clerk

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**POSTED LAND IN WHEELOCK**

Jason DiGiulio	1180 Vertical Mile Road	10.5 acres
Sahane Grayson	2335 Peak Road	19 acres
Phillip Hurley	324 Minister Hill Road	11 acres
Patrick Jarvis	649 Leroux Road	10.1 acres
Nelson Pendleton	934 Bean Pond Road	74 acres
Piperville Hunt Club /Peter Piper Timber	Piperville Road	2800 acres 1400 acres (two lots)
Norma Twombly	978 Bean Pond Road	51 acres
Pauline White	793 Bean Pond Road	29.2 acres

\* Pursuant to the provision of 10 VSA Section 5201, land postings must be registered annually. You may register at the Town Clerk's office.

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**DEATHS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>PARENTS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>
Wilma Doris Dodge	Leonard Mitchell Dorothy Davis	April
Dana Elizabeth Fontaine	Dexter Woodman Marylou Murphy	June
Verla Ruth Hudson	Frederick Gould Berry Enid Mae Jackman	December
Luke Arthur Patenaude	Karen Lee Bump Reid Arthur Patenaude	July

**BIRTHS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>PARENTS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>
Ivy Skylar Leach	Christopher Joseph Leach Tiffany Sandra Rice	May

**MARRIAGES**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>PARENTS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	
Michelle L. Desroches David N. Walker	Gilles Desroches Gary Walker	Deborah Lantagne Melissa Sweeney	August
Katherine Lyn Hebert Michael Aaron Martin	Robert Leo Potter Daniel Roy Martin	Melissa Aikins Potter Rebecca Sue Richardson Martin	October
Grace Christine Yates Jeffrey Roy Green	Warren Frank Yates Roy Louis Green	Lori Kay Rauh Susan Jane Lex	November