

WILLISTON, VERMONT
2016
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016



Whether he is organizing the chaos prior to the start of our annual Independence Day parade or making sure everyone's voice is heard during our annual Town Meeting, Tony Lamb is there doing his best to make the experience better for all. He has also served as a Justice of the Peace for 21 years, School Director for 7 years, including the position of Chair, and Library Trustee for 4 years. In his spare time, Tony has served as a lay leader in his church and volunteered for a variety of efforts, including disaster relief. The annual report for 2016 is therefore dedicated to Tony for all that he does to make our world a better place.

On the Front Cover: The early morning view of Camel's Hump from Old Stage Road (photo by Deb Beckett)

IN MEMORIAM

Jeff Carlson

Williston Police Officer

1995 – 2009

Grand Juror

2003

Cemetery Commissioner

2013 – 2016

Died: March 30, 2016, 2016

Denise Keefe

Assistant Election Official-Ballot Clerk

2006 - 2015

Died: February 8, 2016

Sara Mikell

Community Justice Board

2013

Died: March 16, 2016

Betty Shortsleeves

Williston Fire Department – Red Phone Operator

1949-1974

Died: February 1, 2016

Fred Webster

Lister 1992 - 2008

Died: July , 2016

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TOWN MEETING	MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 – 7:00 PM WILLISTON CENTRAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
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INFORMATION MEETING	TOWN BUDGET SCHOOL BUDGET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL
MEETING	
VOTING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. WILLISTON CENTRAL SCHOOL GYMNASIUM



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

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Date of Incorporation	June 7, 1763
Total Area	30.4 Square Miles
County	Chittenden
Population	8698 (Census 2010)
Housing Units	3652 (Census 2010)
Registered Voters	8172 (November 2014)

Williston Representatives to the Vermont Legislature

Terry Macaig	Chittenden-2	878-3872	macaig@msn.com
Jim McCullough	Chittenden-2	878-2180	jim_mccullough@myfairpoint.com

Vermont Senators Representing Chittenden County

Virginia "Ginny" Lyons	Williston	863-6129	senatorginnylyons@gmail.com
Debbie Ingram	Williston	879-0054	debingram@comcast.net

Town of Williston Web Site: <http://www.town.williston.vt.us>

Log on for up to date information on meetings and events, download a form and more....

Neighbors are talking on Front Porch Forum

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

As one of our FPF members posted to her neighbors yesterday:

"Town Meeting is coming. Attend selectboard meetings. Be informed. Participate."

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:00 AM Town Hall Annex

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:00 PM Town Hall Meeting Room

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES

3rd Monday 7:00 PM Dorothy Alling Memorial Library

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st & 3rd Monday 6:15 PM Town Hall Annex

LAKE IROQUOIS RECREATION DISTRICT

1ST Monday 4:30 PM Town Hall Annex

PLANNING COMMISSION

1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:15 PM Town Hall Annex

RECREATION COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday 7:00 AM Town Hall Annex

SELECTBOARD

1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM Town Hall Meeting Room

WILLISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS

2nd Wednesday 7:00 PM Champlain Valley Union High School

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION H.S. DIRECTORS

2nd Wednesday 7:00 PM Champlain Valley Union High School

BUSINESS HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

Town Manager

Planning/Zoning

Public Works & Recreation

<i>LISTERS:</i>	MONDAY – FRIDAY	9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
<i>LIBRARY:</i>	MONDAY & WEDNESDAY	10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
	TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY	10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
	SATURDAY	10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

LANDFILL DROP OFF: MONDAY – SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

TOWN OF WILLISTON DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Town Manager	878-0919
Town Clerk/Treasurer	878-5121
Public Works	878-1239
Police Department (non-emergency)	878-6611
Fire Department (non-emergency)	878-5622
Planning & Zoning	878-6704
Recreation & Parks	876-1160
Assessor/Listers	878-1091
Dorothy Alling Mem. Library	878-4918
Schools: Williston Central	878-2762
Allen Brook	878-2762
CVU High School	482-7100

<i>If you have questions regarding...</i>	<i>Call</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Animal Control	Police	878-6611
Bicycle Registration	Police	878-6611
Brick Church Rental	Town Clerk	878-5121
Building Permits	Planning/Zoning	878-6704
Burning Permits	Fire Department	878-5622
DARE Program	Police	878-6611
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	878-5121
Elections	Town Clerk	878-5121
Landfill	CSWD	872-8100
Land Records	Town Clerk	878-5121
Marriage Licenses	Town Clerk	878-5121
Motor Vehicle Renewals	Town Clerk	878-5121
Passports	Town Clerk	878-5121
Streets & Sidewalks	Public Works	878-1239
Tax Assessments	Assessor	878-1091
Tax Billing	Town Treasurer	878-5121
Voter Registration	Town Clerk	878-5121
Vital Records	Town Clerk	878-5121
Water/Sewer Department		
Billing	Public Works	878-1239
General	Public Works	878-1239
Weekend/Holidays	Pager	657-9702
Emergency	Police	878-6611

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO SENIOR CITIZENS

Williston provides a variety of services and opportunities for residents 55 and over. Some, such as the walking path, are noted in other parts of this report. Others listed below. Those with an * receive some financial support from the town.

TRANSPORTATION:

**SSTA's* mission is to provide accessible transportation for people who have specialized mobility needs. Call 878-1527 at least 24 hours ahead of time to schedule your ride. There is a suggested donation of \$2.50 for each one way trip.

HOUSING

Whitney Hill Homestead, a 44-unit, independent-living, mixed income facility, located in the heart of the village. 878-0997

Williston Woods, a 116-unit, owner occupied, mobile home Co-op, located 2 miles north of the village off North Williston Road. 879-4797

Eagle Crest, a 60-unit, independent-living, mixed income facility, located in Blair Park near Taft Corners. 878-0524

Falcon Manor, a 60-unit independent-living, mixed income facility, located in Blair Park near Taft Corners. 878-0524

Taft Farms Independent Living Center, a 65-unit, independent-living, mixed income facility, located off Route 2 near Taft Corners. 879-3333

SOCIAL

**Williston Senior Citizens*, formed more than 20 years ago, meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month for a noon potluck at Masonic Temple on Bishop Avenue. All are welcome for good meals, fellowship and entertainment. 878-0997

Green Mountain Passport available for \$2.00 at the Town Clerk's Office and allows entry to all Vermont State Parks. Must be 62.

**Lake Iroquois Recreation District* offers discount season passes to seniors. Passes available at the Town Clerk's Office.

**Recreation & Parks Department* offers various exercise and activity programs. Call 876-1160 for a list of what programs are being offered and the locations.

EMERGENCY/MEDICAL

Williston Fire* provides rapid access to emergency medical care – Call **911 in case of emergency

**Agency on Aging* is a resource for information about services available. Operates meal sites throughout the region. Call for a schedule or information. 865-0360

Vermont Center for Independent Living is a resource for seniors and others in need of some assistance such as equipment, counseling, referrals, living independently. Toll-free and TYY (800) 639-1522.

LISTING OF TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTED OFFICIALS

(All terms expire in March, unless noted otherwise)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>																
Champlain Water District	Joe Duncan	2017																
First Constable	Michael Sinopoli	2017																
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LISTING OF TOWN APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointed Official</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Animal Control Officer	Vacant	
Asst. Town Clerk & Treasurer	Sarah Mason	2017
Asst. Town Clerk	Jennifer Munson	2017
	Cindy Thurston	2017
	Samantha Ford	2017
Cemetery Commission	Bea Harvey	2017
	Hazel Winter	2018
	Ginger Isham	2019
	Don Thurston	2020
	Jack Price	2021
Channel 17 Advisory Board	Ginny Lyons	Indef
Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA)	Chapin Kaynor	2017
Chittenden Solid Waste District	Craig Abrahams`	2017
Conservation Commission	Gary Hawley	2017
	Eric Howe	2017
	Jean Kissner	2017
	Carl Runge	2018
	Jude Hersey	2019
	Anthony Jordick	2019
	Kim Coleman	2019
Development Review Board	David Turner	2017
	John Hemmelgarn	2018
	Brian Jennings	2018
	Scott Rieley (Chairman)	2018
	David Saladino	2019
	Peter Kelley	2019
	John Bendzunas	2019
	Michael Alvanos (Alternate)	
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Ken Morton, Jr. Fire Chief	Indef
Forest Fire Warden	Ken Morton, Jr	2017
Health Officer	Terry Macaig	2017
Deputy Health Officer	Cindy Thurston	2017
Historical & Architectural Advisory Committee (HAAC)	Karen Fragnoli-Munn	2017
	Brian Forest	2017
	Emily Morton	2018
	Doug Goulette	2018
	Mary Jo Childs	2018
	Joy Peterson	2019
	Elizabeth Jordon-Shook	2019

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Lake Iroquois Beach Commission	Hans Dyhrman	2018
Old Brick Church Trustees	Carol West	2017
	Joy Peterson	2018
	Barrett Peterson	2019
	Jack Price	2020
	Alice Beisiegle	2021
Planning Commission	Michael Alvanos	2017
	Jake Mathon (chair)	2017
	Paul Laska	2018
	Meghan Cope	2018
	Thomas Walsh (resigned)	2019
	Kevin Batson	2019
Recreation Commission	Eric Kelley	2017
	Michael Clauss	2018
	Danielle Doucette	2018
	Robert Metz (chair)	2019
	Nicole Morris	2019
Regional Planning Commission	Chris Roy	2018
	Debbie Ingram (1 st Alternate)	2018
Regional Planning Commission (TAC)	Bruce Hoar	2018
	Lisa Sheltra (Alternate)	2018
Regional Planning Commission (PAC)	Ken Belliveau	2017
	Matt Boulanger (Alternate)	2017
Social Services	Susan Lamb	Indef
	Dawn Philibert	Indef
	Ken Stone	Indef
	Alice Fothergill	Indef
	Barbara Giardi	Indef
	Ken Sassorossi	Indef
Town Manager	Richard McGuire	2019
Town Service Officer	Dawn Philibert	2017
Tree Warden	Bruce Hoar	2017
Winooski Valley Park Dist. Rep	Rita Dessau	2018
Zoning Administrative Officer	Ken Belliveau	Indef

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Housing Trust Fund Task Force	Ted Brady	Indef
	Jeff Fehrs	Indef
	Debbie Ingram	Indef
	Ben King	Indef
	Charlie Magill	Indef
	Kenn Sassorossi	Indef

LISTING OF VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE OFFICIALS

Board of Friends of the Library	Jane Petrillo	Indef
	Ann Park	Indef
	Joanne Arsenault	Indef
	Esther Perelman	Indef
	Barbara Meider	Indef
Sustainable Williston	Cindi Hines	
	Autumn Barnett	
	Luc Reid	
	Deborah Miuccio	
	Dennis Bates	
	Chapin Kaynor	
	Ben Rose	
	Lori Fisher	
	Ken Stone	
	Don Taylor	
	Linda Birkenbach	
Williston Green Initiatives	Lynn Blevins	
	Brian Forrest	
	Clare Innes	Indef
	Dennis Bates	Indef
	Kevin Batson	Indef
	Linda Birkenbach	Indef
	Lori Fisher	Indef
Lynn Blevins	Indef	
Scott Gardner	Indef	

WHAT... WHEN...AND HOW MUCH...

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Property Taxes are due in three (3) installments:
August 15 * November 15 * February 15

A 1% interest charge is assessed on the 16th of each month for late payments for the first three (3) months and 1 1/2 % after three (3) months.

IMPORTANT: *a 1% penalty is assessed on any unpaid balances after the final installment due date of February 15th.*

Selected Town Clerk Fees

Certified Copy of a Vital Record	\$10.00
Document Recording (per page)	\$10.00
Mylar Recording	\$15.00
Motor Vehicle Registration Renewal	\$ 3.00
Green Mtn. Passport for Seniors	\$ 2.00
 Marriage License	 \$60.00
 Notary Public Services	 No Fee
 Passport Processing Fee	 \$25.00
Passport Photo	\$12.00
 Catering Permit	 \$10.00
 Dog License	
Spayed or Neutered	\$13.00
Not Spayed or Neutered	\$17.00
After April 1 (Spayed)	\$17.00
After April 1 (Not Spayed)	\$23.00
<i>Current Rabies Certificate Required</i>	

Williston Planning & Zoning Fees

Administrative Permits		
Simple Administrative Permit		\$30.00
Sign Permit with Master Sign Plan		\$30.00
Sign Permit – Other		\$60.00
Major Administrative Permit <i>minimum</i>		\$30.00
<i>(\$5.00 per \$1000 of construction costs)</i>		
Boundary Line Adjustment		\$30.00
Home Business Permit		\$75.00
Recording of Administrative Permits		\$10.00
Administrative Certificates		
Certificate of Compliance – Residential		\$35.00
Certificate of Compliance – All Other		\$60.00
Temporary Certificate of Compliance		\$60.00
Zoning Compliance		\$30.00
 Miscellaneous		
Peddler License:	Per Year	\$75.00
	Per Quarter	\$25.00
Special Events Permit		\$10.00

Lake Iroquois Beach Permit

Lake Iroquois is open to the residents of Williston, Hinesburg, Richmond and St. George, as well as the general public. Seasonal Permits are available for sale at the Town Clerk's office or at the beach.



**OFFICIAL TOWN WARNING
TOWN OF WILLISTON
MARCH 6 & MARCH 7, 2017**

Please note the Starting Time
Town Meeting Activities (Mar 6, 2017)
1. 7:00: Official Town Meeting
2. School District Meeting
Following Official Meetings:
1. Town Budget Presentation
2. Forum on Stormwater Funding

The legal voters of the Town of Williston are hereby notified to meet at the Williston Central School Auditorium in Williston, Vermont at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 6, 2017 for the Annual Town Meeting. Following the meeting, the Selectboard will review the Town budget and answer any questions that may be presented.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator

Article 2: Shall the voters authorize that current taxes be paid to the Town Treasurer in three equal installments with due dates of August 15, November 15 and February 15 as authorized by 32 V.S.A. § 4871?

Article 3: To hear and act upon reports of the several town officers.

Article 4: To transact any other business proper to be brought before said meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of Williston are hereby notified to meet on March 7, 2017, at Williston Central School Gymnasium at 7:00 AM at which time the polls will open until 7:00 PM, at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following articles:

Article 5:	Shall the voters adopt a budget for operating and capital expenses of \$10,613,961 for the year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018?
Article 6:	To elect for the Selectboard one member for a term of two years beginning March, 2017.
Article 7:	To elect for the Selectboard one member for a term of three years beginning March, 2017.
Article 8:	To elect for the Board of Listers one member for a term of three years beginning March, 2017.
Article 9:	To elect for the Library Board of Trustees one member for a term of five years beginning March, 2017.
Article 10:	To elect for the Library Board of Trustees one member for a term of five years beginning March, 2017.
Article 11:	To elect a First Constable for a term of one year beginning March, 2017.
Article 12:	To elect a representative to the Champlain Water District for a term of three years beginning March 2017.
Article 13:	To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three years beginning March, 2017
Article 14:	To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of three years beginning March, 2017

Dated this 24th day of January 2017
Williston Selectboard

Terry Macaig, Chair

Debbie Ingram

Jeff Felle

Ted Kenney

Joy Laberge

**The annual School Report will be distributed prior to the vote on
March 7th, 2017.**

**WARNING
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2017 AND MARCH 7, 2017**

The legal voters of the Charlotte Town School District, Hinesburg Town School District, Shelburne Town School District, Williston Town School District, and St. George Town School District, being the forming school districts of Champlain Valley School District, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Champlain Valley Union High School Room 140/142 in the Town of Hinesburg at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 p.m.) on February 23, 2017, to transact any of the following business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and to conduct an informational hearing with respect to Articles of business to be considered by Australian ballot on March 7, 2017.

- ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator, clerk and treasurer.
- ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports of the unified union school district officers.
- ARTICLE III: To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.
- ARTICLE IV: To establish the date of the CVSD Annual Meeting of February 22, 2018 at 6pm at CVU and recessed and opened back up at Australian ballot voting on Town Meeting Day and hold an Informational Meeting on March 5, 2018 at 4pm.

BALLOT QUESTIONS

The legal voters of the Charlotte Town School District, Hinesburg Town School District, Shelburne Town School District, Williston Town School District, and St. George Town School District, being the forming school districts of Champlain Valley School District, are hereby notified and warned to meet at their respective polling places on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at seven o'clock in the forenoon (7:00 a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles of business:

- ARTICLE V: Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley School District approve the expenditure by the Board of School Directors of the sum of Seventy Five Million, One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$75,144,759) which is the amount the Board of School Directors has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of Fifteen Thousand, Four Hundred Nine Dollars (\$15,409) per equalized pupil.
- ARTICLE VI: Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley School District authorize the Board of School Directors to allocate its current fund balance, without effect upon the District tax levy, as follows: assign One Million, Eighty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$1,088,788) of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2017-2018 operating budget, and assign the remaining balance One Million, Seven Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$1,763,711) as revenue for future budgets?
- ARTICLE VII: Shall the voters of the Champlain Valley School District authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$288,000) for the purpose of purchasing three (3) school buses?

POLLING PLACES

Charlotte	-	Charlotte Central School - Multi Purpose Room
Hinesburg	-	Hinesburg Town Hall - Upstairs
Shelburne	-	Shelburne Town Center Gymnasium
Williston	-	Williston Central School Gymnasium
St. George	-	St. George Town Hall/Red Schoolhouse

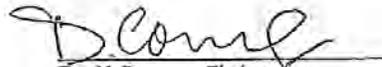
Ballots shall be transported and delivered to the Champlain Valley Union High School in the Town of Hinesburg and there commingled and counted by members of the Boards of Civil Authority of the several Town School Districts under the supervision of the Clerk of the Champlain Valley School District.

The legal voters of the Champlain Valley School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee/early voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 706a of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a duly noticed, called and held meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Champlain Valley School District on January 17, 2017. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Champlain Valley School District on January 18, 2017.

ATTEST:

Joan G. Lencs, District Clerk


David Connery, Chairperson

OFFICIAL WARNING
WILLISTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
March 6, 2017 and March 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Williston Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Williston Central School auditorium on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. to transact any of the following business not involving voting by Australian ballot. Following the meeting the Board of School Directors will review the School District budget and Australian ballot articles and answer any questions which may be presented.

- ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator.
- ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports of the Williston School District Officers.
- ARTICLE III: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

BALLOT QUESTIONS

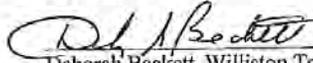
The legal voters of the Williston Town School District are hereby notified to meet at the Williston Central School gymnasium at 7:00 a.m. at which time the polls will open until 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 to vote by Australian ballot upon the following articles:

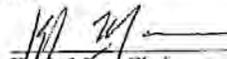
- ARTICLE IV: To elect for the Champlain Valley Union High School District No. 15 one (1) School Board Director for a term of three (3) years, beginning in March, 2017.
- ARTICLE V: To elect one (1) Town School Board Director for a term of two (2) years, beginning in March, 2017.
- ARTICLE VI: To elect one (1) Town School Board Director for a term of three (3) years, beginning in March, 2017.

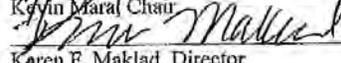
The legal voters of the Williston Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee/early voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Section 552 of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

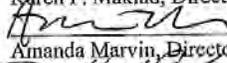
Adopted and approved at a duly noticed, called and held meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Williston Town School District on January 9, 2017. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Williston Town School District on January 20, 2017.

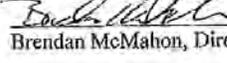
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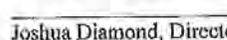

Deborah Beckett, Williston Town Clerk


Kevin Mara, Chair


Karen F. Maklad, Director


Amanda Marvin, Director


Brendan McMahon, Director


Joshua Diamond, Director

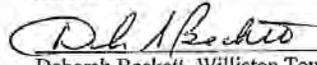
**WARNING FOR HEARING
WILLISTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 6, 2017

The legal voters of the Williston Town School District are hereby notified and warned that the Williston Town School District Meeting warned for Monday, March 6, 2017 at the Williston Central School auditorium in said Town, at 7:00 p.m., to transact business not involving voting by Australian ballot, will also constitute and be a public hearing on and for those items involving voting by Australian ballot on the succeeding day.

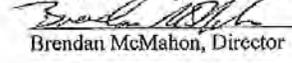
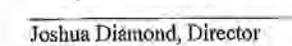
Dated this 9th day of January, 2017

ATTEST:


Deborah Beckett, Williston Town Clerk


Kevin Mara, Chair

Karen F. Maklad, Director

Amanda Maryin, Director

Brendan McMahon, Director

Joshua Diamond, Director

WARNING
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15

March 6, 2017

The legal voters of the Champlain Valley Union High School District No. 15, consisting of the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, and Williston, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Champlain Valley Union High School Room 140/142 in the Town of Hinesburg on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. to transact the following business.

ARTICLE I: To elect the following officers and fix their compensation:

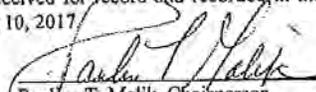
1. Moderator
2. Clerk
3. Treasurer

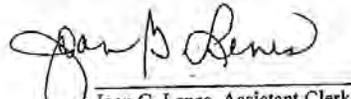
ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports of the Union High School District Officers.

ARTICLE III: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

The legal voters of Champlain Valley Union High School District No. 15 are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 706a of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of Champlain Valley Union High School District No. 15 held on January 9, 2017. Received for record and recorded in the records of Champlain Valley Union High School District No. 15 on January 10, 2017.


Pauline T. Malik, Chairperson


Joan G. Lenes, Assistant Clerk

**LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS
TO BE VOTED ON MARCH 7, 2017**

ONE FIRST CONSTABLE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR
MICHAEL SINOPOLI

ONE CHAMPLAIN WATER DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS
LIZ ROYER

ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR A TERM OF 5 YEARS
BRIAN GOODWIN

ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR A TERM OF 5 YEARS
BARBARA MIEDER

ONE LISTER FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS
LINDA LEVITT

ONE SELECTBOARD MEMBER FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS
ORLANDO BRU
JEFF FEHRS

ONE SELECTBOARD MEMBER FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS
DAVID CRANMER
THERESA "TERRI" ZITTRITSCH

ONE TOWN CLERK FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS
DEBORAH BECKETT

ONE TOWN TREASURER FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS
DEBORAH BECKETT

ONE WILLISTON SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS
(or until dissolved)

ONE WILLISTON SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS
(or until dissolved)
KEVIN MARA

ONE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF 3
YEARS *(or until dissolved)*

**TOWN OF WILLISTON
PROPOSED BUDGET**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

**TOWN OF WILLISTON
OVERVIEW OF TAX RATE FOR FY 2018
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE ONLY.**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
General Government (net of other revenue)	6,368,170	6,474,691
Highway (net of other revenue)	1,404,940	1,442,840
Conservation Fund	40,000	40,000
Tax Stabilization	10,300	10,300
Sales Tax Revenue	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)
Rooms, Meals & Alcohol Tax	<u>(310,000)</u>	<u>(342,000)</u>
Total to be Raised by Taxes	5,013,410	5,125,831
Actual/Estimated Grand List	18,918,258	18,882,700
Tax Rate per \$100 valuation	0.2650	0.2715

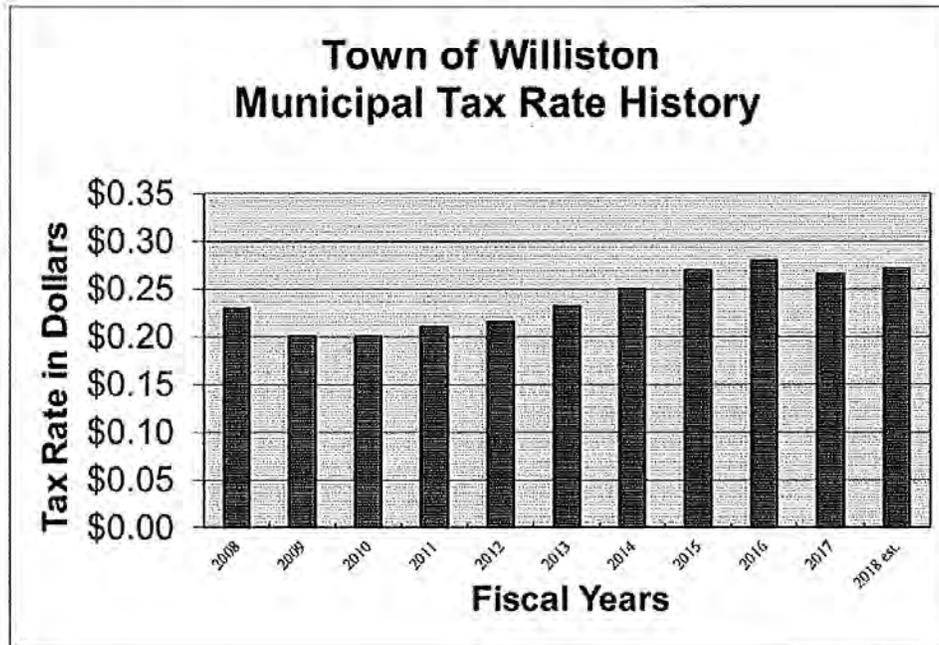
Please note: the municipal tax rate shown for FY 2018 is only an estimate
The actual municipal tax rate will be set in early July.

You should receive your tax bill for municipal taxes by July 15, 2017. The first installment of 2018 taxes is due on August 15, 2017.

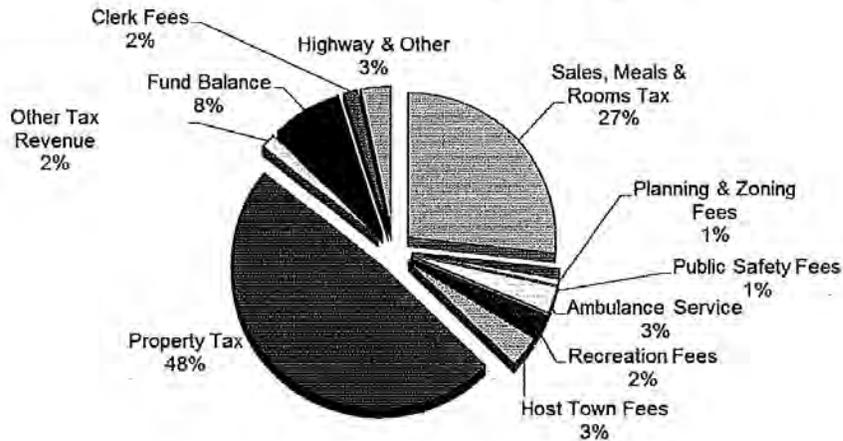
<u>If your house is valued at:</u>	<u>Your Municipal Taxes FY 2017</u>	<u>Your Municipal Taxes FY 2018</u>
\$ 100,000	\$ 265.00	\$ 271.50
\$ 150,000	\$ 397.50	\$ 407.25
\$ 200,000	\$ 530.00	\$ 543.00
\$ 250,000	\$ 662.50	\$ 678.75
\$ 300,000	\$ 795.00	\$ 814.50

**TOWN OF WILLISTON
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE HISTORY**

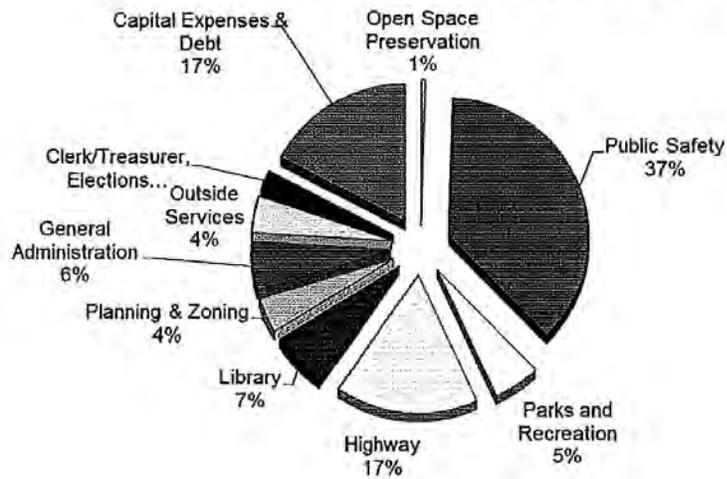
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Rate Charged</u>		<u>Grand List</u>
2008	\$ 0.23	\$	12,109,175
2009	\$ 0.20	\$	15,862,345
2010	\$ 0.20	\$	16,066,749
2011	\$ 0.21	\$	16,230,150
2012	\$ 0.215	\$	16,209,614
2013	\$ 0.232	\$	16,376,675
2014	\$ 0.250	\$	16,626,312
2015	\$ 0.270	\$	16,818,297
2016	\$ 0.280	\$	17,116,442
2017	\$ 0.265	\$	18,918,528
2018	\$ 0.2715	estimate	\$ 18,882,700



Proposed Operating Revenue FY 2018 Town of Williston Municipal Budget



Proposed Operating Expenses FY 2018 Town of Williston Municipal Budget



**TOWN OF WILLISTON
GENERAL GOVERNMENT, OPERATING AND CAPITAL
FY 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
SUMMARY**

	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
REVENUES		
Property Taxes	\$ 5,013,410	\$ 5,125,831
Other Tax Revenue	150,000	174,000
Sales, Rooms & Meals Tax	2,810,000	2,842,000
User Fees:		
Clerk	160,050	167,500
Planning & Zoning	110,000	115,000
Public Safety	60,750	66,500
Ambulance Service	308,600	315,000
Recreation	236,300	262,500
Highway	306,880	302,690
Interest and Other Revenue	46,000	49,500
Host Town Fees	463,780	375,000
Fund Balance	<u>559,500</u>	<u>818,440</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 10,225,270	\$ 10,613,961
EXPENSES		
Public Safety	\$ 3,890,190	\$ 3,961,955
Highway	1,711,820	1,745,530
General Administration	515,270	602,600
Planning & Zoning	428,500	435,519
Clerk/Elections	265,700	258,075
Outside Services	448,800	458,732
Parks & Recreation	546,520	571,200
Library	641,890	694,547
Capital Expenses & Debt	1,726,280	1,835,503
Open Space Preservation	<u>50,300</u>	<u>50,300</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,225,270	\$ 10,613,961

Operating Budget FY 2018	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Approved Budget	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Approved Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
REVENUE					
TAX REVENUE					
Property Taxes - Town, Highway, Capital	4,635,393	4,816,770	4,818,228	5,013,410	5,125,831
Interest on Taxes Due	44,553	65,000	54,633	45,000	50,000
Penalty on Taxes Due	4,979	3,000	5,991	5,000	5,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	110,734	103,110	117,376	100,000	119,000
Sales, Rooms, Meals & Alcohol Tax Revenue	2,980,467	2,810,000	2,930,257	2,810,000	2,842,000
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	7,776,126	7,797,880	7,926,485	7,973,410	8,144,331
TAX RATE (Town, Highway & Tax Stabilization)	0.2700	0.2800	0.2800	0.2649	0.2710
REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES					
<i>Town Clerk Revenue</i>					
Recording Legal Documents	91,403	110,000	95,110	92,000	93,000
Copies of Vital Statistics	5,656	5,000	5,544	2,500	2,500
Issuing Licenses-Muni. Portion	39,920	35,000	51,201	40,000	45,000
Use of Town Copier	12,880	11,500	14,181	12,000	13,000
Vault Time	2,522	3,000	3,752	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	2,440	1,200	2,570	1,200	1,500
Alcohol Beverage Licenses	3,200	3,350	3,655	3,350	3,500
Dog Licenses & Fees	5,499	6,400	6,082	6,000	6,000
TOTAL CLERK REVENUE	163,520	175,450	182,094	160,050	167,500
<i>Planning & Zoning Revenue</i>					
Planning Fees	18,590	20,000	25,005	20,000	25,000
Permits	110,452	100,000	113,526	90,000	90,000
TOTAL PLANNING REVENUE	129,042	120,000	138,531	110,000	115,000
<i>Public Safety Revenue</i>					
Miscellaneous	4,252	5,000	4,322	5,000	5,000
Court Fines	41,487	33,000	36,995	33,000	35,000
False Alarm Fees	19,700	15,000	26,673	16,250	20,000
Police Fees	-	-	1,060	5,000	3,500
Ambulance Revenue	301,967	315,450	296,295	308,600	315,000
Fire Fees	4,693	1,500	4,522	1,500	3,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUE	372,099	369,950	369,867	369,350	381,500
<i>Recreation Revenue</i>					
Day Camps	123,428	111,800	162,927	115,000	125,000
Contracted Camps	59,686	40,000	64,667	41,000	42,000
Youth Programs	41,368	41,000	43,616	41,800	42,000
Special Events	25	-	-	1,000	1,000
Field Use	8,275	5,500	10,267	6,000	7,000
Adult/Senior Programs	3,026	3,500	3,854	1,500	3,500
Contracted Programs	7,320	7,500	54,202	30,000	42,000
TOTAL RECREATION REVENUE	243,128	209,300	339,533	236,300	262,500
<i>Highway Revenue</i>					
State Aid	160,407	159,180	160,720	160,720	160,720
Rental of Highway Property	55,854	-	95,430	94,560	93,550
Right of Way Use Fee	12,200	11,660	17,640	13,200	14,920
Consulting Engineers	-	1,000	1,500	1,000	-
Miscellaneous	53,858	30,180	40,140	37,400	33,500
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	282,319	202,020	315,430	306,880	302,690
<i>Brick Church</i>					
Building Rental	3,409	4,000	4,875	3,500	4,000

Operating Budget FY 2018

	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Approved Budget	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Approved Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
<i>Other Revenue</i>					
From Reserves for Tax Reduction	-	312,950	-	400,000	400,000
From Reserves for Capital Projects	-	24,300	-	159,500	418,440
From Reserves for Environment Fund	-	110,000	-	-	-
From Reserves for Bookmobile	-	20,000	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,721	1,000	8,747	1,000	1,000
Sale of Land and Misc. Equipment	33,820	-	2,858	-	-
Reimbursement for Town Services	22,000	26,400	26,400	26,400	26,400
Interest Earned on Investments	14,959	15,000	20,662	15,000	18,000
Transfer in From Host Town Fund for Capital P	461,030	455,590	455,590	463,780	375,000
Transfer in, misc.	90	100	128	100	100
Stormwater Fees, now in Utility for FY 16	373,021	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	906,641	965,340	514,385	1,065,780	1,238,940
<i>Total Revenue from Other Sources</i>	<i>2,100,158</i>	<i>2,046,060</i>	<i>1,864,716</i>	<i>2,251,860</i>	<i>2,472,130</i>
TOTAL REVENUE	9,876,284	9,843,940	9,791,201	10,225,270	10,616,461

EXPENDITURES

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE

Police Patrol Services

Patrol Salary	657,191	733,160	639,090	749,550	749,550
Overtime	150,253	109,500	143,308	135,800	144,500
Parttime Officers' Salaries	4,628	15,000	-	5,000	5,000
Benefits	316,600	327,360	304,179	321,400	335,000
Vehicle Expense	11,982	20,000	13,303	19,000	17,000
Vehicle Fuel	42,949	56,000	30,199	52,000	52,000
Mileage	10	400	312	400	400
Training & Conferences	12,698	15,000	14,794	15,000	15,000
Equipment & Uniforms	23,264	20,000	18,442	20,000	20,000
TOTAL	1,219,575	1,296,420	1,163,627	1,318,150	1,338,450

Police Investigation Services

Investigation Salary	98,394	107,400	53,891	110,000	112,000
Investigation Overtime	5,185	10,000	6,126	7,000	7,000
Benefits	38,190	63,340	38,133	64,700	56,500
Chitt. Unit for Sp. Investigations	13,399	23,000	13,399	13,630	16,900
Investigation Expenses	2,341	5,000	1,464	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	157,509	208,740	113,013	200,330	197,400

Police Communications

Dispatch Salary	108,667	113,670	109,084	114,740	119,800
Benefits	25,646	42,500	33,999	45,520	53,400
Computer, Communications	24,806	33,720	29,789	38,000	37,420
Radio Repair	5,314	2,000	1,610	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	164,433	191,890	174,482	200,260	212,620

Police Administration

Administration Salary	148,566	184,630	179,761	182,660	183,800
Benefits	41,784	66,270	50,938	75,800	82,000
Office Supplies	12,433	14,500	10,357	14,500	14,500
Telephone & Postage	13,853	11,500	10,941	11,500	11,500
TOTAL	216,636	276,900	251,997	284,460	291,800

Police Special Programs

Dog Control & Damage	2,509	2,500	2,279	2,500	2,700
Awards Program	682	750	883	750	750

Operating Budget FY 2018

	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Approved Budget	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Approved Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
Public Service Programs	1,091	1,000	628	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	4,282	4,250	3,790	4,250	4,450
Police Building Maintenance					
Inside Office Cleaning	9,012	14,200	13,262	14,750	15,250
Heating Fuel	5,426	6,000	3,654	5,800	5,800
Utilities	16,745	17,630	15,035	16,900	16,900
Property & Casualty Insurance	53,198	55,670	60,551	59,640	60,500
Building Maintenance	13,688	19,000	20,705	14,000	14,000
TOTAL	98,069	112,500	113,207	111,090	112,450
TOTAL POLICE	1,860,504	2,090,700	1,820,116	2,118,540	2,157,170
FIRE, RESCUE & AMBULANCE					
Administration					
Administration Salary	122,295	123,860	126,198	125,100	127,610
Benefits	66,150	71,770	64,552	70,070	71,810
Subscription & Dues	1,448	1,100	1,168	1,200	1,300
Office Supplies	11,292	15,120	14,031	19,880	18,680
Office Equipment	6,623	8,300	10,464	16,700	11,900
Telephone & Postage	7,453	9,900	9,578	11,000	11,000
Personnel Physicals	8,121	4,500	4,663	9,000	9,000
Personnel Recognition	1,464	1,500	1,950	1,500	1,500
TOTAL	224,846	236,050	232,605	254,450	252,800
Wages and Benefits, Fire					
Career Firefighter Wages, including OT	244,267	284,740	293,438	308,470	318,570
Benefits, Career	109,728	141,060	138,264	154,540	151,050
On Call Firefighter Wages	87,088	114,000	72,348	100,000	100,000
Benefits, On Call	18,355	18,460	19,566	20,820	21,280
TOTAL	459,438	558,260	523,616	583,830	590,900
Wages and Benefits, Rescue					
Career Rescue Wages, including OT	244,573	284,740	293,438	308,470	318,570
Benefits, Career	110,043	141,060	138,264	154,540	151,050
On Call Rescue Wages	95,167	90,300	76,859	95,000	95,000
Benefits, On Call	16,693	14,620	16,051	19,780	20,000
TOTAL	466,476	530,720	524,613	577,790	584,620
Equipment & Maintenance					
Vehicle Fuel	20,805	32,530	14,707	27,030	21,780
Equipment Maintenance	47,133	46,750	67,146	51,000	57,000
Firefighting Equipment	42,470	41,660	46,929	44,000	47,400
Rescue Equipment	16,530	16,400	15,412	17,000	14,000
TOTAL	126,938	137,340	144,194	139,030	140,180
Operations					
Training & Conferences, Fire	5,638	6,000	7,876	6,000	6,550
Training & conferences, Rescue	6,848	8,200	10,201	11,200	11,600
Communications	5,441	6,600	5,094	7,360	7,860
Dispatch Services	41,477	50,560	50,048	53,990	53,990
Fire Prevention	2,341	2,500	2,078	2,500	2,500
Ambulance Billing Fees	18,312	19,100	22,828	24,260	24,500
Rescue Medical Supplies	15,343	16,500	18,144	17,000	17,340
TOTAL	95,400	109,460	116,269	122,310	124,340
Facilities					
Heating Fuel	12,763	13,370	11,427	13,000	13,680
Utilities	16,533	18,820	16,162	19,110	19,110

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	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Approved Budget	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Approved Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
Property & Casualty Ins.	30,134	31,000	29,882	29,900	30,500
Station Maintenance	24,412	22,100	29,030	28,230	44,655
	<u>83,842</u>	<u>85,290</u>	<u>86,502</u>	<u>90,240</u>	<u>107,945</u>
TOTAL FIRE AND RESCUE	1,456,940	1,657,120	1,627,798	1,767,650	1,800,785
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS					
Training	704	2,100	-	1,000	1,000
Supplies & Operation	2,838	2,000	1,547	3,000	3,000
TOTAL	3,542	4,100	1,547	4,000	4,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	3,320,986	3,751,920	3,449,460	3,890,190	3,961,955

PUBLIC WORKS

Road Maintenance

Summer Maintenance

Summer Maintenance Salary	128,340	141,670	128,793	138,980	143,250
Benefits	58,753	65,790	58,896	61,140	74,700
Uniforms	4,116	4,760	4,226	4,760	5,430
Consulting Engineers	3,050	2,500	575	2,500	2,500
Garage Operations	8,137	7,530	8,528	6,500	5,120
Property & Casualty Insurance	9,624	8,170	13,121	11,620	11,850
Gravel & Other Materials	3,558	4,500	270	4,500	4,500
Chloride	7,553	10,880	-	10,880	10,880
Maintenance	35,788	40,000	6,482	41,000	38,000
Highway Line Striping	10,362	26,000	22,379	21,000	21,000
New Construction	-	2,000	-	-	-
Equipment Operation & Repair	18,094	4,820	4,222	4,820	4,950
Vehicle Fuel	7,387	10,270	7,713	9,430	8,470
Retirement	426,532	430,000	413,649	440,000	450,000
Sidewalks	1,897	4,500	795	4,500	5,000
Misc. & Tools	1,320	2,850	35,813	2,850	3,500
Street Signs	5,143	5,500	10,668	5,500	5,500
Landscaping	6,525	18,500	14,849	26,000	26,000
	<u>736,179</u>	<u>790,240</u>	<u>730,978</u>	<u>795,980</u>	<u>820,650</u>

Winter Maintenance

Winter Maintenance Salary	128,340	135,770	126,112	137,980	143,250
Overtime	39,454	42,700	21,001	42,680	41,280
Benefits	66,243	73,270	64,090	69,680	83,590
Uniforms	4,116	4,760	4,226	4,760	5,430
Training and Conferences	654	3,000	986	2,500	2,500
Equipment Rental	55,920	68,760	28,050	71,330	54,700
Garage Operations	8,137	7,530	8,528	6,500	5,120
Property & Casualty Insurance	9,624	8,170	11,509	11,620	11,850
Patch	2,369	3,000	2,105	3,500	2,500
Salt	144,689	130,000	110,586	140,000	145,000
Sand	8,097	11,470	3,062	11,470	11,470
Equipment Operation & Repair	18,094	15,000	13,021	15,000	14,850
Vehicle Fuel	22,161	30,800	7,713	28,280	25,400
Misc. & Tools	1,320	2,930	3,408	2,930	3,500
TOTAL	509,218	537,160	404,396	548,230	550,440

Highway General

Salaries, Administration	80,499	72,420	70,372	73,170	73,950
Discretionary Wages	15,230	15,000	1,160	15,000	14,000
Discretionary Wages, transferred	(13,230)	(4,810)	-	-	-
Benefits	33,247	34,900	28,781	36,670	38,750

Operating Budget FY 2018	FY 15	FY 16	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
	Actual	Approved Budget	Actual	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget
Admin. Office Maintenance	17,809	22,580	15,158	20,830	20,830
Street Lights	39,589	42,010	41,236	42,010	42,010
New Equipment Purchase-see also capital budg	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Stormwater Fees for Roads	65,823	129,530	132,193	130,310	132,000
TOTAL	238,967	313,630	290,900	319,990	323,540
Buildings and Grounds					
Cemetery Support	30,000	28,000	28,000	25,000	28,000
Clock Winding	600	600	600	600	600
Old Brick Church					
Janitor, Old Brick Church	2,539	2,940	2,135	2,940	3,110
Benefits	253	420	420	420	620
Property & Casualty Insurance	2,718	4,240	3,680	4,240	4,300
Heating Fuel, Brick Church	1,920	2,000	1,233	2,000	1,670
Utilities, Brick Church	1,457	1,420	1,786	1,420	1,600
Maintenance, Brick Church	7,924	8,540	4,746	11,000	11,000
	16,811	19,560	14,000	22,020	22,300
TOTAL Buildings & Grounds	47,411	48,160	42,600	47,620	50,900
Highway Stormwater	215,730	<i>see new fund</i>	<i>see new fund</i>	<i>see new fund</i>	<i>see new fund</i>
TOTAL HIGHWAY	1,747,505	1,689,190	1,468,874	1,711,820	1,745,530
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION					
Selectboard					
Salaries	4,300	5,560	5,565	5,620	5,680
Benefits	329	420	426	450	450
Discretionary Fund	6,700	7,000	5,640	2,500	2,500
Regular Expenses	7,203	9,000	4,176	12,700	12,000
	18,532	21,980	15,807	21,270	20,630
Town Manager's Office					
Manager's Salary	71,540	74,130	76,357	76,970	77,740
Assistant Manager	-	-	-	-	82,930
Manager's Staff Salary	17,928	26,330	21,029	31,520	21,420
Benefits	28,285	27,040	30,807	33,070	35,250
Mileage	539	600	558	600	650
Training & Conferences	3,543	3,800	3,283	5,300	5,300
Office Supplies	2,381	3,000	2,500	5,000	5,000
Telephone & Postage	2,258	2,600	2,172	2,600	2,860
Property & Casualty Insurance	4,305	4,480	4,565	4,570	4,660
Building Maintenance	12,488	12,680	13,418	18,350	14,650
Town Report	2,204	1,650	1,552	2,200	2,400
Accrued Sick & Vacation	-	10,000	-	10,000	5,000
Salary Discretionary	8,400	72,000	10,340	48,000	51,750
Salary Discretionary, Used	-	(47,160)	-	-	-
Other Expenses	3,260	3,000	1,713	-	-
TOTAL	157,131	194,150	168,294	238,180	309,610
Finance					
Wages	70,526	72,700	69,748	73,420	79,290
Benefits	26,614	29,410	31,472	30,050	37,830
Audit Fees	13,916	16,500	15,022	17,920	19,000
	111,056	118,610	116,242	121,390	136,120

Operating Budget FY 2018

	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Approved Budget	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Approved Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
<i>Board of Listers</i>					
Listers' Salaries	742	1,100	3,845	1,100	1,100
Assistant Assessor's Salary	26,690	28,100	29,303	27,630	28,180
Clerical Salary	11,882	15,000	14,796	15,000	16,000
Benefits	3,308	4,000	4,065	4,000	4,100
Mileage	207	200	-	200	260
Professional Services	650	1,000	-	1,050	1,050
Contracted Assessor	21,290	18,500	18,200	18,700	19,000
Service Contracts	4,568	4,500	3,845	4,900	5,000
Office Supplies	945	1,000	551	1,000	1,000
Office Equipment	213	1,500	399	500	200
Telephone & Postage	243	350	41	350	350
Tax Maps	-	2,900	-	3,500	3,500
TOTAL	70,738	78,150	75,046	77,930	79,740
<i>Technology</i>					
Computer Equipment	190	3,500	2,499	3,500	3,500
Computer Applications	12,352	18,000	8,836	18,000	18,000
	12,542	21,500	11,335	21,500	21,500
<i>Legal Services</i>					
Legal Settlement					
Legal Services	18,972	35,000	25,394	35,000	35,000
TOTAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	388,971	469,390	412,118	515,270	602,600

PLANNING & ZONING

<i>Planning</i>					
Department Salary	205,522	209,160	215,715	230,270	232,790
Benefits	81,094	90,570	83,478	96,220	95,350
Building Maintenance	14,832	19,590	11,233	17,470	20,830
Property & Casualty Ins.	2,870	2,990	3,361	3,360	3,430
Mileage	558	600	640	600	600
Training & Conferences	975	2,400	1,033	2,000	1,800
Subscriptions & Dues	1,358	1,200	1,281	1,200	1,300
Professional Services	1,482	4,000	102	4,000	9,000
Misc. Planning Studies	-	5,000	1,955	5,000	5,000
Advertising	3,938	3,500	4,599	3,500	4,500
Office Supplies	3,787	4,000	4,587	4,000	4,000
Equipment	-	1,000	1,464	3,000	1,000
Printing	2,560	3,000	2,679	2,600	2,600
Telephone & Postage	1,616	1,800	1,926	1,800	1,800
GIS Data Management	2,790	3,700	3,938	3,700	4,200
	323,382	352,510	337,991	378,720	388,200
<i>Conservation</i>					
Conservation Salary	21,688	30,950	14,793	21,410	21,199
Benefits	7,150	18,190	5,317	13,170	8,120
Training, Conferences, Dues	640	1,000	493	700	700
Match for Grants and Studies	770	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Office Supplies, Mailings, Ads	422	400	446	400	400
Mileage, Conservation & Trails	610	800	465	600	400
Conservation and Trails Intern	6,783	6,000	3,145	4,500	3,500
Trail Maintenance & Repair	4,920	6,000	6,694	8,000	12,000
TOTAL	42,983	64,340	32,352	49,780	47,319
TOTAL PLANNING AND ZONING	366,365	416,850	370,343	428,500	435,519

Operating Budget FY 2018	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Approved Budget	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Approved Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
CLERK/TREASURER					
<i>Records, Permits, Licenses, Cash Receipts, Cash Management</i>					
Town Clerk/Treasurer's Salary	47,684	51,260	50,421	51,700	53,250
Town Clerk's Staff Salary	79,455	91,790	92,816	92,190	94,955
Benefits	51,159	59,710	55,587	60,140	58,440
Mileage	324	600	199	600	500
Training & Conferences	1,807	2,900	1,649	2,900	2,200
Equipment Rental, Service Contracts	3,026	4,500	3,499	4,500	-
Property & Casualty Insurance	4,305	4,480	4,565	4,570	4,660
Building Maintenance	12,482	14,680	13,418	18,350	14,650
Office Supplies	5,161	10,000	8,661	10,000	10,000
Office Equipment	1,108	1,500	-	3,000	7,500
Telephone & Postage	6,132	6,500	6,970	6,500	7,000
TOTAL	212,643	247,920	237,785	254,450	253,155
<i>Elections</i>					
Town Meeting Salary	851	1,000	2,070	900	1,000
General Election Salary	1,374	-	-	2,500	-
Ballot Printing	4,750	2,000	2,506	5,000	3,000
Postage	240	700	205	2,000	170
General Election Expense	130	-	103	220	100
Town Meeting Expenses	69	650	314	630	650
TOTAL	7,414	4,350	5,198	11,250	4,920
CLERK/TREASURER TOTAL	220,057	252,270	242,983	265,700	258,075
OUTSIDE SERVICES					
<i>Regional Services</i>					
Chitt.Co. Regional Planning	21,884	21,910	21,907	22,110	21,670
Winooski Valley Park Dist.	32,000	32,000	32,000	30,760	31,970
Greater Burlington Inds. Corp.	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
County Tax	79,489	79,990	82,388	80,110	82,520
Vt. League of Cities & Towns	9,846	10,280	10,282	10,520	10,900
Lake Iroquois	-	5,000	5,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL	145,219	151,180	153,577	165,500	169,060
<i>Social Service Organizations</i>					
Social Service Organizations	25,500	26,370	26,270	27,060	27,890
Residents Assistance	999	1,000	1,012	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	26,499	27,370	27,282	28,060	28,890
<i>Transportation Services</i>					
Bus Service	168,630	175,190	175,210	180,320	185,592
SSTA Project & CCTA ADA	40,265	40,810	36,113	43,850	42,830
TOTAL	208,895	216,000	211,323	224,170	228,422
<i>Health</i>					
Department Salary & Mileage	600	600	600	600	600
Visiting Nurse Assoc.	28,000	29,000	29,000	29,870	30,760
Employee Health & Safety Programs	333	600	41	600	1,000
TOTAL	28,933	30,200	29,641	31,070	32,360
TOTAL OUTSIDE SERVICES	409,546	424,750	421,823	448,800	458,732

Operating Budget FY 2018	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Approved Budget	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Approved Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
PARKS AND RECREATION					
<i>Recreation Services</i>					
Administrative Salaries	54,582	54,230	61,850	56,070	57,770
Day Camp Wages	92,349	92,040	98,052	84,000	84,000
Program Wages, Seasonal	1,079	4,500	3,593	7,500	7,500
Benefits	29,611	30,570	35,117	30,450	31,470
Training & Conferences	919	2,500	2,266	2,500	2,500
Property & Casualty Insurance	2,990	2,220	2,453	2,450	2,500
Office Supplies	4,996	11,000	-	9,000	9,560
Telephone & Postage	1,266	1,400	8,662	2,000	2,000
Marketing/Software	-	-	1,072	1,400	1,400
Day Camp Supplies	30,222	29,000	42,132	39,270	36,000
Contracted Camp Expenses	60,190	44,000	53,706	34,000	34,000
Youth Program Supplies	26,051	24,300	27,940	30,000	30,000
Adult/Senior Program Expense	9,400	8,180	10,450	2,500	23,300
Contracted Program Expense	12,406	15,500	53,514	27,000	35,000
Special Events	11,208	12,250	11,808	12,200	12,000
Program Grants	5,700	13,280	10,640	5,630	3,580
School Use Fees	124,960	124,960	124,960	124,960	124,960
TOTAL	467,929	469,930	548,215	470,930	497,540
<i>Park Maintenance</i>					
Maintenance Salary	7,956	8,990	6,815	12,920	14,980
Park Admin. Salary	8,064	12,440	12,566	12,860	13,250
Benefits	3,986	3,430	3,437	3,860	4,130
Equipment Rental	1,052	3,200	1,798	3,300	3,300
Utilities	1,439	3,500	1,738	3,650	5,000
Other & New Equipment	1,121	2,000	1,853	6,000	3,000
Maintenance & Upgrades	19,116	32,500	29,155	33,000	30,000
TOTAL	42,734	66,060	57,362	75,390	73,660
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	510,663	535,990	605,577	546,520	571,200
LIBRARY					
<i>Library Collections</i>					
Department Salary	258,190	266,210	271,758	276,110	300,182
Benefits	53,684	59,690	61,439	64,980	76,900
Training & Conferences	891	2,100	1,621	2,100	3,000
Travel & Fees	1,407	2,000	1,852	2,000	2,000
Books	65,077	68,600	68,390	68,600	74,500
Bookmobile	1,122	3,200	3,260	3,220	2,710
Office Supplies	7,636	7,800	8,000	7,800	8,100
Telephone	920	1,200	910	1,100	1,100
Postage	3,494	3,600	2,491	3,600	3,000
	392,421	414,400	419,720	429,510	471,492
<i>Building Overhead</i>					
Janitorial Services	7,464	9,300	8,956	9,300	9,300
Town Custodial Services, incl. benefits	5,713	5,720	4,831	5,720	6,740
Heating Fuel	3,982	5,310	3,310	4,200	4,110
Utilities	8,157	8,350	7,010	8,200	8,510
Maintenance & Repairs	15,570	13,520	12,900	12,520	14,220
Land Rental	29,750	29,750	29,750	29,750	29,750
Property & Casualty Insurance	10,625	12,000	11,242	12,000	12,000
	81,261	83,950	77,999	81,690	84,630
<i>Special Programs</i>					
Program Wages	41,991	45,640	44,736	46,410	46,340
Benefits	13,615	14,890	14,521	16,030	15,020

Operating Budget FY 2018	FY 15	FY 16	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
	Actual	Approved Budget	Actual	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget
Program Presenters and Materials	12,186	12,000	11,396	12,000	15,000
TOTAL	67,792	72,530	70,653	74,440	76,360
<i>Computer/Reference Services</i>					
Wages	25,841	25,630	27,530	26,670	27,200
Benefits	10,149	13,960	14,042	14,440	15,850
System & Equipment Maintenance	15,923	15,140	15,021	15,140	19,015
	51,913	54,730	56,593	56,250	62,065
TOTAL LIBRARY	593,387	625,610	624,965	641,890	694,547
CAPITAL EXPENSES					
<i>Capital Projects</i>					
Capital Projects - Operating Budget	-	-	-	87,000	85,500
Capital Equipment - Operating Budget	-	44,300	84,451	80,040	332,940
Capital Projects - Host Town Funded	107,910	110,900	110,900	70,280	63,100
Capital Equipment - Host Town Funded	353,120	344,690	344,690	393,500	311,900
TOTAL	461,030	499,890	540,041	630,820	793,440
<i>Debt Service</i>					
Sidewalk Bond, Principal	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Sidewalk Bond, Interest	24,246	21,010	21,006	13,000	9,180
PS Building, Principal	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000
PS Building, Interest	173,330	152,450	152,241	137,640	122,890
Fire Engine,09, Principal	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Fire Engine,09, Interest	8,698	7,300	7,302	5,770	4,180
Ambulance Lease, Principal	31,271	32,540	32,537	33,860	-
Ambulance Lease, Interest	3,955	2,690	2,689	1,370	-
Library Roof, Principal	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Library Roof, Interest	3,746	3,470	3,471	3,160	2,800
PW Facility Principal	240,000	144,670	240,000	240,000	240,000
PW Facility Interest	159,643	157,270	157,270	153,980	149,790
Ambulance #2, Principal	26,998	27,730	27,727	28,480	29,240
Ambulance #2, Interest	4,680	3,950	3,951	3,200	2,430
Fire Engine,17, Principal	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Engine,17, Interest	-	-	-	-	6,553
TOTAL	1,151,567	1,028,080	1,123,194	1,095,460	1,042,063
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	1,612,597	1,527,970	1,663,235	1,726,280	1,835,503
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION					
Tax Stabilization	10,091	10,000	10,270	10,300	10,300
Environmental Reserve Fund(Conservation)	30,000	140,000	140,000	40,000	40,000
TOTAL OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION	40,091	150,000	150,270	50,300	50,300
GRAND TOTAL	9,210,168	9,843,940	9,409,648	10,225,270	10,613,961

**Water Department
Budget FY 2018**

	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Approved Budget	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Approved Budget	FY 2018 Proposed Budget
REVENUE					
Basic User Charge	73,939	77,150	75,708	77,530	79,060
User Receipts	878,280	903,550	907,255	924,270	1,008,095
User Penalties	12,252	11,970	13,991	12,040	12,470
Sale of Meters	22,610	12,500	18,329	20,000	11,250
Misc. Labor & Materials	700	250	1,558	250	250
Hook On Fee	80,957	49,350	43,551	48,880	29,930
Water Sold from Hydrants	6,118	3,030	5,052	3,810	4,250
Fund Balance for Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Earned	1,036	1,000	1,256	1,240	1,000
TOTAL REVENUE	1,075,892	1,058,800	1,066,700	1,088,020	1,146,305
EXPENDITURES					
		4.30	4.30	4.55	4.96
<i>Wages and Benefits</i>					
Department Salary	76,189	74,800	71,702	76,700	80,040
Town Manager Salary	11,924	7,630	8,119	8,080	8,155
Clerical Salary	41,378	26,160	26,856	27,400	29,095
Overtime	4,405	4,100	4,762	4,210	4,330
Director's Salary	33,468	28,630	29,741	29,580	30,430
Vermont Muni. Retirement	7,958	7,780	9,148	8,490	8,630
Employer FICA	11,558	11,070	10,933	11,440	11,635
Medical Insurance	49,597	45,080	41,430	48,310	52,720
Dental Insurance	5,086	4,660	4,127	4,660	4,655
Disability & Life Insurance	1,072	980	1,005	1,000	985
Uniforms	2,691	3,510	2,565	3,510	3,510
Vehicle Expense	1,859	1,830	1,883	1,830	1,830
Training & Conferences	1,412	2,000	891	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	248,597	218,230	213,161	227,210	238,015
<i>Outside Services</i>					
Audit Fees	1,677	1,650	1,554	1,650	2,100
Legal Services	-	500	250	500	500
Consulting Engineers	530	2,500	7,122	2,500	1,500
Workers Compensation Ins.	5,192	4,830	875	3,620	3,670
Unemployment Insurance	127	250	-	250	260
Building & Equipment Ins.	3,381	5,460	5,728	8,030	8,400
TOTAL	10,907	15,190	15,529	16,550	16,430
<i>Building & Office</i>					
Heating Fuel	884	1,200	137	400	330
Utilities	1,955	1,020	679	770	1,540
Building Maintenance & Repairs	1,191	500	838	250	250
Computer Equipment	1,807	1,500	695	1,500	1,465
Office Supplies	2,407	3,300	2,721	3,500	3,500
Telephone & Postage	4,804	3,380	5,471	6,180	7,000
Rent, Public Works Building	21,970	31,810	31,810	31,520	31,185
TOTAL	35,018	42,710	42,351	44,120	45,270
<i>Maintenance</i>					
Service Maintenance/Repairs	1,222	10,000	1,120	10,000	10,000
Service Maintenance/Supplies	7,209	3,800	4,644	6,000	6,000
Oak Hill System Maintenance	4,200	2,300	5,583	4,000	4,000

**Water Department
Budget FY 2018**

	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Approved Budget	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Approved Budget	FY 2018 Proposed Budget
Main Repair and Maintenance	118,626	33,000	1,488	40,000	40,000
Hydrant Maintenance	6,760	3,890	21,861	4,000	6,500
Vehicle Operation & Maintenance	1,199	1,000	1,440	1,200	1,200
Vehicle Fuel	3,045	3,500	2,494	3,970	3,920
TOTAL	142,261	57,490	38,629	69,170	71,620
<i>Water Service & Other</i>					
Discretionary Fund	200	6,500	450	6,500	4,500
Meters	39,501	24,960	31,148	32,530	32,530
Purchased Water	460,660	468,470	473,402	501,830	505,430
Reimbursement for Town Services	11,000	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800
Capital Savings (Depreciation)	56,539	150,930	170,711	111,940	112,775
Permits & Compliance	11,971	10,510	13,341	12,320	12,040
TOTAL	579,871	670,170	697,852	673,920	676,075
<i>Debt Service</i>					
Water Tank Land Principal	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Water Tank Land Interest	5,538	4,960	5,054	4,300	3,635
Water Tank					33,760
TOTAL	45,538	44,960	45,054	44,300	77,395
<i>Capital Expenditures from Operating Budget</i>					
Vehicle Replacement Fund	7,450	4,750	8,824	7,450	9,030
Meter Reading System	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,270
New Vehicle/Backhoe	3,750	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,700
Oak Hill Pump Station Fence					6,500
	13,700	10,050	14,124	12,750	21,500
TOTAL WATER EXPENDITURES	1,075,892	1,058,800	1,066,700	1,088,020	1,146,305

**Stormwater Department
Budget FY 2018**

	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Approved	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Approved	FY 18 Proposed
STORMWATER					
REVENUE					
User Receipts	369,066	747,860	691,364	743,380	710,600
Interest, Penalty Late Payments	3,955	-	10,170	5,500	4,610
Interest on Investments	-	1,000	334	1,000	670
TOTAL	373,021	748,860	701,868	749,880	715,880
EXPENDITURES					
<i>Administration</i>					
Stormwater Coordinator	43,170	54,000	58,542	56,680	57,820
Public Works Director	-	28,630	29,741	29,580	30,731
Clerical Support	-	26,160	26,857	27,400	29,524
Admin Training	-	2,500	2,410	2,500	2,500
Town Manager	-	7,630	8,119	8,080	8,237
Discretionary Wages	-	3,000	200	5,000	3,000
Benefits	11,674	42,610	37,961	48,890	47,120
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	54,844	164,530	163,829	178,130	178,932
<i>Outside Services</i>					
Consulting Services	10,957	20,000	895	15,000	10,000
Billing Services	-	1,000	250	1,000	500
Workers Comp Insurance	3,701	8,830	5,096	9,140	9,380
Property & Casualty	1,602	3,390	2,048	3,390	3,460
State Monitoring Fees	1,107	25,000	22,915	10,670	28,770
TOTAL OUTSIDE SERVICES	17,367	58,220	31,204	39,200	52,110
<i>Building and Office</i>					
Computer Equipment	1,780	3,500	97	3,000	1,000
Office Supplies	1,935	2,000	1,399	2,000	2,000
Telephone and Postage	3,067	5,500	4,141	5,500	5,500
Town Services	-	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800
Rent of PW Building	-	31,810	31,810	31,520	31,520
TOTAL BUILDING AND OFFICE	6,782	51,610	46,247	50,820	48,820
<i>Maintenance Wages</i>					
Staff	64,170	66,700	61,314	66,490	70,850
Benefits	24,819	28,540	24,153	29,930	37,350
Uniforms	2,058	2,380	225	2,380	2,710
Training	951	750	530	750	750
TOTAL MAINTENANCE WAGES	91,998	98,370	86,222	99,550	111,660
<i>Maintenance Operations</i>					
Garage Operation	4,069	5,160	4,624	5,400	5,400
Equipment Operation & Repair 20%	9,047	4,820	4,223	4,820	4,950
Stormwater Management, Incl. sweeping	15,134	49,540	32,981	46,540	30,000
Culverts	8,442	6,000	4,048	6,000	6,000
Fuel 20%	7,387	10,380	3,856	9,430	8,470
Misc. & Tools 20%	660	1,430	1,768	1,430	1,460
TOTAL MAINTENANCE OPERATIO	44,739	77,330	51,499	73,620	56,280
<i>Capital Improvements</i>					
Capital Savings	-	154,420	295,716	158,880	114,118
Flow Restoration	-	94,380	1,272	98,680	98,960
Watershed Improvements, '17	-	50,000	25,878	51,000	55,000
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	-	298,800	322,866	308,560	268,078
STORMWATER TOTAL	215,730	748,860	701,868	749,880	715,880

**Sewer Department
Budget FY 2018**

	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Approved Budget	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Approved Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
REVENUE					
Basic User Charge	152,948	152,030	157,199	156,360	157,080
User Receipts	1,131,187	1,144,880	1,168,613	1,152,120	1,164,330
User Penalties	10,704	10,430	10,553	11,100	10,650
Misc. Revenue	373	1,000	32	1,000	-
Hook On Fees	88,328	56,100	45,519	55,500	33,980
Allocation Charge 90	42,265	42,850	42,138	43,520	43,520
Allocation Charge 99	3,680	460	330	370	370
Allocation Charge 2005	255,384	39,010	113,246	27,490	25,850
Private Pump Station Payments	14,655	8,700	9,125	8,180	7,150
Interest Earned	6,047	2,200	7,708	4,790	5,000
From Reserves	-	300,000	-	300,000	290,140
TOTAL	1,705,571	1,757,660	1,554,462	1,760,430	1,738,070
Rate per 1,000 gallons		6.48		6.48	6.48
EXPENDITURES					
<i>Wages & Benefits</i>					
Department Salary	75,614	74,800	71,702	76,700	80,040
Town Manager Salary	11,924	7,630	8,118	8,080	8,155
Clerical Salary	41,378	26,160	26,856	27,400	29,095
Overtime	4,405	4,100	4,762	4,210	4,330
Superintendent Salary	33,468	28,630	29,741	29,580	30,430
Vermont Municipal Retirement	7,958	7,780	9,148	8,490	8,630
Employer FICA	11,558	11,070	10,933	11,440	11,635
Medical Insurance	49,597	45,080	41,430	48,310	52,720
Dental Insurance	5,087	4,600	4,127	4,660	4,655
Disability & Life Insurance	1,072	980	1,005	1,000	985
Uniforms	2,843	3,510	2,484	3,510	3,510
Vehicle Expense	1,800	1,830	1,883	1,830	1,830
Training & Conference Fees	1,192	2,000	571	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	247,896	218,170	212,760	227,210	238,015
<i>Outside Services</i>					
Audit Fees	1,677	1,650	2,128	1,650	2,100
Legal Services	1,059	500	-	500	500
Consulting Engineers	158	2,500	5,398	2,500	1,500
Unemployment Ins.	127	250	-	250	260
Workers Compensation Ins.	5,192	4,830	875	3,620	3,670
Building & Equipment Liab. Ins.	7,146	9,380	10,170	8,030	8,400
Private Pump Station Maintenance	13,830	8,700	8,710	8,180	7,150
TOTAL	29,189	27,810	27,281	24,730	23,580
<i>Building & Office</i>					
Heating Fuel	1,227	1,200	137	400	330
Building Maintenance & Repair	1,140	500	680	250	250
Utilities	2,006	1,020	1,131	770	1,540
Computer Equipment	1,785	1,500	520	1,500	1,465
Office Supplies	2,426	3,300	2,719	3,500	3,500
Telephone & Postage	4,804	4,600	5,471	6,180	7,000
Sewer Allocation Data Base	-	-	-	-	-
Rent, Public Works Building	21,970	31,810	31,810	31,520	31,185
TOTAL	35,358	43,930	42,469	44,120	45,270

	FY 15 Actual	FY 16 Approved Budget	FY16 Actual	FY 17 Approved Budget	FY 18 Proposed Budget
Other Maintenance					
Vehicle Operation & Maintenance	1,126	1,000	1,492	1,200	1,200
Vehicle Fuel	3,045	3,500	2,494	3,970	3,920
Pump Repair & Maint.	38,737	15,000	22,063	20,000	20,000
Small Repairs & Maint.	1,252	800	2,230	1,000	1,500
Services Materials	1,972	1,800	2,798	1,800	2,000
TOTAL	46,132	22,100	31,076	27,970	28,620
Sewer Service					
Maintenance of Line	16,555	15,000	14,638	15,000	15,000
Electricity for Pump Stations	49,568	57,310	48,593	49,570	53,990
Telemetry System	5,834	5,400	6,799	6,000	7,250
TOTAL	71,957	77,710	70,029	70,570	76,240
Other Expenditures					
Discretionary Fund	200	6,500	450	6,500	4,500
Reimbursement for Town Serv.	11,000	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800
Storm Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Savings (Depreciation)	50,250	93,940	366,128	9,110	-
Treatment	568,060	630,960	599,293	636,450	653,010
Additional Capacity	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
TOTAL	729,510	840,200	1,074,671	760,860	766,310
Capital Expenditures from Operating Budget					
Vehicle Replacement Fund	6,930	4,750	8,824	7,450	9,030
Meter Reading System	2,500	2,500	-	2,500	1,270
Pump Station Upgrades	175,000	175,000	295	175,000	175,000
Treatment Plant Upgrade	33,983	279,830	33,942	279,490	279,490
New Vehicle/Backhoe	3,750	2,800	-	2,800	4,700
Infrastructure Study	-	-	-	30,000	-
Sewer Service Plan	-	-	-	25,000	-
River Cove Roof	-	-	-	-	9,000
TOTAL	222,163	464,880	43,060	522,240	478,490
Debt Service					
Pump Station Upgrade Bond	11,110	62,860	53,115	82,730	81,545
TOTAL	11,110	62,860	53,115	82,730	81,545
TOTAL SEWER EXPENDITURES	1,393,315	1,757,660	1,554,462	1,760,430	1,738,070

Town of Williston - Capital & Equipment Projects Budget

Capital Project Expenditures FY 2018
Funding Sources

Project	Town Operating	Host Town Fund	Impact Fees	Fund Balance	Grants&Other	Total
Tower & Belfry Brick Church				22,500		22,500
Library Carpet				43,000		43,000
Building Contingency Fund				10,000		10,000
Rossignol Park			25,000			25,000
Allen Brook Park			52,000	52,000		104,000
Brennan Park			16,900	1,100		18,000
Allen Brook Nature Trail				10,000	10,000	20,000
Mud Pond Parking				10,000		10,000
Grid Street, Trader Lane					321,455	321,455
Minor Transportation Improvements			20,000			20,000
Sidewalks & Paths			15,710			15,710
Total Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,610	\$ 148,600	\$ 331,455	\$ 609,665

Capital Equipment Expenditures FY 2018
Funding Sources

Project	Town Operating	Host Town Fund	Impact Fees	Fund Balance	Grants&Other	Total
Highway Replacement Truck		110,000				110,000
New Large Highway Truck				160,000		160,000
Large Hwy Equipment Savings		31,095				31,095
Highway Pickup Savings		11,495				11,495
Hot Box				9,000		9,000
Buildings Mowers Savings		5,450				5,450
Recreation Pickup Savings		2,815				2,815
Recreation & Parks Mower Savings		5,450				5,450
Police Chief Vehicle Savings		6,300				6,300
Police Cruiser Savings		92,900				92,900
New Police Cruiser Savings		18,470		1,330		19,800
Police Technology Savings		5,500				5,500
Traffic Safety Equipment Savings		8,500				8,500
Fire 4x4 Vehicle Savings		14,900				14,900
Fire Brush Truck Savings		6,500				6,500
Rescue Defibrillator Savings		8,125				8,125
Hydraulic Tools Savings				18,000		18,000
Fire File Server/Technology		6,000				6,000
Portable Radios Savings		25,000				25,000
Compressor Savings				25,000		25,000
Breathing Apparatus Savings		4,000		32,000		36,000
Ambulance Stretchers		5,000				5,000
Ambulance (Lease)					245,000	245,000
Epoxy Floor				10,000		10,000
Sewer Pump Replacement				7,510		7,510
Bookmobile Savings		7,500				7,500
Town Hall/Annex File Server Savings				7,000		7,000
Total Equipment	\$ -	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ 269,840	\$ 245,000	\$ 889,840
Grand Total	\$ -	\$ 375,000	\$ 129,610	\$ 418,440	\$ 576,455	\$ 1,499,505

**TOWN OF WILLISTON
FINANCIAL REPORT**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2016**

A summary of the audited financial statements, prepared by Town staff, is presented on the following pages. A complete audit report is available for viewing on the Town's website, www.willistonvt.org, and at the Town Clerk's office.

A.M. PEISCH & COMPANY, LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
& BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Selectboard
Town of Williston, Vermont
Williston, Vermont

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Williston, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Williston's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Williston, Vermont, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4-12, the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of the Town's Contributions on page 64 and the notes to the required supplementary information on page 65 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Williston, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining financial statements for other governmental funds, the special revenue funds, and the capital project funds are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The combining fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 17, 2017 on our consideration of the Town of Williston, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting

and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Williston, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A.M. Peisch & Company, LLP

St. Albans, Vermont
January 17, 2017
VT Reg. No. 92-0000102

TOWN OF WILLISTON, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2016

	General Fund	Community Development Fund	Grant Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 2,842,473	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,166,047	\$ 6,008,520
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	1,194,389	-	637,459	178,512	2,010,360
Loans receivable - Long term	-	770,900	-	-	770,900
Prepaid expenses	140,845	-	-	-	140,845
Due from other funds	-	-	-	798,363	798,363
Total assets	\$ 4,177,707	\$ 770,900	\$ 637,459	\$ 4,142,922	\$ 9,728,988
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 693,453	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,790	\$ 809,243
Accrued payroll and benefits payable	93,825	-	-	-	93,825
Due to other funds	254,327	-	471,039	181,279	906,645
Due to agency funds	15,258	-	-	-	15,258
Due to other governments	1,911	-	-	-	1,911
Due to school	2,874	-	-	-	2,874
Unearned revenue	-	770,900	78,035	2,534	851,469
Total liabilities	1,061,648	770,900	549,074	299,603	2,681,225
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Taxes and fees collected in advance	151,438	-	-	-	151,438
Unavailable revenue - taxes	193,335	-	-	-	193,335
Total deferred inflows of resources	344,773	-	-	-	344,773
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable - Prepaids	140,845	-	-	-	140,845
Nonspendable - Cemetery	-	-	-	127,028	127,028
Restricted	-	-	88,385	2,180,694	2,269,079
Committed	-	-	-	584,410	584,410
Assigned	-	-	-	951,187	951,187
Unassigned	2,630,441	-	-	-	2,630,441
Total fund balances	2,771,286	-	88,385	3,843,319	6,702,990
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 4,177,707	\$ 770,900	\$ 637,459	\$ 4,142,922	\$ 9,728,988

TOWN OF WILLISTON, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	General Fund	Community Development Fund	Grant Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 4,818,228	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,818,228
Payment in lieu of taxes	117,376	-	-	-	117,376
Interest and penalties on property taxes	60,623	-	-	-	60,623
Local option tax	2,930,258	-	-	-	2,930,258
Investment interest	21,182	-	-	9,172	30,354
Licenses, permits and fees	394,199	-	-	477,606	871,805
Intergovernmental revenues	160,720	-	1,123,484	152,112	1,436,316
Charges for services	790,538	-	-	7,350	797,888
Donations	-	-	22,736	22,271	45,007
Other revenues	43,009	-	15	-	43,024
Total revenues	9,336,133	-	1,146,235	668,511	11,150,879
EXPENDITURES					
General government	1,447,473	-	9,759	175,371	1,632,603
Public safety	3,449,462	-	171,495	5,111	3,626,068
Public works	1,005,689	-	3,790	18,601	1,028,080
Parks and recreation	615,847	-	1,306	-	617,153
Library	624,963	-	7,377	-	632,340
Cemetery	-	-	-	33,140	33,140
Housing development	-	-	-	116,446	116,446
Debt service:					
Principal	775,264	-	-	-	775,264
Interest	347,930	-	-	15,710	363,640
Capital outlay:					
General government	32,883	-	-	21,074	53,957
Public safety	-	-	21,850	127,532	149,382
Public works	451,157	-	928,716	733,131	2,113,004
Parks and recreation	16,332	-	-	126,871	143,203
Library	20,000	-	-	31,167	51,167
Total expenditures	8,787,000	-	1,144,293	1,404,154	11,335,447
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	549,133	-	1,942	(735,643)	(184,568)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	-	428,990	428,990
Transfers out	(168,000)	-	-	(260,990)	(428,990)
Transfer of assets to stormwater fund	(157,291)	-	-	-	(157,291)
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	179,410	179,410
Total other financing sources (uses)	(325,291)	-	-	347,410	22,119
Net change in fund balances	223,842	-	1,942	(388,233)	(162,449)
Fund balances - July 1, 2015	2,547,444	-	86,443	4,231,552	6,865,439
Fund balances - June 30, 2016	\$ 2,771,286	\$ -	\$ 88,385	\$ 3,843,319	\$ 6,702,990

TOWN OF WILLISTON, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
June 30, 2016

	Water Fund	Meadowridge Sewer Fund	Sewer Fund	Other Proprietary Fund - Stormwater Fund	Total
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 840,196	\$ 21,063	\$ 2,950,972	\$ 474,767	\$ 4,286,998
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	167,576	-	272,448	17,578	457,602
Loans receivable - Current portion	-	24,153	1,854	-	26,007
Prepaid expenses	-	-	46,677	-	46,677
Due from other funds	43,803	12,235	100,910	-	156,948
Total current assets	<u>1,051,575</u>	<u>57,451</u>	<u>3,372,861</u>	<u>492,345</u>	<u>4,974,232</u>
Non-current assets:					
Loans receivable - Noncurrent portion	-	364,706	103,850	-	468,556
Prepaid capacity rights, net of amortization	-	-	1,992,594	-	1,992,594
Land	383,099	-	-	-	383,099
Construction in process	5,390	-	33,026	-	38,416
Equipment and vehicles	131,315	-	741,285	-	872,600
Infrastructure	-	-	-	154,527	154,527
Distribution lines	12,359,650	500,745	13,518,965	-	26,379,360
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,845,389)	(45,955)	(4,089,681)	(4,844)	(8,985,869)
Total non-current assets	<u>8,034,065</u>	<u>819,496</u>	<u>12,300,039</u>	<u>149,683</u>	<u>21,303,283</u>
Total assets	<u>9,085,640</u>	<u>876,947</u>	<u>15,672,900</u>	<u>642,028</u>	<u>26,277,515</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred outflows of resources - Pension	27,590	-	27,590	30,360	85,540
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accrued interest	716	1,777	18,066	-	20,559
Due to other funds	-	-	7,468	41,198	48,666
Due to other governments	-	123	-	-	123
Long term debt, current	40,000	17,759	50,610	-	108,369
Total current liabilities	<u>40,716</u>	<u>19,659</u>	<u>76,144</u>	<u>41,198</u>	<u>177,717</u>
Non-current liabilities:					
Long term debt, noncurrent	240,000	337,628	1,082,915	-	1,660,543
Net pension liability	41,529	-	41,529	45,689	128,747
Accrued compensated absences	2,023	-	2,023	1,891	5,937
Total non-current liabilities	<u>283,552</u>	<u>337,628</u>	<u>1,126,467</u>	<u>47,580</u>	<u>1,795,227</u>
Total liabilities	<u>324,268</u>	<u>357,287</u>	<u>1,202,611</u>	<u>88,778</u>	<u>1,972,944</u>
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	7,754,065	99,403	9,070,070	149,683	17,073,221
Restricted	-	-	1,992,594	-	1,992,594
Unrestricted	1,034,897	420,257	3,435,215	433,927	5,324,296
Total net position	<u>\$ 8,788,962</u>	<u>\$ 519,660</u>	<u>\$ 14,497,879</u>	<u>\$ 583,610</u>	<u>\$ 24,390,111</u>

TOWN OF WILLISTON, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Water Fund	Meadowridge Sewer Fund	Sewer Fund	Other Proprietary Fund - Stormwater Fund	Total
OPERATING REVENUES					
User fees	\$ 982,963	\$ -	\$ 1,325,812	\$ -	\$ 2,308,775
Sale of meters	18,329	-	-	-	18,329
Charges for services	-	-	-	691,364	691,364
Intergovernmental revenue	-	-	77,027	34,151	111,178
Miscellaneous	20,601	362	19,710	10,170	50,843
Total operating revenues	<u>1,021,893</u>	<u>362</u>	<u>1,422,549</u>	<u>735,685</u>	<u>3,180,489</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Wages and benefits	216,157	-	215,755	252,230	684,142
Repairs and supplies	38,630	-	101,107	45,174	184,911
Building and equipment	10,538	-	10,658	97	21,293
Insurance	6,603	-	11,045	7,144	24,792
Purchased water	473,402	-	-	-	473,402
Sewer treatment	-	-	599,293	-	599,293
Purchase of meters	31,148	-	-	-	31,148
Plant repairs	-	-	33,942	-	33,942
Depreciation	211,943	10,212	256,870	4,039	483,064
Amortization of capacity rights	-	-	58,269	-	58,269
Public works rental expense	31,810	-	31,810	31,810	95,430
State fees	-	-	-	22,915	22,915
Other expenses	31,517	-	30,170	27,492	89,179
Total operating expenses	<u>1,051,748</u>	<u>10,212</u>	<u>1,348,919</u>	<u>390,901</u>	<u>2,801,780</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(29,855)</u>	<u>(9,850)</u>	<u>73,630</u>	<u>344,784</u>	<u>378,709</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Investment income	2,122	30	9,056	334	11,542
Write off of loan receivable	-	-	(1,246)	-	(1,246)
Loan interest expense	(5,054)	(7,369)	(21,703)	-	(34,126)
Hook on fees and allocation charges	43,551	-	201,233	-	244,784
Gain on sale of assets	6,250	-	5,530	-	11,780
Transfers in	-	-	-	238,492	238,492
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>46,869</u>	<u>(7,339)</u>	<u>192,870</u>	<u>238,826</u>	<u>471,226</u>
Change in net position	17,014	(17,189)	266,500	583,610	849,935
Net position - July 1, 2015	<u>8,771,948</u>	<u>536,849</u>	<u>14,231,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,540,176</u>
Net position - June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 8,788,962</u>	<u>\$ 519,660</u>	<u>\$ 14,497,879</u>	<u>\$ 583,610</u>	<u>\$ 24,390,111</u>

TOWN OF WILLISTON, VERMONT

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Fund Trustees of Public Funds	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,420,015	\$ 1,595,795	\$ 150,237	\$ 3,166,047
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	178,512	-	-	178,512
Due from other funds	6,101	792,262	-	798,363
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,604,628</u>	<u>\$ 2,388,057</u>	<u>\$ 150,237</u>	<u>\$ 4,142,922</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 115,790	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,790
Due to other funds	124,758	34,250	22,271	181,279
Unearned revenue	2,534	-	-	2,534
Total liabilities	<u>243,082</u>	<u>34,250</u>	<u>22,271</u>	<u>299,603</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable, restricted - Cemetery	-	-	127,028	127,028
Restricted	410,359	1,769,397	938	2,180,694
Committed	-	584,410	-	584,410
Assigned	951,187	-	-	951,187
Total fund balances	<u>1,361,546</u>	<u>2,353,807</u>	<u>127,966</u>	<u>3,843,319</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,604,628</u>	<u>\$ 2,388,057</u>	<u>\$ 150,237</u>	<u>\$ 4,142,922</u>

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Permanent Fund Trustees of Public Funds	Total
REVENUES				
Investment interest	\$ 3,944	\$ 4,923	\$ 305	\$ 9,172
Licenses, permits and fees	353,319	124,287	-	477,606
Intergovernmental revenues	152,112	-	-	152,112
Charges for services	7,350	-	-	7,350
Donations	22,271	-	-	22,271
	<u>538,996</u>	<u>129,210</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>668,511</u>
Total revenues				
EXPENDITURES				
General government	175,371	-	-	175,371
Public safety	-	5,111	-	5,111
Public works	-	18,601	-	18,601
Cemetery	33,140	-	-	33,140
Housing development	116,446	-	-	116,446
Debt service:				
Interest	-	15,710	-	15,710
Capital outlay:				
General government	21,074	-	-	21,074
Public safety	-	127,532	-	127,532
Public works	419,526	313,605	-	733,131
Parks and recreation	67,770	59,101	-	126,871
Library	31,167	-	-	31,167
	<u>864,494</u>	<u>539,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,404,154</u>
Total expenditures				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(325,498)</u>	<u>(410,450)</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>(735,643)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	168,000	260,990	-	428,990
Transfers out	(260,990)	-	-	(260,990)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	107,000	72,410	-	179,410
	<u>14,010</u>	<u>333,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>347,410</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)				
Net change in fund balances	(311,488)	(77,050)	305	(388,233)
Fund balances - July 1, 2015	1,673,034	2,430,857	127,661	4,231,552
Fund balances - June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 1,361,546</u>	<u>\$ 2,353,807</u>	<u>\$ 127,966</u>	<u>\$ 3,843,319</u>

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

June 30, 2016 balance

<i>Conservation Fund</i>	\$269,421
Town funds appropriated for land acquisition and preservation activities proposed by the Conservation Commission	
<i>Host Town Fund</i>	\$681,766
Funds resulting from accumulated payments from Host Town Agreements used to fund capital projects.	
<i>Cemetery Fund</i>	\$ 30,135
Funds for operations of the Town's cemeteries	
<i>Reappraisal Fund</i>	\$249,982
funds from the State for reappraisal as part of Act 60	
<i>Recreation Path Fund</i>	\$40,701
Funds received from certain fund raising activities and specific donations from developers for paths near their places of business	
<i>Agricultural Mitigation Fund</i>	\$1,870
Funds set aside from developers of prime agricultural land which are used for preserving agricultural land	
<i>Records Restoration Fund</i>	\$87,671
Fund established from recording fees to preserve recorded documents	
<i>Champlain Housing Grant Fund</i>	\$0
Fund established to record grant revenues and expenditures	

TOWN OF WILLISTON, VERMONT
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 June 30, 2016

	Conservation Fund	Host Town Fund	Cemetery Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Recreation Path Fund	Agriculture Mitigation Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Champlain Housing Grant Fund	Total
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 269,421	\$ 712,111	\$ 27,642	\$ 281,673	\$ 40,701	\$ 1,870	\$ 86,597	\$ -	\$ 1,420,015
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	-	62,066	-	-	-	-	-	116,446	178,512
Due from other funds	-	-	5,027	-	-	-	1,074	-	6,101
Total assets	\$ 269,421	\$ 774,177	\$ 32,669	\$ 281,673	\$ 40,701	\$ 1,870	\$ 87,671	\$ 116,446	\$ 1,604,628
LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,790	115,790
Due to other funds	-	92,411	-	31,691	-	-	-	656	124,758
Unearned revenue	-	-	2,534	-	-	-	-	-	2,534
Total liabilities	-	92,411	2,534	31,691	-	-	-	116,446	243,082
FUND BALANCES									
Restricted	-	-	30,135	249,982	40,701	1,870	87,671	-	410,359
Assigned	269,421	681,766	-	-	-	-	-	-	951,187
Total fund balances	269,421	681,766	30,135	249,982	40,701	1,870	87,671	-	1,361,546
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 269,421	\$ 774,177	\$ 32,669	\$ 281,673	\$ 40,701	\$ 1,870	\$ 87,671	\$ 116,446	\$ 1,604,628

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	Conservation Fund	Host Town Fund	Cemetery Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Recreation Path Fund	Agriculture Mitigation Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Housing Grant Fund	Total
REVENUES									
Investment interest	\$ 1,024	\$ 2,121	\$ 11	\$ 485	\$ 102	\$ 4	\$ 197	\$ -	\$ 3,944
Licenses, permits and fees	-	324,315	842	-	-	-	28,162	-	353,319
Intergovernmental revenues	-	-	-	35,666	-	-	-	116,446	152,112
Charges for services	-	-	7,350	-	-	-	-	-	7,350
Donations	-	-	22,271	-	-	-	-	-	22,271
Total revenues	1,024	326,436	30,474	36,151	102	4	28,359	116,446	538,996
EXPENDITURES									
General government	-	14,858	-	148,568	-	-	11,945	-	175,371
Cemetery	-	-	33,140	-	-	-	-	-	33,140
Housing development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116,446	116,446
Capital outlay:									
General government	-	21,074	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,074
Public works	161,325	258,201	-	-	-	-	-	-	419,526
Parks and recreation	-	87,770	-	-	-	-	-	-	87,770
Library	-	31,167	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,167
Total expenditures	161,325	393,070	33,140	148,568	-	-	11,945	116,446	864,694
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(160,301)	(66,634)	(2,666)	(112,417)	102	4	16,414	-	(325,498)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in	140,000	-	28,000	-	-	-	-	-	168,000
Transfers out	-	(260,990)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(260,990)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	107,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	140,000	(153,990)	28,000	-	-	-	-	-	14,010
Net change in fund balances	(20,301)	(220,624)	25,334	(112,417)	102	4	16,414	-	(311,488)
Fund balances - July 1, 2015	289,722	902,390	4,801	362,399	40,399	1,866	71,257	-	1,673,034
Fund balances - June 30, 2016	\$ 269,421	\$ 681,766	\$ 30,135	\$ 249,982	\$ 40,701	\$ 1,870	\$ 87,671	\$ -	\$ 1,361,546

TOWN OF WILLISTON
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

June 30, 2016 balance

<i>Bridge Fund</i>	\$ 12,373
Funds set aside for upgrade of Town bridges	
<i>Recreation Fund</i>	\$273,566
Funds received from Recreation Impact Fees to be used for new recreation projects	
<i>Road Improvement Fund</i>	\$18,848
Funds established from developer fees for road improvements and landscaping	
<i>Taft Corners Area Road Improvement Fund</i>	\$586,060
Fund established from impact fees to make improvements in the area surrounding Taft Corners and road and streets in the vicinity	
<i>Sidewalk Project Fund</i>	\$232,895
Fund established from Bond proceeds of \$1,600,000 issued for the purpose of building sidewalks and paths	
<i>Public Works Building Fund</i>	\$658,028
Fund established from the Bond proceeds of \$4,320,000 issued for the purpose of building the highway garage	
<i>Equipment Replacement Fund</i>	\$572,037
Savings fund for large highway equipment, police vehicles, fire vehicles and other equipment	

TOWN OF WILLISTON, VERMONT
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
June 30, 2016

			Road	Road	Road	Public Works	Equipment										
			Improvement	Improvement	Improvement	Building	Replacement										
			Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total						
ASSETS																	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	24,350	\$	274,888	\$	23,209	\$	550,603	\$	134,118	\$	588,627	\$	1,595,795			
Due from other funds								35,457		98,777				792,262			
Total assets		\$	24,350	\$	274,888	\$	23,209	\$	586,060	\$	232,895	\$	588,627	\$	2,388,057		
LIABILITIES																	
Due to other funds	\$	11,977	\$	1,322	\$	4,361	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,590	\$	34,250	
Total liabilities		\$	11,977	\$	1,322	\$	4,361	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,590	\$	34,250
FUND BALANCES																	
Restricted																	
Committed																	
Total fund balances																	
Total liabilities and fund balances		\$	24,350	\$	274,888	\$	23,209	\$	586,060	\$	232,895	\$	588,627	\$	2,388,057		

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	Bridge Fund	Recreation Fund	Road		Sidewalk Project Fund	Public Works		Total
			Improvement Fund	Taft-Corner Fund		Building Fund	Equipment Replacement Fund	
REVENUES								
Investment interest	\$ 126	\$ 825	\$ 36	\$ 1,061	\$ 866	\$ 1	\$ 2,008	\$ 4,923
Licenses, permits and fees	-	39,849	-	84,438	-	-	-	124,287
Total revenues	126	40,674	36	85,499	866	1	2,008	129,210
EXPENDITURES								
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,111	5,111
Public works	-	840	4,361	2,127	-	11,273	-	18,601
Debt/service:								
Interest	-	15,710	-	-	-	-	-	15,710
Capital outlay:								
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	127,532	127,532
Public works	41,069	1,175	-	15,950	100,398	-	155,013	313,605
Parks and recreation	-	16,895	-	-	-	-	42,206	59,101
Total expenditures	41,069	34,620	4,361	18,077	100,398	11,273	329,862	539,660
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(40,943)	6,054	(4,325)	67,422	(99,532)	(11,272)	(327,854)	(410,450)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES								
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	260,990	260,990
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,410	72,410
Total other financing sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	333,400	333,400
Net change in fund balances	(40,943)	6,054	(4,325)	67,422	(99,532)	(11,272)	5,546	(77,050)
Fund balances - July 1, 2015	53,316	267,512	23,173	518,638	332,427	669,300	566,491	2,410,857
Fund balances - June 30, 2016	\$ 12,373	\$ 273,566	\$ 18,848	\$ 586,060	\$ 232,895	\$ 658,028	\$ 572,037	\$ 2,333,807

**TOWN OF WILLISTON
PROPERTY TAX BILLING AND RECEIVABLE RECONCILIATION
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016**

Property taxes were assessed, collected and accounted for as follows:

Taxes Billed:

Town, Highway, Conservation	\$ 4,782,280	\$ 0.2794
Tax Stabilization	\$ 10,270	\$ 0.0006
Municipal Grand List	\$17,111,737	
Homestead Education	\$ 13,158,291	\$ 1.5541
Homestead Grand List	\$8,466,824	
Non-Residential Education	\$ 14,143,943	\$ 1.6361
Non-residential Grand List	\$8,644,913	
Total Billed:	\$ 32,094,784	
Billing Adjustments & Abatements	\$ (50,909)	
Penalty & Interest Added	\$ 60,623	
Total Taxes, Penalty and Interest Billed	\$ 32,104,498	
State Payments to Education	\$ (2,894,426)	
Education Taxes sent to Schools	\$ (20,570,728)	
Taxes to State Education Fund	\$ (3,797,916)	
State Payments to Town	\$ 27,154	
Tax Stabilization	\$ 10,270	
Total Tax Revenue FY2016:	\$ 4,878,852	
<i>(including penalties and interest)</i>		

**DELINQUENT TAX SUMMARY
AS OF JUNE 30, 2016**

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
2010/2011	933.43	28.02	9.34	970.79
2011/2012	1,100.16	907.53	3.67	2,011.36
2012/2013	8,289.39	3,944.23	69.24	12,302.86
2013/2014	16,309.15	5,556.00	147.40	22,012.55
2014/2015	39,958.83	8,252.13	369.98	48,580.94
2015/2016	192,467.60	11,140.18	1,924.64	205,532.42
Totals	\$259,058.56	\$29,828.09	\$2,524.27	\$291,410.92

TOWN OF WILLISTON
STATEMENT OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

Payable to:	Purpose	Issue Date	Issue Amount	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance 06/30/15	Additions	Deletions	Balance 06/30/16
TOWN									
Bond Payable									
US Bank	Sidewalk Project	7/15/05	1,600,000	12/1/25	3.79%	880,000	-	80,000	800,000
US Bank	Public Safety Bldg	7/15/05	3,300,000	12/1/25	3.79%	1,815,000	-	165,000	1,650,000
US Bank	Public Safety Bldg	7/20/06	1,350,000	12/1/26	4.44%	790,000	-	70,000	720,000
US Bank	Public Safety Bldg	07/26/07	1,800,000	12/01/27	4.5%	1,170,000	-	90,000	1,080,000
US Bank	Fire Engine	07/21/09	485,000	11/15/19	3.1%	235,000	-	50,000	185,000
US Bank	Library Roof	08/12/12	200,000	11/15/22	2.4%	160,000	-	20,000	140,000
US Bank	Public Works Bldg	11/15/13	4,800,000	11/15/33	4.0%	4,560,000	-	240,000	4,320,000
			13,535,000			9,610,000	-	715,000	8,895,000
Lease Notes Payable									
TD Equipment Financing	Ambulance 14	6/19/2014	205,000	6/17/2020	2.70%	146,325	-	27,727	118,598
			13,740,000			9,756,325		742,727	9,013,598
UTILITY FUNDS									
State Revolving Loan Fund Sewer Pumps 12		06/30/12	311,231	06/30/24	2.0%	242,555	-	11,328	231,225
State Revolving Loan Fund Meadowridge		06/30/12	478,353	06/30/24	2.0%	372,797	-	17,410	355,387
US Bank Water Tower Land		11/7/12	400,000	11/15/22	2.4%	320,000	-	40,000	280,000
State Revolving Loan Fund Sewer Pumps 14		5/5/2014	843,259	7/1/2034	2.0%	765,233	-	-	731,821
State Revolving Loan Fund Sewer Pumps 15		11/1/2015	178,673	11/1/2035	2.0%	178,673	-	8,194	170,479
			2,211,516			1,877,256	-	108,344	1,768,912
Total ALL Debt									
			15,951,516			11,633,581	-	851,071	10,782,510

**TOWN OF WILLISTON
LISTING OF EMPLOYEE WAGES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2016**

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Grade</u>		
Town Manager	12	\$ 69,555 -	\$ 99,944
Chief of Police	10	\$ 58,552 -	\$ 84,115
Director of Public Works	10	\$ 58,552 -	\$ 84,115
Fire Chief	10	\$ 58,552 -	\$ 84,115
Planning Director & Zoning Admin.	10	\$ 58,552 -	\$ 84,115
Finance Director	10	\$ 58,552 -	\$ 84,115
Library Director	9	\$ 53,810 -	\$ 77,293
Asst. Director, Public Works	9	\$ 53,810 -	\$ 77,293
Recreation Director	9	\$ 53,810 -	\$ 77,293
Town Clerk/Treasurer	8	\$ 49,234 -	\$ 70,720
Stormwater Coordinator	8	\$ 49,234 -	\$ 70,720
Highway Foreman	7	\$ 45,115 -	\$ 64,854
Water/Sewer Foreman	7	\$ 45,115 -	\$ 64,854
Senior Planner	7	\$ 45,115 -	\$ 64,854
Assistant Librarian, pt	7	\$ 45,115 -	\$ 64,854
Youth Services Librarian	6	\$ 41,579 -	\$ 59,758
IT Reference Librarian	6	\$ 41,579 -	\$ 59,758
Conservation Planner	5	\$ 38,293 -	\$ 55,078
Technical & Reference Librarians(4), pt	5	\$ 38,293 -	\$ 55,078
Assistant to Assessor, pt	5	\$ 38,293 -	\$ 55,078
Assistant Foreman, Highway	5	\$ 38,293 -	\$ 55,078
Administrative Assistants (6)	4	\$ 35,464 -	\$ 51,002
Assistant Town Clerk (2)	4	\$ 35,464 -	\$ 51,002
Assistant Town Treasurer	4	\$ 35,464 -	\$ 51,002
Highway Maintenance Worker I (5)	3	\$ 32,739 -	\$ 47,008
Water/Sewer Technician(3)	3	\$ 32,739 -	\$ 47,008
Building & Grounds Maintenance(2), pt	2	\$ 28,683 -	\$ 41,226
 <u>Police Positions</u>			
Police Sergeant(5)		51,730 -	75,380
Police Officers (9)		44,554 -	64,896
Police Dispatcher(2)		38,293 -	55,078
Reparative Board Director		49,400	
 <u>Fire/EMT Positions</u>			
Fire/EMT Captain (1)		46,509 -	68,474
Fire/EMT Lieutenant (2)		44,247 -	64,459
Fire/EMT Senior Firefighter (1)		41,443 -	60,375
Career Firefighters/EMT (5)		39,174 -	57,069
 <u>Part-time Positions</u>			
		<u>Hourly Rate</u>	
Library Students (4) and Substitutes(4+)		10.00 -	13.13
Summer Recreation Staff (25+/-)		9.60 -	13.00
On Call Fire/Rescue (30+/-)		10.58 -	19.16
 <u>Elected Positions</u>			
Listers(3)		\$ 15.13	
BCA/Elections		\$ 9.00	
Selectboard Chair		\$1,375/year	
Selectboard(4)		\$1,060/year	

Town of Williston Annual Town Meeting Abstract February 29 and March 1, 2016

The legal voters of the town of Williston met at the Williston Central School in Williston, Vermont at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 29, 2016 for the Annual Town Meeting.

103 voters were present at this meeting.

Williston Boy Scout Troop 692 presented the colors and lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectboard Chair, Terry Macaig called the meeting to order at 7:00 and introduced the members of the Selectboard, Debbie Ingram and Jeff Fehrs, Ted Kenney and Christopher Roy.

Christopher Roy was recognized for his 8 years of service as a member of the Selectboard.

Michael Harris was recognized for his 21 years of service on the Conservation Commission and noted that the 2016 Town Report is dedicated to him. Terry added that Mike was recently appointed as a Vermont Superior Court Judge.

Terry also expressed thanks to the entire Town Staff and the multitude of volunteers who contribute many, many hours to help make Williston a great place to live.

Article 1: Anthony Lamb was unanimously elected moderator for the ensuing year on a motion by Jim McCullough and seconded by Charlie Magill.

Article 2: On a motion by Allison Cranmer seconded by Charlie Magill, it was unanimously voted that current taxes will be paid to the Town Treasurer in three equal installments with due dates of August 15, November 15 and February 15 as authorized by 32 V.S.A. §4871

Article 3: A motion was made by Charlie Magill and seconded by Carl Fowler that pursuant to 20 VSA, 3456(e) that the voters adopt an ordinance regulating vicious domestic pets or wolf-hybrids by an ordinance that diverges from the procedures in the state statute by allowing, among other things, the filing of complaints by law enforcement officers and other regarding dog bites or attacks by domestic pets regardless of where the incident took place.

Ted Kenney introduced the proposed ordinance and noted this is being introduced for the protection and safety of Williston residents. He explained that this corrects a loophole in the current ordinance which allows the Selectboard to take action only by a written complaint by the victim, an attack occurs off of the dog owners property and only if the vicious dog actually bites.

The new ordinance would include all pets, not just dogs. It would change who can report to include a police officer or Town Health Officer or owner and would allow reports of attacks occurring on the dog owner's property.

Allison Cranmer asked if the attack would be reportable only if the vicious animal attacked a person or if it would include an attack on another animal.

Ted Kenney responded that it would include attacks on other animals.

Sharon Gutwin asked if this has been a problem and how often such an attack occurs.

Ted Kenney replied that this is a rare occurrence but that when it does happen it will give the Selectboard the ability to take action.

Bret Powell asked that if a dog was found to have bitten someone and the Selectboard does take action against the pet, what options would the pet owner have?

Ted Kenney explained that the Selectboard sits as a quasi-judicial board and would take evidence and would listen to the dog owner. The Board is currently empowered to do nothing, muzzle the dog, require the dog be chained, expulsion from the Town or could direct that the dog euthanized. The dog owner does have a safe guard in that they can appeal to the Vermont Superior Court.

Sharon Gutwin expressed concern that the definition of “attack” is nebulous. If growling or jumping could be considered an “attack” then it could easily, in this day and age of endless litigations, be made much easier for someone to initiate a law suit.

Ted Kenney explained that the assumption is that the Selectboard will act with common sense in these matters. He further noted that the object of this ordinance is to enable police officers to make a complaint and enable the Selectboard to put a set of procedures and policies in place.

On a voice vote the Ordinance was approved.

Article 4: On a motion by Darlene Worth seconded by Kevin Mara it was unanimously voted to accept the reports of the several town officers.

Article 5: To transact any other business proper to be brought before the meeting.

Rick McGuire, Town Manager, gave a brief presentation outlining some of the accomplishments over the past year. He pointed out that one of the most notable accomplishments was that there was no news in regards to the audit. It was a totally clean audit report with no deficiencies thanks to our Finance Director, Susan Lamb. Other accomplishments included Public Works drainage projects and culvert replacements. The Library received the new bookmobile and the police department has added a drop box for the disposal of prescription drugs.

Lynn McClintock thanked the Public Works Department for coming in under budget.

A motion was made by Al Frey, seconded by Ken Stone and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting until 7:00 AM at which time the polls will be open to vote by Australian Ballot. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

March 1 Voting by Australian Ballot

3434 voters cast ballots

Article 6: Shall the voters adopt a budget for operating and capital expenses of \$10,225,270 for the year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017?

Yes	2281
No	800

Article 7: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to purchase a fire truck and related equipment for an amount not to exceed \$705,000 and to fund such purchase with \$400,000 from funds remaining from the Public Works Facility project and to borrow money for the remaining amount needed by issuance of notes or bonds for a term not to exceed 10 years?

Yes	2103
No	1031

Article 8: To elect for the Williston Town Selectboard one member for a term of two (2) years beginning March, 2016.

Joy Limoge	2512 (elected)
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Article 9: To elect for the Williston Town Selectboard one member for a term of three (3) years beginning March, 2016.

Ted Kenney	2640 (elected)
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Article 10: To elect for the Board of Listers one member for a term of three (3) years beginning March, 2016.

Harold Cort	2521 (elected)
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Article 11: To elect for the Library Board of Trustees one member for a term of five (5) years beginning March, 2016.

Stephen J. Perkins	2624 (elected)
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Article 12: To elect a First Constable for a term of one year beginning March, 2016.

Michael Sinopoli	2581 (elected)
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/s/Anthony Lamb, Moderator

/s/Deborah Beckett, Town Clerk

/s/ Andrew Mikell, Chair Board of Civil Authority

TOWN MANAGER

This past year we experienced a state and national election that many considered particularly divisive. One can't help but wonder how all of the negativity espoused during the election by candidates from both major political parties will have on how our citizens view their government. Fortunately, the nexus between your local government and the services you receive each day remains close. This is true in part because of the important role each member of a Town Board or Committee performs by donating their time and talents to guiding town policies. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at the local level. While the contribution of each person may be small, in combination the impact is large. As Edmund Burke, a respected statesman and orator from Ireland once said, *"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."*

As has been the case for the past few years, stormwater issues continue to be front and center. All 18 neighborhoods with expired state stormwater permits completed an engineering feasibility analysis for their neighborhoods and signed an agreement to complete work necessary to bring their system up to state standards and in exchange, the Town will take over future maintenance responsibility. The Town is continuing to explore grant opportunities and funding options for these neighborhoods.

Other major projects included the installation of solar panels on top of the new Public Works Facility and repairs to a major culvert underneath Talcott Road that failed.

This past year, a number of employees marked service milestones: Three employees with a combined service of almost 70 years retired. Rick Peet, Highway Foreman, retired after almost 28 years of service. Roger Boyer, Highway Maintainer retired after 22 years of service and last but not least, Susan Lamb, Finance Director retired after 20 years of service to the community. All three had a major positive impact on their fellow employees and were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Williston.

Five employees celebrated ten years of service to the Town: Justin Huizenga (Police Sergeant), Tim Gerry (Fire Captain), Sean Soper (Fire Lieutenant), Keith Baker (Fire Lieutenant), and Ryan Prouty (Fire Lieutenant).

Joining our dedicated full-time employees in 2016 were the following individuals: Jennifer Kennelly (Finance), Ann Hardman (Police), Robert Recore (Police), William Bouffard (Police), Cristalee McSweeney (Police - Community Justice), Richard Hammond (Public Works), Thomas Cameron (Public Works), and Anthony LeClair (Fire).

It is the responsibility of the Selectboard, the Town Manager and support staff to take the input provided by Williston residents and translate it into services, policies and procedures that meet the needs of this community. The input citizens provide during the year is extremely important in determining the future direction of the community. This input can take many forms, ranging from a simple telephone call or letter to more active involvement including participating on an elected or appointed Board or Commission. If you have a concern or question, please contact someone on the Selectboard or town staff. Your input is important.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard McGuire,
Town Manager

SELECTBOARD

2016 was another year of solving budget challenges and maintaining the tax rate at the lowest amount possible while preserving essential services. Thanks to the diligence and innovativeness of our Town Manager, Finance Director, town department directors and staff, we were able to stay within budget and fulfill the town's obligations to its citizens. The information listed below is not all-inclusive. Please visit the town website at <http://town.williston.vt.us> for updated information.

This past year was one of many accomplishments. Several ordinances were amended and adopted including regulation of domestic pets and a speed limit reduction on Oak Hill Road. Policies adopted were for a Local Emergency Operations Plan, a Community Notification System and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chittenden County Sheriff for dispatch services in return for use of their electronic devices. Nine public hearings were held. Energy conservation projects on town buildings have continued. The Planning Commission continued to update the Comprehensive Town Plan for hearings and adoption by the Selectboard in 2017. A retreat was held with Department heads and the planning commission to discuss updating the Town plan and demographics associated with it and managing residential growth and development in Williston.

Town infrastructure continues to be improved. The plan to begin the proactive removal and replacement of ash trees in anticipation of the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer was implemented. We spent a great deal of time on stormwater issues and approved an Agricultural Grant Policy as well as approving stormwater agreements with the 18 neighborhoods with expired permits. More storm water projects need to be completed and much more needs to be done due to federal and state requirements. An affordable housing trust fund task force that was formed to examine the possibility of establishing a trust fund to promote affordable housing development continued to meet and is expected to have a proposal in the next fiscal year. We accepted a donation of 40+ acres of land from NETS.

The Selectboard is committed to enhancing Williston's strong sense of community. We could not do that without the competent staff in each of our Departments and in the Town Clerk's Office. Each Town employee works quietly behind the scenes to keep Williston running smoothly. As Town Manager, Rick McGuire is primarily responsible for carrying out the policies and directives of the Selectboard. He serves as the primary contact with Town staff and the public. Thank you to Rick for all that he does and his 18 years as Town manager.

The Williston in Bloom Program continues. Our citizens made the Town beautiful once again through their financial and labor contributions. We are grateful to businesses and to all citizens who work to make our town beautiful during the spring, summer and fall. Volunteers also put in countless hours on committees, commissions and programs. Our strong planning, development review, recreation, conservation, library, sidewalk and other programs only happen because of the great people who volunteer in our community. We encourage members of the community to stay involved and welcome input as we address different issues. We continue to listen to each of you. Please consider serving on town boards and commissions. It is a great way to serve your community and to learn more about the great Town of Williston.

Williston Selectboard: Terry Macaig-Chair, Jeff Fehrs-Vice-chair, Debbie Ingram, Ted Kenney and Joy Limoge

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

The election cycle and campaigning that never seemed to end was the theme of this past year. In addition to the March Annual Town Meeting we had the Presidential Preference Primary in March when 3,434 Willistonian's supported Senator Bernie Sanders' bid to become the Democratic nomination for President and Ohio's Governor John



Long time election officials, Bill Skiff and Herb Goodrich iron out the wrinkles in the absentee ballots while JP /Selectboard member Ted Kenney keeps the ballot box running smoothly.

Kasich for the Republican ticket. In June we ventured out again to decide if we would support the consolidation of the Williston School District with Hinesburg, Charlotte, Shelburne, St. George and CVU. A mere 634 out of nearly 8,500 voters turned out to vote to consolidate and elect a slate of officers

to the new Champlain Valley Unified Union School District Board. The turnout was a bit better for the August Primaries when 2071 voters helped to finalize the slate of candidates for State-wide offices. Jim McCullough and Terry Macaig were the nominees for State Reps for the Democrats while Joy Limoge and Doug Aitken were the Republicans choice.

Elections management and document recording along with the processing and collecting of taxes and water payments continued to keep the staff in the Clerk & Treasurer's office busy. Additionally, processing passports, dog licensing, DMV renewals and providing general information were mainstays of FY 2016.

The 2016 Public Service Awards were presented by the Secretary of State during ceremonies to honor those who have given 20 or more years of service to their communities. Williston 20-year honorees included: Deb Beckett, Susan Bishop, Jeff Fehrs, Michael Harris, Jean Kissner, Susan Lamb, Mike Lizotte, and Barbara Young. At 25 years were Ginny Lyons, Terry Macaig, Virginia Morton, Jack Price, Richard Ransom, and Carl Runge. Over 30 years included Douglas Hulbert, Tony Lamb, Barbara Meider, Ken Morton, Jim McCullough and Ruth Stokes.

Statistical Information for Calendar Year 2016

Birth	84	U.S. Passports	1513
Marriage	52	DMV Renewals	93
Death	217	Green Mountain Passports	85
Vault Usage Hours	1337	Dog Licenses	681
Documents Recorded	3665	Pages Recorded	10131
Property Transfers	393		

As always, do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Williston Town Clerk & Staff

Deb Beckett, CMC/CVC/CVT, Town Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Mason, Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer
 Jennifer Munson, Assistant Town Clerk Cindy Thurston, Assistant Town Clerk



*Town Clerk/Treasurer Staff
 Sarah Mason, Jen Munson, Deb Beckett and Cindy Thurston*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Solar panels installed on the new public works facility on Avenue A

The Public Works Department provides the following community services to the Town: street and highway maintenance, stormwater system maintenance, water and sewer system operation and maintenance, assistance with parks maintenance, management of the Lake Iroquois Beach on behalf of the Lake Iroquois Recreation District, public building maintenance and construction management and inspection oversight. Public Works has maintenance responsibility of approximately 74 miles of public streets and their related infrastructure. The water system serves a year-round population of approximately 7,692 users with a total system demand of approximately 654,768 gpd. The sewer system serves a year-round population of approximately 6,655 users with a total sewage flow to the treatment plant of approximately 492,274 gpd.

The FY18 proposed highway budget as submitted to the Selectboard reflects a modest increase in funding over the current spending plan. The increases suggested will allow Public Works to complete its core mission while being responsible to the residents we serve.

The water system operating budget shows a slight increase since 2017. This is due largely to having to increase the amount of money that we need to put into our capital savings and an increase in the wholesale rate by our water supplier Champlain Water District.

The sewer operating budget shows an increase as well due to payments becoming due for the rehabilitation of the Essex Junction Treatment Plant of which Williston is part owner. However we continue to use the Sewer Fund balance to help offset a larger rate increase.

The stormwater operating budget shows a slight decrease because of final settlements with Agency of Transportation and a few adjustments to the budget because of other billing changes.

Listed below are some of the major projects completed by Public Works in FY 16:

- Solar Panels installed on Public Works new facility located at the end of Avenue A.
- Portions of the following Town highways were resurfaced this year: North Williston Road, Meadow Run Road, Whitewater Circle, South Brownell Road, Pinecrest Circle, Tamarack Drive, Harvest, Meadow Ridge Road, South Road, Commerce Street and Van Sicklen Road.
- Design and permit efforts are ongoing in developing a Grid Street between Williston Road and Trader Lane near Taft Corners.
- Section of Sidewalk completed on Harvest.
- Completed 1st section of stormwater project in Lamplight Neighborhood.
- Storm Water Flow Restoration Plan submitted to State for town compliance of MS4 permit.
- Replacement of unexpected large multi-plate culvert on Talcott Road.



We would like to take this opportunity to recognize all the staff of the Public Works Department (Highway, Water & Sewer and Stormwater) for all their efforts and commitment to making this a better community for our residents. They are an extremely dedicated group, always willing to assist and carry a positive attitude in their work efforts.

We welcome community input and suggestions on how better to serve the citizens of Williston. The Public Works Office is located at the Town Hall Annex with office hours Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm. Feel free to contact us at 878-1239 if you have questions or concerns, or visit the Town’s web-site at www.town.williston.vt.us .

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce K. Hoar
Public Works Director



WILLISTON RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Recreation and Parks Department continues to serve the recreation needs of a growing population. Through a diverse program offering and the development and maintenance of recreation facilities, the Recreation and Parks Department offers Williston residents of all ages a wide range of choices for their active and passive leisure time.

In 2016 the department saw a continued growth in its offerings by reaching out to individuals and businesses within the community. With that brought a variety of new programs for all ages. We are thankful for the businesses in town that are working with us to bring quality programs to the residents of Williston. In 2016, we worked with 7 businesses in town to offer programming in their space and a few others, who use school space for programming. We are always looking to add more. We also want to thank the many instructors that have worked with us this past year to bring new offerings to the community. 18 new programs were offered this year.

2016 also saw an increase of people using the online registration site for registering for programs. It has become a great asset for 24/7 registering, tracking enrollment and staying in contact with families. We continue to distribute two program guides- Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter, through The Observer.



Program Highlights:

- 833 children participated in Youth Sports to include; Soccer, Basketball, Lacrosse, Track & Field and the Learn to Ski/Snowboard program.
- Over 526 campers were served this summer in our Summer Camps; Day Camps- 291, Enrichment Camps- 222, and the Friends of St George Program- 13. Total enrollment for the camps was 1,369.
- 116 Adults and seniors took part in a fitness or educational program this year with the department.

- 88 children took swim lessons at The Edge through the Recreation Dept. registrations.
- July 4th activities were a great success with two days of beautiful weather.
- 60+ volunteers have giving their time to coach in one or more of our youth sports leagues.



We want to thank all the parents and community members that volunteered to coach in our youth sports programs. The programs and the quality of them depends on these volunteers.

Parks & Facilities:

The four active parks in town include Williston Community Park, Allen Brook Community Park, Rossignol Park and Brennan Park. Maintenance and improvements in the parks this year included; rerouting the Rec. Path away from the school at Allen Brook Park and surfacing the basketball court and replacing the baseball field fence at Rossignol Park. A slice aerator was purchased for the purpose of regular aeration of the fields that will not interfere with games or practices. A routine aeration and fertilization plan will help maintain and improve the playing fields.

The department worked with 12 outside organizations, youth leagues and the school to schedule athletic fields from April through October. The busiest seasons for the fields are Spring and Fall.

The Community Gardens was expanded to 30 garden plots from 24 and more community members were able to have a plot and garden this summer.

The Recreation and Parks Department welcomes your comments. If you are interested in offering a class please feel free to contact us at- recreation@willistonvt.org or 876-1160. Be sure to like us on Facebook, sign up for the Recreation Newsletter or visit our website at www.willistonrec.org.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Todd Goodwin
 Recreation & Parks Director

Recreation Committee:
 Bob Metz, Eric Kelly, Nicole Morris
 Michael Clauss, Danielle Doucette,

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Your police department remains a full-service police agency that operates 24 hours per day. We have 17 authorized positions for sworn officers, two civilian dispatchers, an administrative assistant, and two civilian employees working in our Community Justice Center (one full-time and one part-time). As I prepare this report, we have three vacancies for police officer and another three positions where officers are not active due to being in the academy or on injury leave.



Halloween 2016



We maintain an active partnership with our school system and have had a great year working with our new District Principal, Greg Marino. We continue our efforts to plan and train jointly with our school officials to ensure the safety of our youth. In addition to planning with our schools, we have been actively participating in tabletop exercises for multi-agency events just to be prepared.

At the beginning of FY 2017, we hired Officers Robert Recore and William Bouffard. Both attended and graduated the police academy in mid-November. Our Recruitment activities are strong and we are in the final phases of our process with two additional candidates. We do have a reserved spot at the academy for one of these prospective candidates.

Officer Cohen playing ball at Allen Brook School

Our overall activity was slightly lower than in previous years, but this is directly attributable to having multiple vacancies all at once. Although the following statistics describe our activity, the statistics shown below do not account for all offenses that could be considered an arrest. Officers directly referred 32 additional offenders to our Community Justice Center as an alternative to traditional criminal justice approaches. I point this fact out because the closure of these criminal cases, following the identification of an offender, does not get reported to the FBI, but an equal amount of work is required to investigate them. In essence, these cases are equivalent to a criminal case closed by arrest.

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Calls for Service	5000	4982	5266	4520
M/V Enforcement	5138	5115	5090	3999
M/V Violation Notices	3535	4381	3931	3215
Arrests	460	462	397	272
Offenses Arrested For	631	690	520	367



In addition to meeting all mandatory annual training (25 hours per sworn officer minimum) this past year, numerous officers were sent to specialized training to include; Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Advanced Crash Investigation, Mental Health Awareness, and Advanced Roadside Impairment Investigation just to name a few. In 2015 officers attended a total of 654.75 hours of training with an average number of annual in-service training hours per officer being 46.75.

Officers Bouffard & Recore

Our Goals:

Our number one goal is to deliver high quality services to our community. In addition, we focus on the efficiency of our operations and resources, the reduction of perceived fear within our community, and improving job satisfaction with our employees. We have made significant progress in our efforts to communicate with our community on different levels including Facebook, Front Porch Forum, WPD Blue Light News, Website, and by quickly relaying important press releases to the media.



Two significant goals that we have completed this year were the community notification system, VT-ALERT. We have had many community members sign up and we would love to see more. Our second significant goal was transitioning to a different records management system. We did belong to the system operated by the Department of Public Safety, but have since switched to a more cost effective system that our neighboring departments utilize and it is being used by more Vermont Departments than the state system. On behalf of our agency, I extend my thanks to the Williston community for its overwhelming support of our department, officers, and employees.

9/11 Ceremony honoring our fallen public safety officials

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. I encourage you to visit our website at www.town.williston.vt.us/police or send us an email at police@willistonvt.org. All of my contact information is available on our website or call 764-1152.

Todd C. Shepard
Chief of Police

COMMUNITY JUSTICE BOARD

“The Williston Community Justice Center (WCJC) is committed to promoting and advancing the well-being and safety of our community by providing resources for positive change and repairing damaged relationships through collaborative restorative processes.” This mission statement along with the support of our dedicated board volunteers, Police Chief, Selectboard and Town Officers, guide us in our best restorative justice practices for the betterment of Williston and the neighboring towns we serve.

Over the past fiscal year, the WCJC has heard and completed a total of 85 cases, many of which were pre-charge cases, referred by the Williston Police Dept. The WCJC continues to maintain a close relationship with the Richmond, Hinesburg and Vermont State Police Departments, as well as with the Rapid Intervention Community Court, the Chittenden County State’s Attorney’s Office and the VT Dept. of Corrections Probation and Parole Division.

In addition to the above mentioned referral sources, the WCJC has maintained a close working relationship with the Allen Brook, Williston Central and Jean Garvin Schools. The WCJC has seen an increase in juvenile crimes including sexting, bullying and disorderly conduct via electronic means. As a way to address the increase we teamed up with the WCS administration and guidance department as well as with members of the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI), the Williston PD, Chittenden County State’s Attorney, community defense attorneys and a local communication expert to provide educational outreach and forums to the 7th and 8th grade students and parents. We provided 12 students with an alternative to the criminal justice system by accepting their referrals with a primary goal of helping to educate and provide continued individual and family supports through the restorative process.

Board members have addressed issues ranging from minor retail theft and disorderly conduct to more complex cases involving lewd and lascivious conduct, sale of heroin and other controlled substances, credit card fraud, embezzlement, DUI and careless and negligent operation with death resulting. Regardless of the magnitude of the crime, the restorative approach remains the same, a non-punitive, non-judgmental, un-biased approach to crime, focusing on crime being a violation of a relationship which in turn creates an obligation to make repair to victims and the greater community while being held accountable for one’s actions with hopes of diminishing’ future harm and recidivism.

The WCJC is proud to have grown to full capacity with our volunteer membership and currently have a wait list for those interested in contributing to the community in this way. The center shares a common goal with many members of the community which is to increase our membership in order to build a juvenile board. It is the hope that a juvenile board be comprised of young adults who share cultural diversity and experiences which will enhance the experience of peer council and the reparative process.

The WCJC also assisted many housing communities and neighborhood associations with conflict resolution and mediated several issues. We have worked closely Cathedral Square and presented at the New England Regional Housing Conference addressing landlord/tenant disputes as well as elder bullying, harassment, diversity and cultural differences.

The WCJC is gearing up for another exciting year of community growth and development and looking forward to building strong community relations while enhancing the services provided within all of our service areas.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Williston Fire Department is a combination (career and call staff) fire department providing Fire and EMS services, including ambulance transport. There are a total of 34 personnel on the roster including 7 Firefighters, 18 Firefighter/EMTs, 5 EMTs, 2 Chief Officers, and 2 Dispatchers. These dedicated men and women are proud to provide protection to you and your family, 365 days per year. We currently operate with 9 full-time career shift personnel who are assigned into three groups, each working 24 hours on duty, then 48 hours off-duty. These personnel, paired with call Firefighters and EMTs, allow the firehouse to be staffed at all times. The Department is dispatched by the Shelburne Police Department and has responded to 1,938 calls for service (989 fire calls and 949 EMS) in FY16.



The Fire Department is committed to educating residents of all ages on fire safety and prevention. We hold several events throughout the year, both at our station and in the community, which provide opportunities for us to interact with those we serve. Open houses and station tours allow us to meet with members of our community on an individual level, as well as provide information about programs such as the Vial of Life, smoke and carbon monoxide detector updates, and how to practice fire drills with your family. Time spent with children at the library, schools and daycares provides invaluable fire

prevention education and allows the children to see firemen in a safe and relaxed environment. Educating others about fire safety and prevention is one of the most important aspects of our job.

The needs of the Fire Department evolve as the Town continues to see growth in residential housing, commercial businesses, and its daytime population. Williston hosts over 20,000 people each weekday, and the Fire Department continues to see an increase in call volume relative to the expanding population. Our call volume continues to rise each year, with EMS up 5% from 2014 and 4% from 2015. EMS calls demand the most staffing and resources, as well as a swift and timely response. As volunteer call staff become harder to obtain (and retain), we must look to the future and staff our station to meet the needs of the community. It is my goal to add three full-time career positions by FY21, possibly with the assistance of a SAFER grant, which will provide a total of four career personnel per shift and meet the minimum staffing required for both the engine and the ambulance.

In order to maintain the quality of life that we have grown accustomed to in Williston, it means being fiscally responsible and aware of the needs of our community now, in the near future, and in the distant future. It means funding, and setting aside the funds, needed to maintain our investments and, most importantly, our residents. We appreciate the support that we receive from our residents, and we look forward to serving you in the coming year.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The WFD is pleased to be able to provide a high quality transport ambulance service for medical emergencies in Williston and neighboring communities on a mutual aid basis. The Town's transport ambulance, now in its eighth year of service, continues to be a huge success. We have an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) on every



shift, allowing us to provide advanced life support (ALS) care for all EMS calls. Call staff EMT's sign up for duty slots and remain at the Fire Station for the duration of their 12-hour shift. Our facility contains a dormitory, allowing for personnel to remain in the building where our two ambulances are housed.

The world of EMS has seen significant changes over the past few years. The medications offered, and the protocols for service, have changed dramatically as the VT EMS system considers new and improved ways to provide safe, effective care in the field. Training has always been a vital piece of the EMS service however, there has been an increased demand recently as new things are offered. We provide in-house training every Monday evening, as well as numerous training opportunities throughout the week, for both Fire and EMS staff. The Department devoted 2,039 hours to training this past year, which does not include hours for off-site trainings and conferences. I am proud of the time that the staff devotes to training, as it indicates that they take their jobs seriously and strive to provide quality service to their patients.

The greatest hurdle in EMS continues to be obtaining and retaining certified, experienced call staff. Twenty years ago, an EMT would need approximately six months to become certified, and would then serve an average of eight years with a Department. Today, it takes approximately two years to become certified as an Advanced EMT (AEMT), and the average length of service with a Department is less than three years. This is primarily because our EMS call staff is made up of young adults between 20-25 years old, most of them college students. This population is the most mobile, as they are here for a short time, graduate and tend to move on in pursuit of careers, families, etc. We invest a significant amount of time and expense to train our EMTs, and while we are proud of the quality candidates whom we have prepared for an EMS career, we get very little long-term service for our investment. The Department, as a result, has had to consider new methods of recruitment, incentives for retention, and an evolution of our career staff in order to provide the level of quality, professional care that residents are entitled to.

FIRE

The Williston Fire Department provides traditional fire services including fire suppression, smoke, carbon monoxide and building alarms, hazardous condition management, vehicle accident response, mutual aid response to neighboring Towns, and other responses as needed. The Department responded to 989 fire calls this past year, with motor vehicle accidents continuing to be a large majority of our call volume, along with smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. This number also includes the 95 calls for service to fulfill burn permit requests.

All of our Firefighters are trained to the minimum level of Firefighter I which consists of 208 hours of coursework. We have 18 Firefighters trained to the level of Firefighter II, which requires an additional 244 hours of training. All nine of our career staff members are dually certified as Firefighter II and AEMTs, and a majority have taken specialized training in the Urban Search and Rescue program, which includes structural collapse, rope, swift water and confined space rescue. Annual CPR certification is provided in-house (as well as to the community), and staff members are encouraged to participate in other specialized training classes outside the Department, in addition to the regular 20+ hours of fire training provided each month.

We also provide a number of services to the community. We provide installation and battery changes for residents who cannot safely reach their detectors. Six members of our career staff are certified car seat technicians, which is a very popular program that includes free installations offered every Friday between 1:30-3:00pm. We provided 73 car seat installations this past year (not including those we did at open houses), and we expect this number to grow as other public service agencies in neighboring communities have discontinued this service.



We had the opportunity to perform a number of live fire trainings at the New England Theological Society (NETS, formerly the Pine Ridge School) site on Williston Road. A total of five structures were burned in August and October, providing over 30 hours of hands-on training per Firefighter. Live burns are a valuable training opportunity, as class participants are able to practice their skills, test new methods, and to become familiar with any new equipment that has been added to the apparatus. We appreciate the opportunity provided by NETS and the neighboring residents of this site.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency preparedness and assistance is offered to members of the community when unique and large scale events occur. Weather-related emergencies remain one of our largest demands, as these types of emergencies require significant manpower and services related to road closures/redirection.

IN SUMMARY

Your Fire Department is a 24-hour service based organization offering all aspects of emergency services. We pride ourselves in the quality and professionalism of our staff, and we train hard to maintain that standard of quality. I again express my gratitude to all of the personnel under my command for the generosity of their time and considerable skills. I would also like to thank their families, and their supportive employers, who share our most valuable resource – our Firefighters and EMTs.

I also express my gratitude to the residents of Williston, who continue to show us their support and care throughout the year. We look forward to the coming year, and to the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth N. Morton, Jr., Fire Chief



FIRE WARDEN REPORT

During the 2016 calendar year, 95 burn permits for brush were issued in the Town of Williston.

As the Williston Fire Department continues to issue burn permits and monitor open burns for the Town, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of brush and open fires. We appreciate residents adhering to the burn ordinance by calling the station to request a permit, then waiting for us to arrive to inspect the site prior to burning brush.

We also appreciate you notifying us of your intent to have a campfire, so that we are aware of any open burning. If you have question regarding the criteria for a burn permit or campfire, please feel free to call the station anytime for clarification.

Although Williston has not had an increase in brush or forest fires, there is still a potential for them to occur. As an example of how quickly a small, innocent fire can grow, this past fall a Williston group held a small campfire in an open field with separation from the woods. At the end of the night, they extinguished the fire. The next morning, we were called to approximately .5 acres burning, which covered not only an area that size, but had also burned down a depth of six inches in most places. The likely cause is the embers from the small campfire landed in the woods a few feet away, went undetected, then, during the night, flared up and burned the area described above. This fire required over 20,000 gallons of water to extinguish and is exactly the type of problem we see develop when there are extended dry periods.

This identifies a state-wide trend of our wooded areas being quite dry due to less rain. Several of our trails in Williston pass through wooded areas. I ask that residents and visitors observe safe practices when in these areas, so as to prevent any forest fires in Williston. Unless we see a significant increase in precipitation this winter and spring, we can expect the coming summer and fall to again present drought conditions, and an increased risk for brush and forest fires.

Soon after you receive this report, we will be entering the busiest time of year for brush fires (April-May). Grass fires are a high potential during these two months, however forest fires are a concern throughout the times of year there is no snow cover. We again ask residents to please use caution and request a burn permit prior to *any* burning.

While burning brush on weekends is preferred, a burn permit may be issued any day that adequate staff is available to visit your site. If possible, please call in your request prior to 8:00 am the day you wish to burn, and no later than 4:00 pm. All burning must be completed and extinguished by dusk.

Residents are asked to call the station (878-5622) and speak with a Shift Officer to request a burn permit or for other non-emergency service requests.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth N. Morton, Jr., State Fire Warden

LISTER'S & ASSESSORS OFFICE

The Town of Williston Lister's and Assessors office is responsible for maintaining the Grand List on an annual basis. The Grand List is utilized for setting the Municipal and Education Tax Rates. Each year the office continues to update individual assessments as a result of new building permits and on-going construction projects. Additionally new subdivisions are added as they are processed through the approval process. The Lister's Office is also responsible for maintaining the tax maps which are a valuable tool in Listing, Zoning, Planning and Public Works.



Lister's Charles Coney, Linda Levitt and Harold Cort

The final Grand List for 2016 is \$1,907 billion, an increase of 11.8% from 2015. This was due to the town-wide re-appraisal. The re-appraisal resulted in approximately 450 grievances (combination of informal & formal appeals). There were 12 Board of Civil Authority appeals, with only 3 parcels being appealed at the State Board or Superior Court.

The Listers want to remind property owners the Vermont Homestead Declaration needs to be filed annually. The form number, HS122, remains the same for 2017. It can be filed with the Vermont state income taxes or on-line at the State of Vermont tax department website (www.vermont.gov). The HI144 (Household Income) also needs to be filed in order to receive a property tax adjustment payment from the State of Vermont. There were a small percentage of property owners who did not file in 2016.

The hours for the Listers Office are Monday through Friday 9:00am to 1:00 pm. Also there is more information on the Williston Town Website.



Assistant Assessor Dick Ransom and Admin Assistant Debbie Greer

Listers

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Harold Cort

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DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

"I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card." – Laura Bush

If you live in Williston or St. George and have a library card, it is indeed an item of great value. The Dorothy Alling Memorial Library (DAML) is a vibrant and welcoming place that has a wonderful collection of books and CDs and also provides a variety of important services to people of all ages.

2016 Statistics

The library has 4,874 card holders (Williston and St. George) and patron visits are up 2% over last fiscal year. The library collection is extensive (39,338 items) and includes books, magazines, audiobooks and DVDs. Wifi sessions (up 36% over last fiscal year) provide valuable access to the internet. The Community Room in the library is an active place with 54 groups holding 119 meetings. Additionally, the display cases and gallery walls provide exhibit space each month for an array of artists, photographers, and crafters.

The library continues its space reconfiguration and renovation in order to be as efficient and effective as possible. Updating the "zones" to reflect the changing library needs as well and changes in how the library is used is an ongoing process. Modular furniture in the teen has been used to create places where small groups can get together for quiet small group discussion, to work on laptops or watch a movie. New shelving in the Children's picture book area has opened up more space and made the books easier to access. Changes in the adult section are planned for the future, as well. The new courtyard in front of the library has been completed and is a safe and welcoming entryway to DAML.

DAML staff worked with the schools to help fill the gap created when the schools release early every Tuesday. A rotating schedule of programs including Lego Club, movie presentations, drop-in programs on science, art, and cooking, and After-School Café keep students engaged if they choose to come to the library during this time. Other youth programs included a pet parade, pajama story hours, Reading with Therapy Dogs and Cats, Very Merry Theater, and game days. Adult programs included flower arranging, Shape & Share Stories with Recille Hamrell, local authors Frank Foley and Tim McKay, pastel painting, *Of Wheelmen, The New Woman, and Good Roads: Bicycling in Vermont, 1880-1920* (sponsored by the Friends of the Library), adult coloring and an energy series with Sustainable Williston. New this year was a community service initiative which including serving a meal at the Salvation Army. More adventures outside the library walls include nature hikes at Sucker Brook Hollow and the Isham Farm, disc golf, and a book discussion at a local restaurant. Programs for all ages inside and outside DAML provide unique learning opportunities and making connections in the community brings us all together.



Pictured is staff member Sarah Hibbeler during story time and Dinoman visiting the library with life-sized blow up dinosaurs.

Our wonderful Bookmobile, “Dottie”, is now at work year round. Dottie visits area daycare centers to introduce our youngest residents to youth programs and children’s books. On the other end of the spectrum, Dottie’s improvements make visiting our senior population easier for the library staff and allow for an increase in the number of items available to check out. The updated checkout system in the Bookmobile also allows for better coordination between Dottie and the library. This summer the Bookmobile was able to serve children and their parents with its expanded offerings, and the handicap-accessible ramp worked beautifully. DAML also partnered with the Williston Food Shelf and offered healthy snacks during Dottie’s summer routes.

The summer reading program this year tied into the Olympics, with “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!” as the theme for children and “Get in the Game, Read!” for teens. Keeping students interested and excited about reading over the summer is increasingly important. Activities over the summer such as archery, Fitness Fun Seuss Style, and a magic show kept literacy on the mind of many families. Here, Pat Mardeusz kicks off the Summer Reading Program with the annual parade around the town green.



This year has been exciting and productive. The Friends of the Library and the entire Williston community have been extremely supportive. There are a number of adult, student and Therapy Dog and Cat volunteers who lend their time and talent to DAML. The library staff and volunteers were entertained by the UVM Top Cats at the annual Volunteer Breakfast in thanks for all they do.



We are all very grateful for the professionalism, knowledge and expertise shown by the library staff. The trustees want to thank Marti and all those who work at the library for all they do to make DAML a place where people with an interest find what they need. Respectfully submitted: DAML Board of Trustees, Karla Karstens, Chair, Kristin Caterer, Jeff Dannies, Kathy Fernee, Steve Perkins, Jude Hersey, and Barbara Mieder.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The town's Development Review Board (DRB) has the primary responsibility for the review and approval of proposals for new and expanded development in the town. The decisions made by the DRB affect many aspects of what gets built and developed in Williston, and these decisions often have long lasting effects that can affect the town for years and decades to come. The board is responsible for reviewing complex development proposals spanning residential, commercial, industrial and institutional uses. The DRB also hears appeals of decisions made by the town's Zoning Administrator in cases where there is disagreement over the administration of the town's zoning bylaw between an applicant and the Administrator. The DRB receives input and recommendations from the town's Conservation Commission and the Historic and Architectural Advisory Committee as well as the staff from the town's planning office and other town departments. The work of the DRB and the application of the town's development regulations is one of the most important aspects of implementing the town's comprehensive plan.

The DRB is made up of seven members and an alternate, and it is chaired by Scott Rieley who has served in that role since 2011. Other board members include John Bendzunas, Brian Jennings, Peter Kelley, David Turner, John Hemmelgarn, David Saladino, and alternate Michael Alvanos. The members of this board are all volunteers from the town, with most having served on the board for a number of years providing consistent leadership and oversight over the town's development review process.

This past year was once again, a busy year for development activity in Williston and the DRB. A total of 47 new dwellings were constructed this year along with significant amounts of other construction activity all reviewed by the DRB. In FY 2016, the DRB held 20 meetings and reviewed 32 applications for some type of development approval. The DRB meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the town hall meeting room at 7:00 PM. The meetings are open to the public and participation is welcomed.

Growth Management

Williston utilizes a residential growth management system for managing the pace of new residential development, a system it has used for over 25 years in one form or another. This is an important part of Williston's review and permitting of new houses and apartments, and it was designed to help the town manage levels of new growth activity in order to insure that essential public services and infrastructure is in place when new development occurs. Once each year in March, the DRB holds a public hearing where residential proposals initially heard during the previous calendar year are considered for growth management allocation.

In FY 2016, there were four projects seeking residential growth management allocation for a total of 353 dwelling units of allocation: 317 units in the town's growth center in the Taft Corners area including Cottonwood Crossing and Finney Crossing, 35 units in the town's municipal sewer service area, and 1 unit in the rural part of town outside of the town's sewer service area. All of the units of allocation requested were granted by the board spanning a period of eight years.

Zoning Administration – Yearly Activity

The review of development proposals by the DRB is one of the most important parts of the development approval process for the town, and this review is conducted with assistance for the planning and zoning office staff in consultation with other town advisory boards. The planning staff and Zoning Administrator work with applicants in preparing their plans and proposals for Discretionary Permit review by the DRB. The Zoning Administrator reviews all administrative permits requests after DRB approval and for compliance with town regulations, and coordinates zoning enforcement activities. The DRB performs all of the regulatory review functions for Discretionary Permits including the Pre-Application review, review under the town's residential growth management system, and Discretionary and Final Permit applications.

Below is a summary of the permit activity processed by the DRB and planning staff in Williston in FY 2016. Development activity in Williston remains slower than the peak years of the 2000's, but there is a continued amount of new building construction, renovation or expansion of a number of commercial and industrial properties in FY 2016.

- **DRB Review**

In FY 2016 the DRB considered 32 applications for discretionary permit approval. The DRB also considered five master sign plan proposals and six growth management allocation requests. The DRB also issued four certificates of appropriateness for proposals in the historic town village, and heard two appeals of actions by the administrator. There were no requests for variances.

- **Replacement Dwellings**

There were no dwellings demolished or removed and replaced with new dwellings in Williston in FY 16.

- **New Single Family Homes**

A total of 16 permits for new single family homes were issued in FY 2016. This roughly the same amount as 2015 when 17 new single family homes were built. The trend in new housing construction in Williston is weighted towards fewer single family dwellings and more dwellings in attached building.

- **New Attached Houses and Condominiums**

A total of 29 new attached dwelling units were issued permits in FY 2016. This compares with 93 units permitted in FY2015, down significantly. These units are primarily due to the continued build out of the Finney Crossing Development in the Taft Corners area.

- **Other Permits**

There were an additional 288 administrative permits issued in FY 2016. These included commercial construction, change in uses of existing buildings, additions, renovations, and site improvements; several barns; repairs, renovations and additions to existing homes; solar panels; signs; pools; home businesses; and new private roads. The Zoning Administrator also issued six special events permits as well.

- **Permit Applications / Construction Value**

There were a total of 335 Administrative/building permits issued in FY 2016; significantly more than the 257 permits in FY 2015, and in line with the 336 permits issued in FY 2014. The estimated cost of total construction was approximately \$18 million, compared with \$24 million in FY 2015, \$44 million in FY 2014 (see table below). The value of new construction is down sharply from the recent peak observed in 2014, and is back to the level last seen in 2012 after two very high years in FY 2013 and 2014 during the height of permitting activity as part of the build out of the Finney Crossing development, including the start of Zephyr Road and other infrastructure.

Estimated Value of Construction, FY 2012 - 2016

FY 2016	\$ 18 million
FY 2015	\$ 24 million
FY 2014	\$ 44 million
FY 2013	\$ 33 Million
FY 2012	\$ 18 million

People interested in speaking with the staff from the town Planning office can reach them at (802) 878-6704, or in the Planning office located in the Town Hall Annex building at 7878 Williston Road with any questions or issues they would like to discuss.

By Kenneth Belliveau, AICP, Planning Director and Zoning Administrator

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Historic and Architectural Advisory Committee (HAAC) in Williston is involved in some of the oldest and also some of the newest development in town and serves two equally important functions in that regard:

1. HAAC members provide advisory comment to the Development Review Board and the Zoning Administrator for site plans and remodeling projects that are proposed in the Design Review District in Williston, which encompasses the town's designated Growth Center as well as sites with frontage along Routes 2 and 2A, Marshall Avenue, and Industrial Avenue.
2. The HAAC also serves the same advisory function for projects in the Village Zoning District. Within the Williston Village Historic District, the HAAC also advises the DRB on the issuance of certificates of appropriateness (COA) for work proposed on some of Williston's most historically valuable properties.

The HAAC is made up of seven (7) members and is currently chaired by Doug Goulette. Other board members in fiscal year 2015 (FY 2015) included Joy Peterson, Mary Jo Childs, Liz Jordan-Shook, Brian Forrest, Karen Fragnoli-Munn, and Emily Morton. The members of this board are all volunteers, and the board's members bring their diverse backgrounds and qualifications as architects, engineers, long-time residents, and historic preservationists to their work.

In FY 2016, the HAAC held 11 meetings and reviewed four applications for COA's as well as two advice items for other projects in the Village. These applications included several projects on historic homes in the village. The HAAC also provided important input and comment on five projects in the Design Review District.

The HAAC participated in the development of Williston's 2016-2024 Comprehensive plan, which contains goals and objectives for land use and community design in Williston Village. The HAAC also began their work on a draft Williston Village Master Plan, which will lay out priorities for the future of this important part of town, including development rules, how the streets look and function, and how to bring enhance the Village's vibrant place within the Williston community. The HAAC will continue this effort through FY 2017.

The board normally meets as needed on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Planning and Zoning conference room in the Town Hall Annex at 6:15 PM, and the meetings are open to the public.

People interested in a project under review by the HAAC may wish to contact the staff from the town planning office about their concerns and can reach them at (802) 878-6704, or in the planning office located in the Town Hall Annex building at 7878 Williston Road.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the FY 2015 HAAC members: Doug Goulette, Joy Peterson, Mary Jo Childs, Liz Jordan-Shook, Brian Forrest, Karen Fragnoli-Munn, and Emily Morton.

By Kenneth Belliveau, AICP, Planning Director and Zoning Administrator

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Williston Planning Commission, made up of a group of seven dedicated citizen volunteers, is the town's primary planning organization. It plays a central role in the development of the town's policies and regulations governing land use and development, and setting town priorities for important public infrastructure such as transportation projects. Principle among the commission's responsibilities is the development and implementation of the town's comprehensive plan, which contains a set of policy statements of the town's goals, objectives and policies concerning the future development of the town. The Planning Commission is also responsible for developing the tools for implementing the town plan, including the town's zoning and subdivision regulations, and the prioritization and funding of the towns' infrastructure, such as transportation improvements, and water and sewer services. The Planning Commission receives staff support from the town planning office and works closely with other town staff in completing its work and recommendations for consideration by the Selectboard.

The Planning Commission is made up of seven members, all volunteers from Williston, and is chaired by long time commission member Jake Mathon. The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Monday evening at 7 PM in the conference room of the planning and zoning office located in the Town Hall Annex Building. In FY 2016 the Planning Commission met 24 times. The planning commission did not have any new members join the board this year, and the membership remained unchanged from the previous year. Collectively the commission strives to be mindful of the town's past and traditions while also bringing new ideas and energy onto the commission. The public is encouraged to check with the town's planning office for the most current schedule and agenda of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission spent the vast majority of its time and energy in FY 2016 working on the town's update to the Comprehensive Plan (town plan). The process of updating the town plan began in early 2015, and that work continued all through the fiscal year. It is a focused update, reaffirming the town's commitment to concentrating new growth and development in the Taft Corners area, and preserving the rural character of the bulk of the town's land are. Updated sections involved paying particular attention to updating the transportation chapter, updating a range of demographic information about the town, and adding a new chapter discussing economic development. The commission also worked on a specific plan request for changing the range of allowed uses at the former Pine Ridge School property. This was approved by the Selectboard in December 2015 allowing the New England Theological Seminary (NETS) to establish a residential training program on the former school property. This specific plan also resulted in the town acquiring a 42 acres parcel of land for resource protection and potential trail use. The commission also provided input into the town's capital budget and the annual sewer allocation process.

People interested in speaking with the staff from the town Planning office can reach them at (802) 878-6704, or in the Planning office located in the Town Hall Annex building at 7878 Williston Road with any questions or issues they'd like to discuss.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Commission: Jake Mathon, Chairman; Vice Chairman; Kevin Batson, Michael Alvanos, Meghan Cope, Paul Laska and Thomas Walsh.

By Kenneth Belliveau, AICP, Planning Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

The Williston Conservation Commission (WCC) is a seven member volunteer board, which meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7AM in the Town Hall Annex. The meetings are open to the public. All are invited to these meetings and public input is welcome. The Town provides one full time staff conservation planner and one summer intern to staff the WCC and implement WCC-related projects. FY 16 was a year of transition for the conservation planner staffing. Jennifer Murray resigned her position as conservation planner in August and was replaced by Melinda Scott in December. Inquiries about the work of the WCC can be made through the Williston Planning and Zoning Office.

One primary function of the WCC is to advise the Development Review Board on development projects that have the potential to impact significant natural resources, particularly on lands greater than 10.5 acres in the Agricultural/Rural Zoning District. Significant natural resources include streams, wetlands, floodplains, viewshed corridors, farmland of local importance, significant wildlife habitat areas, unique natural communities, rare/threatened/endangered species, country parks, paths, and trails. During FY16, the Conservation Commission reviewed 2 pre-applications and 10 discretionary permit applications, and prepared findings and recommendations for each.



The "Kellypull" - Last summer's intern, Dan Kelly, working on the Mud Pond boardwalk

The Commission also works on the acquisition and protection of parcels where valuable natural resources are present by supporting the Environmental Reserve Fund (ERF). Since the program's inception 1989, the ERF has helped to conserve 1830 acres in Williston. The ERF is a powerful leveraging tool resulting in a \$1.8 million investment for a total value of \$3.6 million over the life of the fund. The Selectboard appropriated \$140,000 to the ERF in FY16, which had a fund balance of \$269,421 on June 30, 2016. Notably, in FY16 the Conservation Commission leveraged ERF funding to facilitate the Town's purchase of the 39-acre Herskowitz parcel as an addition to the Mud Pond Country Park. This abutting parcel has over a mile of existing multi-use trails that link to the Mud Pond Country Park trail system. By securing access from the Mud Pond trails to Christmas Lane, the addition of the Herskowitz parcel opens up several potential future connections to the south.

The WCC has also continued to maintain and manage the town's growing network of country parks and trails, which includes 290 acres of parkland, 280 acres of conservation areas, and 12 miles of trails. In summer 2015, conservation intern Grayson Webb worked with local volunteers and town staff to maintain Williston parks and trails by improving tread, clearing trails, re-designing and re-distributing trail maps, posting "No Hunting" signs, and marking park boundaries.

In the fall of 2015, a local beaver family decided to make a new home in the wetland complex within the Allen Brook Natural Area, impacting a footbridge crossing on the nature trail. The beaver impoundment altered the stream channel and undermined the bridge to the point that it was a safety hazard and the trail was subsequently closed. The Town hired TR Fellows to conduct an alternatives analysis and complete an engineered design for the bridge replacement, with the goal of reopening the trail in summer 2016.

The WCC conducted its ninth year of stream sampling along the Allen Brook, and the conservation planner prepared a report summarizing (2007-2015) analytical results. Water quality sampling along the stream provides valuable data used by the Town to target problem areas and track improvements and declines in water quality over time. The stream was sampled at 9 locations from the rural headwaters to the confluence with the Muddy Brook. The parameters sampled in summer 2015 included Total Phosphorus (TP), E. coli, Turbidity (NTU), and temperature. Sampling is expected to continue next year, pending continued funding from the VT DEC LaRosa Laboratory Partnership Grant Program, which is valued at approximately \$10,880 in laboratory services annually. Additionally, the WCC worked with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of the Winooski River and Intervale Conservation Nursery to perform monitoring and maintenance of existing stream buffer restoration projects.

In FY16, the WCC and Planning staff continued to work with the Public Works office on refining the town's strategy on stormwater issues and on implementing the Williston Town Wide Watershed Improvement Plan. In FY 16, the WCC and conservation planner revised and updated the natural resources sections of the 2016 Town Plan.

Finally, the WCC and Planning staff would like to acknowledge the service of long-time member Mike Harris who resigned his position on the WCC as of January 2016. Mike served on the WCC from 1994 to 2016. Mike was appointed as a Vermont Superior Court judge, which required him to resign his position on the Conservation Commission. During Mike's tenure, the quality of his leadership was recognized by all members of the WCC. He has been chair of the Commission several times, but even when he was not chair WCC members looked to Mike for his wisdom, vision and equanimity which has informed the recommendations and decisions the Commission has made.

As a lawyer, one of his major contributions has been to lead the WCC through the labyrinth of the legal aspects of land conservation. Throughout he has exhibited great skill in building consensus among the stakeholders, always working toward the just and wise decision. His ability to understand and describe all sides of an issue, and his integrity are two of his most valued attributes. WCC members were sorry to lose him to his appointment as Vermont Superior Court judge, but know he will be excellent in that capacity.

Submitted by Ken Belliveau, Planning Director on behalf of the Williston Conservation Commission:

Gary Hawley, Chair
Jude Hersey, Vice Chair
Carl Runge, Treasurer

Kim Coleman
Anthony Jordick
Eric Howe

Jean Kissner



Youth Build crew restores the Mud Pond Conservation Area boardwalk

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

During the course of fiscal year 2016 we traveled approximately 40 miles, conducted 6 site visits and spent in excess of 30 hours in connection with our duties. Activities in which Cindy Thurston, Deputy Health Officer, and I have been involved are as follows:

RABIES:

Bites to humans included 16 dogs and 2 cats. One raccoon was tested and found positive for rabies. There was no human or animal exposure.

OTHER:

- One rental housing health code complaint was received resulting in four site visits.
- One case involving excessive trash deposits was reported.
- One case of suspected contamination of a public drinking water source was investigated.
- Many thanks to the Williston Police Department for following up on animal bites.
- Williston residents should be aware that it is a violation of State law to burn trash or garbage either in-doors or out-doors. A violation may result in a fine up to \$500 and 80 hours of community service collecting trash or litter from a roadside or other public property.
- **Since one wild animal tested positive for rabies in Williston this year, the disease is still present in town. Please license and vaccinate your animals to prevent this fatal disease.**

Cindy Thurston, Deputy Health Officer, spent seven and one half hours of in-service training supplied by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns in coordination with the Vermont Department of Health.

Submitted by:

Terence D. Macaig
Town Health Officer

SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS FUNDING COMMITTEE

The Social Services Organizations Funding Committee met in January 2017 to review the funding request applications submitted by social services organizations that serve Williston residents.

The committee thoughtfully reviewed the applications and reflected on the great work done in our community by these organizations. The assistance provided to Williston residents from these organizations covers a wide range of services, including working towards the elimination of hunger, homelessness prevention, and life-saving counseling and addiction support services.

To continue these valuable services, the Committee makes the following recommendations for fiscal year 2018 funding.

Organization	Award	Williston Residents Served
Access CVU	\$1,200	48
AGE WELL (formerly CVAA)	\$1,300	295
American Red Cross	\$610	113
Childcare Resource and Referral	\$700	215
Chittenden Community Action	\$2,500	267
Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf	\$2,500	172
Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)	\$2,800	27 households
HomeShare Vermont	\$750	43
HOPE Works	\$500	38
Howard Center	\$3,400	231
Lund Family Center	\$1,100	65
Maple Leaf Farm	\$1,300	21
Prevent Child Abuse	\$700	445
ReSource	\$700	583
Steps to End Domestic Violence (formerly Women Helping Battered Women)	\$2,350	Unknown (support provided anonymously)
VT Adult Learning	\$300	17
VT Association for the Blind	\$600	26
VT Cares	\$460	60
VT Center for Independent Living	\$600	102
Vermont Family Network	\$1,300	52
Williston Community Food Shelf	\$2,200	2,680
Total	\$27,870	

If you know, or are part of, a non-profit organization doing work on behalf of Williston residents, please visit the Social Organizations Committee link on the Town website for an application to be part of this funding in future years.

Williston Social Services Funding Committee:
 Barbara Giardi Alice Fothergill
 Dawn Philibert Ken Stone
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CEMETERY COMMISSION

The 2015-16 year has been busier than the previous year. We cut a large maple in East Cemetery whose diameter was 6 feet plus. The arborist felt this tree was an accident waiting to happen, so it was, with much regret, removed. Additionally, we cleaned and repaired stones in Chittenden, East and Morse Cemeteries and succeeded in adding two new stones to the Memorial Garden.



There were thirty- two burials of which twenty- four were cremations and eight casket burials. Eleven of these were military. We sold twelve lots in Deer View and five in the Memorial Garden.

On our agenda for next year is the cleaning of the historic Chittenden Monument in the Chittenden Cemetery, repair of two maintenance sheds, removing more trees in East Cemetery and re-seeding parts of East Cemetery.

We would like to thank Bob Gokey and his crew for keeping all four cemeteries well-manicured , cleared of fallen branches and cleaned of fallen leaves in the fall (not an easy task)!

We also wish to express our appreciation to Bruce Hoar of Public Works for his help in a timely fashion and to Rick McGuire, Susan Lamb, Jennifer Kennelly, Lynne Keefe, Deb Beckett and her staff for all their help. It is much appreciated.

Our Commission is very happy to welcome Ginger Isham and Jack Price as much needed new members to the board.

We observe with great sadness the loss of our board member, Jeff Carlson, We miss his quiet strength and expertise.

Williston Cemetery Commissioners

Don Thurston, Chairman (863-5951)

Bea Harvey (878-4291)

Ginger Isham (878-4875)

Jack Price (879-7603)

Hazel Winter (879-0897)

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LAKE IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION

Lake Iroquois Association volunteers continue to gather data on nutrient levels in tributaries, write grants to remediate streams to reduce storm run-off, run a greeter program, and numerous other initiatives. These efforts continue to aid in improving the water quality of Lake Iroquois. This year much of our energy has been focused on reducing the infestation of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in the lake.



EWM is a destructive invasive plant that spreads easily by rooting from fragments and forms dense thickets that choke out native species and destroy fish spawning areas. For several years, the LIA has been researching ways to combat milfoil in the lake. We have learned that once introduced it will not go away completely, but it can be reduced and controlled. However, this takes consistent effort and funding. After more than a year of research and preparation, we developed a five year plan to tackle the milfoil problem. This plan is a multi-pronged approach which includes diver-assisted suction harvesting (DASH), careful use of herbicides, bottom barriers, plus spread prevention and education of lake

users. The first step was taken this summer by conducting diver-assisted suction harvesting of milfoil. Supported by grant funding and LIA membership dues, we were able to hire AB Aquatics to bring in their DASH boat and crew to harvest milfoil. The fishing access area was cleared first since boats entering the lake and churning through milfoil can fragment it and facilitate its spread. Milfoil can also clog boat propellers and can be carried on the boat to other water bodies. The DASH boat worked for two weeks and was able to clear a channel at the fishing access. While helpful for certain areas of the lake, we learned that DASH is too slow and expensive for an entire lakewide solution. We have, therefore, applied to the state for a permit to use a low dose herbicide to more fully address this problem

In addition to work on the milfoil problem, the LIA continued its many other projects this year. We once again sponsored the greeter program at the fishing access, supported by a grant from the state. We also received a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program to set up a boat wash station at the fishing access. This will be operational for the 2017 season and supports our efforts to further prevent the spread of invasives into and out of our lake. We continue to work with the Lake Iroquois Recreation District, the surrounding towns, and the state departments of Fish and Wildlife and Environmental Conservation on water quality issues and best management practices to enhance the health of the lake ecosystem.

Other projects included volunteers continuing to monitor the lake for blue-green algae outbreaks. We are happy to report that there were none this year. We also continue our education and outreach efforts with the regular publication of our newsletter, *The Lake Iroquois Monitor*, maintenance of our web site, www.lakeiroquois.org, the creation of our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/lakeiroquois/>, and public meetings to discuss lake issues and gather feedback on the milfoil plan. In addition, we maintain our work on reducing nutrient levels in the lake. We have applied for an Ecosystem Restoration grant to remediate a lake tributary that is a high sediment and nutrient contributor to the lake. We also are researching other methods so reduce nutrients coming into the lake.

2016 has been a very busy year at the lake and we are looking forward to an even busier year in 2017. As an all-volunteer organization the LIA is grateful to the many people who have worked hard and given so much of their time to benefit all who use this valuable resource. And as always the support and help of the town has been invaluable in helping us to meet our goal of enhancing and improving the water quality of Lake Iroquois for all users.

Submitted by Pat Suozzi, President, Lake Iroquois Association

TRUSTEES OF THE OLD BRICK CHURCH

The Brick Church is a town –owned building and serves as a meeting place for community functions. Built in 1832, the Church served as the meeting house for the Congregational Society. For 67 years, the “Meeting House” was the devotional home for Williston’s most notable citizens, including the Chittenden family, the Spaffords, Millers and many others. Thirteen ministers served between 1832 and 1899. At the turn of the century, the Congregationalists joined with the Methodists and moved to the Federated Church, 300 yards to the east on Williston Road and the Brick Meeting House was closed. The period of vacancy of the building was prolonged. For almost 65 years, it languished in continuing deterioration. In 1965, ownership was given to the Town of Williston from the Federated Church and the building was accepted by the National Register as a historic site. Town funds renovated the cellar for community use, and Federal funding from Historic Sites restored the exterior and the sanctuary, while a grant from the Eva Gebhart-Gourgau Foundation enabled the restoration of the steeple to be completed. In June of 2008, a bolt of lightning directly hit the bell tower, setting it ablaze. Quick response by the Williston Fire Department saved the structure, but the water damage was extensive. An intensive effort was undertaken to restore this wonderful landmark, and through Williston Public Work’s coordination of many salvage, architectural and construction firms, the restoration was completed in time for that year’s annual Christmas Eve service.

During the 2016 calendar year, the meeting room was used on Sundays by the Christian Faith Assembly for devotional services. This cellar room was also used for rehearsal by the Town Band on a regular basis, as well as by the Williston Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, the Dog Rescue Charity Show, Williston Central School, Williston Recreation Dept., and the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library. The Property Management Association met in the room. Other nonprofit organizations that used the room included: Central Vermont Trout Unlimited, Northeast Fiber Arts, Election Training, CSSU Voting, and the Williston/Richmond Rotary Club.

The sanctuary was the site for three weddings, four memorial services, and the Federated Church Christmas Eve service. The *Brick Church Music Series* also took place in the sanctuary, and was a great success in its winter programming.

Routine outside landscaping and interior painting was performed as scheduled maintenance.

Fees for use of the sanctuary are \$200.00 plus a \$50.00 damage deposit and \$10.00 key deposit. Wedding rehearsal fees are \$50, and the fee for sanctuary use for memorial services is \$50. The meeting room usage fee is \$50.00 with the same deposit due for damage and key loss. Applications for use of the Brick Church may be obtained at the Town Clerk’s office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Price, Chair
Carol West
Alice Bieseigel
Barrett Peterson
Joy Peterson

SUSTAINABLE WILLISTON

Sustainable Williston is a group of volunteer town residents who work to make Williston more sustainable in areas like recycling, gardening, and renewable energy.

Sustainable Williston's ongoing Birth Tree Project has been celebrating the arrival of each newborn and newly-adopted child in the Williston community by offering a tree to the family to plant on their property. On September 25th, 2016, 27 families were presented with trees and shrubs at a celebration held at Gardener's Supply in Williston (see photo).

In 2016, Sustainable Williston:

- Contributed articles on local sustainability issues to the *Williston Observer's* monthly "Living Green" issue.
- Conducted an "April Stools Day" pet waste cleanup on in Williston's park spaces to keep the watershed clean
- Composted waste from the annual July 3rd Ice Cream Social
- Participated in Planning Commission activities related to revision of the five-year Town Plan
- Worked with CSSD and others on funding sources for a possible electric school bus pilot

Plans for 2017 include:

- Seed starting workshops in March and April
- A sustainability fair in June

The SustainableWilliston.org website has information about activities and provides links to resources for Williston Residents who want to live sustainably. Questions about Sustainable Williston can be directed to info@SustainableWilliston.org. You can follow Sustainable Williston on Twitter at twitter.com/SustWilliston or find the group on Facebook at facebook.com/SustainableWilliston.

Sustainable Williston is open to all Williston residents. Meetings and special events are posted on the Sustainable Williston Web site. Current members include Luc Reid, Deborah Miuccio, Dennis Bates, Chapin Kaynor, Ben Rose, Lori Fisher, Ken Stone, Lynn Blevins, Caylin McKee, Scott Camp, and Brian Forrest.



James and Randi Becker with their children and newborn son Finn's Birth Tree, a Serviceberry.



Checking out a plug-in hybrid Chevy Volt at the Electric Vehicles event in June

2016 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

It is an honor to represent Williston and other Chittenden County citizens in the State House. 2016 was a challenging budget year but resulted in important initiatives. I co-wrote a law for prevention and treatment of opioid addiction. The Dept. of Health and medical community are working to ensure that opioid drug prescriptions do not result in patient addiction. The law funds overdose treatment drugs for first responders, a state wide drug take back program, community prevention programs, and treatment centers for those with substance misuse disorders. This did not require tax dollars. I helped develop Vermont's Clean Water Fund for quality improvement to surface waters of the state, including Lake Champlain. I worked to improve energy development and siting as well as citizen participation in Public Service Board Proceedings. Prevention of adverse childhood experiences can reduce physical, social, behavioral and mental health problems later in life. I am working with public health, child care, education, and mental health professional to improve health outcomes for kids -- and reduce health care costs. I continue work to better integrate community services with health care to help seniors stay at home, help people find the services needed when they are sick, or when family members require special services. I sponsored or wrote laws to improve economic development programs, reduce estate taxes, and protect elders from financial abuse. Work to protect small businesses from unfair competition from large internet sales organizations will continue to be a focus. The hard work of local school districts results in economic benefit and maintaining educational quality. We will continue work for cost effective educational opportunities. As always thank you for your good ideas and good will.

Senator Ginny Lyons Vlyons@leg.state.vt.us

In the House, Jim McCullough was Vice-Chair of the Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources Committee. Terry Macaig continued on the Corrections and Institutions Committee. Both committees did extensive work on a major bill to rewrite the statutes completely on public water supplies and waste water treatment as well as combined sewer overflow and the grant programs associated with them. This made it easier reading and for implementation by the department of environmental conservation. The Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources Committee worked on these selected policies which made it through the process and were signed by the Governor: *H.35 (Act 64) An act relating to improving the quality of State waters; H.517 (Act 79) An act relating to the classification of State waters; H.625 (Act 73) An act relating to extending the exemption from encumbrance on title of properties subject to a pretransition stormwater permit; H.674 (Act 86) An act relating to public notice of wastewater discharges; H.829 (Act 105) An act relating to water quality on small farms; H.297, an act intended to help rescue elephants and rhino's from impending extinction, passed out of Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources committee, passed the full House with only 4 dissenting votes but failed to produce an even remotely acceptable result in the Senate.*

The Corrections and Institutions committee funded, with bonded money, a collaborative laboratory for the Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture to be located in Randolph at the Vermont Tech campus. This laboratory replaces the two that were destroyed by tropical storm Irene. The committee also worked on policies to keep non-violent offenders out of correctional facilities and to reduce the corrections department budget. We also worked to reduce the number of out of state beds for inmates. The number of out of state bed use is at a historic low and therefore saving taxpayers money.

Other selected issues that the legislature discussed, and we supported, were: Amending Act 46 to eliminate the penalty for towns such as Williston on education spending; privacy issues regarding drones and their use by police; a balanced budget; workforce development and workforce housing.

To research all matters of legislative concern visit <http://legislature.vermont.gov/>

Please remember to contact us with your concerns on proposed legislation by phone, mail or email.

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THE VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & 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.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is a political subdivision of the State created by the municipalities of Chittenden County in 1966 for the development of policies, plans and programs that address regional issues and opportunities in Chittenden County. Its vision is to be a pre-eminent, integrated regional organization that plans for healthy, vibrant communities, economic development, and efficient transportation of people and goods while improving the region's livability. The CCRPC serves as the region's federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and is responsible to all citizens of the region to ensure the implementation of the best regional and transportation plan for Chittenden County. The CCRPC also provides technical and planning assistance to its member municipalities and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans).

The CCRPC is governed by a 29-member board consisting of one representative from each of the County's 19 municipalities; transportation representatives from VTrans, Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Burlington International Airport (BIA), and a rail industry representative; and, at-large members representing the interests of agriculture; environmental conservation; business; and housing/socio-economic. The legislative body of each Chittenden County municipality selects its own representative and alternate. The full Commission selects the at-large representatives.

The CCRPC celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016 and appreciates the continued opportunity to work with its municipal members to plan appropriately for the region's future to protect and improve the special quality of life that is shared throughout Chittenden County. In FY16, the CCRPC invested more than \$4.7 million in regional land use, transportation, emergency management, energy, natural resources, public engagement, training, and technical assistance. The program leverages nearly \$4.3 million in Federal and State investment with \$245,000 in municipal dues and another \$200,000 in local match for specific projects—a **9:1 return on investment**.

Town of Williston Activities

In FY2016, the CCRPC provided assistance to Williston on the following projects and initiatives:

- **Blair Park Pedestrian Facility Scoping Study** – Collaborated with the Town and Stantec to address a sidewalk gap in the pedestrian network at Blair Park. Ultimately, the findings and the preferred alternative for the scoping study were presented to the Select Board in February. The [final scoping study report](#) was then approved in March. \$22,600 total consultant costs.
- **Williston Transportation Plan Element** – Assisted Williston in updating and revising the transportation chapter of its comprehensive plan by creating a new Williston transit map and traffic data map. Staff also worked to refine a transportation project spreadsheet, remove irrelevant projects, and add projected funding sources for incorporation into the Comprehensive Plan.
- **Williston Village Master Plan** – Developed a formalized plan to address the public input process for the Village Master Plan, presented the plan to Williston's Historic and Architectural Advisory Committee, created an informational flyer that was distributed to Williston residents to advertise the Village Vision Open House, helped to organize the Open House during the first week of May, and created a report that summarized the feedback that was received from the online survey and the four public input stations from the week-long public input process.
- **Municipal Plan Development** – Created a data workbook that includes various data resources for the economic development chapter of the updated Town Plan. Completed a review of the past Town Plan.
- **Transportation Safety** – Reviewed crash data, conducted field visits and investigated appropriate and reasonable speed limits for a couple of town highways.

- **Municipal Infrastructure Inventories** – CCRPC interns conducted a sidewalk inventory.
- **Traffic Counts** – The CCRPC conducted nine roadway (AADT) counts in support of Williston’s transportation projects and studies (<http://vtrans.ms2soft.com/>).

Williston Projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP (<http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/our-plans/transportation-improvement-program/>) is a prioritized, multi-year list of transportation projects in Chittenden County. To receive federal funds, each transportation project, program or operation must be authorized through the TIP. Burlington projects included in the TIP are listed below. These projects are also identified in the FY2016 Vermont Agency of Transportation Capital Program for design or construction.

- **US 2 Paving (South Burlington-Williston)** – \$6.6 million for paving beginning 1.3 miles east of VT 116 and extending east 2.2 miles. Paving to be done in 2017.
- **Harvest Lane Sidewalk** – \$255,000 project funded with a \$203,000 Transportation Alternatives grant. Project completed.
- **I-89 Exit 12 Improvements Stage 1** – \$1.8 million CIRC Alt Phase III project for a new shared use path under I-89 and new VT 2A lane from Marshall Ave to I-89 NB ramp. Construction scheduled for 2019.
- **I-89 Exit 12 Improvements Stage 2** – \$8.5 million CIRC Alt Phase III project for new grid streets and at-grade intersection on VT 2A. Project schedule to be determined.
- **I-89 Exit 12 Improvements Stage 3** – \$21 million CIRC Alt Phase III project for a diverging diamond interchange. Project schedule to be determined.
- **I-89 Exit 12 Improvements Stage 4** – CIRC Alt Phase III project for VT 2A boulevard upgrade from a grid street intersection to Taft Corners. Project schedule to be determined.
- **Mountain View Road Shoulder Improvements** – \$3.5 million CIRC Alternatives Phase III project for shoulder improvements for bike/ped use. Project schedule to be determined.
 - **US 2 Shared Use Path** – \$2.8 million Taft Corners to Williston Village CIRC Alternatives Phase III project. Project schedule to be determined.
 - **US 2/Industrial Avenue Intersection** – \$5.8 million for reconstruction of intersection and resurfacing of US2 from S. Burlington line east 1.5 miles. Construction scheduled to begin in 2019.
 - **US 2/Trader Lane Signal Traffic Signal** – \$1.1 million for a CIRC Alternatives Phase II implementation project
 - **VT 2A Infill Sidewalk, South of Taft Corners - West Side** – \$150,000 project funded with CCRPC sidewalk grants of \$75,000 in FY15 and \$41,866 in FY16
 - **VT 2A Paving** – \$2.3 million to pave 1.15 miles of VT2A 2.9 miles north of St. George line extending north 1.035 miles. Paving scheduled for 2017.
 - **VT 2A Taft Corners Area Sidewalk/Shared Use Path** – \$450,000 CIRC Alternatives Phase III project to fill the gaps south of US 2 and between Knight Ln and O’Brien Ct.
 - **VT 2A/Industrial Avenue/Mountain View Road Intersection Improvements** – \$5 million CIRC Alternatives Phase III project for new two-way left-turn lane between Industrial Ave and River Cove Rd. Project schedule to be determined.
 - **VT 2A/James Brown Drive Traffic Signal** – \$2.6 million signal project as part of CIRC Alternatives Phase 1 project. Construction scheduled for 2018.
 - **Williston Park and Ride** – \$3.5 million project to construct a replacement park and ride lot near I-89 Exit 12. Construction scheduled for 2017.

For further information about the CCRPC please visit <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/> or contact CCRPC Executive Director, Charlie Baker, cbaker@ccrpcvt.org, 802-846-4490 x23.

GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT

Name Change:

In 2016 CCTA (Chittenden County Transportation Authority) was rebranded to "GMT" to more accurately represent the fact that it serves Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, and Washington counties as well.

Ridership:

GMT provided 2.5 million fixed route trips in FY16 including about 500,000 on the #1 (Williston) bus that travels from Burlington to Williston. That works out to about 1,500 boardings per day on the popular Williston bus route. Taking the bus is easy, saves money, reduces your carbon footprint, reduces road congestion, reduces stress from your commute, and connects you with others in your community from all walks of life. If you have not yet ridden the bus, give it a try.

Fares:

The bus fare has remained at \$1.25 (exact change required) to go anywhere in the urban (Chittenden County) system. Ten-ride passes cost \$12 and discounted fares are available for those under 17, over 60, or persons with disabilities. GMT also offers several programs for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Routes:

The #1 (Williston) and #1V (Williston Village) routes carry passengers between Burlington and Williston. The #10 (Williston/Essex) bus runs between Williston and Essex Junction, departing from the Amtrak station on the hour from 7AM – 7PM every day except Sunday, and the return trip departing from Walmart on the half-hour. This schedule makes convenient connections at both ends.

In 2017 GMT is conducting a Comprehensive System Analysis to determine what changes, if any, should be made to the existing routes to better serve our customers.

Rider Amenities:

The Downtown Transit Center in Burlington (photo below) opened in October 2016 and provides modern customer and driver facilities. Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL) were added to all buses in 2016 and the RouteShout 2.0 app can now be used by riders to see where their bus is or to find a connection that works for them. Google Maps also shows GMT routes.

Information:

For more information, visit RideGMT.com, call 802-864-2282, or e-mail info@RideGMT.com. You can also "Like" us on Facebook and download the free "RouteShout 2.0" app for your mobile devices.

Williston's GMT commissioner is Chapin Kaynor. If you have suggestions, you may contact him at CKaynor@RideGMT.com. See you on the bus!



CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

CSWD mission is to reduce and manage the solid waste generated by our members.

CSWD owns and oversees 10 solid waste or recycling facilities for its 18 member municipalities in Chittenden County. A Board of Commissioners, who sets policy and oversees financial matters, governs CSWD. One Commissioner is appointed by each member community.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES/EVENTS:

In FY16 CSWD's major initiatives were: 1) a waste composition study that found that 60% of what our residents throw in the trash could be diverted from disposal through existing recycling, composting, and hazardous waste programs 2) revisions to the CSWD Solid Waste Management Ordinance, including trash disposal bans on asphalt shingles and unpainted/unstained plywood and oriented strand board 3) a new 5-year strategic plan; and 4) a nationwide search for a new General Manager. General Manager Tom Moreau retired after twenty-one years of service. Sarah Reeves was hired in August 2016.



The art of recycling

ONGOING OPERATIONS:

DROP-OFF CENTERS located in Burlington, Essex, South Burlington, Milton, Williston, Richmond, and Hinesburg are available to District members who prefer to self-haul their trash and recyclables. Drop-Off Centers collected 3,117 tons of recyclables and 6,593 tons of household trash during FY16.

The MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY in Williston, owned by CSWD and privately operated by Casella Waste Management, collected, sorted, baled and shipped to markets 43,206 tons of recyclables.

The ENVIRONMENTAL DEPOT and the ROVER are CSWD's hazardous waste collection facilities for residents and businesses. In FY16, 10,135 households and 715 businesses brought in 651,723 pounds of waste that were collected and processed including 8,364 gallons of latex paint re-blended and sold as "Local Color", and 9,845 gallons of latex paint processed for recycling in Canada.

COMPOST FACILITY Sales and tipping fees were both strong, with total revenues outperforming budgeted goals. Premium Raised Bed Mix was added to the mix mid-fiscal year and has been met with praise from current and new customers. The quantity of diverted food residuals being composted continues to climb. A total of 13,118 tons of material was accepted for composting

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS and tools were available to assist residents, schools, municipalities, organizations, businesses, and event planners to reduce and properly manage their wastes. The CSWD Hotline (872-8111); website: (www.cswd.net), e-newsletter, presentations, technical assistance, displays, workshops, facility tours, informational brochures, recycling bins and compost collectors (over 8,200 distributed), signage, discount compost bins, special event container loans, and grants (\$25,684 awarded) are part of this positive community outreach. Tens of thousands of employees, residents, students, and others were impacted by CSWD's business, school and youth, and community outreach programs.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT efforts, which have dual goals of reducing the amount of waste generated and landfilled along with making programs more convenient and cost-effective, focused on recycling and composting incentives and collection, residential waste composition, construction and demolition debris, and markets for recyclables.

WINOOSKI VALLEY PARK DISTRICT

The Winooski Valley Park District's mission is to plan, acquire, and manage lands and waters within the boundaries of its member municipalities for purposes of conservation, preservation of natural areas, establishment of parks, and resource-based education and recreation. The WVPD's system of natural areas offers over 13 miles of shoreline and 25 miles of trails throughout the Winooski River Valley. In Williston, this includes portions of Muddy Brook Wetland Reserve. The Town of Williston's residents voted to join the WVPD, and Williston has been a supporting member for 29 years. Rita Dessau is Williston's representative. Please visit www.wvpd.org for trail maps and to learn more, or stop by the WVPD's headquarters at the Ethan Allen Homestead in Burlington. Here are a few highlights from the past year:

Park Improvements and Acquisitions:

In Williston, WVPD provided technical support and crew supervision working with Environmental Planner Melinda Scott. WVPD worked on options for Brownell Mountain parking lot and trail access; organized and worked with Resource YouthBuild at Mud Pond replacing 170' of bog bridges; organized a group of Green Up Day volunteers to pick up trash at Muddy Brook Wetland Reserve and along Van Sicklen Road and; began planning for 2017 projects including the Allen Brook Trail connection to Chatham Woods and/or new parking lot for Mud Pond.

New Park Donations: On behalf of Thelma Robear's estate, James Robear donated two small parcels of land contiguous to Derway Island Natural Area in Burlington, expanding the park and providing extra road frontage buffer to protect this critical habitat. At Valley Ridge Park, the donation of over 6 acres of riverfront land progressed, with the final transfer occurring in late 2016.

Significant progress has been made preparing for a new parking lot and trail system at Wolcott Family Natural Area; Colchester Pond has a new Forest Plan and funding to improve bird habitat and remove invasives; groups from UVM, Burlington OnTop, Burlington High School Nordic Team, Champlain College, Global Foundries, Rhino Foods, Essex Middle School and others pitched in on a variety of cleanups and trail projects.

Environmental Education: The WVPD's Educator met with 1,534 people including 1,232 children (includes people from all of the WVPD's member towns), and served as the activities and curriculum coordinator, and head counselor for the S.O.L.E. Camp (Sustainable Outdoor Leadership and Education Camp). The camp was expanded to eight full weeks in the summer of 2016, with over 60 campers attending. The camp will continue in summer 2017. The WVPD had approximately 390 students attend, with 28 professionals leading engaging workshops at the 30

Annual Conservation Field Day. The WVPD's Educator and Programs Director expanded the Park District's educational offerings to afterschool enrichment programs in several schools within WVPD member's towns. The WVPD also hosted numerous school, college, youth and civic groups visiting the parks. Champlain College is now engaged in a multifaceted partnership with WVPD supported by a grant from the Kelsey Trust.

• **Activities for Residents, and Tourists:** The WVPD's 18 regional parks offer nature trails, scenic overlooks and wildlife viewing, picnic facilities, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails, canoe/kayak launches, fishing access, and public garden plots. The Ethan Allen Homestead Museum (a partner organization) provided tours of Ethan and Fanny Allen's 1787 restored farmhouse, historic lectures, programs and special events.

Nick Warner, Executive Director



Town of Williston VNA Request for Funding FY 2018

Care Report for FY16:

The VNA cared for **389** people in Williston during our past fiscal year (July 2015– June 2016) with the following services:

VNA SERVICE	VISITS	HOURS
Nursing	6,548	
Physical Therapy	1,377	
Speech Therapy	141	
Occupational Therapy	379	
Social Work, Social Service	797	
Licensed Nursing Assistant		2,179
Homemaker		1,088
Waiver Attendant		1,163
Personal Care Attendant		6,033
Total	9,242	10,463
	Visits	Hours

COST OF PROVIDING CARE	AMOUNT
Total cost of VNA services	\$2,035,874
Amount reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, contracts and patient fees	\$1,908,554
Remaining balance	\$127,320

The VNA requests annual contributions from each city and town in our two-county region. Your contribution is critical to supporting the **\$1.54 million** of charitable care we provide each year (this represents the gap between what we were paid and the actual cost of providing services).

Last year, the VNA cared for over 5,400 people of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. Your contribution helps ensure Williston residents can access essential health care services at home to keep them healthy, independent and active members of your community.

Our goal is to have each city and town cover 50% of the debt the VNA incurs. Williston pledged \$29,870 for FY2017. Thank you.

FY18 Request:

For fiscal year 2018, the VNA is requesting a contribution of \$30,766 which translates to 23% of Williston’s remaining care expense.

Contact the VNA: 802.658.1900 www.vnacares.org info@vnacares.org



VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION
OF CHITTENDEN AND GRAND ISLE COUNTIES

VNA Services in your Community

The Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties (VNA) is a 111-year-old nonprofit home health agency caring for whole families with services that span a lifetime – from critically ill children to vulnerable young families to adults who need rehabilitation, long-term care, adult day services or end-of-life care.

In the past, many towns hired Town Nurses, who were responsible for providing care to residents. With support from the towns we serve, the VNA took on that role. The VNA cares for children, adults, seniors, and families, helping keep people where they most want to be – at home. The VNA provides medically necessary home and community-based care to individuals and families *regardless of their ability to pay*.

Our founders established a directive, “to serve all who turn to the VNA in their time of need,” which still guides our work today. In just the past year, **the VNA provided \$1.54 million in charitable care to our neighbors in need**; charitable care is health care provided for free or at reduced prices.

The VNA offers the following programs and services:

- Family and Children’s Services, helping families learn to thrive through pregnancy and early childhood years in homes
- In-home nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy to help people regain independence after illness
- Private Care Services, offering support for everyday tasks to make living at home safe and comfortable
- Long-term in-home care, helping people live their best lives in the setting they prefer
- Adult Day Programs, helping older adults keep connected in a safe, stimulating, home-like environment
- Palliative care, Hospice and McClure Miller VNA Respite House, caring for people with serious illness and their families

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*Respite House photo by Carolyn Bates
all other photos by Daria Bishop*

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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Williston, VT

Your local health district office is in Burlington at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2016 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Worked with the schools in your community to support the school wellness policies, nutrition, physical activity and substance abuse prevention initiatives.

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

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2016 we responded to ~340 cases of infectious disease in Chittenden County. In 2016, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In July of 2016 staff at the Burlington District Office with support from Medical Reserve Corps participated in a large-scale exercise, Vigilant Guard, in Essex. The exercise was a practice of our procedures for distributing medicine to the public in case of a public health emergency.

For 2016/17, \$10,000 will fund training for Chittenden County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers. The Chittenden County MRC is a group of health care and public health volunteers who are trained to provide support to the hospital, the Health Department, and communities. If you are interested in becoming an MRC volunteer, you can register at <http://www.oncallforvt.org/>

In addition, \$58,560.00 will support emergency preparedness capabilities at UVM MC by supporting them to build capacity, provide training to staff and to prepare for public health emergencies.

2016 Annual Report Williston Town School District



The Champlain Valley School District School Report including the 2016-2017 Annual Report Cards of the Chittenden South Supervisory Union and the CVU High School District is available in the following ways:

- Posted on the web at www.cssu.org,
- Mailed to each resident of the CVSD, or
- Picked up at your local school or town office.

This report includes information that is no longer in the local annual Town Report.

Town of Williston Annual School Meeting Abstract February 29 and March 1, 2016

The legal voters of the town of Williston met at the Williston Central School in Williston, Vermont at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 29, 2016 for the Annual Town & School Meeting.

103 voters were present at this meeting.

School Board Chair, Kevin Mara, opened the meeting at 7:50 PM and introduced the members of the School Board, Josh Diamond, Karen Maklad, Giovanna Boggero and District Principal Greg Marino. Giovanna Boggero and Kevin Brochu were recognized for their years of service as members of the Williston School Board of Directors.

Article I: Anthony Lamb was unanimously elected moderator for the ensuing year on a motion by Lynn McCintock and seconded by Ted Kenney.

Article II: On a motion by Susan Lamb and seconded by Darlene Worth, it was voted to accept the reports of the Town School District officers.

Article III: On a motion by Susan Lamb and seconded by Gary Howard, it was voted to authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year.

Article IV: On a motion by Gary Howard and seconded by Ruth Magill, it was voted that the Town School District of Williston hold it's next Annual Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017.

Article V: A motion was made by Susan Smart Howard and seconded by Susan Lamb to authorize the Board of School Directors to provide a mailed notice of availability of the Annual Report to residents in lieu of distributing the Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Article VI: Other Business

It was asked what is happening with potential district wide school consolidation.

It was reported that a committee has been formed to investigate the issue of consolidation and all that will involve. More information will be coming out regarding Act 46 in the weeks to come.

It was asked why we are buying busses every single year?

Kevin Mara reported that we are actually buying busses for the Supervisory Union. All of the schools pay for use and we are credited for the cost of the busses.

A motion was made by Darlene Worth, seconded by Gary Howard, to adjourn the meeting until 7:00 a.m. at which time the polls will be open to vote by Australian Ballot. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

March 1 Voting by Australian Ballot

3434 voters cast ballots

Article VII: Shall the voters of the Williston Town School District approve the school board to expend Seventeen Million, Two Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$17,201,977), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,277 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.4% higher than spending for the current year.

Yes: 1802
No: 1135

Article VIII: Shall the votes of the Williston Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to allocate its current fund balance, without effect upon the District tax levy, as follows: assign Eighty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$83,788) of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2016-2017 operating budget, and assign the remaining balance (\$404,372) as revenue for future budgets?

Yes: 2318
No: 578

Article IX: Shall the voters of the Williston Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of Two Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$208,000) for the purpose of purchasing two (2) school busses?

Yes: 1909
No: 1012

Article X: To elect for the Champlain Valley Union High School District No. 15, two (2) School Directors for a term of three (3) years beginning March 2016.

Erin Brady 2084 (elected)
Polly Malik 1750 (elected)

Article XI: To elect for the Champlain Valley Union High School District No.15, one (1) School Director for a term of two (2) years, beginning March, 2016.

Catherine Keim 2474 (elected)

Article XII: To elect one (1) Town School Board Director for a term of three (3) years beginning March, 2016.

Mark Lamorey 1026
Amanda Marvin 1381 (elected)

Article XIII: To elect one (1) Town School Board Director for a term of two (2) years beginning March, 2016.

Brendan M. McMahon 2508 (elected)

/s/Anthony Lamb, Moderator

/s/Deborah Beckett, Town Clerk

/s/Andrew Mikell, Chair Board of Civil Authority



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January 9th, 2017

Residents of the communities of:

Williston Town School District

Fiscal Audits of Chittenden South Supervisory Union and its member schools are now the responsibility of the Supervisory Union Board.

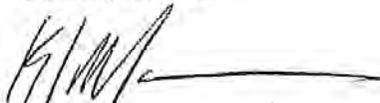
Audits for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 were completed, reviewed and approved by the School's Board Chair on January 9th, 2017.

Audit copies are available on the web:

<http://cssu.org/cms/lib5/VT01000775/Centricity/Domain/561/Williston%2016%20FS%20final.pdf>

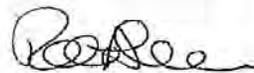
They are also available by contacting the Chittenden South Supervisory Union Offices directly.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Mara
Board Chair, WSD

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Mason
Chief Operations Officer, CSSU

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WILLISTON SCHOOL BOARD

Williston School Board Annual Report

District Consolidation

In June 2016, the voters in Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston approved the consolidation of the school districts in each of those towns, as well as the Champlain Valley Union High School district, to create the Champlain Valley School District. The new consolidated school district will become operational on July 1, 2017. As such, there is no longer a need for a Williston-only school budget and it is that consolidated school district's board that will propose a budget for voter approval on Town Meeting Day. The ultimate ramification of that consolidation vote is that effective on December 31, 2017, there will no longer be a Williston School District or a Williston School District Board of Directors. Until then, the Board will continue to oversee this year's school operations, and close out its duties with the approval of a final financial audit at the end of 2017.

WCS School Bond

In November, 2016, voters in Williston approved the purchase of a 20-year bond in the amount of \$19.85 million to make much needed renovations and improvements to Williston Central School. Construction is scheduled to begin in June of 2017 and is estimated to complete in August of 2018.

Enrollment

The school year opened with 686 students at Williston Central School and 335 students at Allen Brook School for a total of 1,021 students in the Williston School District (976 minus EEE). That represents an 18 student decrease in the population versus last year.

Staff and Community Recognition

Williston District Principal Greg Marino, WCS Principal Jacqueline Parks and ABS Principal John Terko, with help from the Chittenden South Supervisory Union central office, administer an outstanding team of teachers, special educators, curriculum coordinators, and paraprofessionals to optimize the educational experience of our children and prepare them for a lifetime of learning and achievement. Matching these resources to the changing enrollment of the school is one of the many responsibilities they handle so well. The WSD Board cannot express our gratitude deeply enough to all the citizens of Williston for their ongoing support and encouragement as we continue to strive to provide the best education possible to the children of our Town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Mara, Chair

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Williston Schools
S.U.: Chittenden South S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports":
<http://www.state.vt.us/edoe/>

FY2016 School Level Data

Cohort Description: K - 8, enrollment ≥ 200
(29 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
1 out of 29

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
↓ Smaller ↑ Larger	Barre Town Elementary School	PK - 8	857	74.00	4.00	11.58	214.25	18.50
	Shelburne Community School	PK - 8	282	53.50	2.00	16.11	431.00	26.75
	Barre City Elementary/Middle School	PK - 8	882	100.75	4.00	8.75	220.50	25.19
	Williston Schools	PK - 8	1,133	76.80	3.00	14.75	377.07	25.60
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			457.86	38.73	1.95	11.82	230.52	19.50

School District: Williston
LEA ID: T244

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs. Including assessments to SUs makes districts more comparable to each other.

FY2015 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 8 school district, FY2013 FTE ≥ 200
(33 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 4 out of 33
↓ Smaller ↑ Larger	Shelburne	PK-8	829.44	\$11,532	
	Barre Town	PK-8	850.69	\$10,634	
	Barre City	PK-8	851.83	\$11,108	
	Williston	PK-8	1,097.17	\$12,200	
	Essex Junction ID	PK-8	1,112.36	\$12,064	
Chasee Town	PK-8	1,361.80	\$12,093		
Mt. Mansfield USD #17	PK-8	1,531.64	\$12,052		
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			829.85	\$12,143	

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuition and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

FY2017 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchDist	SchDist	SchDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
			Equalized Pupil	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
↓ Smaller ↑ Larger	T012 Barre Town	PK-8	795.94	11,860.46	1.2225	1.2576	89.36%	1,4073
	T079 Georgia	PK-8	855.92	13,334.43	1.3745	1.3745	102.69%	1,3385
	T011 Barre City	PK-8	875.31	11,602.28	1.2228	1.2559	102.65%	1,2211
	T244 Williston	PK-8	973.21	14,276.90	1.4717	1.4798	103.94%	1,4235
	T089 Essex Junction ID	PK-8	1,077.92	14,712.66	1.5168	1.5704	99.07%	1,5851
	T179 St. Johnsbury ID	PK-8	1,119.29	12,541.14	1.2928	1.2928	106.12%	1,2162
	T070 Essex Town	PK-8	1,240.80	14,411.10	1.4855	1.5510	98.98%	1,5670

The Legislature has required the Agency of Education to provide this information per the following statute:
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

The Roads Less travelled...



*Clockwise: Upper Old Stage Rd,
Butternut Road, Rec Path, Gov.
Chittenden Rd., Off Gov. Chittenden
Rd., Allen Brook Trail*





Thank you to all those who helped during the 2016 July 4th celebration; The Detch Family, The Johnson Family, Tony and Susan Lamb, The Buildings/Grounds staff, The Police Dept., the Camp Staff and the judges- Bob Metz, Joy Limoge and Brendan Karnes. Also, thanks to those who had a booth on the green that helped to make it a wonderful day!

Would you like to help out with next year's celebration? We are looking for theme ideas, T-shirt designs, nominations for people to be Grand Marshall, or you can help out the day of. Contact the Recreation Department at recreation@willistonvt.org