



MILLER FARM CELEBRATES 100 YEARS 1916-2016



2016 TOWN REPORT

VERNON , VERMONT

VERNON TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE, 30 2016

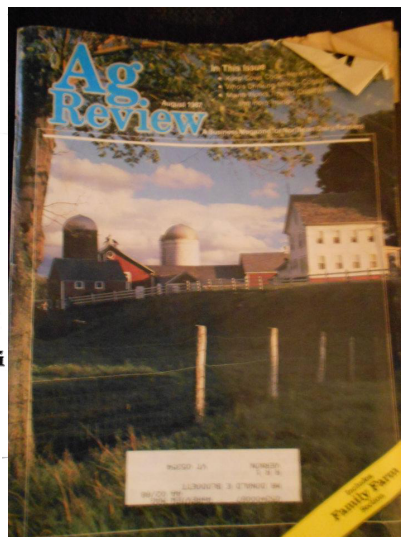


COLD BROOK STABLES ON WEST ROAD IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY PETER AND CHERYL BROWN. IT SITS ON THE LAND OF THE BROWN FARM THAT WAS IN OPERATION AS A DAIRY FARM FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF BROWNS FROM JOSIAH TO LORENZO TO ALEX TO JAMES AND PETER.



THE WILLIAMS FARM ON GOVERNOR HUNT RD WAS OWNED BY JOHN WRIGHT WHO FARMED FROM 1896-1932. HE SOLD TO ADA & WARREN SHINE WHO FARMED FROM 1932-1938 AND CALLED IT THE SHINE FARM. THE SHINES SOLD TO KARL SWEET WHO FARMED FROM 1938 UNTIL 1945 AND NAMED THE PROPERTY SWEET BRIAR FARM AFTER HIMSELF AND HIS DOG, BRIAR. THE WILLIAMS JOINED THE NAMES AND IT BECAME SWEETBRIAR FARM.

THE BLODGETT FARM 1905-2017
ROYAL & HARRIET PURCHASED 80 ACRES
FROM 1916 - 1979 ADDED MORE LAND &
FARM BUILDINGS BORDERING RTE 142 &
STEBBINS RD. IN 1998 AND 2007
ADDITIONAL LAND WAS PURCHASED BRINGING
THE FARM TO ABOUT 450 ACRES



ROYAL BLODGETT BEGAN FARMING 1905
HAROLD AND EARL TOOK OVER 1961
DONALD TOOK OVER 1980
ROSS AND AMANDA, DONALD'S CHILDREN,
OPERATE THE FARM WITH HIM.
THEIR HERD NUMBERS 400 WITH
160 MILKERS

News Commentator Paul Harvey delivered a speech in 1978 that represents the essence of the farmer. Here are just two excerpts from that speech.

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer.

"Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'" So God made a farmer.

This year's Town Report is dedicated to the farmers in our community. There is not space enough in this book to chronical the history of the farms or the men and women who bought the land, built the farms, raised their families and contributed so much to this town.

Farms foster community. Every family member had their chores to do but farms also helped each other as the need arose. In years past there were many farms in Vernon that ranged from family farms to those that had sizable herds. Sadly, these small family farms have disappeared for a variety of reasons. Today, there are only four farms whose present owners are at least the fourth generation to have worked the land. Jeff Dunklee is the fifth generation in his family as is Peter Brown. Art and Peter Miller are fourth generation as are Amanda and Ross Blodgett. THAT IS A PROUD HERITAGE!

It has been said that some of the best farmland in the state runs the length of the Connecticut River from northern Vermont south through Windham County. This is called river bottom land. We are fortunate to have several hundreds of agricultural land that has been protected from development by our own Farmland Protection Committee as well as other organizations whose goal is to preserve our beautiful pastoral landscape.

ANNUAL REPORT – VERNON, VERMONT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

JUNE 30, 2016

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO TOWN

MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

Photos courtesy Amanda Blodgett, Paul Miller, Jeff Dunklee, Sandra Morrison, , Vernon Historians

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VERNON TOWN OFFICE HOURS*

TOWN CLERK

Monday through Thursday 7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
and by appointment

TOWN TREASURER

Monday through Thursday 6:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

LIBRARY

Mon. & Thurs. 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
& 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Wed 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Friday Closed
Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

*Subject to Change

POLICE	254-6962
FIRE	254-2425
TOWN OFFICES	257-0292
VERNON ELEMENTARY	254-5373
VERNON FREE LIBRARY	257-0150
TOWN GARAGE	254-9428
RECREATION AREA	254-9251
HEALTH OFFICER	254-4485
FIRE WARDEN	254-2279
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	254-6962

REGULAR MEETINGS*

BRATTLEBORO UNION HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

First and Third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD

Second and Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

SELECTBOARD

First and Third Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Second Monday of each month at Noon-Potluck

(Business Meeting)

Fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 P.M.

(Blood Pressure and Birthday Social)

VERNON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION (WRC)

Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (WSWMD)

Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

FIRE EXPLORERS POST MEETING

Each Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

FIREFIGHTERS – REGULAR MEETING

Each Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

*Subject to Change

TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN OFFICERS 2016-2017

TOWN MODERATOR
Timothy Arsenault.....2017

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR
Timothy Arsenault.....2017

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
Timothy Arsenault.....2019

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
Cindy Turnley.....2017

SELECTPERSON – (3 Year Term)
Christiane Howe2017
Josh Unruh.....2018
Sandra Harris.....2019

SELECTPERSON – (2 Year Term)
Emily Vergobbe2017
Stephen Skibniowsky2018

LISTERS
Jeremiah Sund2017
William Hammond2018
Carol Hammond (Ch)2019

1st CONSTABLE
Peter Crossmon.....2017

2nd CONSTABLE
Scott D. Lane.....2017

TOWN AGENT
Nancy Howe.....2017

GRAND JUROR
Nancy Howe.....2017

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR
Marylynn Scherlin2017

SCHOOL DIRECTORS – (3 Year Term)
Deborah Hebert2017
Michael Hebert (Ch).....2018
Walter Breau.....2019

SCHOOL DIRECTORS – (2 Year Term)
Kerry Amidon.....2017
Sandy Morrison2018

UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR – (3 Year Term)
Michael Collier.....2018
(The above voted by Australian Ballot)

WINDHAM-5 DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
Michael Hebert

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Janis Pereira, Ch.....2018
Ruth Kibby2017
Bronna Zlochiver.....2018
Kathy Korb2019

MARSH FUND COMMITTEE
James Brown Barbara Moseley

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE
Peter & Angela Miller
The above voted at Town Meeting

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
Susan Arsenault Timothy Arsenault Tom Rappaport
Sandra Harris Deborah Hebert Mike Hebert
Christiane Howe Patricia O'Donnell Annette Roydon
Lynda Starorypinski

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
Susan Arsenault Timothy Arsenault Michael Hebert
Deborah Hebert Christine Howe Patricia O'Donnell
Annette Roydon Lynda Starorypinski Tom Rappaport
Sandra Harris Stephen Skibniowsky Emily Vergobbe Josh Unruh

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER APPOINTMENTS

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
Aina Lindquist

ASSISTANT TREASURER
Kathy Walker

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY SELECTBOARD

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Michelle Pong

CEMETERY COMMITTEE
Marylynn Scherlin (Ch) Sandra B. Harris
Janet Rasmussen Melissa Ferris
Barbara Moseley Dean Spaulding

SENIOR SOMUTIONS (formerly Council On Aging)
Marylynn Scherlin

DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM
CONTACT PERSON.....Roland D. Walker, Jr.

E-911 CONTACT PERSON Timothy Arsenault
..... David Walker

ELDERLY ASSISTANCE BOARD
Marylynn Scherlin (Ch)..... Sharon Richardson
Linda Shippee..... Sandra Harris
Janet Rasmussen..... Cindy Turnley, Clerk
Kevin Turnley

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director.....David Emery

FARMLAND PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEEArthur Miller, Ch Skip Baldwin Jeff Hardy
Madeline Arms Eileen Hardy**FENCE VIEWERS**

Annette Roydon Michael Ball Tom Rappaport

CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEELynda Starorypinski, Ch Tom Rappaport
Rita Mudd Joyce Goodnow

GREEN UP DAY CO-ORDINATOR.....Emily Vergobbe

HEALTH OFFICERMark Snow
Annette Roydon.....Deputy
Heather Frost.....Deputy**INSPECTOR OF WOOD,**

SHINGLES AND LUMBER.....Annette Roydon Rory Underwood

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.....Brattleboro Reformer

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONRobert Spencer, Ch Jeffrey Dunklee
Janet Rasmussen Martin Langeveld
Brett Morrison Patricia O'Donnell Madeline Arms

POUND KEEPER Windham County Humane Society

RECREATION DIRECTOR.....Seth Deyo

Assistant Director Ian Deyo

RECREATION BOARDEmily Vergobbe Martha Missale
Steven Bird Melissa Ferris Josh Unruh

TOWN PICNIC.....Josh Unruh

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Heather Frost, Ch Peg Frost Robert Spencer

RESCUE INC. in Town Representative Gregory Stoughton

ROAD COMMISSIONER Roland D. Walker, Jr.

SECRETARY TO SELECTBOARD.....Michelle Millerick

TOWN ATTORNEY.....Salmon & Nostrand

TOWN FOREST – SUPERVISOR Seth Deyo

ASSISTANT..... Ian Deyo

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER..... Marylynn Scherlin

TREE WARDENRoland D. Walker, Jr.

TOWN BUS DRIVERS.....Reita Lashway & George Lagro

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.....Josh Unruh

WEIGHER OF COAL Annette Roydon

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE DIST REP. Timothy Franklin

Alternate..... Emily Vergobbe

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

Timothy Arsenault

VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTERChief.....Todd Capen
Asst. Chief.....Michael Pratt
CaptainJohn Wheeldon Jr
Lieutenant.....Tiffany Capen
Chaplain.....Bruce Burks
Lieutenant.....Keith Franklin
Safety Officer.....Jesse Jobin**EMS Providers**

Pam Amato Jon Hall Vickie Hall Mike Ball

Firefighters & EMSTodd Capen Tiffany Capen Matt Cwikowski Michael Pratt
John Wheeldon, Jr. Alanna Bellville Keith Franklin Tyler Harrison**Firefighters**Jesse Jobin Robert Miller Travis Franklin Jason Willette
Chris Kempf Ray Bellville Matt Vose Josh Griffus**Support Personnel**George Pond Faith Jobin Mindy Hemingway
Tina Franklin Lester Whitaker**Explorers**

Tyler Pratt Andrew Fournier Tyler Harrison

FIRE WARDEN.....JJ Wheelden

Assistant.....Jesse Jobin

SENIORSPresident.....Betty Chamberlin
Vice-President.....Diane Clarkson**Recording & Corresponding Secretaries:**Kathleen Harrison & Sallie May
TreasurerNancy Durborow
Co-TreasurerCarol Moore

TOWN PROPERTY INVENTORY

BUILDINGS AND LAND

- Town Office Building
- Gazebo
- North School
- South School
- Fire Station
- Recreation Area
- Garages & Salt Shed
- J. Maynard Miller Forest
- Cemeteries
- Miscellaneous Land Parcels

TOWN OFFICES

- Computers & Printers
- Umax Scanner
- Photocopiers
- Safes
- Office Equipment & Furnishings
- Sound System
- Custodial Equipment

LIBRARY

- Computers
- Printer, copier/fax machine
- Equipment & Furnishings
- Books, DVDs, audios, etc.

RECREATION

- Area Equipment
- Pool Equipment
- Tools & Equipment
- Games & Activity Equipment
- Mowers
- Office Equipment & Furnishings

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- 2010 Diesel Int'l Dump Truck w/ Tenco Dump Body, plow & wing
- 2013 Diesel Int'l Dump Truck w/ Tenco Dump body, plow & wing
- 2008 Case 580 Super M& Series III Backhoe
- 2004 International 7600 Dump Truck, MG Dump Body, Frink Plow w/ Henderson Wing
- 2003 Ford One Ton Truck, Dump Body w/ Plow and Torwell Sander
- 1988 Caterpillar Grader with Plow & Wing
- 1997 Case Loader Model 621B
- 2015 John Deere 6501D with Tiger Bengal Mid mount mower 60"
- 1994 Morbark Chipper
- 1991 Sweepster Model P84
- Radios
- HTC Shoulder Machine
- Dell Computer & Printer
- Miscellaneous Garage, Office & Highway Equipment

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 2000 Custom KME Pumper Truck—Engine 3
- 2015 Ford F-350 Rescue Vehicle 1
- 1994 Freightliner Pumper/Tanker—Tanker 1
- 2015 E-One Pumper Truck—Engine 1
- 1974 Ford Brush Truck—Brush 1
- Bauer Breathing Air Fill Station
- 1 Base Radio
- 10 Mobile Radios
- 26 Portable Radios
- 3 Desktop Computers
- 2 Laptop Computers
- Atmospheric Monitoring Equipment
- Thermal Imaging Camera
- 20 Scott Air Packs and 40 Cylinders
- 6 Automatic External Defibrillators
- 20 Sets of Turnout gear
- Fog machine
- Life Pac 12, Charger, 2 Batteries
- 8 AEDs 1000

VERNON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Stationary Communications Equipment
- Winco Generator (siren)
- Portable Radios
- Siren & Signal Box
- Office Equipment & Furnishings
- Dell Computer; Canon Fax; HP Jet Printer

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

- 1998 Chevrolet Pickup Truck
- 2008 Ford E350 Goshen Coach Van

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Montpelier, VT 05601
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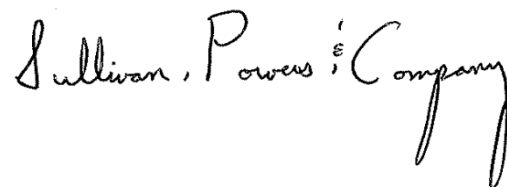
Fred Duplessis, CPA
Richard J. Brigham, CPA
Chad A. Hewitt, CPA
Wendy C. Gilwee, CPA
VT Lic. #92-000180

January 3, 2017

Selectboard
Town of Vernon, Vermont
567 Governor Hunt Road
Vernon, VT 05354

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

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower right area of the page.

TOWN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS REAPPRAISAL FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	180,453.46
ADD:		
Interest	\$	261.50
Net Investment Gains		618.99
State of Vt. Listers Training		8,787.50
March 2015 Town Meeting		
Appropriation		<u>20,000.00</u>
		29,667.99
DEDUCT:		
Net Investment Losses	\$	91.79
Training Expense		<u> </u>
		(91.79)
BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$	210,029.66

The Fund is invested with Peoples United Bank.

TOWN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	55,493.29
ADD:		
Interest	\$	39.54
Net Investment Gains		
(Realized & Unrealized)		<u>449.67</u>
		489.21
DEDUCT:		
Net Investment Losses		66.68
Unemployment payments		<u>1,476.63</u>
		(1,543.31)
BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$	54,439.19

The Fund is invested with Peoples United Bank.

J. MAYNARD MILLER FOREST FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	178,762.11
ADD:		
Interest	35.32	
Investment Gain		<u>4,113.08</u>
		4,148.40
DEDUCT		
Investment Loss	609.92	<u>(609.92)</u>
BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$	182,300.59

The Fund is invested with Peoples United Bank

FARMLAND PROTECTION FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	390,195.96
ADD:		
Interest	83.61	
Investment Gain		<u>9,661.23</u>
		9,744.84
DEDUCT:		
Investment Loss	1,432.63	<u>(1,432.63)</u>
BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$	398,508.17*

*Of this amount, \$2,720.57 is left to be used for expenses of the Farmland Protection Advisory Committee, as voted at Town Meeting on March 6, 1984.

The Fund is invested with Peoples United Bank.

DOG FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	20,951.05
ADD:		
Interest	31.87	
Licenses	\$ 3,791.00	
Impound Fees		<u>50.00</u>
		3,872.87
DEDUCT:		
Tags & Supplies	\$	207.04
Wind. Cty. Humane Society		650.00
State of VT – Licenses Fees		<u>1,872.00</u>
		(2,729.04)
BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$	22,094.88

DOG Licenses: All dogs six months old or older should be licensed annually by the Town Clerk on or before April 1st.

The Fund is invested with Peoples United Bank.

TOWN CLERK RESTORATION RESERVE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	18,313.34
ADD:		
Interest	27.73	
Town Clerk Remittance		<u>5,262.00</u>
		5,5289.73
DEDUCT:		
Records restoration	\$	<u>7,799.68</u>
		(7,799.68)
BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$	15,803.39

This reserve fund is to be used only for the purpose of record preservation.

This Fund is invested with Peoples United Bank.

TOWN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015 \$ 135,216.16

ADD:

Interest	\$	143.45	
Net Investment Gains		1,004.73	
March 2015 Town Mtg App.		50,000.00	
St of VT: Litigation Exp. A/R		<u>13,256.79</u>	
			64,404.97

DEDUCT:

George Sansoucy:			
TransCanada; Transco,	\$	21,940.00	
Salmon & Nostrand		6,682.50	
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella		3,543.19	
FY14-15 Accounts Payable		11,027.50	
Net Investment Losses		<u>148.99</u>	
			(43,342.18)

BALANCE June 30, 2016 \$ 156,278.95

At Town Meeting, March 1, 1999, this fund was established by Article 11 with the remaining monies from the Act 60 Legal Services appropriation that had been raised under Article 2 in May, 1997.

The purpose of the Professional Services Fund is to represent the Town of Vernon's position on issues relating to utilities.

The Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015 \$ 98,593.70

ADD:

Interest	\$	1.13	
Net Investment Gains		<u>2,791.95</u>	
			2,793.08

DEDUCT:

Rescue Subscriptions	\$	50.00	
Net Investment Losses		<u>414.01</u>	
			(464.01)

BALANCE June 30, 2016 \$ 100,922.77

At Town Meeting, March 2004, Article 20 voted to change the policy for Rescue Inc. reimbursements so that the Town not pay for the first service but rather encourage households to purchase subscriptions every year and for the Town to pay for subscriptions out of this Fund for households that cannot afford the cost of the subscription.

The Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

VERNON ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015 \$ 20,895.00

ADD:

Interest	\$	16.35	
Donation		12.00	
2015 Appropriation		<u>20,000.00</u>	
			20,028.35

DEDUCT:

Assistance to Residents	\$	3,791.68	
Brattleboro Senior Meals		<u>500.00</u>	
			(4,291.68)

BALANCE June 30, 2016 \$ 36,631.67

TOWN OF VERNON—JAMES CUSICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015 \$78,349.68

ADD:

Interest	\$	23.41	
Net Investment Gains		1,926.76	
Mar. 2015 Town Meeting			
Appropriation		<u>40,000.00</u>	
			41,950.17

DEDUCT:

2015/2016 Scholarships	\$	(39,999.95)	
Net Investment Losses		<u>(285.56)</u>	
			(40,285.51)

BALANCE June 30, 2016 \$80,014.34

At Town Meeting, February 28, 2011, it was voted by Article 20 that the following restriction be placed upon this Fund:

No more than \$40,000.00 shall be disbursed in any year and after five (5) years the Selectboard shall review the disbursement guidelines, as well as the appropriation disbursement levels.

Applications and guidelines are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

JAMES CUSICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOWN OF VERNON REQUIREMENTS

The James Cusick Scholarship Fund was originally established by the 1977 Vernon Town Meeting as the Vernon Higher Education Fund, designed to help residents afford the cost of college. In 1990, after the death of Vernon resident and former Windham Southeast Superintendent James Cusick, the fund was renamed.

This year 31 Vernon residents applied and will be supported through the fund. The Scholarship Committee is made up of Vernon School Board Chair Michael Hebert, Vernon School Principal Dana Gordon-Macey and Select Board Chair Christiane Howe. The fund's current guidelines are attached.

TIMOTHY ARSENAULT
Committee Clerk

JAMES CUSICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOWN OF VERNON REQUIREMENTS

Updated August 25, 2015

1. An application shall be submitted to the Selectboard Chairperson or the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 P.M. or the close of normal business hours on July 1st each year.

2. Any Vernon resident as determined by V.S.A. 16: 1075 may apply for a scholarship for assistance for up to a total of four years, each year the resident may reapply. The purpose of the scholarship fund is for the resident to further their education or training upon receipt of a high school diploma or an equivalent as determined by the Vermont Department of Education. The resident shall become eligible for the scholarship upon receipt of the application by the Selectboard Chairperson or the Town Clerk within six years of the date of graduation. A resident becomes ineligible at the end of the sixth year from when his/her high school diploma or equivalent certificate was awarded.

3. Applicant must have been eligible to attend the Vernon Elementary School system for a minimum of five academic years as a resident immediately prior to receipt of the high school diploma or the equivalent.

4. Each full-time resident recipient shall receive \$1,000.00 (or the amount voted) for two semesters at an institution of higher learning, a certified training center, or a vocational school. If the amount of the appropriation is not sufficient, it shall be divided equally among the students elected.

5. For less than a full-time post-secondary status, a pro-rata reduction in the amount of the scholarship will be made, but in no case will a less than 50% status for an academic year, as determined by the school, be eligible for the scholarship.

6. The student is responsible to provide verification to the Town Clerk by February 15 that they have completed the first semester and are enrolled for the second semester. Acceptable forms of verification are:

- Verification form provided by the Town Clerk
- Student grade report
- Tuition bill
- Letter of enrollment
- Any other official document form from the school that satisfies the enrollment verification

7. Checks will be issued each year during the last two weeks of February, payable to the Vernon resident and mailed to the student's home address unless otherwise stipulated.

8. Any scholarship recipient, whose status changes during or before the academic year, is fully responsible for notifying the Town Clerk of the change. Any scholarship recipient, who receives an award for which they are ineligible due to said status change, residency, or other requirements outlined above, will be responsible for reimbursing the town within ninety days.

9. The Selection Committee is the Chairperson of the Vernon School Board, Chairperson of the Vernon Selectboard, and the Principal of the Vernon Elementary School. All decisions of the Committee shall be by majority vote. The Selection Committee will review applications no later than July 15th. Students will be notified within five days of the Committee's decision.

Any request for reconsideration must be made in writing within ten calendar days following the initial decision. The request must be made by the resident and must cite the specific details needing to be reconsidered. Any reconsideration of the Committee's decision must be made by a majority vote of the Committee and the decision of the Committee is final.

Application forms are available at the Vernon Town Clerk's Office.

At the 2000 Annual Town Meeting on March 6, 2000, a restriction was placed upon the Scholarship Fund as follows: no more than \$30,000.00 shall be disbursed in any year and after (5) five years the Selectboard shall review the disbursement requirements as well as the appropriation disbursement levels. (Article 13)

At the 2010 Annual Town Meeting on March 1, 2010, revisions of the Requirements adopted by the Selectboard on January 18, 2010 were ratified. (Article 15)

At the 2011 Annual Town Meeting on February 28, 2011, a restriction was placed upon the Scholarship Fund as follows: no more than \$40,000.00 shall be disbursed in any year and after (5) five years the Selectboard shall review the disbursement requirements as well as the appropriation disbursement levels. (Article 20)

At the 2014 Annual Town Meeting on March 4, 2014, revisions were made to the Scholarship Requirements. The deadline for verifications was changed to February 15th each year (requirement #6) and the checks will be issued the last two weeks of February each year (requirement #7) (Article 19)

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

EMERGENCY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	1,776,941.59
ADD:		
Interest	\$	20.08
Net Investment Gains		<u>50,355.23</u>
		50,375.31
DEDUCT:		
Net Investment Losses		<u>7,467.03</u>
		(7,467.03)
BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$	1,819,849.87

At Town Meeting, March 6, 2000, Article 31 voted to establish an Emergency Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of providing perpetual funds for unanticipated and emergency Capital replacements or repairs and to help defray the cost of the annual appropriation of the Capital Plan.

The Selectboard shall be authorized to make expenditures from this fund by majority vote for items of \$10,000.00 or more in value.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

VERNON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	138,184.60
ADD:		
Interest	\$	15.01
Pay As You Throw Income		80,545.90
Net Investment Gains		<u>2,474.51</u>
		83,035.42
DEDUCT:		
Wind. Solid Waste Mgmt		
District Assessment	\$	30,483.00
Supplies		12,419.78
Rebate on Bag Sales		400.00
Refuse Collection		80,677.20
Tipping Fee		28,614.20
Net Investment Losses		<u>440.04</u>
		(153,034.22)
BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$	67,455.80

This Fund was established in March 1987, for the purpose of funding a future study, operation, purchase or development of a landfill dump or other means of solid waste disposal.

At Town Meeting, March 7, 1989, Article 36 voted that expenditures of less than \$10,000.00 may be authorized by the Selectboard; greater expenditures will require town meeting approval.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank

TOWN ROAD UPGRADING FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	391,759.05
ADD:		
Interest	\$	597.81
Net Investment Gains		3,026.59
State Aid to Highways		58,459.19
Town Meeting		
Appropriation		<u>150,000.00</u>
		212,083.59
DEDUCT:		
Culverts	\$	85,153.00
Sak Road Maintenance		24,634.23
Net Investment Losses		<u>448.80</u>
		(110,236.03)
BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$	493,606.61

At Town Meeting, March 7, 1989, Article 38 voted that all restrictions be removed and replaced with the following restrictions: This Fund will be used solely for the necessary surveys, land acquisitions and construction costs required for widening or upgrading existing town roads. Disbursement from this fund shall only be authorized by the Selectboard.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

TOWN PARKING LOTS MAINTENANCE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	62,353.19
ADD:		
Interest	\$	62.08
Investment Gain		<u>11.16</u>
		73.24
DEDUCT:		
Investment Losses		<u>1.65</u>
		(1.65)
BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$	62,424.78

At Town Meeting in March, 2011, Article 26 voted to establish a Town parking Lots Maintenance Fund for maintenance of Town owned parking lots.

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank

BALANCE July 1, 2015	\$	1,059,294.55
ADD:		
Interest	\$	496.08
Net Investment Gains (Realized & Unrealized)		21,875.07
Capital Sales: Hwy Mower		3,500.00
Ford Cruiser		18,000.00
From General Fund		200,000.00
March 2015 Appropriation		<u>220,001.58</u>
		463,872.73

DEDUCT:		
HWY Mower	93,525.00	
To General Fund		
Cash Flow	100,000.00	
Net Investment Losses	<u>3,243.79</u>	
		(196,768.79)

BALANCE June 30, 2016	\$ 1,326,398.49
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At Town Meeting, March 6, 1990, Article 35 voted to establish a Vernon Capital Fund for the purpose of providing funding for the items authorized in the Vernon Capital Plan.

The Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

POLICY ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE VERNON CAPITAL PLAN

1. Definitions:

Capital Plan

The list of all capital additions or replacements of a value greater than or equal to \$10,000, **required** for the continued maintenance of town services. It is essential that the Capital Plan include only ‘need’ items not ‘want or nice to have’ items. All items in the plan shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Select board and approved by the Town at the annual Town Meeting. No capital purchase of \$10,000 or more (unless an unforeseeable emergency) will be made, unless it is processed through the Capital Plan. It is essential that aggressive and thorough planning and review by the sponsoring department be made on the recommendation for items to be included in the plan. The Capital Plan cannot be allowed to become a wish list for last minute major purchases. It is expected that at a minimum, the year prior to a planned purchase a detailed bid specification will be developed by the requesting department, considering the best long-term interest of the town. The plan is reviewed and updated every year and shall look at a minimum of five (5) years in the future. Only items included in the approved plan can be funded by the Capital Fund. Items in the Plan will have a planned need date and an expected cost in the need year. The addition of items to the Capital Plan shall be accomplished through the Capital planning guideline.

Capital Fund

A pooled fund established to provide the necessary resources to pay for items authorized in the Capital Plan. Annual appropriations will be made to the fund based on the previously issued and approved Capital planning guidelines. The money appropriated for any particular item shall be retained in the fund until that item is either

cancelled or purchased. All unused money for any particular item shall be retained in the pooled fund and classified as excess funds for use on other items or to reduce the amount of money needed to be raised for future appropriations. Any money raised from the resale of capital Plan items shall be returned to the Capital Fund as excess funds. Once an item has satisfied a bid specification and has been paid for from the Capital Fund, no further expenditures can be made from this fund for accessories or enhancements to the purchased item. Last minute additions are indicative of poor planning and anticipation and should be funded by the sponsor agency's operating budget, when funds are available for such discretionary expenses.

Excess Funds

Resources available in the Capital Fund after all planned purchases for that year have been completed. In order to provide protection for some unanticipated increases in the cost of a Plan item, funding for items will try to be as conservative as possible. Because of this it is anticipated that actual purchase cost of items will be lower than the projected cost appropriated for in the fund. These unused funds along with interest and dividends earned, returns from resale of capital items, and cancellation of items from the Capital Plan partially funded in prior years, will constitute excess funds in the Capital Fund. For management purposes a small amount of excess funds will intentionally be left in the Capital Fund every year to allow for unexpected cost overruns of authorized items. All other excess funds will be applied to help defray the amount of money needed to be raised every year to fund the necessary annual appropriation.

2. Establishing the Plan:

Every year, the Finance Committee will review with the various town departments, the expected needs for that department for the foreseeable future. Any previously existing item in the plan will also be reviewed to assure that the need still exists, and that the details of the item description are still what the department needs. The Finance Committee will then make an assessment on the appropriateness of the need request and vote to either include, delete, or modify the item requested to be added to the Capital Plan. For all items identified to be included in the plan, the committee will establish the required funding, including annual appropriations necessary to assure that the resources are available in the Capital Fund when the item is required to be purchased. The completed Capital Plan will be presented to the Select Board at one of their regularly scheduled meetings for review and acceptance. Prior to the Annual Town Meeting a public hearing will be warned and held to present and explain the Capital Plan to the interested townspeople. Formal approval of the plan will be made by warned article to the Annual Town Meeting.

Prior to January 15 of every year, the Finance Committee shall provide the following reports for inclusion in the Town Report:

The Capital Plan Summary, which is a brief summary of all items proposed for inclusion in the Capital Plan with the need year and projected total cost identified.

The Capital Plan Funding Projections, which is a minimum five (5) year projection of the annual allocations necessary to fund the items approved in the Capital Plan. These projections will utilize the planning guidelines as the basis for balancing allocations and cost distribution.

The Capital Fund Status, which is a detailed year end accounting of all Capital Fund appropriations and expenditures, with Finance committee assessments of which funds are excess, and a

recommendation for the use of these excess funds to help defray expenses for the following year's appropriation.

3. Making purchases from the Plan:

For all plan items, the requesting department will prepare a detailed bid specification for presentation to the Select Board. At the Select Board's discretion, a member of the Finance Committee may be requested to be present at the board meeting where reviews of Capital Plan purchase specifications are conducted. This Finance Committee member will provide confirmation to the board that the item requested is consistent with the item described in the approved Capital Plan. Once all bids are received for the item to be purchased, the Selectboard will make the choice that best fits the town's needs. The targeted cost for each Capital Plan item was established conservatively high, so adequate funds should be available to cover the cost of the item. If the best price received still exceeds the targeted cost included in the Capital Fund for the item, and the item is as described in the Capital Plan, then the use of excess funds may be applied to the purchase of the item. Mid year determination of the availability of excess funds can be made by consultation with the town treasurer and members of the Finance Committee. If sufficient excess funds are not currently available, then the purchase will have to be delayed until later in the year when additional excess funds are made available, or deferred to the following year. Deferral of purchases to the following year will allow for additional appropriations to be made for the item. If the item's purchase cannot be deferred to later in the year or the following year, then the Select Board may allow the purchase to made creating a shortfall in the Capital Fund. This shortfall will then be restored by increasing the money to be raised in the following year.

4. Capital Planning guidelines:

a. All capital expenditures must be submitted for inclusion in the Capital Plan in advance of the need based on the projected future cost and the following minimum schedule:

Projected cost	Years in Advance of Need
\$10,000-\$20,000	2
\$20,001-\$30,000	3
\$30,001-\$40,000	4
\$40,001-\$55,000	5
\$55,001-\$75,000	6
\$75,001-\$95,000	7
\$95,001-\$115,000	8
\$115,001-\$150,000	10
\$150,001 -	15

Exceptions to this schedule will be considered for unusual circumstances on a case by case basis.

b. All equipment replacement need dates will be based on projected end of useful life. The requesting department will be responsible to establish quantifiable measures to determine when end of useful life is achieved (i.e. annual repair cost, out of service time, mileage, operating house, etc.). The Finance Committee and the Department will mutually agree on the acceptability of the proposed end of useful life indicators. Irrespective of when an item on the Capital Plan is projected to be purchased (need date), it will not be authorized for purchase until the actual end of useful life.

c. Funding for all approved Capital items will be pro-rated from the need date based on a minimum schedule consistent with that identified in paragraph 4a, above.

5. Sale of items being replaced:

As stated in paragraph 4a, items being replaced under the Capital Plan have been determined to be at the end of useful life and thus serve no purpose or benefit for the Town and should be sold as soon as possible. It is preferable to trade these in toward the purchase of the new item. If the Selectboard and Finance Committee determine that it will benefit the Town to sell outright rather than trade, then it should be done as follows: The Department Head will put such items out to bid with Selectboard approval within 30 days. The sale will be completed within 60 days and funds received through this sale will be put in the Capital Plan Fund as excess funds as stated in Paragraph 1 under Excess Funds.

2015-2016 CAPITAL FUND STATUS

Item	Need Year	Previous Balance	FY15/16 Appropriation	Total Available	FY 16 Expenditures less Income	Fund Balance	Used to Offset FY17 Approp	Excess Funds
Town Van	2022/2023		12,500.00	12,500.00		12,500.00		
Town Office Tractor (lawn and snow)	2012/2013	16,900.00		16,900.00		16,900.00		
Engine #1 (1985 Ford Replace)	2015/2016			-				
Brush #1	2017/2018	34,767.00	10,077.00	44,844.00		44,844.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2004)	2016/2017	157,702.00	14,649.00	172,351.00		172,351.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2009)	2021/2022	137,189.00	16,115.00	153,304.00		153,304.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2012)	2024/2025	93,330.00	18,666.00	111,996.00		111,996.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2016)	2028/2029	43,466.00	21,733.00	65,199.00		65,199.00		
Front End Loader (1997 Replace)	2017/2018	158,873.00	16,642.00	175,515.00		175,515.00		
3/4 Ton Pick-up Truck (1998)	2012/2013	35,000.00		35,000.00		35,000.00		
Two Ton Dump Truck (2003)	2015/2016	72,190.00	12,810.00	85,000.00		85,000.00		
Tractor & Rotary Mower	2017/2018	42,856.00	67,858.00	110,714.00	(93,525.00)	17,189.00		17,189.00
Town Garage Roof	2021/2022							
Records Restoration	2011/2012	10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00		
Tanker #1 Replace	2024/2025	150,000.00	30,000.00	180,000.00		180,000.00		
Engine #3 Replace (2000 KME)	2031/2032							
Rescue #1 Replace (95 Intl)	2025/2026	3,734.25		3,734.25				
Fire Station Roof	2021/2022							
Replace SCBA Bottles	2017/2018	27,500.00	5,500.00	33,000.00		33,000.00		
Replace SCBA Air Packs	2017/2018	56,250.00	11,250.00	67,500.00		67,500.00		
Used to offset FY16 Appropriation	2017/2018			-		-	\$ 26,600.00	496.08
Interest							783.44	3,500.00
Capital Sales: Highway Mower								
Subtotals		\$ 1,039,757.25	\$ 237,800.00	1,277,557.25	\$ (93,525.00)	\$ 1,180,298.00	\$ 27,383.44	\$ 21,185.08

2017/2018 VERNON CAPITAL PLAN FUNDING PROJECTIONS									
Need Year	Bal 6/30/16	FY 2016/2017	FY 2017/2018	FY 2018/2019	FY 2019/2020	FY 2020/2021	FY 2021/2022	FY 2022/2023	Projected Cost
<u>Town Transportation</u>									
Town Van (2008)	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$100,000
<u>Highway Department</u>									
Pick Up Truck 3/4 Ton (1998)	\$35,000	\$6,500	\$3,250	\$3,250					Buy one seat less&diesel
#5 Dump Truck Diesel (2004)	\$172,351	\$16,324	\$8,163	\$8,162					Pushed back one need yr
Dump Truck 2 Ton (2003)	\$85,000	\$6,500	\$3,250	\$3,250					Pushed back one need yr
Front End Loader (1997)	\$175,515	\$16,642	\$16,643						Pushed back one need yr
#6 Dump Truck Diesel (2009)	\$153,304	\$19,339	\$19,339	\$19,339	\$19,339	\$19,340			Needs repl.-costly to fix
#7 Dump Truck Diesel (2012)	\$111,996	\$17,965	\$17,965	\$17,965	\$17,965	\$17,965	\$17,965	\$17,965	\$250,000
Grader - refurbish (1987)									\$255,000
Back Hoe (2008)									Will review yearly
Town Garage Roof	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000			Will review yearly
Tractor&Rotary Mower(2015)									20 year life expected
<u>Fire Department</u>									
Brush 1 (1974 Ford)	\$44,844	\$4,031	\$4,031	\$4,031	\$4,031	\$4,032			\$65,000
Engine 1 (2015)									
Tanker 1 (1994 Freight)	\$180,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$450,000
Engine 3 (2000 model KME) (2002)									\$300,000
Fire Station Roof (1996)									Replace in 14 years
Fire Station Furnace (2014)									Renaud Brothers
Replace SCBA air packs	\$67,500		\$22,500	Anticipated VY donation of their equip-did not happen					\$90,000
Replace SCBA bottles	\$33,000		\$11,000	Anticipated VY donation of their equip-did not happen					\$44,000
<u>Town Office</u>									
Computers -Replacement	\$10,000		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500			\$20,000
Computer Server	\$5,000		\$5,000						\$10,000
Records Storage Room			\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000		\$10,000
Electronic Key System			\$5,000	\$5,000					\$10,000
<u>Recreation Department</u>									
Swimming Pool Refurbish									
Capital Building Expenditure									
Tennis Court Resurfacing	\$6,600		\$6,700	\$6,700					Replace in 1999
Lawn Tractor	\$5,750		\$5,750						\$11,500
<u>Library</u>									
Capital Renovations			\$5,000	\$5,000					\$10,000
Totals	\$1,071,010	\$175,151	\$198,591	\$137,697	\$106,335	\$106,337	\$62,465	\$2,295,300	
Interest and Gains:			\$496						
Returned/Excess Funds:									
				Future Repl Diesel Dump					
				TownHwy Mower					
				Town Office Tractor					
				Records Storage Room					
Grand Total To Be Appropriated:			\$82,580						

NOTE: Review yearly North School, Museum, Town Office Cap. Plan Repairs

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Trust Funds Trustees - Selectboard	TYLER	NORTH	SOUTH	ALEXANDER PERRY
June 30, 2016- Shares (held by Town and on Deposit)				
Mass. Investors Trust	3,669,165			55,000
George Putnam Fund	275,000			
American Mutual Fund		151,516		
Investment Co. of America		298,088	102,084	
Balance July 1, 2015				
Peoples' United Bank				
Original Deposit	\$ 2,815.11	\$ 1,747.15	\$ 222.16	\$ 239.78
Accumulated Income	<u>43,010.01</u>	<u>31,900.78</u>	<u>5,200.45</u>	<u>3,312.07</u>
	\$ 45,825.12	\$ 33,647.93	\$ 5,422.61	\$ 3,551.85
ADD: 2015 Receipts				
Dividends & Capital Gains	955.90	1,190.80	292.97	11.06
Bank Interest	2.75	1.28	1.73	1.78
Cemetery Lots Sold	4,250.00	1,650.00	300.00	
Investment Gains	1,198.71	903.50	62.81	
DEDUCT: Cemetery Expenses				
Replace Marker & Cornerstones	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Landscaping Services	\$ (640.00)	\$ (640.00)	\$ -	
Investment Losses	<u>\$ (177.75)</u>	<u>\$ (133.98)</u>	<u>\$ (9.31)</u>	
Total Expense	\$ (177.75)	\$ (773.98)	\$ (9.31)	\$ -
Balances June 30, 2016				
Original Deposit	\$ 2,815.11	\$ 1,747.15	\$ 222.16	\$ 239.78
Accumulated Income	49,239.62	34,872.38	5,848.65	3,324.91
Polly A. Lee Cemetery Lot				
Peoples' United Bank				
Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 125.00	Interest	\$ 242.94	
2015 Interest & Income		0.92	0.37	
Balance June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 125.00</u>	<u>\$ 478.65</u>	<u>\$ 243.31</u>	
Trustees	Treasurer		Selectboard	

**TOWN OF VERNON GRANGE #228
SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND**

This Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

**Besides dairy farming, agriculture may also include landscaping, forestry, green house, aquatic farming, fruit farming, etc.*

Application and resume must be received in writing by the Town Clerk's office on or before 4:00 p.m. on May 1st. Applications received after that date will not be eligible for consideration.

ALICE J. BROOKS FUND

Mrs. Alice J. Brooks left \$5,000 in 1941, for the relief of poor children and aged persons in the Town of Vernon. The Selectboard were instructed to invest this, and interest or income alone, could be used per the will.

Total Shares 1957-2016

Mass. Investors Trust	2,024,997	held on deposit
George Putnam Fund	896.858	held on deposit

People's United Bank

BALANCE July 1, 2015 \$ 18,421.36

ADD:

Interest	\$	6.35
Dividends		702.72
Investment Gain		<u>176.28</u>

885.35

DEDUCT:

Resident Assistance	\$	
Investment Loss		<u>26.14</u>

(26.14)

BALANCE June 30, 2016 \$ 19,280.57

Trustee—Selectboard

MARSH FUND

This fund was a result of a \$2,000 legacy to the Town of Vernon in the will of Mrs. Anna Marsh in 1835. The interest is to be appropriated annually for the "Preaching of the Gospel in said Town." Each year a committee is chosen at the Annual Meeting for disbursement of the fund.

Total Shares 1957-2016

238.096 held on deposit in American Mutual Fund.

People's United Bank

BALANCE July 1, 2015 \$ 963.03

ADD:

Interest	\$.47
Dividends		<u>526.91</u>

527.38

DEDUCT:

Advent Christian Church	\$	111.51
Seventh Day Adventist Church		111.51
Vernon Union Church		<u>111.51</u>

(334.53)

BALANCE June 30, 2016 \$ 1,155.88

Trustee—Selectboard

SCOTT & NOYES MEMORIAL FUND

The executor for the Mary A. Scott estate was directed by Probate Court, October 29, 1927, to pay \$10,513.18 to the Vernon Town Treasurer. This was to be held in trust and invested with income only to be used annually for preaching the Gospel and for the Advent Christian Home at South Vernon.

After a committee representing the beneficiaries met to investigate changes in disbursement, it was recommended in 1976, that the Trustee's judgment be used regarding disbursement in accordance with the will.

Total Shares 1957-2016

Mass Investors Trust	866.070	held on deposit
George Putnam Fund	424.000	held on deposit

People's United Bank

(base sum non-expendable-\$217.18)

BALANCE July 1, 2015 \$ 378.51

ADD:

Interest	\$.17
Dividends		<u>85.23</u>

85.40

DEDUCT:

Advent Christian Church, Inc.	\$	22.62
Advent Christian Homes, Inc.		22.62
Seventh Day Adventist Church		22.62
Vernon Union Church		<u>22.62</u>

(90.48)

BALANCE June 30, 2016 \$ 373.43

Trustee – Town Treasurer

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

2015-2016 Grand List			
Appraised Value - Town	\$	578,475,887.00	
1% of Grand List	\$	5,784,758.87	
2015-2016 Municipal Tax Rate		0.4059	
2015-2016 Local Agreement Tax Rate		0.0008	
Total Municipal Tax Rate		0.4067	
2015-2016 School Grand List			
(as determined by state)			
Homestead Education	\$	1,291,056.73	
Non-Residential Education		4,559,238.00	
2015-2016 School Tax Rates			
(as determined by state)			
Homestead Rate: 1.1618		1.5685	
Non Residential Rate: 1.0354		1.4421	
Taxes to be raised per Town Meeting March 2 & March 3, 2015			
School Budget Expenditures	\$	3,619,775.00	
State Spending Grant		0.00	
Total School Taxes to be Raised		\$	3,619,775.00
Homestead Education Raised		1,538,162.85	
Non-Residential Education Raised		1,992,221.70	
Grand Total School Taxes to be Raised		\$	3,530,384.55
Total Town Taxes to be Raised			
Municipal Grand List	\$	2,348,029.17	
Local Agreement		4,627.75	
Grand Total Town Taxes to be Raised		\$	2,352,656.92
Total Town and School Taxes to be Raised		\$	5,883,041.47
Late Filed HS-121			747.27
Enterger Vermont Yankee (per State of Vermont)			2,588,500.00
Lister's Error - Current Use			2,081.34
Total Taxes Billed		\$	8,474,370.08
Current Taxes Raised - 2-16-2016		\$	8,076,243.84
Total Delinquent Taxes Paid 15/16			67,053.73
Total Delinquent Taxes Owed 15/16			42,504.75
Tax Credits: School			291,643.12
Refund Overpayments FY 15/16			(3,931.27)
Refund State Payment FY 15/16			(110.46)
Abatement per BCA			
Forcier			284.86
McGaffigan			681.51
Total Taxes Accounted For		\$	8,474,370.08

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Outstanding Taxes July 1, 2015	\$ 63,807.38
ADD: 2015/2016 Delinquent Taxes	110,239.99
LESS: 2015/2016 Collections	(109,723.10)
Abatement: 2015/16	(681.51)
Total Delinquent June 30, 2016	\$ 63,642.76

	To Collector	July 15-June 16 Collections	Balance June 30, 2016
2015/16	110,239.99	67,735.24	42,504.75
2014/15	33,638.97	23,427.28	10,211.69
2013/14	18,151.32	12,700.85	5,450.47
2012/13	9,096.68	5,027.53	4,069.15
2011/12	<u>2,920.41</u>	<u>1,513.71</u>	<u>1,406.70</u>
\$	174,047.37	\$110,404.61	\$ 63,642.76

The following Delinquent Taxes are charged against the names below on the Tax Collector's books **as of June 30, 2016.** Several payments have been made since that fiscal year ending date.

Unless the Auditors are notified to the contrary, it will be assumed the tax amounts listed are correct. Penalties are added by the Tax Collector according to the Vermont Statutes.

1 % interest is also added monthly per vote at Town Meeting, March 1996.

ANY PAYMENT RECEIVED **AFTER JUNE 30, 2016,** IS NOT REFLECTED IN THIS LISTING.

2015/2016

Bailey, Philip & JoAnn	1,271.83
Barrows, Thomas	191.37
Bratt Area Comm Land Trust	350.34
Casey, Jean A. (Est)	1,711.76
Clinche, Marian E. & Rose M. (Est)	588.36
Casey, William & Jean A.	
Connolly, Mary L.	310.36
Davidson, Henry & Birdie	1,329.62
Dawson, Roy J. Jr.	1,556.02
Dunham, Jeffrey	2,147.28
Dunham, Jeffrey	415.32
Raymond, Mark J.	
Fairman, Howard	4,582.98
Franklin, Keith D. & Tina Marie	1,353.60
Gilbert, Shenandoah	935.82
Green, Sarah	1,157.40
Hebert, Michael & Deborah	3,488.34
Kellom, Denise	858.10

Lagro, George B.	2,197.88
Lato, Madeline Duncan	2,887.08
Lee, Jackie B. & Robert E.	1,162.32
Lee, Robert E.	35.48
Lynch, Jerome P. & Diane P.	1,070.57
Lynch, Shirley A; Lynch Jesse F.	
McAllister, Daniel H. & Kelly A.	1,613.70
Mayock, Louisa A.	1,106.25
Mockler, Richard J. & Marilyn J.	1,918.92
Moore, Rodney A.	657.88
Nesbitt, Cameron	1,648.32
Shippee, Shane D. & Linda (Forcier)	457.82
Tyson, Deborah J.	2,460.60
Washburn, Elliot S.	408.12
Waters, Dakota L.	2,538.68
Williams, Arnold & Melanie	<u>92.21</u>

2014/2015

Bratt Area Comm Land Trust	269.42
Casey, Jean A.	1,617.76
Cliché, Marion E. & Rose M. (Est)	556.06
Casey, William & Jean A.	
Dawson, Roy J. Jr	386.51
Dunham, Jeffrey	2,029.36
Dunham, Jeffrey	392.52
Raymond Mark J.	
Green, Sarah	876.28
Hebert, Michael & Deborah	29.55
Mayock, Louisa A.	555.62
Mockler, Richard J. & Marilyn J.	280.68
Nesbitt, Cameron	1,238.14
Tyson, Deborah J.	609.50
Williams, Arnold & Melanie	<u>1,370.29</u>

2013/2014

Casey, Jean A.	1,667.26
Cliché, Marian E. & Rose M. (Est)	573.08
Casey, William & Jean A.	
Jensen, Donald F. & Patricia G.	2,448.31
Mayock, Louisa A.	1,087.16
Nesbit, Cameron	388.40
Paquette, Robert (Est) & Patti	373.42

2012/2013

Jensen, Donald F & Patricia G	2,090.40
Nesbitt, Cameron	1,978.75
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2011/2012

Wittmer, WilliamL	1,406.70
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Balance Delinquent June 30, 2015	\$	63,642.76
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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016		June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Cash on Hand or in Bank			AND FUND BALANCE		
Town Checking Account	\$ 44,000.00	44,000.00	Accounts Payable	\$ 59,910.86	46,613.01
Invested Sweep Account	13,118.55	181,124.74	Accrued Salaries & FICA	10,125.75	18,385.33
Treasurer's Change Fund	100.00	100.00	Prepaid Taxes	2,803.59	9,408.79
Treasurer's Office Petty Cash	50.00	50.00	Fees Due Tax Collector	4,838.61	4,318.59
Town Clerk's Petty Cash	50.00	50.00	Employee Property Tax With	950.00	950.00
Emergency Management Petty Cash	50.00	50.00	BSCS Insurance Liability		
Inventory Gas and Diesel	43,054.33	30,193.35	Aflac	43.01	
	<u>\$ 100,422.88</u>	<u>\$ 255,568.09</u>	Overpaid Taxes	598.85	599.30
Delinquent Taxes Receivable			Deferral of 12' VRERP Avail	1,148.71	
Real & Personal (Prior Years)	72,830.88	61,642.76	Deferred Revenue		
Interest Receivable		5,386.68	Deferred Rec. Income	12,593.00	12,593.00
Penalty Receivable		4,318.59	Deferred Tax Revenue	56,000.00	66,700.00
	<u>\$ 72,830.88</u>	<u>\$ 71,348.03</u>		<u>\$ 149,012.38</u>	<u>\$ 159,568.02</u>
Accounts Receivable					
Vernon School District			Total Liabilities & Appropriations	\$ 149,012.38	\$ 159,568.02
Gas	\$ 609.41	181.15	Designated Funds (Reserves)	99,673.94	45,561.84
Treasurer's Supplies	993.91	278.53	Fund Balance	83,508.12	50,940.67
Treasurer's Dental	979.14	480.30	Net Fund Balance	83,508.12	50,940.67
RE Taxes Owed to Town	5,923.37	-	Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ 332,194.44</u>	<u>\$ 256,070.53</u>
Miscellaneous	433.80	-			
Recreation Income	1,192.37	-			
ASP Income	149.00	502.00			
Prepaid Expense	141,219.88	-			
Vernon Free Library		12.40			
State of Vermont	101.50				
Delinquent Taxes Due Town	10,449.40	8,331.92			
Delinquent Tax Interest Due Town	7,322.24	762.90			
Due Town For Delinquent Tax Collector	5,573.92	656.92			
Town Picnic		604.00			
Miscellaneous Income: PD		65.00			
VLCT Property & Casualty	342.00				
Town Clerk Remittance	50.00				
WCHS		25.00			
Adjustment per Outside Audit		(8,395.40)			
Due From Other Funds					
Restoration Fund	(18,313.34)	(22,063.02)			
Dog Fund	(20,951.06)	(15,775.66)			
Town of Vernon Grange #228		(47.27)			
Farmland Protection Fund		(53,118.57)			
Polly Lee Cemetery Fund		(602.75)			
Whithed Cemetery Fund		(242.95)			
Unemployment Fund	74.16	4,092.94			
Solid Waste Fund	9,555.50	8,746.60			
Town Road Upgrade Fund		1,477.50			
Elderly Assistance Fund		124.74			
Professional Services	11,027.50				
Vernon Free Library	2,207.98	3,058.13			
	<u>\$ 158,940.68</u>	<u>\$ (70,845.59)</u>			
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 332,194.44</u>	<u>\$ 256,070.53</u>			

NOTE: The Town of Vernon has no long term indebtedness; therefore a schedule of maturities are not included

	FY15	FY16
Designated Fund Balance:		
Leader Program	991.05	991.05
EOC Budget Reserve	12,741.32	13,523.65
Fire Pond Maintenance	8,765.40	2,006.40
Pre-school Fundraiser	12,076.95	9,623.66
Tax Listing	2,435.00	2,435.00
Town Picnic	1,356.33	4,836.31
FY 15 Budget Reserves (vote)	49,359.62	-
Recycling bin	0.10	197.60
Pre-school Scholarships	11,948.17	11,948.17
Total Designated Fund Balance:	99,673.94	45,561.84

SELECTBOARD BUDGET FISCAL YEARS 2017-2018

	Budget	Actuals	Receipts	Budget	Budget	Proposed Budget
	FY 2015-2016	FY 2015-2016	FY 2015-2016	Balance	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017 - 2018
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE						
Town Clerk's Salary	47,829.00	26,128.80		21,700.20	49,024.00	49,967.00
Assistant Town Clerk's Salary	24,370.00	60,517.82		(36,147.82)	25,018.00	18,667.00
Ballots	1,000.00			1,000.00	-	
Town Clerk's FICA	5,523.00	6,592.57		(1,069.57)	5,665.00	5,250.00
Health Insurance	12,339.00	10,098.99		2,240.01	13,653.00	13,582.00
Dental Insurance	613.00	474.80		138.20	627.00	627.00
New/Replace Office Equipment	200.00	85.00		115.00	1,700.00	200.00
Ballots	100.00	-		100.00	100.00	
Postage for Ballots	150.00	22.95		127.05	300.00	
Vote Scanner Equipment				-		800.00
Travel & Conferences	500.00	954.43		(454.43)	1,000.00	600.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	204.33		295.67	1,000.00	500.00
Income			17,829.24	17,829.24		
	93,124.00	105,079.69	17,829.24	5,873.55	98,087.00	90,193.00
TOWN TREASURER'S OFFICE						
Treasurer/Finance Director Salary	50,774.00	51,150.22		(376.22)	51,930.00	52,929.00
Assistant Treasurer	36,193.00	32,334.75		3,858.25	28,923.00	17,585.00
Treasurer/Finance Director's FICA	6,653.00	6,050.69		602.31	6,186.00	6,000.00
Health Insurance	28,499.00	28,222.86		276.14	17,067.00	13,582.00
Dental Insurance	1,226.00	659.22		566.78	1,254.00	627.00
Treasurer's Supplies*	2,750.00	2,183.19		566.81	-	
New/Replace Office Equipment	200.00			200.00	200.00	200.00
Travel & Conference	500.00	60.00		440.00	250.00	250.00
Income			1,258.30	1,258.30		
	126,795.00	120,660.93	1,258.30	7,392.37	105,810.00	91,173.00
*Moved to General Supplies 2016-2017						
LISTERS' OFFICE						
Listers' Salaries	44,289.00	38,800.34		5,488.66	44,848.00	42,400.00
Listers' FICA	3,388.00	3,018.89		369.11	3,431.00	3,244.00
Health Insurance	6,086.00	4,988.88		1,097.12	6,695.00	6,695.00
Dental Insurance	613.00	569.76		43.24	627.00	627.00
Supplies*	500.00	327.91		172.09	-	
Travel & Conferences	1,500.00	1,339.08		160.92	1,500.00	1,500.00
Income			125.00	125.00		
	56,376.00	49,044.86	125.00	7,456.14	57,101.00	54,466.00
*Moved to General Supplies 2016-2017						
SELECTBOARD						
Select Board Salaries	10,000.00	10,000.00		-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Town Administrator	50,000.00	3,798.70		46,201.30	50,000.00	50,962.00
Town Adm Search Fees		5,304.35		(5,304.35)		
Select Board 's Administrative Assistant	14,014.00	11,175.45		2,838.55	15,042.00	6,000.00
FICA (Sel Bd, Secretary, Del Tax Coll.	9,662.00	2,731.82		6,930.18	5,741.00	5,673.00
Health Insurance (Administrator)*	17,336.00			17,336.00	19,181.00	13,108.00
Dental Insurance (Administrator)*	613.00			613.00	675.00	627.00
New/Repl Equipment/Supplies	500.00	208.97		291.03	500.00	500.00
Printing of Town Report	1,300.00	2,313.02		(1,013.02)	1,400.00	1,000.00
EOC Building Expenses						3,500.00
Postage for Town Report	300.00	671.56		(371.56)	400.00	100.00
Legal Services	20,000.00	26,984.32		(6,984.32)	20,000.00	20,000.00
Safety Committee Recommendations	500.00			500.00	500.00	500.00
Travel	500.00	120.00		380.00	500.00	500.00
Outside Audit	20,000.00	19,850.00		150.00	20,000.00	14,000.00
Miscellaneous	-	2,202.44		(2,202.44)		
Contributions & Gifts	200.00	133.00		67.00	200.00	700.00

SELECTBOARD BUDGET FISCAL YEARS 2017-2018

Green-up	250.00	91.86	158.14	200.00	150.00
Emergency Repair/Replacement	15,000.00	3,975.74	11,024.26	15,000.00	15,000.00
*Welcome Signs: Maintenance/Landscaping	250.00	250.00	-	450.00	250.00
*457(b) Contribution	12,355.00	10,602.48	1,752.52	12,500.00	12,500.00
Flags			-	500.00	100.00
	172,780.00	100,413.71	72,366.29	172,789.00	155,170.00

*New 2015-2016

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Reported within departmental budget

FICA/MEDI

Health Insurance

Dental Insurance

Life Insurance

Disability Insurance

Eye Med Vision Plan

GENERAL EXPENSES

Secretary Service (Floaters)	500.00	362.22	137.78	1,200.00	400.00
*Webmaster	600.00		600.00	600.00	
FICA	84.00	27.19	56.81	130.00	30.00
General Office Supplies*	7,000.00	3,647.11	3,352.89	8,500.00	5,000.00
Advertising	2,600.00	399.75	2,200.25	2,600.00	1,000.00
Telephone	13,000.00	17,354.31	(4,354.31)	13,000.00	15,000.00
Cell Phone Reimb. (Sel Sec., Fire Chief)**	960.00	440.00	520.00		
Postage	3,500.00	3,990.21	(490.21)	3,500.00	4,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	900.00	1,004.20	(104.20)	900.00	1,000.00
VT. League of Cities and Towns	3,335.00	3,335.00	-	3,377.00	3,495.00
County Tax	16,000.00	21,010.00	(5,010.00)	22,000.00	22,000.00
Contracts Maint. & Repair	11,000.00	15,068.77	(4,068.77)	11,000.00	15,000.00
Technology Upgrades	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance & Bonds	122,000.00	104,899.00	17,101.00	115,000.00	118,399.00
	182,479.00	171,537.76	10,941.24	186,807.00	189,324.00

*Consolidated all Office Supplies 2016-2017

**New 2015-2016

PLANNING

FICA*	46.00	-	46.00		
Postage, Misc.	225.00	319.29	(94.29)	225.00	225.00
Windham Regional Planning Commission	4,400.00	4,123.00	277.00	6,400.00	7,000.00
Professional Assistance	150.00		150.00	150.00	685.00
Travel & Conference**	1,000.00	250.00	750.00	1,000.00	
Clerical Assistance*	700.00	-	700.00	-	
	6,521.00	4,692.29	-	1,828.71	7,775.00

*Moved to General - Secretaries (Floaters)

**New 2015-2016

***New 2016-2017

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Director's Salary	48,188.00	48,471.77	(283.77)	48,860.00	50,343.00
Assistant Director's Salary	35,735.00	35,966.33	(231.33)	36,628.00	37,333.00
Maintenance Foreman	6,060.00	5,739.90	320.10	6,375.00	6,807.00
Water Safety Instructors	27,667.00	28,576.33	(909.33)	29,458.00	31,331.00
Day Camp Staff	13,564.00	13,162.01	401.99	13,726.00	13,906.00
Customer Service	6,273.00	5,500.10	772.90	6,678.00	6,994.00
Pre-school Director	28,584.00	26,645.26	1,938.74	30,993.00	29,590.00
Pre-school Assistant	25,059.00	28,790.23	(3,731.23)	25,604.00	29,732.00
Weekend Supervisor	2,500.00	2,129.14	370.86	2,500.00	2,500.00
FICA	15,000.00	14,656.75	343.25	15,363.00	15,954.00
Health Insurance	62,755.00	62,160.18	594.82	70,717.00	70,352.00
Dental Insurance	2,452.00	2,279.04	172.96	2,508.00	2,508.00
Supplies	21,175.00	24,222.26	(3,047.26)	21,550.00	20,430.00
Utilities/Fuel Oil	8,700.00	6,824.53	1,875.47	8,700.00	7,000.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,295.00	105.00	1,400.00	500.00

SELECTBOARD BUDGET FISCAL YEARS 2017-2018

Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	-	150.00	150.00	
Contracts & Rentals	1,590.00	1,901.36	(311.36)	1,590.00	1,590.00
New/Replace Equipment	1,200.00	2,152.00	(952.00)	-	
Repairs and Maintenance	5,050.00	7,147.88	(2,097.88)	5,750.00	1,050.00
Programs	8,400.00	8,785.79	(385.79)	8,600.00	25,100.00
After School Program	16,500.00	13,305.54	3,194.46	16,500.00	
Income (Reg)			134,070.17	134,070.17	
Income (After School)			17,493.62	17,493.62	
	338,002.00	339,711.40	151,563.79	149,854.39	353,650.00
Pre-school Partnership		32,470.07	(32,470.07)		
Income (Pre-school Partnership)			66,240.90	66,240.90	
	338,002.00	372,181.47	217,804.69	183,625.22	353,650.00
RECREATION SCHOOL RENTAL	214,323.40	214,323.40		217,785.00	221,270.00
	214,323.40	214,323.40	-	217,785.00	221,270.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
Maintenance Foreman Salary	37,886.00	38,241.00	(355.00)	38,824.00	
Maintenance Assistant	21,569.00	2,996.25	18,572.75	10,000.00	
FICA	4,548.00	3,254.56	1,293.44	3,735.00	
Health Insurance	-	-	-	13,653.00	
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	627.00	
Uniforms	-	-	-	-	
Groundkeeping					6,000.00
Cleaning					8,000.00
Snow Removal					2,500.00
Supplies	5,000.00	3,168.75	1,831.25	5,000.00	1,000.00
Grounds	1,534.00	877.19	656.81	2,500.00	
Custodial Equipment	400.00	167.97	232.03	1,000.00	100.00
Fuel Oil	10,000.00	6,318.11	3,681.89	13,000.00	9,000.00
Electricity - Town/Lib/North	17,000.00	14,407.30	2,592.70	17,000.00	15,000.00
Repairs to Equipment	500.00	-	500.00	1,000.00	500.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	8,000.00	6,790.73	1,209.27	8,000.00	8,000.00
Travel & Conference	-	-	-	-	
	106,437.00	76,221.86	30,215.14	114,339.00	50,100.00
CEMETERIES					
Caretaking	17,000.00	17,000.00	-	17,000.00	9,180.00
Supplies	500.00	530.56	(30.56)	500.00	500.00
Repair & Maintenance	4,000.00	4,030.00	(30.00)	4,000.00	5,000.00
Memorial Day Supplies*	750.00	311.98	438.02	-	
	22,250.00	21,872.54	377.46	21,500.00	14,680.00
*Moved to War Memorial Article 2016-2017					
VERNON SENIORS					
Van Driver Salaries*	10,800.00	10,321.72	478.28	-	
FICA*	827.00	789.59	37.41	-	
Gasoline*	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	-	
Bus Pass Expenses (Gas)		1,005.71	(1,005.71)		
Activities	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,500.00	2,350.00
Income (Bus Pass)			1,240.00	1,240.00	
	15,127.00	15,617.02	1,240.00	749.98	2,500.00
*Move to Town Garage Operations 2016- 2017					
VERNON SENIORS					
Van Driver Salaries*					10,873.00
FICA*					831.78
Gasoline*					1,500.00
Van Maintenance*					1,000.00
					14,204.78
*Moved from Highway Budget					

SELECTBOARD BUDGET FISCAL YEARS 2017-2018

HISTORIANS SOUTH SCHOOL MUSEUM

Electricity	500.00	414.20	85.80	500.00	450.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	975.00	305.36	669.64	500.00	280.00
Grounds	1,500.00	1,250.00	250.00	1,500.00	2,231.00
Historic Record Preservation & Supplies	1,000.00	672.69	327.31	1,000.00	800.00
	3,975.00	2,642.25	1,332.75	3,500.00	3,761.00

Carryover per Selectbord

6,406.61	4,788.32		
10,381.61	7,430.57	1,332.75	3,500.00

CONTRACTED PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

WCS Contract Services	233,950.00	233,940.24	9.76	225,720.00	145,600.00
Income			5,400.82	5,400.82	
	233,950.00	233,940.24	5,400.82	5,410.58	225,720.00
					145,600.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Stipend	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fire Pond Grant Expenditure		4,000.00	(4,000.00)		
Lost Wages	800.00	300.00	500.00	800.00	800.00
FICA	444.00	382.52	61.48	444.00	444.00
Uniforms	1,000.00	131.00	869.00	1,000.00	
Inoculations	1,500.00	75.00	1,425.00	750.00	500.00
Physicals	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
EAP	425.00	356.40	68.60	425.00	400.00
Supplies	2,000.00	1,331.61	668.39	1,500.00	1,500.00
EMS Rescue Supplies	4,000.00	1,923.19	2,076.81	4,000.00	4,000.00
New/Replace Equipment	17,000.00	13,347.52	3,652.48	15,000.00	15,000.00
Public Education	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel Oil	5,000.00	10,838.97	(5,838.97)	5,000.00	8,000.00
Electricity	4,000.00	3,346.45	653.55	4,000.00	3,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	700.00	855.96	(155.96)	900.00	900.00
Southwest Mutual Aid	26,477.00	27,662.50	(1,185.50)	28,468.00	28,000.00
Gasoline	4,500.00	2,619.98	1,880.02	4,500.00	3,000.00
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	7,000.00	7,557.10	(557.10)	7,000.00	7,000.00
Truck Repair & Maintenance	8,000.00	7,980.67	19.33	8,000.00	8,000.00
Fire Pond Maintenance	4,000.00	10,677.25	(6,677.25)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	4,000.00	3,755.56	244.44	4,000.00	4,000.00
Training, Travel & Conferences	2,000.00	593.55	1,406.45	2,000.00	1,500.00
Training, Travel & Conference: Rescue	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Travel Reimbursement	2,000.00	1,829.36	170.64	2,000.00	2,000.00
Income			220.00	220.00	
Fire Pond Grant Income			4,000.00	4,000.00	
	104,846.00	104,564.59	4,220.00	4,501.41	102,787.00
					100,544.00

RESCUE'S OPERATING BUDGET

Monthly Payment	48,466.00	48,465.82	0.18	49,922.00	49,922.00
	48,466.00	48,465.82	0.18	49,922.00	49,922.00

OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY

Health Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
FICA	306.00	247.00	59.00	306.00	306.00
Fire Warden - Permits	500.00	750.00	(250.00)	500.00	500.00
Deputy Health Officer	1,500.00	248.64	1,251.36	1,500.00	1,500.00
Siren's Maintenance/Batteries			-	2,325.00	2,400.00
	4,806.00	3,745.64	1,060.36	7,131.00	7,206.00

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Equipment Rental	7,000.00	3,859.85	3,140.15	7,000.00	5,500.00
Guard Rails	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Culverts	7,000.00	4,179.82	2,820.18	6,000.00	5,500.00
Gravel	9,000.00	3,895.50	5,104.50	9,000.00	8,000.00

SELECTBOARD BUDGET FISCAL YEARS 2017-2018

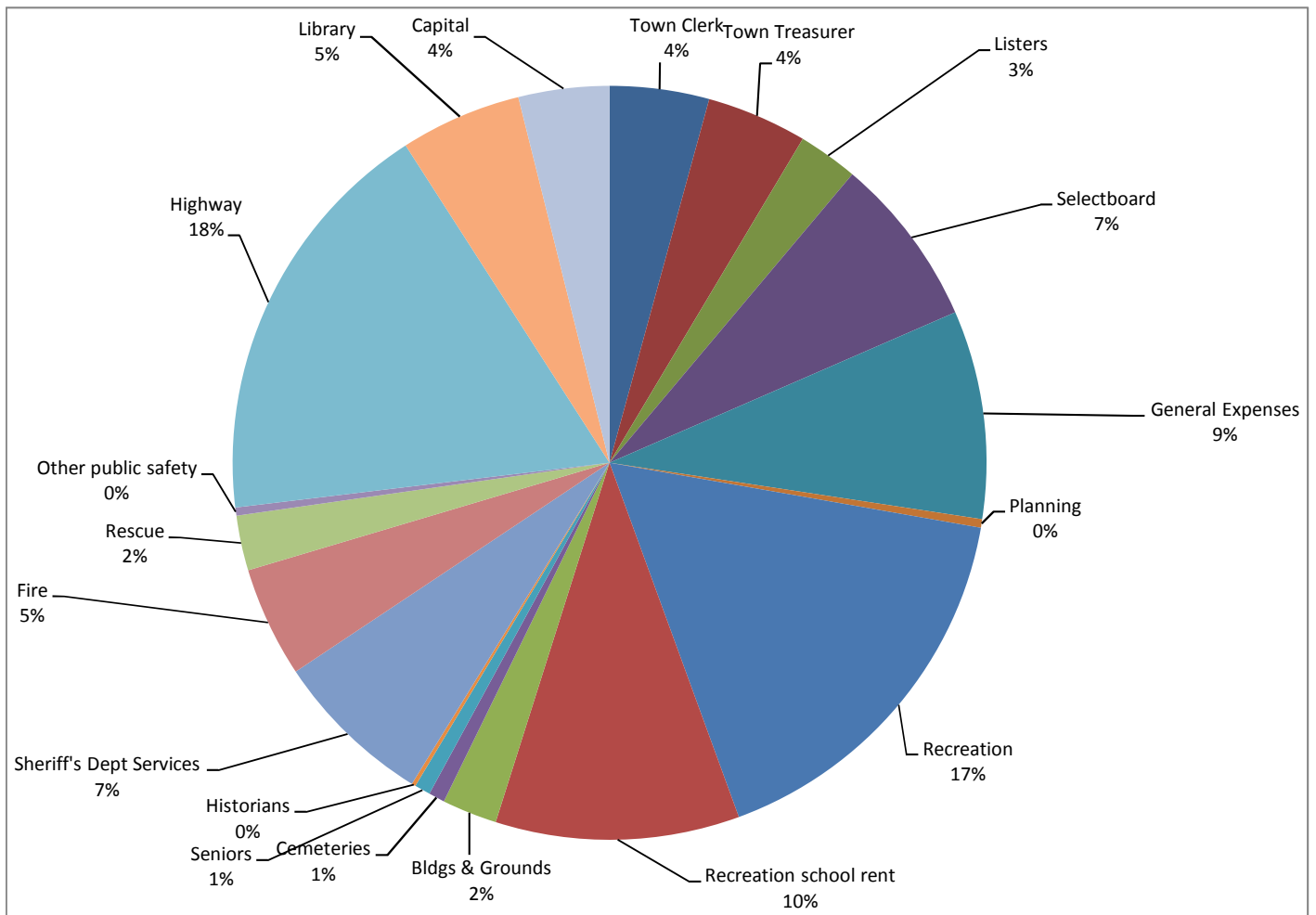
Chloride	6,500.00	6,118.48	381.52	7,000.00	7,000.00
Asphalt	1,500.00	1,768.24	(268.24)	1,500.00	1,500.00
Salt	46,000.00	21,554.30	24,445.70	46,000.00	46,000.00
Sand	7,000.00	7,195.20	(195.20)	8,000.00	8,000.00
Tree Warden	2,300.00	4,315.00	(2,015.00)	2,300.00	2,300.00
Stormwater Run-off Permits	1,600.00	1,454.80	145.20	2,000.00	4,400.00
RSMS/Culvert Inventory	400.00		400.00	400.00	400.00
	90,300.00	54,341.19	35,958.81	90,300.00	89,700.00
TOWN GARAGE OPERATION					
Road Commissioner's Salary	58,735.00	57,200.17	1,534.83	60,270.00	61,333.00
Equipment Operator's Salary	39,056.00	37,276.33	1,779.67	40,749.00	41,296.00
Equipment Operator/Mechanic's Salary	39,056.00	37,933.47	1,122.53	42,105.00	43,641.00
Part-time Operator's Salary	7,000.00	492.88	6,507.12	7,000.00	5,000.00
Van Driver*			-	10,873.00	
FICA	11,419.00	9,779.79	1,639.21	12,317.00	11,573.00
Health Insurance	42,012.00	41,620.92	391.08	46,483.00	46,245.00
Dental Insurance	1,839.00	1,709.28	129.72	1,881.00	1,881.00
Uniforms	3,000.00	2,505.72	494.28	2,500.00	2,500.00
Drug & Alcohol Testing	600.00	315.00	285.00	600.00	500.00
Supplies	4,800.00	4,354.66	445.34	4,800.00	4,800.00
Fuel Oil	15,000.00	18,193.18	(3,193.18)	15,000.00	15,000.00
Electricity	4,000.00	2,562.06	1,437.94	4,000.00	3,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	600.00	378.45	221.55	600.00	500.00
Gas & Diesel	16,000.00	11,008.57	4,991.43	17,500.00	16,000.00
Road Tools & Supplies	4,500.00	2,933.86	1,566.14	4,500.00	4,000.00
Safety Equipment	3,000.00	2,342.25	657.75	3,000.00	3,000.00
Building Repair & Maintenance	7,000.00	2,506.44	4,493.56	7,000.00	4,000.00
Travel & Conferences	1,000.00	45.00	955.00	1,000.00	500.00
Dumpster Fee					1,000.00
	258,617.00	233,158.03	25,458.97	282,178.00	265,769.00
*Moved from Senior's Budget					
ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINT.					
Trucks	13,000.00	2,307.73	10,692.27	13,000.00	10,000.00
Grader	2,500.00	1,401.86	1,098.14	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tractor	1,000.00	501.51	498.49	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Van	1,000.00	164.42	835.58	1,000.00	
Snow Plows & Sanders	3,000.00	1,657.09	1,342.91	3,000.00	3,000.00
Front End Loader	2,500.00	683.84	1,816.16	2,500.00	2,500.00
Small Equipment	2,400.00	1,508.94	891.06	2,400.00	2,400.00
Radios	1,000.00	99.99	900.01	1,000.00	500.00
Income			1,035.50	1,035.50	
	26,400.00	8,325.38	1,035.50	19,110.12	21,900.00
Carryover per Statute, 2015		31,665.43	(31,665.43)		
	26,400.00	39,990.81	1,035.50	(12,555.31)	26,400.00
TOTAL BUDGET	2,105,574.40	1,908,358.60	182,672.65	379,888.45	2,126,081.00
Deduct Estimated Income				(230,000.00)	(258,200.00)
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	2,105,574.40	1,908,358.60	182,672.65	379,888.45	1,896,081.00

SELECTBOARD BUDGET FISCAL YEARS 2017-2018

ESTIMATED INCOME

Interest on Del. Taxes	10,000.00
St of VT: Current Use Pmnt	30,000.00
St of VT: Agency of Natural Resources	8,000.00
St of VT: Railroad Tax	2,500.00
Town Clerk Remittance	15,250.00
Interest on General Fund	800.00
Treasurer's Income	1,000.00
Recreation Income	138,000.00
After School Program Income	17,000.00
Partnership Income	30,000.00
Highway Income	500.00
Police Income	4,000.00
Bus Pass Income	1,000.00
Building & Grounds Income	150.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	258,200.00

PERCENTAGE BY DEPARTMENT OF PROJECTED 2017 - 2018 BUDGET



MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS

	<i>Balance Previous Years</i>	<i>Transfers and Appropriations</i>	<i>Income 2015/2016</i>	<i>Expenses 2015/2016</i>	<i>Balance</i>
MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS					
Library Administration & Operation		113,924.00		(113,924.00)	-
Outside Organizations		11,360.00		(11,360.00)	-
Elderly Assistance Fund		20,000.00		(20,000.00)	-
James Cusick Scholarship Fund		40,000.00		(40,000.00)	-
Town Road Upgrade Fund		150,000.00		(150,000.00)	-
Professional Services Fund		50,000.00		(50,000.00)	-
Reappraisal Fund		20,000.00		(20,000.00)	-
Capital Fund		220,001.58		(220,001.58)	-

Balances as of June 30, 2016 do not include appropriation amounts voted at March 2016 Town Meeting

2015/2016 Grant Awards and Expenditures

Revenue and Expenses	Estimated Revenue/ Beginning Balance	Expenditures in FY16	Received in FY16	Spent in Previous Years	Unused	Dates Reimbursed
Emergency Management						
2016 VRERP Award	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00			1/12/16, 6/9/16
2016 Equipment & Services Award	24,500.00	24,500.00	24,500.00			1/12/16, 6/9/16
Pager Compensation	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00			1/12/16, 6/9/16
Radiological Officer Stipend	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00			1/12/16, 6/9/16
Recreation Department						
Preschool Partnership	66,000.00	32,599.72	66,000.00		33,400.28	10/15/15, 10/22/15 12/30/15, 1/7/16 1/14/16, 4/7/16 4/14/16, 5/13/16
Highway Department						
FY15 VTrans Structures Grant	283,000.00	102,514.40	-	56,873.64		
Library						
2015 Federal Resource Sharing Grant	157.00	157.00	157.00			10/14/2016
2016 Courier Grant	240.00	67.50	240.00		172.50	4/13/2016
2016 Summer Performer Grant	100.00		100.00		100.00	4/28/2016

2016 RERP Equipment Grant: EMD Salary, Drill Expenses, Pager Holder Compensation, Radiological Officer Stipend.

Pre-School Partnership: Preschool salaries, Supplies, Tuition.

FY15 VTrans Structure Grant: Central Park Road existing culvert removal and replacement, Surveys, Engineering Design, Construction Drawings, Permitting, Bid & Construction documents preparation, Shop drawing review, Construction observation and administration.

2015 Federal Resource Sharing Grant: Postage

2016 Courier Grant: Courier Charges

2016 Performer Grant: Summer Program expenses

BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

There are new names for the report this year. We were saddened at the passing of longtime resident, Ray Capen who served Vernon first as Deputy and then as Fire Warden since 1987. This was in addition to his many years of service on the Vernon Fire Department. He will be missed.

2016 was a very dry year, with little snow during the winter and low rainfall during the spring and summer. The Fire Wardens issued around 300 burn permits during the year and, along with the Fire Department, were called to a small number of non-permitted burns. Through continued education and the Town's growing knowledge of the burn permit process the number of calls for non-permitted burns has been low. The State of Vermont is in the process of updating burn permit laws. All updated laws and regulations will be communicated to the Town Selectboard and residents as they become available. For burn permit requests or questions contact:

JOHN WHEELDEN, Fire Warden
Mobile (413) 869-3354 Home (802) 254-8185
Deputy Warden: Todd Capen Mobile (802) 380-6214
Jesse Jobin Mobile (802) 689-0468

ELDERLY ASSISTANCE BOARD

MISSION STATEMENT:

USING EAB GUIDELINES TO ASSIST IN GIVING VERNON SENIOR RESIDENTS THE ABILITY TO SAFELY STAY IN THEIR HOMES

We were fortunate that last winter (2015-2016) was not as harsh as some of our previous years and as of this writing it is more like spring than winter. Please remember that our contractors work full time jobs so we appreciate your patience during storms as they work to get everyone plowed, sanded and shoveled as quickly as possible. We extend a huge thanks to our contractors for keeping our Seniors safe. A thank you to those others, too numerous to mention, who have helped in projects over the past year.

The basic rules for assistance are that you are not depleting your finances, are at least 65 years of age or disabled, and have been a resident of Vernon for a year. Your request is only shared with the Board members for approval and funding, then with any necessary agency or volunteer in order to complete the request.

The members also extend a thank you to all the residents of Town who provide us with the funds so that we can continue to provide assistance.

If you are in need of assistance please do not hesitate to contact a Board member.

MARYLYNN SCHERLIN, Chairperson
SANDRA HARRIS
JANET RASMUSSEN
LINDA SHIPPEE
SHARON RICHARDSON
CINDY TURNLEY, Clerk
KEVIN TURNLEY

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mission Statement: to maintain Vernon cemeteries in a way that conforms to Vermont law, promotes a safe and tranquil setting, and honors and safeguards the community history they reveal.

The Vernon Cemetery Committee was very busy this past year. We meet from March through December and invite anyone who is interested to attend our meetings.

This past year much time and effort was taken to research cemetery deeds, noting how much each lot has been paid for over the course of many, many years. These tallies along with research into the cemetery investment funds have allowed the committee, with the approval of the Selectboard to utilize our budget in the best interest of the Town.

The Committee walks through and monitors each cemetery to assess any work that may be needed. The Committee has developed plans for ongoing repairs. We also rely on our residents to inform us of any discrepancies that they may see. If you own a lot in one of the Town cemeteries, we ask that you check the condition of your shrubs, trees and other plantings and ask that you maintain them as required. The Town is not responsible for maintaining plantings that you do on your family lot. However, if they are not maintained and grow out of control, we do have the right to trim accordingly. We have noticed a number of berry bushes growing. These need to be removed! If there are questions concerning Cemetery Rules, copies may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.

David Howe of Howe's Lawn Care in Winchester, N.H. provided excellent care again to our cemeteries. We would like to thank David and his crew for their outstanding work. We appreciate all the care he has taken in making sure our cemeteries are in good condition and their appearance is something the Town can be proud of.

We welcome input from the community and invite you to contact a committee member with any suggestions or concerns that you may have. We look forward to serving the Town and keeping our cemeteries in good order in the coming year.

MARYLYNN SCHERLIN, Chairperson
JANET RASMUSSEN, Vice Chair
SANDRA HARRIS
BARBARA MOSELEY
CHRISTIANE HOWE
DEAN SPAULDING
MELISSA FERRIS, Clerk

VERNON HISTORIANS, INC.

The Vernon Historians exist for the purpose of preserving historical materials and artifacts. This helps us picture life and events of the past, which have shaped our community. Preserving and recording are a significant part of our program.

Our annual March Town Meeting day food/bake sale is one of our main money raisers. We thank our members, and non-member supporters, for their delicious contributions, and the townspeople for their continued support.

Our Memorial Day service at the Pond Road Chapel is always well attended. Traditionally this program remembers those who have served in the various wars.

The Museum is opened Sundays, June through September. Our opening day pie sale was, as usual, a great success. In August, we hosted our annual "Mums and More Sale" featuring lovely garden mums from Griffins Gardens, pottery by Bronna Zlochiver, jams and pickles made by Carol Moore, and jewelry made by Margaret Shipman.

The Vernon Elementary School 4th grade students' Vermont projects were on display at the Museum this summer. We enjoy giving them the opportunity to share their efforts with the community.

Our meetings/programs are held quarterly. This year our programs included a presentation by Paul Miller regarding the history of the Miller Farm which celebrated its 100th anniversary this year. Master Diver, Annette Spaulding, told us of her diving experiences in the Connecticut River. In 2015, after looking for over 25 years, she found one of the petroglyphs that had not been seen since 1909, when the Vernon Dam was constructed.

We take great pride in the effort of our resident historian, Barbara Emery Moseley. For over 17 months Barbara has been telling us the fascinating history of the Hunt family. Many Vernon residents tell us how much they look forward to, and enjoy, Barbara's monthly reports, "Hunting" Down History, which is published in the Vernon newsletter.

Your membership dues and donations help to cover the cost associated with the upkeep of the Pond Road Chapel which we own and maintain. Please consider joining us as we continue to preserve the heritage of our unique town.

Membership Dues: Adult \$10.00, Sustaining Adult \$20.00, junior (under 18) \$2.00, Institutional \$25.00, Life \$100.00

Officers for 2015-2016: President: Dale Gassett, Vice President: Chad Mulverhill, Recording Secretary: Carol Hammond, Treasurer: Phyllis Newton. Trustees: Chair: Peg Frost, Co-Chair: Heather Frost, Vice Chair: Sallie May, Secretary: Carol Hammond, Sandy Morrison, Jan Peduzzi, Barbara Moseley and Pam Cersosimo.



VERNON SENIOR CITIZENS

January: Bone Builders Exercise Group
 February: Cal Heile speaking about her cruise trip thru France
 March: AARP SCAM Program with E. Greenblott
 April: Vernon Library speaking about their programing
 May: A good, informal coffee chat for Members.
 June: Library Tour
 July: Mike Hebert our Representative in Montpelier speaking on what happened in the last session
 August: Senior Picnic with entertainment by the ROMEO'S
 September: Paul Miller showing his fine Photos
 October: Flu Shot – Plus Michelle Pong, Town Administrator
 November: Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner

The Seniors hosted the Dedication of a marble bench in memory of Cookie Allen.

December: Making Christmas centerpieces after Senior Annual Meeting.
 Our Christmas Luncheon was held at the American Legion with entertainment by Tim Arsenault.

President: Betty Chamberlin
 Vice President: Arlene Castine
 Treasurer: Nancy Durborow & Carol Moore
 Secretary: Sallie May

The seniors enjoyed a busy year going on several fun-filled adventures and holding 3 successful fundraisers.

VERNON SENIOR ACCOUNT

BALANCE: July 1, 2015 \$ 2,736.29

ADD: Receipts	
Dues 2015	\$ 260.00
Dues 2016	136.00
Interest	5.63
Town Budget Funds	<u>2,000.00</u>
	2,401.63

DEDUCT: Disbursements

Supplies & Meeting Expenses	\$ 489.64
Postage & Sunshine	24.60
Gifts	220.00
Senior Memoriam	25.00
Programs	25.00
Picnic	229.42
Thanksgiving	122.66
Christmas	1,400.00
2 nd Driver expense	94.70
	<u>(2,631.02)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2016 \$ 2,506.90

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

This has been a whirlwind year. First of all, I am honored for the chance to serve you as Town Clerk, and am very grateful for the opportunity. I'm also very fortunate to have the services, and the wide range of experience possessed by assistant Aina Lindquist in the office. Our top priority is cheerful and efficient service to the citizens of Vernon.

The duties of our office, elections, birth, death and marriage certificates, dog licenses and maintaining land records are mandated by the state. We are open Monday through Thursday of each week, however, we are available by appointment for things like Marriage Licenses, late meeting postings, filing of the Grand List, Cemetery visits, Notary work, and issuing burial permits for out of state funeral homes.

Our office, since March, has increased its role as an information center, through the use of social media, plus support for a pair of town tag sales, the Vermont Council on Rural Development visits, and in updating a Welcome to Vernon Brochure. We have also continued to handle motor vehicle renewals and sales of Pay-As-You-Throw bags.

In the area of elections, we put the AccuVote scanning machines in use to comply with Federal and Vermont law in any election for Congress, US Senate and President. The machines still rely on a paper ballot and the computer scanning devices are both checked and double checked prior to each election. Their first use has been quite successful and both a labor and time saver. We will also use the device for the annual March elections.

We have proposed trimming some money from our Conference and Travel line item, miscellaneous election expenses, and reducing the amount for office equipment. The election expense item, to be lowered for the 2017-2018 budget year, will need to be raised to current levels the following year for expenses related to the 2018 primary and general election.

The State of Vermont will implement same day voter registration on January first of 2017. The new law will require access to our online voter checklist maintained by the state at our polling place. The town Clerk's office has secured a laptop computer for that purpose, and we are thankful for the extension of the Vernon Free Library's wireless access to make it all possible.

My long term goal is fully computerizing the town's land records to allow for greater efficiency for both staff and title searchers, and protection of those records by keeping them away from human hands. Those records, especially the earlier ones, are irreplaceable but needed by attorneys, realtors and title searchers on a regular basis. We have already allowed public use of the New England Municipal Resource Center, otherwise known as NEMRC, land records index to help speed their search.

I'm a strong believer in the Town Clerk's role as a protector of our past, as technological changes continue our way at a rapid pace. Through it all, cheerful and efficient customer service to both our residents and others remains a high priority. Please call our office at 257-0292 if have any questions.

TIMOTHY ARSENAULT, Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	10
Marriages	13
Deaths	41

SELECTBOARD ANNUAL REPORT

It has been a busy, stressful and successful year in Vernon Town Government as the Selectboard worked hard to continue the level of service residents are accustomed to in the face of decreasing tax revenue. Although education costs continue to increase, the municipal budget is declining. The Board asked each department to bring a six (6) percent cut to the table, and each department, town-wide, complied with the request. Some additional cuts were made in order to lessen the burden on tax payers and this year the Selectboard has presented the town with a General Fund Budget recommendation that is 8.4% lower than last year.

This past year the Selectboard spent a great deal of time and effort to hire a Town Administrator that would embrace the values of Vernon residents while guiding us into the future. The Search Committee received 43 applicants for the position and presented the Board with 12 outstanding candidates for final consideration. In June Vernon welcomed Michelle Pong to the position of Town Administrator. Catrina Lawley, former secretary to the Board, resigned her position and her email is no longer valid. Please direct all inquiries to Michelle at VernonTA@VernonVT.org.

In addition to updating policies, managing staff, budgeting and responding to residents Michelle has been working diligently to secure grant funding for various town projects. Vernon has received funding for safety upgrades to the Town Office, for updates to the Town Plan and \$15,000 for Emergency Management. Pending grants include updates for energy efficiency planning and fire department equipment. Additional grant writing will endeavor to support the work of the Recreation Department, the Town Bus and the Highway Department. The Board will continue to coordinate with the Town Administrator to explore ways of reducing the budget through grant funding.

In the spring, residents participated in Community Discussions hosted by Vermont Rural Community Development (VCRD). Nearly 200 people weighed in to set priorities and focus our vision of Vernon's future. As a result, three committees have been working to improve and promote the trail system and public access to the Connecticut River, establish a Community Café and plan a Village Center. Residents also voted overwhelmingly to support the redevelopment of the Vermont Yankee site, which is a priority project for the Planning and Economic Development Commission.

2017 will see new developments in our Town Plan as we determine the best use of the Vermont Yankee properties. Thanks to a \$13,000 grant from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development the town will receive significant planning help from the Windham Regional Commission. Public meetings will be scheduled to solicit resident input. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this process and share your voice and vision for Vernon.

The Town of Vernon entered into a new contract with RHR Smith & Company for auditing services. This move will save the town nearly \$21,000 over the next three (3) years.

In an effort to increase savings, Vernon entered into a Net-Metering contract with the Brattleboro Landfill Solar Project. This opportunity is expected to result in a savings of nearly \$100,000 in electricity costs over the next twenty (20) years at zero cost to the town.

In last year's annual report, the Selectboard asked residents to take a long hard look at needs versus wants from this time forward. The loss of tax revenue from Vermont Yankee is significant, and will continue to decrease over the next few years. In keeping with their commitment to Vernon, Entergy entered into a tax stabilization agreement. The resulting decreases to the tax base will be stepped down over the course of the next five years. This cushion is a big

help to the town's bottom line, but doesn't come close to replacing the full amount lost when Vermont Yankee ceased operation.

As a result, the Selectboard evaluated multiple strategies to control taxes while maintaining the services to which we have all become accustomed. There were difficult decisions made, but the best option for residents was always the deciding factor. The Selectboard commends the staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication throughout the year, and recognizes the significant contributions made by employees and those who voluntarily serve on boards and commissions or come to ease the workload of the Town Clerk's office. We are greatly appreciative of their support.

This Selectboard promises to meet the challenges to come with resiliency and a determination to serve and respond to the residents of Vernon. We welcome your comments, suggestions and feedback as we move into the next fiscal year. Feel free to contact any Selectboard member or stop by the Town Office to visit with our Town Administrator. We are honored to be at your service.

CHRISTIANE HOWE, Chair
SANDRA HARRIS, Vice Chair
STEPHEN SKIBNIOWSKY, Clerk
JOSH UNRUH
EMILY VERGOBBE

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

The role and main duties for Local Health Officers is to investigate complaints and abate any existing and/or potential public health hazards as outlined in the Environmental Health Handbook for Town Health Officers. These duties include, but are not limited to, administration and enforcement of the State Rental Housing Code, handling animal bites, investigating failed septic systems, and any other potential public health hazard.

The Rental Housing Code is a general rental sanitation code that applies to any rented property or any property occupied by someone other than the owner where the occupant is occupying the premises in exchange for some return. Health Officers are responsible for investigating reports of failed septic systems for potential health hazards and to ensure potential hazards are abated. When dealing with animal bites, a Health officer is responsible to confine, isolate, and monitor the animal for a ten (10) day period.

This year Health Officers in Vernon dealt with failed septic systems and rental housing complaints as well as complaints of residential accumulation of assorted debris and trash that could present a health hazard for the public.

For additional information you may visit the State Health Department's web site at <http://healthvermont.gov/>

For local questions or concerns contact Health Officer Mark Snow at (802) 451-6842, Deputy Health Officer Annette Roydon at (802) 254-0004 or Deputy Health Officer Heather Frost at (802) 258-4841

MARK A. SNOW
Vernon Health Officer

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

“To promote recreation services that will foster and encourage the development of a healthy lifestyle for the community”

Each year that I am afforded the opportunity to write our annual report also provides me with the opportunity to sit back and reflect. This is something I and I suspect many of you could benefit from doing more often. I for one am certainly guilty of spending too much time looking at, “what’s next?”. This may be in the form of a simple “to do list” or on a greater scale as I ponder what will the next five or ten years have in store. Sure there is a time and place for those thoughts but in my estimation they should not be all consuming. Slowing down and taking the time to reflect on what we have enjoyed or maybe even what has made us stronger should be something we all allow ourselves to do!

With those thoughts in my mind this past year we saw the Vernon Preschool complete their transition into the elementary school. What a great opportunity! The elementary students and staff have been very welcoming. Our students have teamed up with older “buddies” reading books, and completing various fun projects. They have also had the opportunity to utilize the gymnasium on a weekly basis as well as attend school functions as appropriate. Being able to make the move and still maintain the preschool feel and atmosphere was of vital importance to us. Thanks to a great staff this has been accomplished!

We said, “see you soon” to longtime friend Beverly Current. Sure, I could try to put all that she has meant to our community into written word. No matter the time, effort, writing, and rewriting it would still come up short. Suffice it to say we are very grateful for the years of selfless service she brought to our town.

As our community continues to evolve we have had the pleasure of meeting many new people. It is always enjoyable to see new faces integrate into staple programs. Those staple programs continued to have successful seasons. Our youth softball team brought home the 2016 League Championship! Our basketball teams came away with trophies for both second and third place finishes in the Vernon Invitational and the baseball team qualified for the Tri County League Playoffs. These programs rely on a team of volunteers. Our community is fortunate to have so many people that are willing to lend a hand.

While I have enjoyed reminiscing we cannot completely ignore plans for the future. The Vermont Council on Rural Development facilitated their community visit process. This process led to the development of the River and Trails Committee. It naturally makes sense for the Recreation Department to work jointly with the committee in an effort to enhance current trails as well as develop new ones. The goal being trails that can be used for a variety of recreational and healthy activities including walking, hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, and more. Additionally, we are exploring greater access to the river. Establishing a launch site for small boats, kayaks, and canoes above the dam remains a priority. We look forward to this process and what it can bring to Vernon.

In a final moment of reflection, it is easy to remember some difficulties or challenges we had to overcome. There is no doubt those will always be there. This holds true for the Recreation Department as well. That being said focusing on how fortunate we were to be able to continue to offer the programs and provide the services the town is accustomed to is not lost on us. We continue to be grateful for the opportunity!

SETH DEYO, Director

This year we offered 38 programs with over 1,800 participants:

Adult Basketball	15-25
Adult Swim	4-6
Adult Volleyball	10-15
Aerobics	10-15
After School Program	60
Archery	14
Baton	10
Baseball/Softball	93
Basketball	75
Basketball Tournaments *	
Boys	11 Teams
Girls	6 Teams
Camp In	38
Christmas Crafts	39
Cooking	23
Craft Fair	50 vendors
Day Camp	225
Diving Lessons	14
Easter Egg Hunt	75

Family Swim Passes	121
Fitness	10-15
5k Glow Run	58
Gymnastics	27
Gym Rentals	3
Halloween Party	200
Line Dancing	10-15
Open Gym	10-25 daily
Parent/Toddler Swim	10
Pool Party/Campout	13
Pumpkin Carving	21
School Break Open Gym	20-25 daily
Soccer	108
Sports Camp	8
Swim Lessons	199
Teen Swim	20-25
Turkey Shoot	86
Vernon Preschool	28
Water Aerobics	5-10
Zumba	23

REPORT OF THE LISTERS

The responsibility of the Listers is to maintain the Grand List on an annual basis. The Grand List is then used for setting the town and education tax rates.

The office was involved in two major projects in 2016. As a member of the Tax Committee, we participated in the Tax Stabilization Contract with Entergy/Vermont Yankee. We welcome North Star and look forward to building a good relationship with the company in the years to follow.

Another task of 2016 was selecting a firm to handle the town's reappraisal. After interviewing and examining proposals that we received, we have selected a firm to handle the reappraisal that will be completed by 2019. The process will commence during the latter part of 2017.

The town again saw an increase in sales and transfers of property. From April 2015 to April 2016, we processed 60 property transfers. Not all were market sales—some were foreclosures, relocations, estate settlements, decrees of divorce, and life estates.

At the time of this writing, there are about 20 houses on the market plus a few pieces of land.

While we have seen a slight increase in housing prices, we aren't getting too excited yet, but at least the market appears to be headed in the right direction.

As hard as it is to accept, property taxes will continue to increase as the tax burden shifts away from Entergy to town residents and businesses. We did have it good for a long time because Vt Yankee paid such a large portion of our property taxes.

Because people come into our office to grieve their property taxes after they received their tax bills, we would like to reiterate what we have stated in past years.

Listers are not responsible for tax increases. The total data we collect on all properties determines the grand list. The grand list is divided by the cost to operate the town—the money raised and appropriated at town meeting—and that figure is the tax rate which is applied to every property in town.

Also, it is important to remember the relation between the grand list and the tax rate. When the grand list decreases, the tax rate increases and vice versa, because of the amount of money needed to operate the town.

Finally, A REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS....

EVERY TAXPAYER WHO RESIDES IN VERMONT AND CLAIMS A HOMESTEAD ARE REQUIRED TO FILE THEIR HOMESTEAD DECLARATION EVERY YEAR (OR UNTIL THEY CHANGE THE RULES) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15TH.

WILLIAM HAMMOND
JEREMIAH SUND
CAROL HAMMOND

FARMLAND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Farmland Protection Committee preserves Vernon's open farmland by purchasing the development rights. We have another such opportunity before us. The Vermont farm has 73 acres situated on the north side of Pond Road where it intersects with Route 142. The family is willing to preserve this land in perpetuity. The fair market value of the property is appraised at \$475,000. The value of the property with a Conservation Easement is appraised at \$205,000. The difference between those numbers represents the anticipated loss in value after applying a Conservation Easement, or \$270,000. This is the acquisition cost of the development rights. The Vermont Land Trust and its partners are prepared to provide funding for 80% of the project, or \$216,000. They are asking the town for the remaining 20% or \$54,000. The Vermont Land Trust will be responsible for any additional expenses such as mapping and legal fees. The Farmland Committee unanimously supports this opportunity. Please join us for an informational meeting immediately prior to the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, March 6th.

ARTHUR MILLER - Chair
MADELINE ARMS
SKIP BALDWIN
ELLEN HARDY
JEFF HARDY

VERNON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department started the year with a mild winter and we were finally able to get the box culvert in place on Central Park Road, after two years of setbacks and jumping through hoops. The State paid for 80% with a Structural Grant for which I had applied. Pond Road was paved and shoulder work done. 80% of this project was paid for by a Paving Grant for which I had also applied and received from the State. Sak Road is being planned out and landowners have come to an agreement on future construction. These projects were in addition to our normal work for the year.

After Hurricane Irene, new rules and regulations regarding storm water run-off are being put in place. As a result, it will cost more to replace culverts than it has in previous years. The State now does a hydraulic study and mandates what size culvert needs to be used for replacement.

ROLAND D WALKER, JR.
Road Commissioner

CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE

The Capital Plan Committee was created in March 2016 to assist the Town and the Selectboard in identifying large, necessary future capital expenditures and to plan for them as part of the overall annual budgeting process. It essentially carries on the work of its predecessor, the Finance Committee, whose duties had changed over the years and which was formally disbanded by the Selectboard. The duties of the Capital Plan Committee are described generally in the *Policy on the Administration of the Vernon Capital Plan*. As a result of the transition, an article was drafted to determine whether the Town will amend the *Policy* to change all references to the committee from "Finance Committee" to "Capital Plan Committee."

Our committee started working on the 2017-2018 Capital Plan in September 2016. After meeting with the Selectboard to discuss our mission, we met and conferred with each department head or supervisor in duly warned public meetings. We discussed their projected capital expenditures and considered them in light of established Capital Plan procedures. Our main considerations were whether the anticipated expenditures were necessary and whether the equipment being replaced could reasonably be used for a further period of time before an expenditure had to be made.

As part of our process, we discussed with the department heads their equipment maintenance procedures and reviewed their maintenance records. Overall, we were very impressed by their thoroughness and their ability to extend their equipment's useful life and to repeatedly push back the "need year" for replacement. We also conferred with surrounding towns, including Guilford, Putney, Dummerston, Newfane and Jamaica, to determine the numbers and types of equipment they operated and the criteria they used in deciding whether to purchase new or used replacement equipment. We concluded that Vernon was very much in line with its neighbors in that regard and that none of our departmental supervisors requested items that were not needed. The pricing they had obtained was in line with the comparison towns or in line with average prices we found on the internet. We also recognized that some equipment replacement will be necessitated by newly-enacted state safety requirements and other regulations, especially for fire apparatus and equipment.

After completing that process, we revised our funding projections and reviewed them with the supervisors and then with the Selectboard. With everyone's cooperation and changes made to staffing, we are able to reduce this year's recommended Capital Fund appropriation to \$82,580. Next year we will review everything again and will make adjustments to the Capital Plan accordingly.

While we have worked well together as committee of four this past year, we hope that an additional member will join us in the coming year.

LYNDA STARORYPINSKI, Chair
Joyce Goodnow
Rita Mudd
Thomas Rappaport

FIBER OPTIC SUB-COMMITTEE

The Fiber Optic Sub-committee is a sub-committee of the Vernon Planning and Economic Development Commission. The brain-child of H. Munson Hicks, the Fiber Optic Sub-committee was organized to bring a fiber optic network to Vernon in order to prepare the town for future broadband needs, enhance the town's economy, raise property values, and encourage businesses to locate in the town. The project is seen not only as adding value to Vernon, but as a template for other towns as they prepare for the 21st century economy. We believe that this project will also provide area jobs in the implementation and servicing of the new network.

The project is still in the planning stages. We have been working for over a year and a half along with the Vernon Planning and Economic Development Commission to prepare for presentation to the town.

While the committee consists of lay people in the field of fiber optics, we have been active in soliciting the help of experts. We are talking actively with FairPoint, VELCO, Millennium Matrix Communications, and EC Fiber among others. We have also had considerable input from experts in the field of municipal-based systems throughout the country and have researched the successes and failures of these projects. Any system that is constructed will have to rely on municipal revenue bonds (by VT statute) and preliminary analysis shows that this would be compatible with success. We, of course, are open to private investment should it be forthcoming.

We foresee both short term and long term economic growth in the area. In the short term, technical jobs will arise with the need of skilled technicians to create and administer the project. We cannot at this time project the number of jobs needed to wire 32 miles and 900 homes in the town, but it would not be insignificant. Also, the skilled technicians needed for the future will provide training opportunities in the area for educational institutions. As the town Planning and Economic Development Commission is looking at creating an enterprise zone near the site of the closed Entergy nuclear power plant, having broadband capacity able to handle future needs will enhance that project, making Vernon an attractive place for doing business. Vernon is also easily accessible to Boston, Amherst, Springfield, and New York City, among other locations, making it an attractive place to live from which to telecommute, thus encouraging growth in the area.

VERNON FREE LIBRARY 2016 LIBRARY REPORT

The Vernon Free Library Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 highlights the year's activities and achievements. The Library remains the literary center of Vernon, provides ongoing educational opportunity for everyone in our community, and continues to serve its function as an invaluable institution, available to all townspeople.

The role of the Board of Trustees is to work with the Library Director in policy development and budget oversight. The Board meets monthly to hear reports from various sources and to take necessary action on Library matters.

In fiscal year 2015-2016, we dedicated ourselves to our responsibilities as trustees as we continue to improve and enhance our service to the citizens of Vernon.

Our Library staff carefully plan the library schedule to optimize our service to the townspeople while keeping a watchful eye on the budget. Patrons have the opportunity for individualized instruction by Library staff in using any of our resources. Trustees ran a successful plant sale in June of 2016 with many plants donated by Trustees and loyal patrons.

Last summer, the library was all fun and games in our ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...READ (ages 0 to 12 years) & GET IN THE GAME - READ (ages 12 to 18 years) summer reading programs!

We played 50's games (Hopscotch, Twister and Checkers) and made Checkers Games to take home, GLOBAL GAMES (Dominoes and Mancala) and made Mancala games to take home, OUT OF THE ORDINARY GAMES such as Pancake Race and Paper Airplanes to fly and test for the design that flew the best.

We learned about WHAT FUELS YOUR ENGINE and played the ABC SOUP GAME, SANDWICH STACK-O-RAMA and FRUIT MATCH-UP MEMORY GAME.

We studied the SCIENCE OF SPORTS and MY BODY WORKS OUT and made WORK YOUR BODY COOTIE CATCHERS and played PIN THE ORGAN ON THE BODY. We also did Sports Crossword Puzzles and Sports Bingo.

Every week there was a new Bedtime Math problem to solve to keep those math skills working!

Fifty-nine children and young adults registered for the summer reading and 47 completed the program. The children read just under 900 books last summer! It's so important to prevent the "Summer

Slide" and keep the children reading. Children who do not read during the summer can lose up to *two months* of learning by the time they return to school in the fall!

Children completing the summer reading program were treated to a pizza party and FALCONRY program by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (paid for in part by a grant from Vermont Department of Libraries). The children received their Reading Certificates and a gift certificate to Everyone's Books.

Every week throughout the summer, the Children's Librarian visited the Recreation Department Camp, reading to the children and bringing books for them to check out and take home. There were 184 children seen and they checked out 268 books!

Preschool Story Time is available to all children ages 3 to 5 years old. The Vernon Recreation Department Preschool comes to the library for story time and to check out books to take home. When necessary, the children are transported to the library by the Vernon Town Bus.

Rhyme Time for children ages 0 to 3 years, their siblings and parents/guardians is held every Monday morning at 10:30 am. Participants enjoy stories, songs, movement games and free playtime. It's also a great time for socializing and networking among parents/guardians and caregivers.

Through the DICTIONARY PROJECT, the Library purchased student dictionaries for the third grade classes at Vernon Elementary School. The Children's Librarian visited the third grade classes and had the opportunity to meet the children, talk about library services and distribute the dictionaries to each child individually. The children are always excited to receive their own dictionaries.

Currently, the Library has over 700 registered patrons, about 32 percent of Vernon's 2,200 townspeople. 91 people joined the library and we had over 7,000 patron visits during the year. 64 adults registered who read over 500 books in just 2 months during the Adult Summer Reading Program.

We have a collection of over 17,600 print items (books, magazines, etc.), 600 DVDs, 280 audio books, and access to another 7,000 downloadable audio and e-books.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

NEWSPAPERS

MAGAZINES & PERIODICALS

DVDs for all ages including History Channel, PBS series, TV series and many more

PUBLIC USE COMPUTERS using Fiber Optic connection with printing & assistance as needed

FAX, COPYING, SCANNING, **WiFi** using Fiber Optic Internet Connection

Knitting Group: Every Wednesday from 1-2 pm; Open to all from those who want to learn to knit to experienced knitters

Reading Group: 2nd Thursday of every month; Discussion and selection of a book each month

Cribbage Club: Every Wednesday @ 11 am

Computer Classes: Arranged by appointment

Huckle Hill Senior Housing Outreach: Delivery and pick-up of books for residents

Listen Up! Vermont: Library members are able to access downloadable audio books and e-books

Universal Class: Over 500 online non-college credit Continuing Education Courses for library members' personal enhancement

Vermont Online Library (VOL) Online resource for library members (adult and children) that includes but is not limited to:

Heritage Quest; Health; Language Learning;

Small Business Owners

Chilton's DIY Auto Repair; Job Seeker

Traveler Tools: Reference Databases and Periodicals

The Library Trustees are committed to continuing to provide quality library services to the community. We believe libraries are essential to education and lifelong learning, to economic development, to strong communities, and to a strong democracy. We are excited as we look to the future of our library's potential as an important resource in Vernon as a community meeting place and to expanding our programs to include local artists, writers, and others who enrich our lives. If you have not been to our library in a while, we invite you to stop by and spend some time browsing the collections while enjoying a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa. We are grateful for the support given to our Library by the community.

LIBRARIANS: KRISTINE BERBERIAN—Library Director

JEAN CARR—Children's Librarian

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VERNON FREE LIBRARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017-2018

Gross Wages	\$ 68,151.00
FICA	<u>5,214.00</u>
Sub-Total Payroll	\$ 73,365.00
Insurances	11,000.00
Supplies	1,400.00
Books	12,700.00
New Equipment	1,485.00
Leased Equipment	0.00
Periodicals	1,200.00
Audio/Visual	2,000.00
Internet Access	700.00
Software	0.00
Marketing/Fund Raising	600.00
Electronic Resources	250.00
Postage	800.00
Dues	170.00
Technology	1,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,200.00
Misc	40.00
Program	500.00
Program Supplies	1,375.00
Travel & Conference	<u>150.00</u>
Sub-Total Expenses	\$ 36,570.00
Totals	\$ 109,935.00



VERNON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This is a year of changes for the Emergency Management Office. With Vermont Yankee not producing power and the reactor shut down, our focus on VY has changed drastically. The fuel is still on site and is in various stages of decay, however emergency planning for the plant is still in the foresight of this office, and will be, as the decommissioning, structure demolition and the process of removing buildings are finished over the next few years. It is important that we don't let our guard down as this is a critical time and a large industrial hazardous material site with extremely tight security.

We have become part of the school's safety committee and will be providing assistance to them in updating the VY plan. We are also updated evacuation plans for fire or chemical contamination, active or a hostile events and general safety of our precious occupants at the school.

We will be working with the Fire Department assisting with updating their preplans in places of concern, such as Vernon Green, the Huckle Hill complex and the railroad, which includes review of freight and passenger trains. We will help coordinate training with staff in the event of a derailment or a mass casualty event.

We will work with the Highway Department and assist with risk analysis for road closures, such as routine maintenance or storm related issues or emergencies.

We are maintaining the emergency sirens in town and devising guidelines on when to activate them as well as educating the residents about what to do when they hear them. They are not just for a VY incident, but may be sounded for a severe weather warning, or some sort of life threatening event.

We are available to work with the Sheriff's Office in a Unified Command role, providing assistance and coordination with the general public. We are prepared to take on any tasks that may need to be completed in the event of an emergency.

Two very important messages! We are asking **ALL** residents to sign up for **VT-ALERT**. It is a free service, and will **NOTIFY YOU**, via phone, text, email (*or all of them*) about emergencies that effect you and your loved ones. Alerts are relevant and localized, based on home/work addresses, as well as your current location. **DON'T WAIT, SIGN UP NOW!** Go to; www.vtalert.gov

We will continue to maintain a **CONFIDENTIAL** list of residents who may need assistance in the time of an emergency with evacuation of your home or area

evacuations. We will be mailing a card to all Vernon residents or you can call the Emergency Management office at 802-257-0709 and leave a message.

I would like to thank all of the past Emergency Directors and the members of the team. They have done a fine job in preparing for emergencies while keeping the needs of the Vernon residents as a top priority. I also want to thank Vernon residents for this opportunity to serve as your Emergency Management Director. I have direct interest in Vernon, a background in public safety, and I look forward to serving this community and continuing to make Vernon a safe place to live. Safety is the responsibility of all of us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, at **802-257-0709** or email at, vernonemd@gmail.com

DAVID J EMERY, SR.
Emergency Management Director

RESCUE INC

Rescue started this past year on a high note, celebrating fifty years of service in the community. We hosted a reunion, celebration and open house that allowed us to connect with many men and women that have defined our organization in the last half-century. Alumni shared stories of the humble beginnings of Rescue Inc and the camaraderie and commitment that has sustained it. The recurring theme all evening was high quality emergency medicine and the desire to provide the best care to our patients. As we look to the future; we recognize that health care delivery is changing, technology is improving and our communities rely on us to continually evolve to meet these new demands.

This year our provider staff was busy responding to more than five thousand calls in our fifteen member towns. The calls ranged from simple assistance to complicated medical and trauma patients that required transport to hospitals in Dartmouth and Boston. In addition we also provided medical standby for events and large incidents in our nearly five hundred square mile coverage area. Our administrative team and board of trustees continue to work on operational efficiency, equipment replacement and Medicaid payment improvements to ensure that Rescue is ready for the future.

We have been undertaking an efficiency and modernization project at our Brattleboro office that has allowed us to provide a space for the hundreds of local citizens, medical providers and future EMTs to receive training each year through our community training center. These programs range from CPR and First Aid to Advanced Cardiac Life Support. In the West River Valley, construction is underway on a new facility that will allow us to meet the growing needs in that region.

This year's equipment upgrades include a complete rebuild on A6. This "new" truck is slightly larger and will better accommodate the ventilators and pumps used by our Critical Care Paramedics. This truck also comes with our first new stretcher and mounting systems to meet the latest federal requirements.

We worked with the Vermont Ambulance Association and our state representatives on Medicaid payment reform. Expansion of our state managed Medicaid program was creating major funding issues for ambulance services across the state. We are pleased that some improvement was made last year in reimbursement amounts and look forward to working with legislators again during this session.

This year starts the next fifty years of commitment to high quality patient care consistent with the vision of our founders and the expectations of our community. As your regional non-profit ambulance and rescue service, our mission is to serve you, our community.

VERNON RECYCLING COMMITTEE

As of July 2016, Vernon completed a second year of "Pay as You Throw" program. The Recycling Committee would like to thank Vernon residents for their patience and understanding during the fine tuning of the program. Trash is collected curbside on a weekly basis and curbside recycling collection is an every other week street schedule. Compost bins are located at the Town garage. Acceptable compost material include: All food scraps, used tissues and paper towels, soiled cardboard and waxed cardboard, milk and juice cartons with plastic spouts removed, cardboard egg cartons, paper plates and cups, cat litter and pet waste. Also at the Town Garage there are bins for recycling books, clothing and returnable bottles.

See vernonvt.org for more information.

Computers, printers, fax and answering machines, TVs, VCR/DVE players and other electronic devices can be disposed of at the Windham County Solid Waste District, 227 Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, Vt.

See www.windhamsolidwaste.org for more information.

HEATHER FROST, Chair
PEG FROST
BOB SPENCER

VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT YEAR IN REVIEW

2016 was our second busiest year since 2011 with 243 total calls broken down as follows:

165 Medical
13 MVA
11 Fire
10 Mutual Aid
2 CO Detectors sounding
42 other (trees and wires down, etc.)

We continue to look for new members. Applications can be found on the web at www.vernonfire.org.
We train every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

TODD CAPEN, Fire Chief

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Post the close of VY, the Planning Commission began to discuss various ways in which we could help Vernon regain both employment and tax stability. As the town has a long history of involvement with electricity production through hydro generation as well as nuclear, we recognized that much of the infrastructure, including the VELCO switchyard and rail and river access, was already in place.

We considered several alternatives including biomass, but, when we discovered that Kinder Morgan was planning to build a natural gas pipeline within a few miles of Vernon, we focused on the development of a natural gas fired electricity generation facility. After months of research, we took our concept to town residents, holding two informational meetings where we not only presented our ideas, but refined them based on input from the many residents who attended the sessions.

In March, we had a town vote on the gas plant, and the results were 677 in favor of the development and 153 opposed, clearly showing strong town support of the project. Unfortunately, weeks later, Kinder Morgan announced that it was suspending construction on the project, so we, once again, began researching alternative power generation and storage facilities. Our work toward the development of a new power production facility is ongoing, and we would like to thank Entergy/Vermont Yankee management for their continuing support and advice as we move forward in the planning process.

In addition to working on energy centric projects, a subcommittee of the Commission has been working diligently to gauge interest and cost in bringing high speed fiber optic capabilities to Vernon residents.

Earlier this year, the Selectboard accepted an invitation from the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) to come to Vernon to hold a series of public brainstorming sessions to help the residents define their visions for the future of the town. Post the many fruitful meetings held by the VCRD that were attended by a large number of townspeople, committees were formed to begin researching the development of (1) a village center; (2) a local store/café; (3) expansion of a trail system to potentially include access to the Connecticut River. We are pleased to be able to report that all of the committees are very active and excited about new ways to advance the quality of life here, and we thank the VCRD for all of their work on the town's behalf. The Planning Commission is working closely with these groups in order to offer any support it can to advance their plans.

To that end, we applied for, and received a Municipal Planning Grant that we hope will help us devise more concrete plans for moving forward with a power generation facility, a potential site for attracting new businesses to Vernon, as well as other possible recreational uses for our land.

BOB SPENCER, Chair
JEFF DUNKLEE
BRETT MORRISON
JANET RASMUSSEN
MADELINE ARMS
MARTIN LANGEVELD
PATTY O'DONNELL

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Office has seen many changes during 2015-2016. In February of 2015, long time Treasurer Sally Brassor took a partial leave of absence for personal reasons, working primarily from home. It was a challenging time for both of us as the office needed to continue to operate with its usual efficiency. After Sally decided to step down from her position as Town Treasurer, the Selectboard appointed me for the remainder of Sally's unexpired term. Luckily, Sally agreed to stay on as my part time assistant, working limited hours until the end of the year, thus, if temporarily, delaying the task of hiring and training a new employee. We wish Sally all the best and thank her for her many years of dedicated service.

On October 3, 2016, the Treasurer's Office welcomed Kathy Walker as the new Assistant Treasurer. Kathy is the wife of our Road Commissioner, David Walker and the mother of Kristina, Michael and Danielle.

We successfully completed our third year of a three-year audit with Sullivan, Powers & Co. out of Montpelier. A copy of the final report is available in person or via e-mail at the Treasurer's Office.

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 was the first year we have collected taxes in three installments; the change was met with mixed emotions by taxpayers. Ultimately, tax collections continued to go well in Vernon. We have a very low delinquency rate as compared with other towns in the state.

At budget time, the Assistant Treasurer's position was cut to 29 hours in an effort to reduce the budget.

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There have been many questions as to the effect the closing of Vermont Yankee has or will have for taxpayers. Vermont Yankee paid the state's electric generating tax and because the Town of Vernon was host to the plant, property owners paid 75% of the state's education tax. With the closure of the plant, that tax break was placed in danger which would have created a sudden and significant jump in property taxes for Vernon homeowners. As the 2014 legislative session came to a close, lawmakers agreed on a bill that would phase out Vernon's 25% break in the statewide property tax by 2019. The legislature agreed to the following phase out structure: property owners would continue to pay 75% of the statewide education tax rate in 2015 and 2016. In 2017, the rate was raised to 83%, to be followed by another increase to 91% in 2018. In the following year, Vernon residents will pay the full state education tax rate.

We hope to see a large turn out this year at our annual town meeting. Come and make your voice heard!

CINDY TURNLEY, Treasurer and Finance Director
KATHY WALKER, Assistant Treasurer



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Vernon Report

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided an augmented police service to the people of Vernon FY2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) in the amount of \$233940, or approximately 8760 hours of service for the year. Our office was able to provide 8925.5 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to 2161 calls for service, or calls where response was refused by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY16, we issued a total of 184 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$12023.20 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 753 warnings were issued and 2161 calls for service were answered.

This year, we were privileged to be selected to be the recipient for State Farm's National Youth Advisory Board's grant. Through this grant, we are able to continue the Enhanced Teen Driver Safety Program, which builds upon the foundation of driver's education for teenage drivers in an effort to improve driver safety and reduce teen deaths. With this grant, the program is able to purchase vehicle driving simulators which will be used at area schools in an effort to develop youthful drivers.

We've continued to maintain our fleet of cruisers by replacing two vehicles with 2016 Ford Interceptor SUVs. Due to the high demand we receive each year regarding concerns of speed within each community, we're also pleased to announce the acquisition of a second RADAR speed cart, purchased through another grant. This will allow us to cover twice as many requests in areas seeking traffic calming.

Along with years past, we've provided several community services throughout the county with no cost or effect on the contract rate. These programs include Click It or Ticket, the Southeastern Unit for Special Investigation, Are You Okay?, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, Toys for Kids, snow mobile patrols and the Camp Leadership Challenge. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications without it going into their groundwater or being stolen. It is the continued support of Vernon and others which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office has again been pleased to serve the people of Vernon and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Keith D. Clark

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Vernon is currently represented by Tim Arseneault and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard bylaw assistance; natural resources including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by us.

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 22 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. We convened stakeholders and coordinated planning in support of an application for funds for fixed route transit service on Route 30. We developed evacuation planning templates for towns, and a model bylaw that integrates both flood hazard and river corridor requirements. We were successful in our application for an additional \$750,000 for our Brownfields program to assess and cleanup sites throughout the region. We've helped towns understand how the state Clean Water Initiative affects them, including town applications for grants to conduct road erosion inventories. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$4,914. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2017, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



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2016 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

VOTE TO CLOSE MRF

The 2016 calendar year for WSWMD ended with a decision by the Board of Supervisors to discontinue the operation of our recycling collection and processing at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), effective July 1, 2017.

By the end of June, the District will remove recycling roll-off boxes from transfer stations in Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Townshend, Wardsboro, Whitingham, and Wilmington. The 24-7 recycling roll-off containers will also be removed from Brattleboro's Fairground Road, Brookline, Dummerston, Halifax, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Vernon, and Westminster. Recycling containers will still be available for use by District residents at the WSWMD recycling convenience center at 327 Old Ferry Road.

The seven transfer station towns are required by state law to provide recycling services, and will therefore contract with private haulers to provide recycling services at transfer stations.

The nine towns with 24-7 roll-off containers are not required by state law to provide recycling since those locations do not accept trash, but will have the option of continuing those containers with a private hauler. The cost to towns for contracting for recycling services will shift to the town's budget, rather than through the annual tax assessment from the District.

SOLAR PROJECT ON LANDFILL

WSWMD signed a \$100,000 per year lease with Sky Solar to develop a 5 Mega-Watt solar photo-voltaic array on our 25-acre closed landfill, and all permit applications were filed. Construction is expected to start in Spring 2017, and should be generating electricity next fall. All District member towns, as well as school districts, have been invited to sign up for a 20-year net-metering agreement that will provide significant cost savings for municipal budgets.

FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING

Of all the recyclable materials processed by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris. The District's food scrap composting facility is in its 3rd year of operation, and is now the 2nd largest such facility in Vermont. Total tons of food scraps, soiled paper, and cardboard delivered to the facility has increased each year as a result of Vermont's Act 148, which requires that food scraps, and yard debris be diverted from landfill disposal, including residents by 2020. The Town of Brattleboro's curbside collection of food scraps is the largest source with approximately 12 tons per week.

The food scraps are mixed with yard debris and wood chips, and turned with a loader bucket. After 6 months the compost is screened to ¼ inch particle size using a rented screen, and in the Spring of 2016, the District sold out of its compost.

The District received a grant from ANR in 2016 to assist approximately 80 food scrap generators in Brattleboro in setting up for food scrap recycling with their trash haulers.

The District successfully established school food scrap recycling programs at: Brattleboro Middle and High School, Leland and Grey, Twin Valley, Guilford, Dover and Newbrook Elementary.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The District conducted 3 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections this year in the Towns of Brattleboro, Townshend, and Whitingham, with 307 households participating. The District offers year round collection of certain hazardous waste such as mercury containing products, leftover paints, and used motor oil and filters.

WSWMD participates in the Vermont Paintcare Program, which provides free recycling of leftover paints, etc. New this year, the District offers free drop-off of single-use batteries. The District also provides free recycling of TVs, computers and computers.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Act 148 requires the District's staff to work with businesses and schools to provide recycling education, and a full-time position is dedicated to this work.

The District offers tours of our facilities to schools and interested residents, and provides educational materials about reuse, recycling, and composting. Backyard compost bins are sold at discounted prices at the District office.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Spencer, Executive Director

TOWN OF VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT



FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2016

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During the past year, the teachers and staff of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union have been committed to providing excellent learning opportunities for our students in positive learning environments. We are working to ensure that all students are positioned to meet the Vermont Learning Standards and the National Common Core Standards.

Academics and Social Skills Development

Our schools continue to work with challenges posed by a population with significant numbers of children living in poverty. With that stated, I am most heartened by the countless ways in which our staff is committed to providing our students a comprehensive educational experience. We work to challenge our students to reach their fullest potential with an emphasis on academic studies, while also supporting social competency and social skill development to become competent and caring citizens. We want to assure that all students will have access to equal educational opportunities in safe, healthy, and respectful environments.

I am proud that WSESU is at the forefront of offering dual credit programming that allows our high school students to earn college credit at Brattleboro Union High School and the Windham Regional Career Center. There are currently over 350 of our students taking courses that offer dual high school and college credit in this exciting and cost effective instructional program. Students now graduate from high school with fifteen to thirty college credits on their transcripts. This program is helping to make college more affordable for our students and families, reaches out to students who may not otherwise see college as an option, and provides our students an advantage in their future career paths.

Act 46 Governance Legislation

Act 46 was created by the Vermont Legislature during the 2015 session. Act 46 creates a process to consider governance changes that provide tax incentives for communities that voluntarily merge into a unified governance model. The stated goals of Act 46 are designed to encourage and support local decisions and actions that:

- Provide substantial equity in the quality and variety of educational opportunities statewide;
- Lead students to achieve or exceed the State's Education Quality Standards;
- Maximize operational efficiencies through increased flexibility to manage, share, and transfer resources, with a goal of increasing the district-level ratio of students to full-time equivalent staff;
- Promote transparency and accountability; and
- Delivers public education at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value.

This past year, the WSESU Act 46 Study Committee has worked to identify program opportunities for achieving equity in all of our schools. The committee has worked to explore operational efficiencies and ways to utilize our resources to reduce costs. Act 46 Study Committee meetings are carried on BCTV and Act 46 information is available on the WSESU website: www.wssu.k12.vt.us.

Budget Development and Presentation

As superintendent of schools, I work closely with WSESU Business Administrator Frank Rucker, district principals, and board members on the budget development process. This process involves a comprehensive educational program and staffing review as well as coordination of services and programs within the district and schools. We work to keep the school system focused on our students – in a fiscally responsible way. We are very conscious of how we fund our programs related to direct instructional costs compared to administrative spending. Our budgets reflect lower administrative

costs as compared to state averages, while dedicating our resources to direct instruction to improve student learning. We will review these program decisions as we present each budget at your annual town meeting.

I also want to take this opportunity to let you know that at the end of this school year I will be retiring as WSESU Superintendent of Schools. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in the WSESU School District for the past fifteen years. It has been an honor to work with such talented educators and wonderful students and families of our school community.

I am very excited that the WSESU Supervisory Board has approved the hiring of Lyle Holiday our current Director of Curriculum as Superintendent of Schools commencing July 1, 2017. We are very fortunate to have someone of Lyle's abilities supporting the students, families and staff of our district.

Finally, I am exceedingly grateful to all who give so much to make this such an outstanding school district. It is the combined efforts of each of our constituencies – the faculty who teach here, the administrators and staff who serve our students, the students themselves, and our parents, school board members and community members who lend their interest and support – which enable this district to promote “**An Education of Excellence**”. To all of you, my sincere appreciation.

RON STAHLEY, ED.D
Superintendent of Schools WSESU

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The Vernon Elementary School is a thriving, vibrant learning community. 165 members strong, our student body consists of future scientists, mathematicians, writers, firefighters, business owners, and more; we aim to provide a learning environment where the sky's the limit and where our adult supporters (teachers, assistants, specialists, volunteers, and more) are available to kindle the fire of learning.

In order to meet these lofty goals, we do many things. Our students are assessed on an ongoing basis using AimsWeb, “a universal screening, progress monitoring, and data management system that supports Response to Intervention (RTI) and tiered instruction.” Using these assessments, we are able to target those students who are in need of interventions that stretch beyond the general curriculum.

Our school is in the midst of a transition to two new curricula, both of which will provide our learners with the tools to master the Common Core as well as to thrive in their transitions to their next school setting. In math, our 4th-6th graders and Kindergarteners have begun using the Eureka Math curriculum; our 1-3rd grade students will transition to this curriculum in the next school year. Our K-3rd grade students have begun using the Reading Street curriculum for literacy instruction this year; 4th- 6th grade will adopt this curriculum in the coming school year. We are confident that, with the continuity of instruction that these curricula will provide K-6, our students will receive the educational foundations they need to thrive in any learning environment.

All of our students also continue to participate in thrice weekly math skills groups, which are designed to target specific foundational math skills required for success in more complex math problems. Our students have already seen positive outcomes from these groups, and we look forward to further gains.

Finally, VES is a place where kids know that they matter; that there are adults who are there to teach them, but also to listen to them, inspire them, encourage them, and build them up. We are very proud of our community!

MIKE HEBERT, Chair; SANDRA MORRISON, Vice Chair
WALTER BREAU, Clerk;
DEBORAH HEBERT; KERRY AMIDON

**2016-2017 ENROLLMENT
VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BAMS AND BUHS**

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Kindergarten	12	13	25
Grade 1	11	9	20
Grade 2	11	6	17
Grade 3	13	18	31
Grade 4	12	15	27
Grade 5	12	11	23
Grade 6	13	10	23
Grade 7	18	6	24
Grade 8	6	10	16
Grade 9	14	9	23
Grade 10	6	9	15
Grade 11	6	5	11
Grade 12	14	13	27

Vernon Elementary—167

Brattleboro Area Middle School—40

Brattleboro Union High School—76

2016-2017 Other Tuition—43

CHILD FIND NOTICE

All children have a right to a public education. Federal and State law provide that all qualifying children with disabilities have a right to a free appropriate public education, including where provided by law, special education and related services.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union and all of its member districts (Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, Vernon, and Brattleboro Union High School District #6) (collectively, “the District”), have a duty to identify and locate any children, ages 3 through 21, who may be eligible for special education (including children who are highly mobile, such as migrant children, or who are homeless, or are wards of the State), who are residents of the District and may have disabilities, or who are attending private schools or a program of home study within the boundaries of the District, or who are not receiving services, in order to evaluate and engage in planning of services, as appropriate, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and/or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The District also needs to identify and locate all infants, birth to age three who may have disabilities, for evaluation and services under Part C of the federal special education law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act).

The District hereby provides notice that such children may be entitled to early intervention services (birth-3) or to special education and related services (3-22).

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone: Superintendent of Schools, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, 53 Green Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301; 802-254-3731. Information provided will be used only to carry out child find purposes, so that those protected by the disabilities laws will be contacted with respect to potential eligibility, and all information will remain confidential within the District’s child find system, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its regulations, 334 C.F.R. Part 99.

**VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2016-2017 FACULTY AND STAFF**

Position	Name
Principal	Dana Gordon-Macey
Administrative Assistant	Chris Nesbitt
Kindergarten	Beth Eriksson
Kindergarten	Kim Kunkle
Grade 1	Courtney Millerick
Grade 2	Joan Cook
Grade 3	Lisa McKenney
Grade 3	Marcia Woodruff
Grade 4	Tai Morse
Grade 4	Maresa Mielson
Grade 5	Deborah Patno
Grade 6	Noreen Cooper
Resource Room	Latisha Akley
Resource Room	Kelly Pacheck
Literacy	Mickie Herbst
Literacy	Dawn Grobe
Guidance Counselor (80%)	Carole Rayl
ESL	Deborah Coombs
Speech Language (50%)	Fran Swanson
Literacy Assistant (part time)	Joan Green
Art (60%)	Tessa Carpenter
Physical Education (80%)	Matthew Greene
Classroom/Instrumental Music	Joyana Damon
Medial Center/Literacy	Eileen Roach
Nurse	Mary Emery
Head Custodian	Ian Spencer
Custodian	Dennis Atwater
Custodian	James Rittenhour
Custodian	Bob Willand
Paraeducator	Cheryl Deyo
Paraeducator	Rachel Foster
Paraeducator	Jonathan Halberg
Paraeducator	Caitlin Haumann
Paraeducator	Amanda Houle
Paraeducator	Lynn King
Paraeducator	Jeff Loomis
Paraeducator	Norma Manning
Paraeducator	Sandy Wycoff
Cafeteria	Tim Walsh
Cafeteria	Cindy Strong

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Combined Balance Sheet – All Fund Types – Fund Base
As of June 30, 2016

	Government Fund Types		Total Governmental Funds
	General	Capital Project Fund	Primary Government
Assets and other debits			
Cash	\$ 641,521	\$ 354,342	\$ 995,863
Accounts receivable	14,587	-	14,587
Prepaid expenses	739	-	739
Due from other governments	21,002	-	21,002
	<u>677,849</u>	<u>354,342</u>	<u>1,032,191</u>
Total assets and other debits	\$ <u>677,849</u>	\$ <u>354,342</u>	\$ <u>1,032,191</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 6,094	\$ 457	\$ 6,551
Accrued expenses	204,542	-	204,542
Total liabilities	<u>210,636</u>	<u>457</u>	<u>211,093</u>
Fund balance			
Nonspendable	739	-	739
Restricted	-	353,885	353,885
Assigned	150,477	-	150,477
Unassigned	315,997	-	315,997
Total fund balance	<u>467,213</u>	<u>353,885</u>	<u>821,098</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ <u>677,849</u>	\$ <u>354,342</u>	\$ <u>1,032,191</u>

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Fund**For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash - restricted	\$ 17,768	\$ 17,768
Accounts receivable	2,218	2,218
Total current assets	<u>19,986</u>	<u>19,986</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 19,986</u>	<u>\$ 19,986</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -
Due to general fund	-	-
Total current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net position		
Unrestricted	19,986	19,986
Total net position	<u>19,986</u>	<u>19,986</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 19,986</u>	<u>\$ 19,986</u>

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**As of June 30, 2016

	Trust Funds	Agency Funds
Assets		
Cash	\$ 8,709	\$ 5,790
Investments	<u>231,311</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 240,020</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,790</u></u>
Liabilities		
Due to student groups	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,790</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>5,790</u>
Net position		
Restricted	<u>240,020</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u><u>\$ 240,020</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,790</u></u>

District: Vernon		T214		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil			
Three Prior Years Tax Impact Estimates-AOE Format		Windham Southeast		10,076	1.00			
As of 1/23/17				11,875	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income			
Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	\$Diff	%Diff	ref.#
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$4,350,537	\$4,314,585	\$4,355,334	\$4,079,300	(276,034)	-6.3%	1.
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-				2.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$4,350,537	\$4,314,585	\$4,355,334	\$4,079,300	(276,034)	-6.3%	4.
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-				6.
7.	Total Budget	\$4,350,537	\$4,314,585	\$4,355,334	\$4,079,300	(276,034)	-6.3%	7.
Revenues								
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$772,062	\$694,810	\$823,643	\$385,912	(437,731)	-53.1%	10.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$772,062	\$694,810	\$823,643	\$385,912	(437,731)	-53.1%	13.
Education Spending		\$3,578,475	\$3,619,775	\$3,531,691	\$3,693,388	161,697	4.6%	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	231.89	224.52	239.92	218.98	(21)	-8.7%	15.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		15,432 threshold = \$16,166	16,122 threshold = \$17,103	14,720 Allowable growth	16,866 threshold = \$17,386	2,146	14.6%	16.
25.	Excess spending threshold	16,166	17,103	16,292	17,386	1,094	6.7%	25.
26.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	-		26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	15,432	16,122	14,720	16,866	2,146	14.6%	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	166.201% based on \$9,285	170.444% based on \$9,285	151.740% based on yield \$9,701	167.391% based on yield \$10,076	0.15651	10.3%	28.
Prorating the local tax rate								
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$16,866.33 ÷ (\$10,076.00 / \$1.000)]	\$ 1.230 based on \$0.98	\$ 1.261 based on \$0.99	\$ 1.259 based on \$1.00	\$ 1.674 based on \$1.00	\$ 0.415	32.9%	29.
30.	Percent of Vernon equalized pupils not in a union school district	65.85%	66.07%	67.36%	63.71%	-3.7%	-5.4%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (63.71% x \$1.67)	\$ 0.810	\$ 0.833	\$ 0.848	\$ 1.066	\$ 0.218	25.7%	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	112.12%	111.07%	104.17%	106.59%	2.4%	2.3%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.0664 / 106.59%)	\$ 0.722 based on \$0.98	\$ 0.750 based on \$0.99	\$ 0.814 based on \$1.00	\$ 1.001 based on \$1.00	\$ 0.186	22.9%	33.
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.								
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(16,866.33 ÷ \$11,875) x 2.00%]	2.99% based on 1.80%	3.07% based on 1.80%	2.71% based on 2.00%	2.84% based on 2.00%	0.1%	4.8%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (63.71% x 2.84%)	1.97% based on 1.80%	2.03% based on 1.80%	1.83% based on 2.00%	1.81% based on 2.00%	0.0%	-1.1%	35.
35a.	BUHS Equalized Tax Rate	\$ 1.735	\$ 1.797	\$ 1.788	\$ 1.722	\$ (0.067)	-3.7%	35a.
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at Brattleboro UHSD #6	34.15%	33.93%	32.64%	36.29%	3.7%	11.2%	36.
37.	BUHS Portion of district equalized homestead rate to be assessed by town Act 174 of 2014, VY Tax Discount "rampoff" factor	\$0.444 0.75	\$0.457 0.75	\$0.484 0.83	\$0.569 0.91	8.4% 8.0%	17.4% 9.6%	37.
38.	PreK-12 Combined Total estimated homestead equalized school tax rate	\$1.254	\$1.291	\$1.333	\$1.635	30.2%	22.7%	38.
39.	PreK-12 Combined Total estimated homestd. CLA adjusted school tax rate	\$1.119	\$1.162	\$1.279	\$1.534	\$ 0.255	19.9%	39.
<div>- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate..</div> <div>- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.</div> <div>- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.</div>								

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union
FY18 Budget Program Summary

Program	Description	FY16Budget	FY16Actual	FY17Budget amd.	FY18Proposed
Revenues					
0100	Admin. Instruction & Transport	3,067,508	3,120,060	3,109,213	3,197,388
0211	Special Ed. School Age	8,362,337	8,358,891	9,745,315	11,212,419
0212	Special Ed. PreSchool Age	701,140	550,733	705,151	733,092
0100	Grant Funded Programs	2,416,928	2,357,003	2,525,393	2,130,902
0910	Food Service Revenues	1,326,917	1,283,768	1,322,961	1,494,334
Total Revenues		15,874,830	15,670,455	17,408,033	18,768,135

Expenditures

0100	Administration, Instruction	2,259,983	2,120,508	2,289,213	2,357,238
	Transportation	807,525	807,525	820,000	840,150
	Subtotal 0100	3,067,508	2,928,033	3,109,213	3,197,388
0211	Special Ed-School Age, non Grant	7,431,889	7,462,999	8,900,544	10,378,318
	Special Ed-School Age Grant	930,448	807,037	844,771	834,101
	Subtotal 0211	8,362,337	8,270,036	9,745,315	11,212,419
0212	Special Ed-EEE, non Grant	670,377	531,690	680,616	715,159
	Special Ed-EEE Grant	30,763	19,042	24,535	17,933
	Subtotal 0212	701,140	550,732	705,151	733,092
0100	Instruction, Instruction Support				
	Grant Funded	2,416,928	2,349,175	2,525,393	2,130,902
0910	Food Services	1,326,917	1,303,094	1,322,961	1,494,334
Total Expenditures		15,874,830	15,401,070	17,408,033	18,768,135

WSESU Cost Allocation Methodology:

Cost Function	Basis to allocate FY18 WSESU expenditures to Districts
SU Administration & Support of Instruction:	Two year average of Regular Ed Nov 1 Student Census for all school districts [e.g.FY18 budget basis uses avg. of Nov.2016 & Nov 2015 AOE student census data collection statistics] Note; Excludes EEE and PreK census data
Special Education-program 211 School Age Expenditures:	same as above
Special Education-Program 212 Essential Early Education Expenditures:	same as above for all elementary school districts however excludes BUHS #6
Transportation:	FY18 projected Routes, Billed directly to Districts based on use of Services

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

Fiscal Year 2016 Sub-Grants to Member Districts **

District	Student Assistance	Title I Compensatory	EPSDT Medicaid	IEP Medicaid Reinvestment	21st Century	Title IIA Teacher Quality	Total
Brattleboro		603,369	12,000	104,000		12,980	732,349
BUHS	39,907	120,937			56,936	11,957	229,736
Dummerston		-	30,000	24,000		86,439	140,439
Guilford		54,295	20,000	10,000		10,116	94,410
Putney		50,920	16,000	18,000		16,289	101,209
Vernon		108	11,000	18,000		2,234	31,341
Totals	39,907	829,628	89,000	174,000	56,936	140,014	1,329,485

** Excludes pass through Nutrition Funds.

Special Education Aid Distributed From Agency of Education to School Districts, Fiscal Year 2016:

District	(3201) Block Grant	(3202) Intensive Aid	(3203) Extraordinary Aid	(3205) State Placed	(3204) E.E.E. State	Total Aid
Brattleboro	282,078	1,322,283	18,310	0	107,387	1,730,058
Dummerston	55,814	230,325	13,152	0	17,872	317,163
Guilford	52,404	207,437	0	0	14,779	274,620
Putney	57,716	346,750	1,800	0	17,133	423,399
Vernon	80,854	237,160	0	0	23,681	341,695
B.U.H.S. #6	365,585	1,906,902	596,998	0	0	2,869,485
WSESU	0	0	0	105,789	0	105,789
Total	894,451	4,250,857	630,260	105,789	180,852	6,062,209

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union FY18 Expenses Allocation Statistics					
Based on Proportional Share of Enrollment					
Statistics used for Administration & Support of Instruction Expenses [Excludes PreK]					
		Nov. 2015	Nov. 2016	Basis FY17	Basis FY18
		FY16	FY17	FY16	FY17
Total Enrollment K-12		Census	Census	Percent	Percent
Brattleboro	K-6	713	696	31.2%	31.3%
Dummerston	K-8	153	145	6.7%	6.6%
Guilford	K-8	149	140	6.5%	6.4%
Putney	K-8	149	140	6.5%	6.4%
Vernon	K-6	159	165	7.0%	7.2%
Brattleboro UHS	7-12	960	939	42.0%	42.1%
Sub Total *		2,284	2,226	100.0%	100.0%
*Excludes EEE and PreK		229	275		
VTSD Not @ BUHS#6		52	42	Diff	% Diff
Total Enrollment		2,564	2,543	(21)	-0.8%
Administration & Support of Instruction Expense Allocations					
Derivation of Net Assessment					
		FY17	FY18		
SU Admin, Instruct., Transport		3,109,213	3,197,388		
less transport contract		820,000	840,150		
less other sources of revenue:		-	15,000	Erate Program grant	
		-	20,000	Federal indirect cost grant	
Assess. for Admin & Instruction		2,289,213	2,322,238		
Administration & Support of Instruction Expense Allocations					
Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]					
		FY17	FY18	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro		714,822	725,815	10,993	1.5%
Dummerston		153,559	153,789	230	0.1%
Guilford		149,049	148,640	(409)	-0.3%
Putney		149,449	149,052	(398)	-0.3%
Vernon		159,824	166,972	7,148	4.5%
Brattleboro UHS		962,511	977,970	15,459	1.6%
Sub Totals		2,289,213	2,322,238	33,025	1.4%
Special Education School - School Age Expense Allocations					
Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]					
		FY17 *	FY18 *	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro		2,729,050	1,328,870		
Dummerston		643,094	281,568		
Guilford		369,464	272,140		
Putney		617,433	272,894		
Vernon		505,727	305,703		
Brattleboro UHS		4,035,736	1,790,532		
Sub Totals		8,900,504	4,251,706	(4,648,798)	-52.2%
* Reflects changes associated with Act 148, effective FY18					
Essential Early Ed (EEE) Expense Alloc. To Districts					
Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]					
		FY17	FY18	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro		364,080	280,851	(83,229)	-22.9%
Dummerston		78,985	59,508	(19,477)	-24.7%
Guilford		65,702	57,516	(8,186)	-12.5%
Putney		85,649	57,675	(27,974)	-32.7%
Vernon		86,199	64,609	(21,590)	-25.0%
BUHS		-	-	-	
Sub Totals		680,616	520,159	(160,457)	-23.6%
Total WSESU Admin, Instruct. Support & Special Ed & EEE Expense Alloc. to Districts					
		FY17	FY18	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro		3,807,952	2,335,536	(1,472,416)	-38.7%
Dummerston		875,638	494,865	(380,773)	-43.5%
Guilford		584,214	478,295	(105,919)	-18.1%
Putney		852,532	479,621	(372,911)	-43.7%
Vernon		751,750	537,285	(214,465)	-28.5%
Brattleboro UHS		4,998,247	2,768,501	(2,229,745)	-44.6%
Sub Totals		11,870,333	7,094,103	(4,776,230)	-40.2%

Windham Southeast SU School Age Special Education Budget Assumptions - FY2018

Elementary Special Ed Costs - Incurred at the School District

	FY16budget	FY16actual	FY17adopted	FY18Proposed
BTSD	553,944	493,740	230,710	-
BUHS	1,136,008	1,207,371	929,460	-
DTSD	96,120	49,747	33,272	-
GTSD	249,538	210,208	81,051	-
PTSD	232,262	210,836	148,844	-
VTSD	154,306	214,341	76,776	-
Total District level	2,422,178	2,386,243	1,500,113	0
Special Ed-School Age Expenses				

WSESU Special Ed. School Age Expense Assumptions [program 211]-excluding 4226

Entity	FY16b	FY16actual	FY17	FY18
WSESU district wide	1,048,753	1,081,023	1,110,463	1,070,796
WSESU 06 Step	-	-	878,089	853,923
WSESU 07 Step	-	-	249,193	405,089
PTSD	330,972	329,226	417,084	435,793
VTSD	152,702	179,880	182,159	347,157
BTSD	1,434,676	1,347,226	1,130,835	1,693,875
DTSD	287,514	304,754	306,990	240,241
BUHS	3,406,729	3,522,193	4,030,736	4,401,164
GTSD	148,228	139,039	119,307	262,468
Elementary Intensive	622,315	559,658	475,687	667,812
Total-Non Grant funded	7,431,889	7,462,999	8,900,544	10,378,318
IDEA 4226, 4228, Best Grants	812,474	812,474	844,811	834,101
Total WSESU Sp.Ed. Expense	8,244,363	8,275,473	9,745,355	11,212,419
Total District & WSESU Expense	10,666,541	10,661,716	11,245,468	11,212,419

Less Estimated FY18 State Aid revenue sent to WSESU (6,126,612)

WSESU Special Ed School Age Net Expenses to be assessed to districts 4,251,706

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board approved 1/23/17

FY18 PROPOSED BUDGET - REVENUE & EXPENSE SUMMARY

	2015-2016 Budget	2015-2016 ACTUAL	2016-2017 ADOPTED	2017-2018 PROPOSED	\$ Diff.	% Diff.	
Revenues							
LOCAL							
Interest	2,000	675	750	750	-	0%	
Miscellaneous	2,000		2,000	2,000	-		
Transportation-BUHS	66,442	64,771	66,442	66,500	58	0%	
Rent-Town of Vernon Rec.Dept	214,123	214,323	217,785	221,270	3,485	2%	
WSESU SUB-GRANTS							
EPSDT Nurse Grant	25,000	11,000	9,453	9,400	(53)	-1%	
Medicaid Literacy Grant	10,000	10,000	10,000		(10,000)	-100%	
Medicaid General Support Grant	8,000	8,000	3,702		(3,702)	-100%	
STATE & FEDERAL							
GENERAL EDUCATION SUPPORT	3,619,775	3,619,775	3,531,691	3,693,388	161,697	5%	
Transportation Aid	42,397	45,054	60,023	85,992	25,969	43%	
Special Ed Block Grant	80,854	80,854	80,216	-	(80,216)	-100%	
Special Ed Intensive Aid	220,313	247,223	246,543	-	(246,543)	-100%	
Essential Early Ed Block Grant	23,681	23,681	26,729	-	(26,729)	-100%	
OTHER LOCAL							
Fund Balance & Educ. Reserves	-		100,000	-	(100,000)		
Transfer from Capital Fund	-		-	-	-		
TOTAL REVENUES & TRANSFERS	4,314,585	4,325,356	4,355,334	4,079,300	(276,034)	-6.34%	Nov.2016 FY17 student Enrollment *
Expenditures:							
Elementary Instruction & Support Svs.	2,421,859	2,303,209	2,388,636	2,446,208	57,572	2%	
WSESU Admin & Instruction Support	149,550	149,550	159,824	166,972	7,148	4%	
Food Services	40,211	40,211	40,211	43,450	3,239	8%	
Transfer to Reserve	90,000	90,000	50,000	50,000	-		
Sub Total K-6 Expenses	2,701,620	2,582,970	2,638,671	2,706,630	67,959	3%	165
PreK Education	87,383	85,730	108,511	108,358	(153)	0%	30
Special Education PreK-12	597,050	706,075	668,152	370,312	(297,840)	-45%	
Transportation K-12	178,532	191,863	180,000	194,000	14,000	8%	
Secondary Tuition 7-12 (excludes BUHS)	750,000	678,949	760,000	700,000	(60,000)	-8%	42
Sub Total Other Expenses	1,612,965	1,662,617	1,716,663	1,372,670	(343,993)	-20%	237
Total Expenses Pk-12 (excludes BUHS)*	4,314,585	4,245,587	4,355,334	4,079,300	(276,034)	-6.34%	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(0)	79,769	-	-			
Changes in Fund Balance [prelim]							
Beginning fund balance @ 7/1/15 [audited]		General Fund	Capital Fund				
		387,444	333,637				
FY16 GF Revenues		4,325,356	90,475				
FY16 GF Expenses		4,245,587	70,227				
FY16 Surplus		79,769	20,248				
FY16 Ending Fund Balance [prelim]		467,213	353,885				

* BUHS District "equalized" Vernon students (125) and related education costs are excluded from the Vernon Town School District budget.

Funding commitment for Vernon Students enrolled at BUHS are authorized by the BUHS District Annual meeting vote results which occurs 2nd Tuesday in February each year. The weighted average of each School District Tax rate (based on the proportion of Vernon Students attending each District) are combined to calculate the total Vernon School District Tax rate (per Act 130 of 2009) Also note PreK enrollment only of 30 only counts as .46 x 30=13.8 for equalized student / tax rate calculations.

Vernon School District Proposed Expenditure Budget FY2018 Detail

Description	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	FY17 Adopted	FY18 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
PRESCHOOL CONTRACTED Svs	84,000	84,000	105,128	105,128	0	0.0%
Total	84,000	84,000	105,128	105,128	0	0.0%
SCAMP SALARIES	3,000	1,620	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
SCAMP FICA	383	110	383	230	-153	-39.9%
OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT	3,383	1,730	3,383	3,230	-153	-4.5%
Total	87,383	85,730	108,511	108,358	-153	-0.1%
TEACHER SALARY REG INSTR	876,388	879,521	866,591	891,456	24,865	2.9%
ADMIN SUPPORT	5,000	4,250	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
SUBSTITUTE	26,500	23,913	26,500	26,500	0	0.0%
HEALTH REG INSTR	241,692	189,171	204,797	202,793	-2,004	-1.0%
DENTAL REG INSTR	0	0	14,971	14,971	0	0.0%
FICA REG INSTR	68,421	66,773	67,672	68,540	868	1.3%
LIFE REG INSTR	1,672	1,529	1,672	1,672	0	0.0%
WORKERS COMP INS REG	7,011	7,011	6,933	7,100	167	2.4%
TUITION (COURSE) REIMB REG	8,100	12,912	6,100	13,000	6,900	113.1%
DISABILITY INS REG	4,280	6,072	4,200	6,100	1,900	45.2%
403 BENEFIT REG	8,000	7,865	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%
COURSE REIMB	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
ASIAN STUDIES/READ DEV/ASSEMBLIES	11,000	11,150	11,000	6,000	-5,000	-45.5%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE REG	0	0	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
ELEMENTARY TUITION REG	0	0	0	45,000	45,000	
TEACHER TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	750	357	750	750	0	0.0%
SUPPLIES REG INSTR	20,389	21,177	20,389	20,389	0	0.0%
TEXTBOOKS REG INSTR	5,500	5,500	10,500	27,500	17,000	161.9%
EQUIPMENT REG INSTR	17,250	14,043	11,250	11,250	0	0.0%
Total	1,301,953	1,251,242	1,274,325	1,364,021	89,696	7.0%
PARA SALARY REG ED	136,147	120,249	118,124	128,230	10,106	8.6%
PARA HEALTH REG ED	115,332	60,019	88,782	73,532	-15,250	-17.2%
PARA DENTAL REG ED	0	0	2,134	2,134	0	0.0%
PARA FICA REG ED	10,415	9,163	9,036	9,810	774	8.6%
PARA LIFE REG ED	0	0	257	257	0	0.0%
PARA STATE RET REG ED	3,771	4,287	3,771	4,300	529	14.0%
PARA WORK COMP REG ED	1,089	1,089	945	945	0	0.0%
Total	266,754	194,807	223,049	219,208	-3,841	-1.7%
FIBER CONNECT FEES	3,363	2,880	3,363	3,363	0	0.0%
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,800	1,939	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%
TECH HARD/UPDATES/SUPPLIES	11,500	9,843	11,500	11,500	0	0.0%
Total	16,663	14,662	16,663	16,663	0	0.0%
504 SALARY	0	19,808	0	0	0	
Total	0	19,808	0	0	0	
GUIDANCE SALARY	51,663	52,180	58,166	58,748	582	1.0%
GUIDANCE HEALTH	12,214	12,212	12,072	13,456	1,384	11.5%
GUIDANCE DENTAL	0	0	795	795	0	0.0%
GUIDANCE FICA	3,952	3,578	4,450	4,494	44	1.0%
GUIDANCE LIFE	92	99	99	99	0	0.0%

Vernon School District Proposed Expenditure Budget FY2018 Detail

Description	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	FY17 Adopted	FY18 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
GUIDANCE WORKERS COMP INS	413	413	465	465	0	0.0%
GUIDANCE COURSE REIMBURS	1,050	0	1,050	1,050	0	0.0%
GUIDANCE DISABILITY INS	505	0	272	272	0	0.0%
GUIDANCE 403B	0	522	505	505	0	0.0%
GUIDANCE SUPPLIES	200	160	200	200	0	0.0%
Total	70,089	69,164	78,074	80,084	2,010	2.6%
NURSING SVS SALARY	43,834	44,272	46,242	48,247	2,005	4.3%
NURSING SVS HEALTH	7,563	15,156	7,677	13,456	5,779	75.3%
NURSING SVS DENTAL	0	0	994	994	0	0.0%
NURSING SVS FICA	3,353	3,198	3,538	3,691	153	4.3%
NURSING SVS LIFE	126	81	81	81	0	0.0%
NURSING SVS WORK COMP	351	351	370	370	0	0.0%
NURSING SVS COURSE REIMB	900	0	900	900	0	0.0%
NURSING SVS DISABILITY	0	0	230	230	0	0.0%
NURSING SVS 403B	713	443	713	713	0	0.0%
DOCTORS SALARY	200	200	800	800	0	0.0%
NURSING SVS TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	50	0	50	50	0	0.0%
NURSING SVS SUPPLIES	500	0	500	500	0	0.0%
Total	57,590	63,701	62,095	70,032	7,937	12.8%
PSYCH CONT PROF SVCS/TEST SUPPLIES	600	840	0	0	0	
Total	600	840	0	0	0	
ONE PERCENT FUND	4,000	3,335	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
INSERVICE TRAINING	1,000	1,002	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
AIMSWEB	960	990	960	960	0	0.0%
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES	1,500	1,159	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
Total	7,460	6,486	7,460	7,460	0	0.0%
LIBRARY SALARY	58,446	57,590	59,318	58,748	-570	-1.0%
LIBRARY HEALTH	12,124	12,293	12,072	13,456	1,384	11.5%
LIBRARY DENTAL	0	0	795	795	0	0.0%
LIBRARY FICA	4,471	4,099	4,538	4,494	-44	-1.0%
LIBRARY LIFE	101	108	108	108	0	0.0%
LIBRARY WORKERS COMP INS	468	468	475	475	0	0.0%
LIBRARY TUITION (COURSE) REIMB	720	0	720	720	0	0.0%
LIBRARY DISABILITY INS	0	0	300	300	0	0.0%
LIBRARY 403B	570	576	570	570	0	0.0%
LIBRARY SUPPLIES	500	373	500	500	0	0.0%
LIBRARY BOOKS/PERIODS/SUBSCRIPTS	4,400	4,025	4,400	4,400	0	0.0%
LIBRARY A/V	1,000	916	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Total	82,800	80,449	84,796	85,566	770	0.9%
BOARD OF EDUCATION SALARY	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0.0%
BOARD OF EDUCATION FICA	1,148	1,196	1,148	1,148	0	0.0%
LEGAL SERVICES	1,000	1,365	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISING	1,000	399	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
SUPPLIES	2,200	2,162	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%
DUES & FEES	2,000	1,640	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Total	22,348	21,761	22,348	22,348	0	0.0%

Vernon School District Proposed Expenditure Budget FY2018 Detail

Description	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	FY17 Adopted	FY18 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
TREASURER SALARY	1,600	1,689	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%
TREASURER FICA	122	129	122	122	0	0.0%
Total	1,722	1,818	1,722	1,722	0	0.0%
ASSESSMENT (WSESU)	149,550	149,550	159,824	166,972	7,148	4.5%
Total	149,550	149,550	159,824	166,972	7,148	4.5%
PRINCIPAL SALARY	87,500	87,500	89,688	91,930	2,242	2.5%
ADMIN SUPPORT SALARY	38,993	39,579	39,950	40,949	999	2.5%
ADMIN HEALTH	37,775	36,858	35,319	37,500	2,181	6.2%
ADMIN DENTAL	0	0	485	485	0	0.0%
ADMIN FICA	9,677	9,183	9,917	10,165	248	2.5%
ADMIN LIFE	336	367	439	439	0	0.0%
ADMIN WORK COMP	1,008	1,008	1,037	1,037	0	0.0%
ADMIN TUITION (COURSE) REIMB	1,500	595	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
ADMIN DISABILITY	0	0	455	455	0	0.0%
ADMIN 403B	3,029	3,434	3,029	3,029	0	0.0%
SOFTWARE MAINT CS - STUDENT DATA	1,916	2,518	1,916	1,916	0	0.0%
ADMIN SUPPLIES	1,000	1,095	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Total	182,734	182,137	184,735	190,405	5,670	3.1%
FISCAL SVS SALARY	17,201	16,834	0	0	0	
FISCAL SVS FICA	1,316	1,288	0	0	0	
FISCAL SVS 403B	1,800	997	0	0	0	
FISCAL SVS SUPPLIES	1,700	1,503	0	0	0	
Func: FISCAL SERVICES	22,017	20,621	0	0	0	
MAINTENANCE SALARY	132,850	137,564	136,836	129,562	-7,274	-5.3%
MAINTENANCE HEALTH	67,584	64,485	68,336	68,336	0	0.0%
MAINTENANCE DENTAL	0	0	1,290	1,290	0	0.0%
MAINTENANCE FICA	10,163	10,241	10,468	10,677	209	2.0%
MAINTENANCE LIFE	0	0	252	252	0	0.0%
MAINTENANCE STATE RET	5,192	3,093	5,192	5,192	0	0.0%
MAINTENANCE WORK COMP	7,971	7,971	8,210	8,210	0	0.0%
REPAIRS/CONTRACTED MAINT	28,929	29,077	28,929	28,929	0	0.0%
PROPERTY INSURANCE	11,769	12,412	11,769	12,500	731	6.2%
TELEPHONE & POSTAGE	5,500	3,690	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%
OPER & MAINT SUPPLIES	16,000	15,883	16,000	16,000	0	0.0%
ELECTRICITY	35,000	30,812	35,000	35,000	0	0.0%
FUEL OIL	40,000	33,143	40,000	40,000	0	0.0%
PLANT OPERATION EQUIPMENT	8,250	8,164	8,250	8,250	0	0.0%
Total	369,208	356,535	376,032	369,698	-6,334	-1.7%
GROUNDS SUPPLIES	6,000	6,271	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
Total	6,000	6,271	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
TRANSPORTATION C/S	178,532	191,863	180,000	194,000	14,000	7.8%
Total	178,532	191,863	180,000	194,000	14,000	7.8%
FIELD TRIPS	3,000	2,906	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%

Vernon School District Proposed Expenditure Budget FY2018 Detail

Description	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	FY17 Adopted	FY18 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
TRANSPORT SVS NOT ELIG. ST REIMB	3,000	2,906	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
LIGHTING PROJECT (GMP)	10,001	10,000	10,001	10,001	0	0.0%
Total	10,001	10,000	10,001	10,001	0	0.0%
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	90,000	90,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%
Total	90,000	90,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%
ELEMENTARY TOTALS	2,839,021	2,734,621	2,740,124	2,857,180	117,056	4.3%
SECONDARY TUITION (OUT OF STATE)	750,000	678,949	760,000	700,000	-60,000	-7.9%
REGULAR INSTRUCTION	750,000	678,949	760,000	700,000	-60,000	-7.9%
Total	750,000	678,949	760,000	700,000	-60,000	-7.9%
Prog: REGULAR EDUCATION PROGRAMS	3,676,404	3,499,300	3,608,635	3,665,538	56,903	1.6%
SPECIAL ED PARA	0	0	76,226	0	-76,226	-100.0%
SPECIAL ED PARA SALARY	89,584	120,334	0	0	0	
SP ED PARA HEALTH	0	77,814	35,698	0	-35,698	-100.0%
SP ED PARA DENTAL	0	0	1,649	0	-1,649	-100.0%
SP ED PARA FICA/MEDI	0	9,057	0	0	0	
SP ED PARA LIFE	0	196	193	0	-193	-100.0%
SP ED PARA ST RETIRE	0	3,692	0	0	0	
SP ED PARA WORK COMP	920	1,188	796	0	-796	-100.0%
SP ED SUPPLIES	0	3,248	0	0	0	
Func: SPECIAL EDUCATION	90,504	215,529	114,562	0	-114,562	-100.0%
Total	90,504	215,529	114,562	0	-114,562	-100.0%
SP ED SERVICES (SU ASSESS)	425,957	425,957	505,727	305,703	-200,024	-39.6%
ESSENTIAL EARLY ED SERVICES (SU ASSESS)	81,509	64,589	86,199	64,609	-21,590	-25.0%
Total	507,466	490,546	591,926	370,312	-221,614	-37.4%
SPECIAL EDUCATION INELIG. FOR REIMB.	507,466	490,546	591,926	370,312	-221,614	-37.4%
FOOD SERVICE SUBSIDY	40,211	40,211	40,211	43,450	3,239	8.1%
Total	40,211	40,211	40,211	43,450	3,239	8.1%
Prog: FOOD SERVICE	40,211	40,211	40,211	43,450	3,239	8.1%
GRAND TOTAL	4,314,585	4,245,587	4,355,334	4,079,300	-276,034	-6.3%

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL
DISTRICT MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON**

FEBRUARY 29th and MARCH 2ND, 2016

Moderator Timothy Arsenault called the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. and after the Pledge of Allegiance, called for a moment of silence to honor those Vernon residents who are no longer with us. The Moderator then went over the procedural rules for the meeting.

Voting by Australian Ballot on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be at the Town Office Building, downstairs on March 1, 2016. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Moderator Arsenault introduced Senator Jeannette White who gave a brief overview of happenings in Montpelier which included legalization of recreational marijuana, certification of law enforcement officials and changes in the voting in state primaries.

School Board Chair Michael Hebert introduced School Board members present and stated that this was Matt Coombs last year on the board and asked the audience to give Matt a round of applause for his years of service. Mr. Hebert then moved that the rules be suspended to allow the school board to discuss the elementary school budget and other school related issues to come before this body as necessary. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Coombs highlighted the items that were significant both in increases and decreases.

Deborah Berryere questioned the possibility of mixed grade classes. The school attendance is 158 students with 11 teachers plus all the extra personnel. The response was that given the demographics of the school and the higher amount of special ed students, this would not be practical or possible.

Dr. Ron Stahley, Superintendent of Schools commended Matt Coombs for his service on the school board.

ARTICLE 4: Christiane Howe introduced the members of the Selectboard.

Mrs. Howe recognized Patty O'Donnell as chair of the Tax Committee. Mrs. O'Donnell explained that the Tax Committee is in the process of negotiating an agreement with Entergy. Because of the complexity of the agreement which must include both the education and the municipal, the final wording has not yet been completed but she was able to tell the residents that for the 2016/2017 tax year only, Entergy will be paying a lump sum of \$750,000.00 to the town of Vernon for the municipal side of the budget. That amount will decrease each year until 2021 when a new agreement will need to be negotiated. A firm of attorneys who are utility specialists have been hired to work with Town Counsel to negotiate the best possible deal for the town.

Christiane Howe made a motion that the voters authorize the total general fund expenditure for operation expenses of \$2,140,393.00, of which \$1,910,303 shall be raised by taxes and \$230,000.00 by estimated income. The motion was seconded and discussion followed on the status of the position, Town Administrator. Questions were asked about the cost of advertising and from where would that money be taken.

Sheriff Clark presented his budget which reflected a 2.6% increase over last year. This increase was mainly in salaries. Sheriff Clark offered a breakdown of costs as the level of service decreases.

After further discussion, Bronna Zlochiver made a motion to reduce the bottom line of the Sheriff's budget to \$225,700.00. This would

drop the hours to 140 hours/week, or 20 hours/day. The motion was seconded and passed. The results of the paper ballot voting are:

1.	\$240,032	40 votes
2.	\$225,720	82 votes
3.	\$210,330	40 votes
4.	\$197,568	31 votes

Jessica Freeman moved to further reduce services by the Sheriff's Dept. to \$100,000.00. The motion was seconded and brief discussion followed. Mr. Christiansen called the question, the motion was seconded and passed. A paper ballot was requested.

The results of the paper ballot was YES—53 and NO 125. The amendment was defeated.

Seth Deyo presented the Recreation Department budget. The projected budget is \$353,649.00. Projected income is \$185,000.00 leaving \$168,649.00 as the net expense to the Town. Discussion included but was not limited to the cost of programs, cost to operate the pool, the definition of various positions, number of water safety instructors and other personnel.

Karen Gilbert called the question on the whole budget. The motion was seconded but was defeated by a clear voice vote.

Further discussion on the Selectboard's budget included more comments on the Recreation Department and questions to Highway Commissioner David Walker on status of paving Sak Rd. A portion of Pond Rd is scheduled to be paved this year.

With no further discussion the Moderator queried Treasurer CindyTurnley for the corrected amount.

The amended motion is to authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses of the town to be appropriated in the amount of \$2,126,081 with \$1,896,081 to be raised by taxes and \$230,000 to come from estimated income. The motion passed on a clear vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 5: Janis Perera moved to appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$121,656.00 for administration of the Vernon Free Library, minus \$9,003.00 prior year surplus, for which \$112,653 shall be raised by taxes. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Questions were raised regarding the number of hours the Library is open as opposed to the number of hours worked by Librarians, and comparisons of costs and hours between the Vernon library and those in other towns.

Patty O'Donnell made a motion to cut the Library budget to \$50,000.00. The motion was seconded and more discussion followed. Kris Berberian, Librarian, stated that for safety purposes, there are always 2 people in the library. A suggestion was made that perhaps volunteers could be used to help cut costs.

Nancy Burrington moved to cease debate on the O'Donnell amendment. The motion was seconded and passed The vote was taken and the O'Donnell amendment was defeated. Donald Rosinski made a motion to reduce the bottom line of the Library budget to \$106,607.00. The motion was seconded and passed. After more discussion, the vote was taken on the article as amended—to reduce the bottom line of the Library budget to \$106,607.00. The motion passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

MEETING RECESSED AT 10:25 P.M. TO RECONVENE ON
MARCH 2, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED MARCH 2, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M.

ARTICLE 6: Bronna Zlochiver made a motion to elect Cathy Korb as Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of one year through March 2017. The motion was seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 7: Bronna Zlochiver made a motion to elect Dawn Petrovsky as Library Trustee for the term of three years. The motion was seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 8: Josh Unruh made a motion to authorize the proposed language to be added to the "Policy on the Administration of the Vernon Capital Plan" as outlined in the Town report and as approved by the Selectboard. The motion was seconded. Mr. Unruh deferred to Tom Rappaport a member of the Finance Committee who gave a brief explanation of the change in language because of questions regarding what can and cannot be included in the operation of the Capital Plan. The article passed on a clear voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: Josh Unruh made a motion to appropriate \$177,675.56 from Emergency Capital Reserve Fund to fund the Capital Plan. The motion was seconded and much discussion followed. Faith Jobin made a motion to remove \$14,000.00 over the next two years for library renovations. The motion was seconded. After discussion, Josh Unruh moved the question. The motion was seconded. The Treasurer stated a clarification that the reduction would actually be \$7,000. Amendment as corrected passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

Heather Frost made a motion to reduce the Highway Dept by \$36,000.00. The motion was seconded. Point of Order...motion should be made for a specific line item. Heather restated her motion to remove \$4,000.00 from each item in the Highway Department's portion of the Capital Plan for a total of \$36,000.00. The motion was seconded. Much more discussion followed. Karen Gilbert called the question and the motion was seconded. The vote was taken on the Frost amendment to reduce the Highway Department portion of the capital plan funding by \$36,000.00. The amendment was defeated on a voice vote in the negative.

Mike Ball moved to change wording from appropriate to raise and appropriate. Mr. Slason was asked to rule on the amendment. No additional monies are being requested, they are just being transferred. After further discussion, Karen Gilbert called the question. The motion was seconded.

The article as amended: to appropriate \$170,675.56 from Emergency capital Reserve Fund to fund the Capital Plan was passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 10: Josh Unruh made a motion to appropriate \$41,900.00 to be expended for items approved for purchase in the Capital Plan. The motion was seconded and then Mr. Unruh asked the Treasurer to make the motion to amend with the correct figures. Mrs. Turnley gave the amended figure of \$208,059.00 to be expended for items approved for purchase in the Capital Plan. The motion was seconded and Mrs. Turnley explained that the original figure of \$41,900.00 was only for the items to be purchased this year.

Discussion followed which included clarification of the expenditures. Faith Jobin called the question. The motion was seconded. The amendment to appropriate \$208,059.00 to be expended for items approved for purchase in the Capital Plan was passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

Patty O'Donnell stated that there was no article to approve the Capital Plan. Atty. Slason clarified by saying that the approval of the \$208,059 actually approved the Capital Plan.

Attorney and VLCT has stated that the Selectboard has absolute authority over the Capital Plan. In most towns, voting on Capital Plan does not even come to the meeting for a vote. VLCT said that a separate article asking for approval of the Capital Plan is not necessary.

After more discussion, Steve Dunklee called the question. The motion was seconded.

The article as amended to appropriate \$208,059.00 to be expended for items approved for purchase in the Capital Plan was passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 11: Josh Unruh made a motion to appropriate \$100,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Town Road Upgrading Fund".

The motion was seconded and Commissioner David Walker spoke to the motion. A mile and a half of Pond Road will be paved from Houghton Hill to Vernon Village. The cost will range from \$215,000.00 to \$250,000.00. There is approximately \$91,000.00 left from last year, plus he has applied for a grant of \$174,000.00. The grant money will be reimbursed after the money is spent for the project.

The article was passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 12: Josh Unruh made a motion to appropriate \$50,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the Professional Services Fund.

The motion was seconded.

The Treasurer was queried as to what was expended last year. The total expenses were \$25,634.00 as of June 30, 2015.

Faith Jobin made a motion to amend the bottom line to \$25,000.00.

The motion was seconded. Patty O'Donnell stressed the importance of having excellent counsel for negotiations with Entergy and that things need to be done right.

Treasurer Turnley stated that \$27,000.00 has already been spent since June 30, 2015 and all the bills have not been received as yet.

Mr. Unruh stated that we don't have a clear picture at this time of what our expenses will be.

Andrew Gantt called the question. The motion was seconded. The amended article to reduce the bottom line to \$25,000.00 was defeated on a voice vote in the negative.

The motion as originally stated to raise \$50,000.00 by taxes to fund the Professional Services Fund was passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 13: Josh Unruh made a motion to appropriate \$40,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established "the Town of Vernon, James Cusick Scholarship Fund". The motion was seconded and discussion followed on the merits of the fund. There was also discussion that this is one place that could be cut, that there are other ways to support our children.

Donald Rosinski moved the question. The motion was seconded.

The Moderator was in question and a division of the house was called. The article passed on a vote of YES 52 and NO 43.

ARTICLE 14: Emily Vergobbe made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$26,962.00 for the Windham Solid Waste District Assessment to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established "Solid Waste Fund". Emily spoke to her motion. The Pay as You Throw was coming in at a deficit, therefore the increase in the price of the bags. The main benefit we receive from WSWD are the bins at the town highway garage. Since we are required to be part of the district, it

was felt that this assessment should not be part of the Pay As You Throw program. The cost of the bags will remain the same at this time. The cost of the bags pay for compost, for collection and disposal of trash and recycling, and also covers the cost of the assessment.

Donald Rosinski called the question. The motion was seconded. The article passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 15: Emily Vergobbe made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established "Elderly Assistance Fund". The motion was seconded. There was discussion on the benefits as well as concerns on abuses to this program.

Donald Rosinski called the question. The motion was seconded. The article passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 16: Emily Vergobbe made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Reappraisal Fund." There was discussion on the amount of money currently in the fund and the status of the next reappraisal. With no further discussion, the article passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 17: Jeff Dunklee made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$17,420.00 to be raised by taxes to support the following in the designated amounts. (BY PETITION)

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
The Current	\$ 600.00
Green Mountain RSVP	\$ 510.00
Senior Solutions	\$ 810.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice for VT & NH	\$ 6,500.00
Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$ 300.00
SeVeds (SE VT Economic Dev Strategies)	\$ 6,600.00
South Eastern Vt. Community Action	\$ 2,100.00

After much discussion, Heather Frost called the question. The motion was seconded and the article passed by paper ballot with the following results:

ORGANIZATION	Yes	No
The Current	44	41
Green Mountain RSVP	52	34
Senior Solutions	63	23
Visiting Nurse & Hospice for VT & NH	66	22
Brattleboro Area Hospice	65	22
SeVeds (SE VT Economic Dev Strategies)	44	39
South Eastern Vt. Community Action	63	26

ARTICLE 18: Jeff Dunklee made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the operation of the Emergency Management Office. The motion was seconded.

After brief discussion, Heather Frost called the question. The motion was seconded and the article passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 19: Jeff Dunklee made a motion to authorize the establishment of a reserve fund to be called the "Culvert Reserve Fund" to be used for the purpose of purchasing culverts. The motion was seconded. Commissioner David Walker spoke to the motion stating that the State has mandated the size of culverts that can be installed. Anything larger than a 36" culvert will require hydraulic studies and engineering.

Donald Rosinski called the question. The motion was seconded and the article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: Jeff Dunklee made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the Culvert Reserve Fund.

Question was raised as to why we need another fund, why not be included in Highway Budget. It could not be included in Capital Fund because a culvert is not considered an asset.

With no further discussion, the article passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 21: Jeff Dunklee made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund". The motion was seconded.

After brief discussion, the article passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 22: Sandra Harris made a motion to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be raised by taxes to repair the cemetery headstones. The motion was seconded and Marylynn Scherlin spoke to the article. The article passed after a division of the house with 49 voting yes and 17 voting no.

ARTICLE 23: Sandra Harris made a motion to set the cost of the graves at the cemeteries at \$150.00 plus the cost of corner markers for residents and \$300.00 plus the cost of the corner markers for non-residents. The motion was seconded.

Much discussion followed which included but was not limited to the cost of the corner markers, and the modest cost of the cemetery lots in comparison with other towns.

Andrew Gantt made a motion to amend the motion to set the cost of graves at \$300.00 plus corner markers for residents and \$600.00 plus corner markers for non-residents.

Jessica Freeman asked to cease debate on the amendment. The motion was seconded and the amendment was defeated on a voice vote in the negative.

The article as originally stated passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 24: Sandra Harris made a motion to appoint Barbara Moseley and James Brown to disburse the income of the Marsh Fund. The motion was seconded and with no discussion, the article passed.

ARTICLE 25: Sandra Harris made a motion to authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer in three installments, with the due dates being September 8, 2016, January 12, 2017, and May 4, 2017. The motion was seconded.

Emily spoke to the motion with the explanation that it was felt it might help spread out the cost of taxes over three payments rather than two.

The article passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 26: Sandra Harris made a motion to approve the provision of notice of availability of the "Town Report and Auditors Report" by "postcard, mailed to all registered voters" at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Town Report to the Voters pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1682.

This would save the cost of mailing. It could also be emailed or put on the not Vernon town website. The cost to print was approximately \$1100.00, mailing was \$325.00 and labor to put the report together was \$1600.00. Atty. Slason pointed out that the town must provide a Town Report to anyone who requests one.

Andrew Gantt called the question. The motion was seconded and the article passed on a voice vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 27: Other non-binding business

Andrew Gantt suggested that the Library Board be placed under some other entity such as the Selectboard. Bronna Zlochiver stated that by Vermont Statute, the Library Board cannot be under the Selectboard as they are elected by the voters.

Donald Rosinski recommended that some investigative work be done on the cemetery situation.

Christiane Howe thanked Jeff Dunklee for his willingness to step up and fill the Selectboard position and also welcomed new Selectboard member Steve Skibniowsky and returning members Sandra Harris and Josh Unruh.

With no further business to discuss, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

ELECTION RESULTS MARCH 1, 2016

Gas Plant Vote: Do you support a natural gas fired electric generating plant being located in Vernon?

YES----677 NO-----153

Results of Australian Ballot voting on Articles 1, 2, and 3 were as follows:

Results of Voting Articles 1 & 2

MODERATOR (1 year term)	
Timothy Arsenault	237
TOWN & TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK	
Timothy Arsenault (3 year term)	593
TOWN & TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER	
(3 year unexpired term-ends in 2017)	
Cindy Turnley	723
SELECTBOARD 3 yr position	
Sandra Harris	630
SELECTBOARD 2 yr position	
Stephen Skibniowsky	719
SELECTBOARD 3 yr unexpired Term (ends 2018)	
Joshua Unruh	573
LISTER (3 year term)	
Carol Hammond	709
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 yr term)	
Marylynn Scherlin	684
FIRST CONSTABLE (1 year term)	
Peter Crossmon	798
SECOND CONSTABLE (1 year term)	
Scott Lane	718
TOWN AGENT (1 year term)	
Nancy Howe	695
GRAND JUROR (Write In) (1 year term)	
Nancy Howe	10
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR (1 year term)	
Timothy Arsenault	133
SCHOOL DIRECTOR 3 yr position	
Walter Breau	702
SCHOOL DIRECTOR 2 yr position	
Marylynn Scherlin	685

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Vernon Town School District approve the Vernon School Board to expend \$4,355,334.00, which is the amount the Vernon School Board has determined for the ensuing fiscal year? (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

YES	596
NO	288

Attest: /s/ _____
Aina Lindquist, Assistant Town Clerk

Timothy Arsenault, Moderator

Christiane Howe, Selectboard Chair

WARNING VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 9, 2016

The registered voters and persons eligible to vote within the Vernon Town School District are hereby notified and warned that a Special School District Meeting will be held at the Vernon Town Office (downstairs) on August 9, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following article:

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Vernon Town School District, a member of Brattleboro Union High School District #6, vote to withdraw from the Brattleboro Union High School District pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. §721a.

Said voters and persons are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting, and voting procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 V.S.A

Michael Hebert	Sandra Morrison	Regina Dyer
Deborah Hebert	Walter Breau	

VOTING RESULTS OF SPECIAL MEETING

NO	124
YES	374

RESULTS OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

REPUBLICAN	Donald Trump—150 votes
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DEMOCRAT	Bernie Sanders—393 votes
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WARNING FOR 2017 TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Vernon Town and Vernon Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Vernon Elementary School (cafetorium) at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 06, 2017 in said Town to act upon the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot; beginning with School District Article 4 and with Town Meeting Articles 5 through 29.

Voting on Town Meeting Article 1, and School District Articles 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot at the Town Office Building (downstairs) on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The annual meeting will recess to meet at the Vernon Elementary School (cafetorium) on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM to consider any remaining Articles, if necessary.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT:

Selectboard – 2 Year Term	Jeffrey Dunklee
Selectboard – 3 Year Term	Kristina Walker Jessica Freeman Earp Jean Carr

Town and School District Treasurer – 3 Year Term	Cindy Turnley
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Lister – 3 Year Term	Jeremiah Sund
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Town Moderator – 1 Year Term	Timothy Arsenault
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Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 Year Term	Marylynn Scherlin
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1 st Constable – 1 Year Term	Peter Crossmon
2 nd Constable – 1 Year Term	Scott Lane

Town Agent – 1 Year Term

Grand Juror – 1 Year Term

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Town School District Officers by law to be elected at the Annual Town School District Meeting. (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

School Director – 2 Year Unexpired Term (ends in 2018)	Sandy Morrison
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School Director – 2 Year Term	Kerry Amidon
School Director – 3 Year Term	Deborah Hebert

Town School District Moderator – 1 Year Term	Timothy Arsenault
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ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Vernon Town School District approve the School Board to expend \$4,079,300.00, which is the amount the Vernon School Board has determined for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,866.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per

equalized pupil is 14.6% higher than spending for the current year. (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,928,262.78 of which \$1,670,062.78 shall be raised by taxes and \$258,200.00 by estimated income?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$70,000.00 for administration of the Vernon Free Library for which \$70,000.00 shall be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters raise and appropriate \$39,900.00 in addition to the proposed \$70,000.00 for the administration of the Vernon Free Library? (BY PETITION)

ARTICLE 7: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of one year through March 2018.

ARTICLE 8: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the term of three years.

ARTICLE 9: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the term of three years.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters authorize an amendment to the “Policy on the Administration of the Vernon Capital Plan” deleting all references to the “Finance Committee” and replacing them with the “Capital Plan Committee”?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$198,591.00 for the funding of items approved in the Capital Plan where \$82,580.00 shall be raised by taxes, \$496.00 shall be raised by interest and gains and \$116,507.00 shall be raised from items previously approved and appropriated but not expended and hereby rescinded from the Capital Plan with the understanding that this money can only be used for items authorized in the Capital Plan?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters appropriate \$50,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Road Upgrading Fund”?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund”?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the voters appropriate \$35,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Professional Services Fund”?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters appropriate \$40,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “The Town of Vernon, James Cusick Scholarship Fund”?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters appropriate \$25,470.00 for the Windham Solid Waste District Assessment to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Solid Waste Fund”?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters appropriate \$45,000.00 for municipal refuse, recycling and compost disposal to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Solid Waste Fund”?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town authorize the establishment of a Pay-As-You-Throw Fund into which all Pay-As-You-Throw revenue shall be deposited for management of all fiscal activities associated with the Pay-As-You-Throw program?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the voters remove revenue and expenses of Pay-As-You-Throw accounting from the Solid Waste Fund and move it to the Pay-As-You-Throw fund?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established "Elderly Assistance Fund"?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the "Reappraisal Fund"?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$19,010.00 to be raised by taxes to support the following in the designated amounts? (BY PETITION)

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Southeast Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	\$2,100.00
Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT & NH	\$6,500.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$850.00
The Current	\$600.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	\$1,850.00
Green Mountain RSVP	\$510.00
Southeast Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	\$6,600.00

ARTICLE 23: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the operation of the Emergency Management Office?

ARTICLE 24: Contingent upon no less than \$100,0000.00 in other grant money being secured by the Vermont Land Trust, shall the voters of the Town of Vernon authorize the Selectboard to spend \$54,000.00 from the Vernon Farmland Protection Fund to pay a portion of the costs that will permanently conserve 73 acres, more or less, on Pond Road owned by Jeffrey and Kelli Dunklee?

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town of Vernon authorize the Selectboard to spend \$45,300.00 (plus expenses not to exceed \$6,000) from the Farmland Protection Fund to buy the development rights to permanently conserve 25 Acres more or less located on 406 Pond Road owned by Jean Carr?

ARTICLE 26: Shall the voters exempt Pond Road Chapel from school district and municipal taxes for the years 2018-2022?

ARTICLE 27: Shall the voters authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer in three installments, with the due dates being, September 07, 2017, January 11, 2018 and May 03, 2018?

ARTICLE 28: Shall the voters approve the provision of notice of availability of the "Town Report and Auditor's Report" by "postcard, mailed to all registered voters" at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Town Report to the Voters pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1682?

ARTICLE 29: Shall the voters approve the Ordinance Regulating the Outside Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles as adopted by the Selectboard on December 05, 2016? (BY PETITION)

ARTICLE 30: To discuss any other non-binding business.

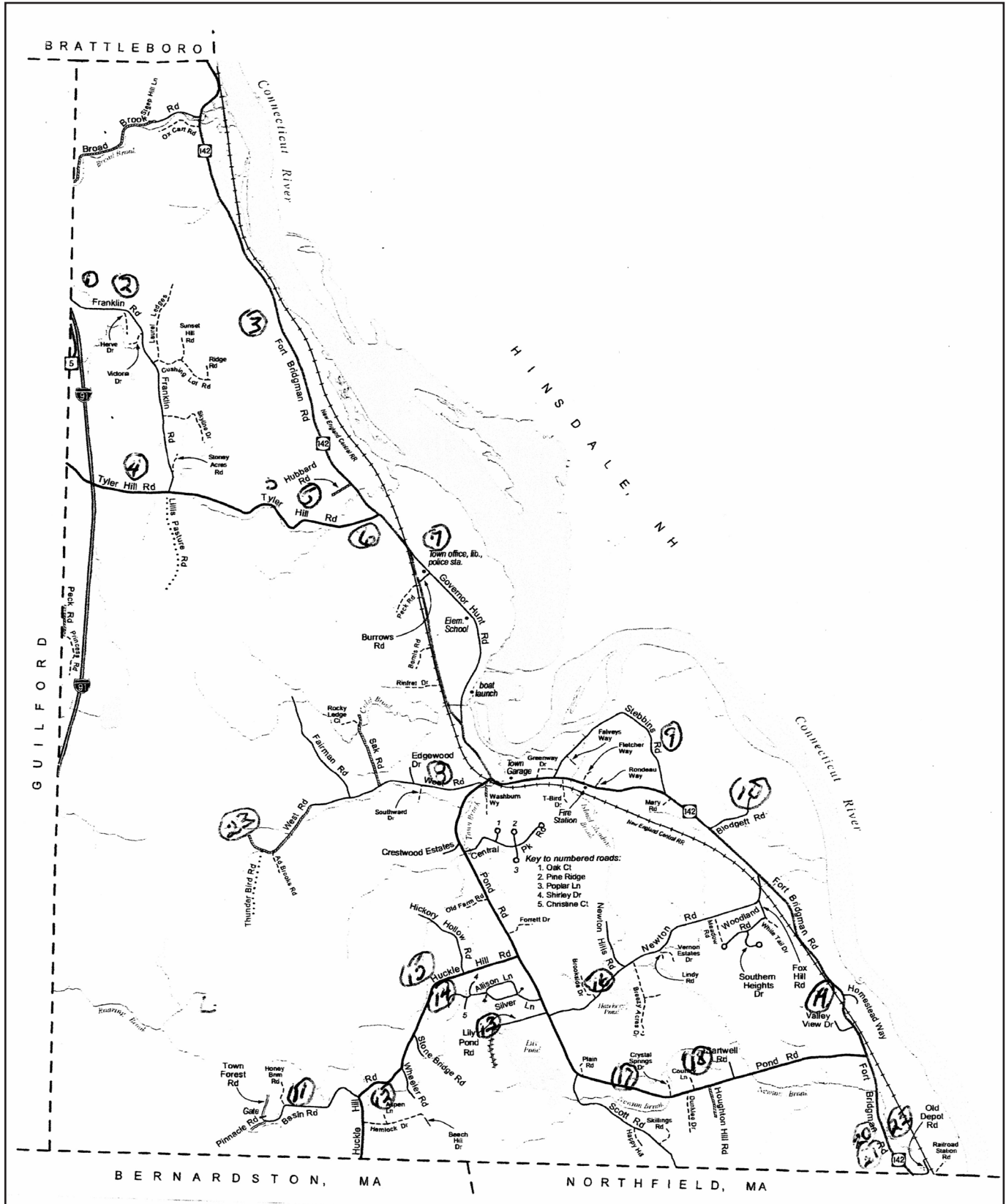
_____ Michael Hebert, Chair	_____ Christiane Howe, Chair
_____ Sandra Morrison, Vice Chair	_____ Sandra Harris, Vice-Chair
_____ Walter Breau, Clerk	_____ Stephen Skibniowsky, Clerk
_____ Deborah Hebert	_____ Joshua Unruh
_____ Kerry Amidon	_____ Emily Vergobbe
Vernon Town School Board	Vernon Town Selectboard

On this map, there are numbers 1-23 which indicate the locations of farms both now and in years past. The numbers may not be in the exact location of the property, but they should be close.

Dunklee (2), Skibniowsky (2), C oombs (2), Hubbard, Miller, Blodgett, Kendall, Williams, Brown, Merritt,

This is by no means an exhaustive list, but it will give an idea of the agricultural makeup of our town. It's up to you to match up names with locations.

Zaluzny, Newton, Whitaker, Johnson, Crossmon, Clough, Scherlin, Streeter, Lee, Stebbins (Kuhn)





In memoriam: Alfred A. Dunklee (1929-2016)