



DORSET TOWN REPORT

2018

Floor Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2019
at 7 p.m.

Australian Ballot Voting: Tuesday,
March 5, 2019

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

Wilma Taylor: A lifelong Dorset resident, Wilma King Taylor, was born in 1929 on Mad Tom Road in East Dorset Village. At the age of 10, her family moved to the house at the intersection of Dorset Hill and Morse Hill and she's lived there ever since (80 years!).



Wilma attended school in the old East Dorset Schoolhouse, a beautiful three story building that once stood where the Town Offices stand today. Wilma graduated from Burr & Burton in 1948 and went on to work and raise a family in Dorset.

Wilma has been part of the fabric of the community for many years. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Manchester where she taught Sunday School. She served as a Trustee and Deacon of the East Dorset Congregational Church, and currently serves as a Trustee of the South Village Cemetery in East Dorset. Wilma's family has given much to Dorset over the years. Many area families have benefited from her volunteer work and her brother Joe King was the Road Foreman for over 35 years. She is also a very accomplished seamstress, enjoys knitting and crafting and very much loves spending time with her orange tabby cat, Buffy.



She is invaluable when it comes to knowledge of the past in Dorset, and is well versed in the history of most all of the homes in East Dorset Village. Wilma's energy for life is contagious, at nearly 90 years old she still mows her own lawn, grows a small garden, runs her errands, works part time, volunteers at the Town Offices, and drives a car with a manual transmission! In more recent years, Wilma has become a prolific volunteer at the Town Office. She helps us with mass mailings, production of the town reports and other documents. We very much enjoy her helping out. She always has a great story to tell and very often captivates staff and visitors alike in the Town Clerk's office.

Wilma exudes what it means to be a true Vermonter — hard working, fiercely independent, appreciative, kind, humble, with a quick wit to match. She truly is a treasure and we dedicate the 2018 Dorset Town Report to Wilma Taylor because she means so much to our community!



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TOWN OFFICE CALENDAR & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Town Manager's Office Monday to Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Town Clerk's Office Monday to Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Zoning Administrator Tuesday to Thursday ~ 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Assessor's Office Monday to Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Select Board Meetings Third Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Office
 Planning Commission Meetings First Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Office
 Zoning Board Meetings Third Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Office
 Design Review Board Third Monday each month at 5:30 p.m. ~ Town Office

Bennington County Sheriff	Sgt Jesse Bravata	(802) 442-4900	www.benningtonsheriff.org
Town Office		(802) 362-4571	www.dorsetvt.org
Town Manager	Rob Gaiotti	x3	townmanager@gmail.com
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper	Nancy Aversano	x4	dorsetadmin@comcast.net
Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk	Sandra Pinsonault Judy Collins	x2	dorsetclerk@gmail.com
Zoning Administrator	Tyler Yandow	x5	dorsetza@gmail.com
Assessors	Margot Schoffstall	x6	dorsetlister@gmail.com
Town Office Fax		(802) 362-5156	
Town Garage		(802) 362-5244	
Town Road Foreman	Jim Hewes	(802) 362-5244	
Animal Control Officer	Town Manager	(802) 362-4571	
Vermont Game Warden	Justin Turner	(802) 442-5421	
Health Officer	Dolores Marcotte	(802) 362-4571	
Town Constable	Ryan Matteson	(802) 430-8407	
Dorset Chamber of Commerce	chamber@dorsetvt.com	(802) 440-0455	www.dorsetvt.com
Schools	Dorset School	(802) 362-2606	sites.google.com/brsu.org/ thedorsetschool/home
	Burr & Burton Academy	(802) 362-1775	www.burrburton.org
	Long Trail School	(802) 867-5717	www.longtrailschool.org
Taconic & Green Regional School District Board		(802) 362-2452	sites.google.com/brsu/home
Post Offices	Dorset	(802) 867-5501	
	East Dorset	(802) 362-3233	
East Dorset Fire Warden Dorset Fire Warden	Doug Beebe Shawn Hazelton	(802) 362-4601 (802)-867-5311	www.dorsetfiredistrict.org/
Dorset Library		(802) 867-5774	dorsetvillagelibrary.org
VNA & Hospice	Ron Cioffi, Executive Director	(802) 362-1200	vermontvisitingnurses.org
State Representative	Linda Joy Sullivan	(802) 768-8668	lsullivan@leg.state.vt.us
State Senator	Brian Champion	(802) 753-7705	bcampion@leg.state.vt.us
State Senator	Richard Sears	(802) 442-9139	rsears@leg.state.vt.us

2018 Appointed Town Officers

Town Manager	Rob Gaiotti
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper	Nancy Aversano
Zoning Administrator	Tyler Yandow, AIA
Select, Planning & Zoning Boards Secretary	Nancy Aversano
Assessor	Margot Schoffstall
Health Officer	Dolores Marcotte
Animal Control Officer	Town Manager
Fence Viewers	Henry Chandler
	Megan Thörn
Tree Warden	Hal Coolidge
Town Service Officer	Ellen Maloney
Energy Coordinator	Jim Hand

Planning Commission

Brooks Addington, Chairman	2019	Adam Danaher	2022
Gay Squire, Vice Chairman	2019	Kit Wallace	2019
Brent Herrmann	2020	Scott Thompson	2019
Charlie Wise	2021	Richard Coss	2020
Carter Rawson	2022		

All four (4) year terms expire April 30th of the year indicated

Zoning Board of Adjustment

John LaVecchia, Chairman	2021	Kevin O'Toole	2020
David Wilson, Vice Chairman	2019	Ruth Stewart	2020
Martha Merwin	2019	Ed Tanenhaus	2019
Bill Bridges	2019	Steve Jones	2021
Tuck Rawls	2020		

All three (3) year terms to expire April 30th of the year indicated

Conservation Commission

Malcolm Cooper, Jr., Chairman	2021	Kevin O'Toole	2020
Alan Calfee	2021	Chip Ams	2020
Lee Romano	2019		

All four (4) year terms expire May 31st of the year indicated

Design Review Board

Kit Wallace, Chairperson	2020	Peter Palmer	2021
Arnie Gottlieb	2020	James Clubb	2021
Lindy Bowden	2020	Ruth Tanenhaus (Alternate)	2019

All three (3) year terms expire April 30th of the year indicated

Bennington County Regional Commission

John LaVecchia	2020	Nancy Faesy	2019
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All two (2) year terms expire on April 30th of the year indicated

Elected Town Officers

Moderator, Town	Kevin O'Toole	1 Year Term	Expires 2019
Moderator, School	Kevin O'Toole	1 Year Term	Expires 2019
Town Clerk	Sandra Pinsonault	3 Year Term	Expires 2020
Town Treasurer	Melissa Zecher	3 Year Term	Expires 2020
Select Board	Henry Chandler	3 Year Term	Expires 2021
	John Stannard	3 Year Term	Expires 2019
	Tom Smith	3 Year Term	Expires 2020
	Liz Ruffa	1 Year Term	Expires 2019
	Megan Thörn	1 Year Term	Expires 2019
First Constable	Ryan Matteson	1 Year Term	Expires 2019
Town Agent	Kevin O'Toole	1 Year Term	Expires 2019
Justices of the Peace	Brian Kelly Willard (Chip) Watson Bo Thörn Roger Squires Mary Barrosse-Schwartz		Michele Pagan Howard Coolidge Sandra Pinsonault Joseph Fontana Elizabeth Paxson

2 Year Terms for all Justices Expire November 2020

Taconic & Green School District Representatives: David Chandler & James Salsgiver



Select Board & Town Manager Report

In 2018, the Town was active on a number of fronts. Support to the Dorset Fire District for bookkeeping and oversight of water operations has completed its second year. The Fire District has worked very hard to update policies and planning efforts and to bring a supplemental water source online. The Prudential Committee: Ben Weiss, Roger Squire, Milton McWayne, Abbott de Rham, Steve Jones, and Water Operator, Jim McGinnis, deserve much credit for their efforts.

The Town was fortunate enough to acquire 308 acres of land off Raptor Lane in Dorset from Attorney Jeremy Dworkin and his partner John Shalam. The Town was able to negotiate a bargain sale for purchase of the property. The lands at Raptor Lane represent a unique opportunity for our community and we very much look forward to using this asset to best support Dorset. The Select Board is in the process of selecting local residents or business owners to serve on an advisory committee that will help plan the future of the lands at Raptor Lane. Anyone interested in serving should contact the Town Manager for additional info.

Much praise is owed to the Dorset Highway Department for their work in 2018. Our road crew is staffed with a group of very talented individuals who can maintain, fix, and build just about anything. Never was this more evident than on the Route 30 Highway Storage building construction. Our crew did the excavation and layout work, built the wooden portion of the structure, and did the finish grading around the new building. As a result, the Town saved around \$20,000 on construction costs and was able to bring the overall cost of the project in under budget. The crew also found the time to replace a large culvert on Lane Road as part of an Agency of Transportation structures grant. The culvert used on Lane road more than triples the ability of the structure to take water and will prevent that portion of the road from washing out in minor events, as it had done in the past. Thanks to Kit Wallace and the property owners on Pastures Lane for allowing the Town to re-purpose the culvert to its new home on Lane Road.

The Select Board has also worked hard this year to plan out future support for marketing and branding of our special Dorset community. We are planning to work closely with the Dorset Chamber of Commerce and our local business community to roll out an effort that will help us take advantage of Dorset's unique place in the world and improve our local economy. With this in mind, the Town has also included a part time Recreation Director position in the FY20 Town budget. We see this position as key to growing the high quality of the recreational experiences in Dorset with an eye toward promoting these amenities, the great quality of life, value of real estate, and great schools as a reason to be invested in Dorset. It should also be noted that Dorset's full time population has decreased since the year 2000. This trend is becoming more common in rural areas, and is something the Town will need to address in the coming years.

The Town is making similar strides with its planning work for improved pedestrian access in Dorset and East Dorset Villages. These potential small changes will make the villages more connected for those wishing to walk to the post office, library, stores etc. The long term goal in this planning process is the connection of HN Williams and the Farmer's Market to Dorset Village with a safe and walkable path or sidewalk. In East Dorset, the goal is to continue to slow traffic through the Route 7/ Mad Tom area, add sidewalks and crosswalks for the village. Many thanks to the Planning Commission: Brooks Addington, Gay Squire, Kit Wallace, Scott Thompson, Carter Rawson, Brent Herrmann, Dick Koss, Adam Danaher, and Charlie Wise for their commitment to Dorset. Thanks to all our Boards & Commissions as they volunteer their time and we're very fortunate to have them on our team!

Be sure to visit www.dorsetvt.org for any needed Dorset municipal information!

Respectfully Submitted, Robert Gaiotti, Town Manager

Town Clerk Report

I have had the pleasure of serving the Town of Dorset since March, 2005. While I am completing my fourteenth year in office, I still am amazed at how each day is different and the love for my job never fades. Our office continues to maintain and preserve the land and vital records for our town. We have had several genealogists visit us this past year as well as residents looking for history of their home. This is sometimes challenging, yet very rewarding when the missing puzzle piece is found.

Please remember to license your dog on or before April 1st of each year. A spay/neutered dog is \$11 and \$15 for one that is not. Large penalties will be accessed after April 1.

I want to thank my Assistant, Judy Collins, for her continued support and service to the Town.

Sandra "Sandy" Pinsonault, MMC/CVC

<u>Town of Dorset Liquor Licenses: 2018</u>	
<u>First Class License</u>	<u>Second Class License</u>
Barrows House..... \$115	Dorset Rising\$70
Chantecleer Restaurant..... \$115	Dorset Union Store \$70
Dorset Field Club \$115	Global Montello Group.....\$70
Dorset Inn..... \$115	HN Williams Store..... \$70
Dorset Playhouse \$115	Hasgas General Store..... \$70
Dorset Rising..... \$115	Jiffy Mart..... \$70
Inn at West View Farm \$115	Total Second Class \$420
Marble West Inn..... \$115	
Total First Class \$920	Total All Licenses..... \$1,340
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<u>2018 Animal License Report</u>	<u>2018 Vitals</u>
171 Spayed Female @ \$6..... \$1,026	Births
145 Neutered Male @ \$6..... \$894	Males 5
18 Males @ \$10 \$180	Female 3
17 Females @ \$10 \$170	Deaths
360 Dogs - Total Town Revenue \$2,270	Males 15
	Females 7
	Marriages
	Resident 11
	Non-Resident 12

Treasurers Report

I am currently serving the second year of my fifth three year elected term as Treasurer for the Town of Dorset. As Treasurer, my duties include the review and approval of accounts payable, payroll checks and delinquent tax warrants for the Town of Dorset.

In addition to an annual external audit (currently conducted by Mudgett, Jennett, & Krough –Wisner, PC) the Town of Dorset has in place internal controls into the municipal finance system; this includes monthly testing of accounts by retired finance person and monthly review of balanced bank statements by the Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa W. Zecher

Animal Control Officer Report

In 2018, the Animal Control Officer received 30+ calls about animal related issues. Common issues were dogs running at large, unlicensed dogs, and a vicious dog hearing. The Animal Control Officer position is currently vacant, anyone interested in filling the position should contact the Town Manager's Office. For Animal Control calls contact the Town Manager at 417-7814.

If you have a problem with a wild animal please call VT Game Warden, Justin Turner at 442-5421. If the Game Warden cannot be reached, the ACO should be contacted in case of an emergency. Due to the fact that we live in a rural area with wildlife, rabies and distemper can be a concern, so be sure to get your pets vaccinated.

Please remember to license your dog, which is required by Vermont Law. Dog licenses are due April 1st. All dogs over the age of 6 months are required to be licensed and have proof of vaccination with the Town Clerk's Office.

During the year we always have dogs that get loose from a property. PLEASE buy a collar with your name, address, and phone number for your dogs. This will help us return your dogs to you safely and quickly. PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS.

Respectfully Submitted, Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager

Health Officer Report

In 2018, the Health Officer received around 12+ phone calls with regard to health questions. No site inspections were required. The health officer responds to health & safety complaints and helps residents get in touch with the proper resources to remedy the situation. Residential rental properties in Vermont are regulated by the Vermont Rental Code Handbook. This regulation is drafted by the Vermont Department of Health and is available online.

The Vermont Department of Health provides support to the Health Officer and is a good resource for residents: <http://healthvermont.gov>

Respectfully Submitted,

Dolores K. Marcotte

Assessor's Department Report

For the twelve months ending December 31, 2018, the Assessor's Office processed 62 valid "arms-length" residential sales. These sales ranged from \$25,000 to \$1,300,000 for residential property, \$24,720 to \$595,000 for land, and \$910,000 for commercial property. In addition, there was other routine maintenance done on the working Grand List such as property transfers into trusts, transfers between family members, or abutters sales and foreclosures.

Dorset's new 2019 CLA (common level of appraisal) – a three year average of total town sales divided by the total assessment, is now established by the State at 108.18%. The State rate for the education tax is factored by the CLA for each Vermont Town in order to arrive at the "equalized tax rate" for that Town. Further our new COD (coefficient of dispersal) -- that measured equity across types of property is now at 15.63%.

Reappraisal 2019: The Town will continue a town-wide reappraisal this year. Our last full reappraisal was in 2003, with a statistical reappraisal in 2006. For more information, visit the Reappraisal Letter included in the Town Report or www.dorsetvt.org/reappraisal.

2006-2017	Education Equalized Value		% Change	CLA
2006	\$669,687,611		0.00%	105.6
2007	\$722,342,055		7.68%	98.98
2008	\$759,750,195		5.18%	95.52
2009	\$765,831,350		0.80%	95.16
2010	\$718,324,319		-6.20%	101.32
2011	\$671,881,913		-6.40%	108.22
2012	\$659,263,558		-1.88%	109.73
2013	\$674,451,706		2.30%	106.91
2014	\$680,229,852		0.86%	105.64
2015	\$663,489,000		-2.46%	107.50
2016	\$665,605,197		0.30%	105.94
2017	\$651,285,470		-2.2%	108.00
2018	\$645,580,592		-1.8%	108.18

We are concerned with the fairness of your assessed value. Every year a property owner has the right to appeal their property value. This should be done before the start of the Town's spring grievance period. We encourage you to contact us with any questions or comments on your property assessment. Office hours Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Phone 802-362-4571 x 6 or E-Mail: dorsetlister@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted
Margot Schoffstall, Assessor

Town Wide Reappraisal

A complete reappraisal of all Dorset properties will begin over the next month. Based on state sales statistics there is an issue with the level of equity in the Dorset Grand List. Complete reappraisals are common in Vermont every 8-10 years. Dorset's last complete reappraisal was in 2003.

A data collector will come to your home for the purpose of conducting an interior AND exterior inspection. The outside (ground level) of your house will be measured, as well as any interior areas which cannot be measured from outside (typically upper level areas which may include knee walls, cathedral ceilings, etc., and finished areas in the basement), to determine living area of the home. A photo will be taken of the front and rear of your house. If you have outbuildings, the data collector will have to see the interior of these as well. In most cases, time spent inside the house will be about ½ hour.

In the event that you are not home when we come for the inspection, a notice will be left on your door requesting that you call the assessor's office to schedule a convenient time for the inspection. We will NEVER enter your house if you or someone else you have authorized (must be over 18) is not present. Data collectors will carry identification and will have a "Town of Dorset" sign on their vehicle. Data collectors for this project are: Theda Farrell, Kristian Mayer, or Peter Trifari.

If you have a caretaker or property manager, you may authorize them to allow access for data collection. Please let us know if this is the case; call the assessor's office at 362-4571 x6 and give us the contact information for your caretaker, and we will set it up with him/her.

We are very appreciative of your cooperation and support of this endeavor. Having access to every property in Dorset will result in the best possible reappraisal outcome, and we are committed to making it the best it can be.

Sincerely,
Dorset Assessor's Dept.

Visit the Dorset Reappraisal web page for more info: www.dorsetvt.org/reappraisal

We are mid-way through the data collection phase of the reappraisal project, effective for the 2020 grand list. Our expectation is that all properties will have been visited for this purpose by the end of the 2019 calendar year. We would like to thank all of the property owners who have allowed us into their homes for the purpose of data collection, and who have taken their own time to assist in making arrangements for our visit. These efforts are greatly appreciated, and will make the reappraisal much more comprehensive as it relies heavily on accurate data. The expectation is for a vastly more equitable grant list in 2020.

Theda Farrell

Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, and Design Review Board Report

A summary of permit applications and board referrals is shown in the table below.

Permit Type	# of Applications		Referred to Planning Commission		Referred to Zoning Board of Adjustment		Referred to Design Review Board		Referred to Select Board	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Building	47	55	2	12	3	6	6	2	---	---
Demolition	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	---	---
Change of Use	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	---
Boundary Line Adjustment	4	5	0	0	0	0	---	---	---	---
Sign	9	3	0	0	0	0	1	1		1
Subdivision	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	---	---	---
Driveway Access	2	3	0	0	---	---	0	0	2	3
Totals	61	71	2	12	3	6	8	3	2	4

Planning Commission:

- Regulating Formula Based Business and how Form Based Code regulations could help address concern for aesthetics.
- Promoting in-fill development in village centers, currently limited by water and the lack of sewer services. These concerns were expressed to the Prudential Committees.
- With BCRC and the Town Energy Committee, completed New Energy and Transportation chapter for adoption in the Town Plan. To be presented to public during public hearings for re-adoption of Plan.
- ZA worked with Town Attorney to restructure the Sign Ordinance, making it easier to understand. The Select Board has reviewed the most current draft. ZA and town attorney currently working to address concerned raised by Select Board.
- The Municipal Planning Grant obtained in 2017 for the study of pedestrian and bicycle safety in Dorset Village is under way. Mark Anders, the transportation planner at BCRC presented his first draft of ideas to the PC in November. These were well received. M. Anders to develop ideas further and return to PC with more detailed documents.
- Through the Town, the PC has entered into an agreement with Brandy Saxton, a professional planning consultant, to assist them in future proposed Bylaw revisions.

- The PC had informal discussions regarding a possible public boardwalk through the Dorset marsh between Route 30 and Dorset West Road, allowing the viewing of this unique landscape and its inhabitants. This has the potential to add a significant amenity to the town, benefitting residents and visitors alike.
- With the assistance of BCRC, the board began review of the Town Plan, due for re-adoption in 2019.

Design Review Board

- Continued working on more user-friendly criteria for the Design District. To be presented to public during public hearings on proposed Bylaw revisions at a date yet to be determined.

Zoning Administrator

- The ZA met with residents of Brookside Drive to hear their concerns regarding flooding of the road. Subsequently, at no cost to the town, his proposal to have the University of Vermont Civil and Environmental Engineering Program study the problem was accepted. Detailed preliminary documents have been received and work on a practical, cost effective solution continues.

The town is grateful for the time donated by members of each of these boards.

Respectfully Submitted,
 For the Dorset Planning Commission & Design Review Board
 Tyler W. Yandow A.I.A.
 Zoning Administrator

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body comprised of nine Dorset residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The current Board includes Vice-Chair David Wilson and members-at large Bill Bridges, Tuck Rawls, Steve Jones, Ruth Stewart, Kevin O’Toole, Ed Tanenhaus and Martha Merwin. The Chair wishes to thank everyone for their continued commitment to volunteer their time and talents during the past year.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on an as-needed basis on the third Monday of the month, and hears applications for conditional use permits and variances, as well as appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

During 2018, the Board heard six applications. Two variance applications were heard and granted. The first for the Town Storage facility on Route 30 and the second for access to a new Town well off Cheney Rd. Three conditional use applications were granted.

An appeal of a decision of the Administrative Officer regarding an action of the Dorset Field Club was heard and the decision was reversed.

Respectfully submitted,
 John B. LaVecchia, Chairman

Design Review Board Report

The Design Review Board meets the third Monday of every month (as needed) at 5:30 PM in the Dorset Town Offices. Applications requiring review by the DRB are submitted to the Zoning Administrator, who forwards them to the DRB.

During 2018 the DRB considered the following matters (approximately chronologically):

- Approval of wall mounted heat pumps, screened by appropriate vegetation, at the Dorset Church.
- Approval of lighting over the existing sign as well as 2 well lights focused on the entry stone pillars at the entrance to the Dorset Field Club, 132 Church Street.
- Approval of 16 replacement windows at the Wormser house, 23 Dorset Hollow Road. Existing 12 over 12 windows will be replicated with Marvin 12 over 12's with 5/8" simulated divided lights.
- Approval of new decking and ramp to replace existing deteriorated decking at the Dorset Village Library, 13 Church Street. Existing fir will be replaced with red mahogany.
- Approval of a sign for Lars Jacob Wingshooting, 3155 Route 30. The existing sign for Dorset Village Properties will be replaced with a similarly sized one by Lars Jacob.

It was a relatively slow year for the DRB, and during the down time the committee worked on revising the criteria for the design district. The new criteria were completed by June, and submitted to the Planning Commission. Since the Planning Commission is in the process of revising the Town Plan, they will not consider the revisions until that process is completed.

With thanks to Tyler Yandow for administrative support and zoning advice, and to the Design Review Board members for their hard work, commitment and caring:

Jim Clubb, Lindy Bowden, Arnie Gottlieb, Peter Palmer, and Ruth Tanenhaus

Kit Wallace, Chairman

Dorset Energy Committee Report

The Dorset Energy Committee (DEC) was launched by the Dorset Select Board several years ago to help the Town and its residents work toward a viable energy future. We are an all-volunteer committee under the leadership of Jim Hand, the Town Energy Coordinator. Our activities in 2018 included:

ENHANCED ENERGY PLAN: This year we spent a majority of our time preparing an "Enhanced Energy Plan." Vermont towns that want a greater say in the citing of renewable (wind, solar, hydro) energy projects in their town are required to have their own "enhanced energy plan" which complies with Act 174 and the Regional Energy Plan. We completed such a plan and it has been approved by the Planning Commission and "certified" by BCRC as compliant. It identifies areas that Dorset wishes to protect as well as those suitable for energy development, if the landowner so desires. This plan will be incorporated into the new Town Plan in 2019 when it is adopted.

TRANSPORTATION: Nearly half of all of Vermont's carbon emissions come from the transportation sector. This will constitute a major part of our focus in the coming year. How can that figure be reduced? Electric cars, car/van pools, public transportation? Many Dorset Residents are already using the new Vermont Translines bus which takes riders from Manchester to the AMTRAK station, the Greyhound Terminal in Albany and the Albany International Airport, all on one ticket! (www.vttranslines.com/vermont-shires-connector) The DEC has also attended VTRANS meetings on the development of a State Park and Ride by Route 7 in Manchester which will have a shelter, lighting, pavement and security cameras.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR HOMES, BUSINESSES AND MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS: We are continuing to assist residents with procuring Energy Audits through NeighborWorks, securing Efficiency Vermont rebates, and low cost loans. We're here to answer your questions. As noted above, the Dorset Energy Committee is an all-volunteer group of interested residents. If you're interested, please feel free to contact any one of us or the Town Manager to find out about our next meeting.

Respectfully,

Jim Hand, Town Energy Coordinator

Committee Members: Jim Hand, Ellen Maloney, Jim Salsgiver, Nancy Faesy, Bill Laberge, Lisa Laberge

Advisors: Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager, Tyler Yandow, Zoning Administrator, Charles Wise, Planning Commission, Liz Ruffa, Select Board.

Conservation Commission Report

The past year the Commission has continued to focus on the beautiful and extremely popular Owls Head Town Forest. Our partnership with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC), supported by community members, has blossomed into a remarkably successful summer program. Several crews of talented young folk and their crew leaders were on the property further improving the internal trail network and establishing some new trails to some of the other smaller marble quarries on the property.

VYCC hosted a delightful barbeque to thank the local community and allow opportunities for crew members to share their experiences and answer questions about their work and experiences on the Owls Head Town Forest.

VYCC also hosted several work days with Burr and Burton Academy and Long Trail School students. This gives local students an opportunity to take part in conservation work and learn about trail building, stabilization and erosion control.

The Commission has also had several discussions looking at the bigger picture of the Town and identifying other potential key properties or areas in Town that could be suitable for conservation and/or recreational potential.

Commission members have also been involved in discussions with the Select Board about the potential of the new Raptor Lane lands acquired by the Town at a bargain sale earlier in the year. The Select Board is creating a subcommittee of people representing various interests as it may relate to the future of those lands and one of the Commission members will likely participate on that subcommittee.

The Commission would like to recognize the Town Manager's leadership and support of our activities and the continued support of the Select Board. We also would like to thank the Dorset Highway Department who along with their dedication to keeping our roads open and in good shape seem to find the time to also help us with various projects on the Town's Forests.

Get out and enjoy all of Dorset's beautiful Town Forest! The Owls Head Town Forest, The Pinnacle and Cutler Memorial Forest are all there for your enjoyment! We are continually working to make them more visitor friendly with trail signage, interpretive materials and trail construction and improvement. If you have ideas, comments or feedback feel free to talk to any Commission member or attend one of our meetings.

Commission members: Malcolm Cooper, Kevin O'Toole, Lee Romano, Chip Ams, Art Gilbert and Alan Calfee.

Submitted by: Alan Calfee

Delinquent Tax Report ~ December 31, 2018

Adaptive Adventure.....	\$17,028.97*
Casey, David.....	\$4,453.93*
Goodwin, James	\$114.68
3557 Route 7.....	\$6,466.72*
Kelly, Peter	\$813.21
McCotis, Peter.....	\$85.62
McGinnis, Linda	\$8,741.43*
Miller, Walter J.....	\$7,079.59
Noviello, Matthew	\$2,894.71
Page, Michael	\$1,983.60
Shavell, Stephen.....	\$6,666.11
Sheldon, Patricia	\$41.81*
Sheldon, Shelly.....	\$2,540.61*
Staunton, Sidney Jr.....	\$3,736.75*
Stimson, Ellen	\$14,921.50*
McPhee, Kate.....	\$8,119.38
Total.....	\$85,688.62

*** Paid or partially paid after December 31, 2018**

Respectfully Submitted,
 Robert Gaiotti - Town Manager/ Delinquent Tax Collector

Bennington County Regional Commission



The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests.

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials and volunteer boards and commissions, the BCRC serves as a regional center for work in community and economic development, transportation, energy, environmental conservation, water quality, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops on these topics throughout the region.

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan through a variety of programs and cooperative work with member municipalities. Economic development planning in the region has become one of the BCRC's main program areas. Economic development planning at the BCRC, including dedicated staff directed by a committee with representatives appointed by the regional development corporation, supports business retention, growth, and recruitment. An outgrowth of this economic development work involves a cooperative effort across the region and with Windham County to develop a US EDA approved Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The BCRC also is providing staff support for a major downtown redevelopment project in Bennington that grew from brownfields and community development work overseen by the Commission. Concern over the state's water quality has led the BCRC to identify and implement local projects that not only reduce stormwater runoff, but also protect roads, bridges, culverts, and private property. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and bylaws, "Act 174" compliant town energy plans, new village center designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan in cooperation with the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, and management of local transportation projects.

Some of the key projects to be undertaken by the BCRC in the coming year include: continued work on the Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, energy plan implementation activities, workforce and business development initiatives, including cooperative programs with the Lightning Jar co-working facility, new local water quality management plans and projects, assessment and support for redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the region, expanded education and outreach to support waste reduction and recycling goals, completion of municipal hazard mitigation plans, and a feasibility study for a pathway connecting Bennington with Williamstown, Massachusetts.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrvvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sullivan, Director

The full FY2018 Annual Report is available at the Town Office

Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance provides programs to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills by promoting recycling and reuse as well as resource conservation. The Alliance offers education, outreach and other assistance to businesses, schools, institutions and event organizers in 1) complying with the Universal Recycling Law and other solid waste management requirements, 2) increasing reuse and recycling, and 3) reducing the amount of solid waste disposed in landfills. These programs help residents, businesses, schools and institutions find solutions to recycling, food scrap diversion and the disposal of items such as electronic waste, fluorescent bulbs, paint and others that are banned from landfills.

The Alliance website at www.bcswavt.org and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/solidwastealliance) provide information on:

- how to dispose of fluorescent bulbs,
- battery recycling through the Call2Recycle program
- disposal of used motor oil at retail establishments and transfer stations that accept motor oil
- recycling of paint through the PaintCare program, including lists of retail stores that accept paint
- prescription drug disposal including drop-off locations
- recycling of textiles by the One World Center, Goodwill and others
- events for disposing household hazardous waste
- disposing of fluorescent bulbs, CFLs and other mercury items at transfer stations, some retail establishments and at household hazardous waste collection events.
- disposal of E-Waste at area transfer stations, Goodwill and retail establishments diverting food scraps by composting and annual sales of compost bins and kitchen compost containers

This past year the Alliance provided technical assistance to 40 businesses and two schools, as well as several major event organizers, held three household hazardous waste events, supported an E-Waste collection at the Dorset School and sold compost bins to residents. In 2019, we plan to hold two household hazardous waste events for residents and small businesses of all thirteen towns. The spring event will be held at the Bennington Transfer Station on May 18, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and fall event at the Dorset School on September 14, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Check the website above for updates and details. The Alliance receives most of its funding from the 13 towns, but this past year received grants from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Agency of Agriculture and Markets and the High Meadows Fund.

Green Mountain National Forest

A full version of the report is available at the Dorset Town Office ~ this is an abridged version

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The support the Forest receives helps to accomplish an extremely robust program of work. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to the local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year.

Land Acquisition

Forty acres in the Town of Dorset was added to the National Forest. Acquisition of this parcel conserves a segment of Mad Tom Brook, and a stretch of the East Dorset Trail, thus conserving water quality, ensuring continued public access and sustaining a network of popular hiking trails.

Recreation Programs

The following accomplishments highlight 2018 Recreation and Trail Program successes in acknowledgement of the outstanding collaborative effort exhibited between Forest Service employees, partner organizations, volunteers, State and local government representatives, and local businesses. The Forest Service relies on a community of collaboration and wishes to thank all of our partners, such as: Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST), Vermont All-terrain Vehicle Sportsman's Association (VASA), Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC), Rochester / Randolph Area Sports Trail Alliance (RASTA), Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA), Green Mountain Club (GMC), Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Student Conservation Association (SCA), Town of Killington, Vermont Huts Association, Catamount Trail Association (CTA), Counseling Service of Addison County, Middlebury High School Diversified Occupations Program, Moosalamoo Association, Vermont Trail Trotters (VTT), Vermont Horse Council, and many more -- including our dedicated campground hosts!

With the help of the many hard-working volunteers and organizations we are able to provide a quality recreation experience in alignment with a strong environmental stewardship ethic. The following highlights capture large program accomplishments but represent only a portion of the annual work that is completed to develop, improve and maintain recreational opportunities on the GMNF:

Local Efforts:

Killington: collaborated with the Town of Killington and Killington Mountain Bike Club to receive grant funding for Phase III of the Sherburne Trail network.

Wallingford: General Electric (GE) of Rutland assisted with the maintenance and pre-season clean-up at White Rocks Picnic Area for the 27th consecutive year! In partnership with GMC, a caretaker hosted visitors and maintained the Little Rock Pond Shelter and tenting area and maintained surrounding trails. Additionally, GMC's Long Trail Patrol spent a week working on Long Trail tread repair in the White Rocks National Recreation Area.

Mount Tabor: A new snowmobile bridge on the Ten Kilns trail at the fourth bridge site is planned to be installed this winter. A temporary bridge has been in place in order to keep the trail open after the former bridge was found collapsed in November of 2016. A new information panel was installed on the Lake Trail-head kiosk providing improved information about area recreation opportunities and the Big Branch Wilderness.

Weston: New campground kiosk signs were installed at all of the district campgrounds including Greendale Campground. In addition to the improved appearance, the signs provide better information regarding the area amenities and regulations.

Peru: New campground kiosk signs were installed at all of the district campgrounds including Hapgood Recreation Area. In addition to the improved appearance, the signs provide better information regarding the area amenities and regulations. In partnership with GMC, a caretaker hosted visitors and maintained the Griffith Lake Tenting Area and Peru Peak Shelter and maintained surrounding trails. New information panels were installed on both the AT / LT Mad Tom Notch and Forest Road 58 Griffith Lake Trailhead kiosks providing improved information about area recreation opportunities and the Peru Peak Wilderness.

Dorset: In partnership with Northshire Area Trail Systems (NATS), a VMBA chapter, and 3 weeks of VYCC time, construction continued on the 4 mile Dorset Hollow trail. This trail will provide additional trail opportunities in the Dorset area and eventually will provide access to the Dorset Ridge area in the Taconics.

Manchester: Smokey Bear showed up once again at the 2nd annual Vermont Trails Fest organized by the Manchester Appalachian Trail Community group. Additionally, a short relocation of the Lye Brook trail was constructed to move the trail away from a dangerous area that was sloughing into the Lye Brook. This trail is one of the most heavily utilized segments of trail on the GMNF as nearly 8,000 hikers signed the trail register located 0.25 miles from the trailhead so far in 2018.

Winhall: In partnership and funded by VAST and the Woodford SnoBuster's snowmobile club, trail work was completed on the Jenks Connector trail north of Kendall Farm Road. GMC volunteers and staff along with a college service crew completed repairs to the wooden puncheon structures on the Branch Pond trail north of Douglas Shelter. A new GMNF portal sign was installed on Route 11/30.

Sunderland: A new information panel was installed on the Branch Pond Trailhead kiosk providing improved information about area recreation opportunities. A Wilderness Volunteers group spent a short week maintaining a remote section of the Lye Brook trail near Bourn Pond in the Lye Brook Wilderness. The volunteer crew had participants from all over the continental U.S. including CA, NV, AZ and MD.

Stratton: According to GMC's long-time caretakers at the Stratton tower, nearly 10,000 people visited or passed through this site from late May – Columbus Day. Additionally, a caretaker hosted over 1,000 overnight visitors at Stratton Pond Shelter and tenting area this past summer. This caretaker also maintained the privies and surrounding trails in the area. At Grout Pond Recreation Area, Williams College students as well as volunteers from CTA and Dutch Hill Alliance of Skiers and Hikers (DHASH) maintained trails for use by both hikers and skiers. Tent pads and trail boardwalk also underwent repairs. A new camping fee of \$16 per night was implemented to help cover costs of maintenance and provide funding for future site improvements. New campground kiosk signs were installed at all of the district campgrounds including Grout Pond Recreation Area. In addition to the improved appearance, the signs provide better information regarding the area amenities and regulations.

Somerset: New campground kiosk signs were installed at all of the district campgrounds including Somerset Airfield Campground. In addition to the improved appearance, the signs provide better information regarding the area amenities and regulations.

Bennington: An SCA crew relocated a section of the Bald Mountain trail in the Glastenbury Wilderness. The trail had been located in a streambed and was difficult to navigate during wet periods of time. Additionally this crew picked up trash that had been dumped and had accumulated over the years near and just within the boundaries of the Glastenbury Wilderness.

You can also visit us and learn more about the GMNF at our website on-line:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl>

**[https://www.facebook.com/
GreenMountainFingerLakesNF/](https://www.facebook.com/GreenMountainFingerLakesNF/)**

Vermont League of Cities & Towns 2018 Overview

Serving & Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



State of Vermont
Department of Health
Bennington District Office
324 Main Street, Suite 2
Bennington, VT 05201

[phone] 802-447-3531
[fax] 802-447-6910
[toll free] 800-637-7347
HealthVermont.gov

Vermont Department of Health Local Report

DORSET, 2019

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

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

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

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/vdhbennington/>

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U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

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

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

November 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Laura Miraldi
Acting Medical Center Director

POULTNEY METTOWEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO BOX 209, POULTNEY, VT 05764; OFFICE: 802-287-8339; INFO@PMNRCD.ORG; WWW.PMNRCD.ORG

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watershed for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, five employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; two Agricultural Outreach Specialists Jennifer Alexander and Stefano Pinna; Native Plant Nursery Manager and Stormwater Project Manager, Sadie Brown, and Part-time Agricultural Technician/Tree Planting Crew Leader, Anya Beale.

Stormwater Management

The District is currently working with several towns on implementing potential 'green stormwater' projects. We are working in Castleton, Poultney, and West Rutland to implement stormwater projects with grant funds and in Poultney and Wells to identify stormwater runoff issues and propose high priority stormwater mitigation projects in the Lake St Catherine area.

Through the South Lake Partnership, PMNRCD and Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), continue to assist with funding and implementation of flood resiliency projects in the Flower Brook Watershed shared by Danby, Tinmouth, and Pawlet. The District is working with local forestry groups and landowners in Danby and Pawlet on stormwater erosion and runoff issues, focused on high-quality woodland areas in the watershed.

Agricultural Programs

The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields complete farm-specific, nutrient management plans through a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator, which help to improve soil health.

Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery

PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. In 2018, over 17 acres of restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on site. Visit our website for more information.

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.



Bennington County Sheriff's Office

Attached is a report outlining our enforcement efforts from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

In addition, our office continues to accept unused and expired medications for destruction. We offer fingerprinting services for State background checks, Hazmat, TSA pre-check, and other services.

This year was the 10th annual New Year's Eve Safe ride program where members of the department gave 230 residents a safe and sober ride home. We recently expanded this service to include Super bowl Sunday to help reduce instances of intoxicated driving.

This year was also our 2nd annual Santa's Helpers event where the Deputies donated their money along with local businesses who sponsored this event. We adopted families throughout the county and deliver Christmas gifts to children in need. We also partnered with Meals on Wheels to help deliver meals to people who are in need. If you feel you could benefit from this service please contact Meals on Wheels directly.

As always please feel free to contact the department should you have any concerns about your community's law enforcement needs. Remember if you see something suspicious; please report it to law enforcement. The Deputies are committed to ensuring your safety.

Sincerely,
Chad D. Schmidt,
Sheriff

Civil Tickets

Possessing / consuming Malt beverage under 21	14
Possessing / consuming marijuana (21 and over)	6

Traffic Tickets

Operating along public highway1	Operating after suspension 5
Using portable electronic device4	Misuse of license plates..... 1
Condition of Vehicle.....2	Passing on the left..... 1
Failed to display front plate.....5	Depositing snow across highway 1
No rear plate.....1	Vehicle not inspected 29
Failure to drive to the right2	Open container (marijuana)..... 1
Following too closely2	Open container (alcohol)..... 1
Operating with no insurance7	No registration 13
1-10 MPH over speed limit20	Operating with no license 14
11-20 MPH over speed limit 146	Misuse of dealer plate..... 1
21-30 MPH over speed limit27	Limitations on passing 2

Total Tickets: 306

Traffic Warnings

Using portable electronic device 1	Condition of Vehicle 19
Driving on road laned for traffic3	Failed to display front plate 5
Failed to display front and rear plate2	Failed to drive to the right 2
Following too closely4	Failure to yield to emergency vehicle1
Stop sign violation6	Speeding 1-10 MPH over limit 36
Speeding 11-20 MPH over limit74	Railroad grade crossing violation 2
Signals required.....1	Vehicle not inspected 37
No validation sticker on plate1	

Total Warnings: 191

Traffic Warnings

Using portable electronic device	1	Condition of Vehicle.....	19
Driving on road laned for traffic.....	3	Failed to display front plate	5
Failed to display front and rear plate	2	Failed to drive to the right.....	2
Following too closely	4	Failure yield emergency vehicle	1
Stop sign violation	6	Speeding 1-10 MPH over limit.....	36
Speeding 11-20 MPH over limit.....	74	Railroad grade crossing violation	2
Signals required	1	Vehicle not inspected.....	37
No validation sticker on plate	1		

Total Warnings: 191

Incidents / Arrests

911 Hang up	5	Accident – Fatality.....	1
Accident - Injury.....	1	Accident- Property damage.....	8
Alarm	23	Animal Problem.....	2
Agency Assist (other Law enforcement) ..	15	Assist motorist	8
Assist other	6	Assist Public	30
Bad Check	1	Burglary	1
Cruelty to a child	1	Directed Patrol.....	15
Disorderly Conduct.....	1	Disturbance	3
Driving with suspended license	7	Driving under the Influence.....	4
Fraud	4	Illegal Dumping	2
Intoxicated subject.....	1	Juvenile Problem.....	3
Larceny	1	Mental Health Issue	2
Motor vehicle complaint.....	24	Noise complaint	1
Parking	2	Property Watch	1
Stalking complaint.....	1	Suspicious event	35
Theft of services	1	Threats / Harassment	2
Traffic Stops	659	Restraining order violations.....	2
Unsecure premises	1	VIN verifications	11
Welfare Check	2		

Total Incidents / Arrests: 887



Sergeant Jesse Bravata

VOTER APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS



Neighbor to Neighbor
An Interfaith Community Project

Project Against Violent Encounters
services for survivors of domestic & sexual violence

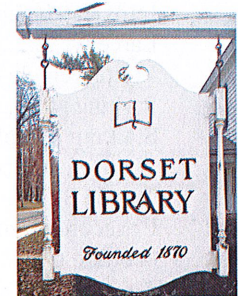


Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA)

DORSET Players



SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING



BROC COMMUNITY ACTION
In Southwestern Vermont

East Dorset Cemetery Association



BENNINGTON COUNTY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS
"WORKING TOGETHER  MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

East Dorset Cemetery Association

The East Dorset Cemetery Association gratefully appreciates the continuous support from the people in the Town of Dorset. Again this year, we would like to thank the many volunteers for their great efforts in keeping our cemetery looking great.

The annual meeting for the East Dorset Cemetery Association is held on the first Thursday of October at the Dorset Town office at 7:00 p.m. All lot owners and family are welcome.

October 2017—September 2018

Beginning Combined Balance\$1,810.93

Income

Lot Sale\$200.00

Town Allotment\$2,500.00

Transfer from Investment\$3,800.00

Miscellaneous (Interest) \$1.07

Total Income \$6,501.07

Expenses

Mowing\$3,800.00

Field Mowing..... \$90.00

Shed Repair\$1,565.35

Miscellaneous.....\$177.00

Total Expenses \$4,067.00

Ending Balance \$1,833.90

Ending Combined Balance \$4,245.00

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Beebe

BROC COMMUNITY ACTION

In Southwestern Vermont

December 27, 2018

To the Citizens of the Town of Dorset,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us through over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

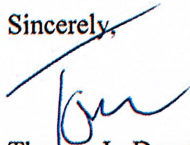
Over the past year, BROC Community Action has provided substantial assistance to residents in the Town of Dorset. **33 individuals in 13 families were assisted** including receiving food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling, starting or expanding a small business and resources and referrals.

Despite the significant outcomes BROC Community Action has achieved for the residents of the Town of Dorset over the past year, there is still more work to do. People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$1,000.00.

We truly value our collaboration with Dorset as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@broc.org

BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 (figures are not yet Audited)

SUMMARY

Revenue and Support

GRANTS	\$ 4,370,977.24
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 249,048.03
COMMODITIES	\$ 61,961.00
RENTAL INCOME	\$ 168,466.20
SERVICE PROVIDER INCOME	\$ 16,035.00
CONTRACTS	\$ 35,658.00
OTHER	\$ 386,742.92
Total Revenue and Support	\$ 5,288,888.39

Expenses

Community Services	\$ 1,834,649.62
Community Development	\$ 261,101.93
Economic Development	\$ 200,017.78
Weatherization	\$ 2,178,932.50
Nutrition Education	\$ 342,998.78
Other Programs	\$ 46,920.02
General & Administrative	\$ 499,898.17
Total Expenses	\$ 5,364,518.80

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Agency Balance	(75,630.41)



The Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) continued to provide a full continuum of community justice alternatives to over 1,650 individuals this past year ranging from juvenile pre-charge programs focused on preventing young people from entering the justice system, to programs holding adult offenders of crime accountable to their victims and their community.

Over \$6,500 was donated back to charities from funds received from CRJ program participants and over \$8,000 in restitution was collected and given back to victims who were harmed or impacted by crime.

Highlights from a few CRJ programs include: CRJ's Court Diversion programs held 227 first time offenders accountable for repairing the harm they caused, helped 198 young people with underage drinking and marijuana civil violations connect with treatment and education, assisted 279 individuals with suspended driver's licenses to get reinstated and legally back on the road and case managed 70 Treatment Diversion Program individuals and connected them to treatment services to address underlying mental health or substance abuse issues impacting their engagement in criminal behavior. For a full breakdown of the many other programs and services offered at CRJ, please visit our website at www.bcrj.org.

CRJ is a non-profit agency that receives support through state grants, local contracts, private donations and funding from towns such as yours. Together through our partnership, our community is benefited and strengthened as we create opportunities to help empower people to get their lives back on track.

Respectfully Submitted, Leitha Cipriano

<i>FY 2018 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT</i>		
Revenue:	State Grants	430,211
	Other Grants	3,980
	School Funding	24,500
	Fees- Diversion/TASP	42,559
	Town Funding	7,680
	Contributions, Fundraising	902
	Total Revenue	509,932
Expenses	Personnel	334,763
	Facilities	35,887
	Operations	98,516
	Ins	7,274
	Training & Travel	14,848
	Prof Fees	13,804
	Total Expenses	505,092



This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Dorset in 2018:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 906 meals that were delivered to the homes of 8 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 11 Dorset elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 343 meals were provided.

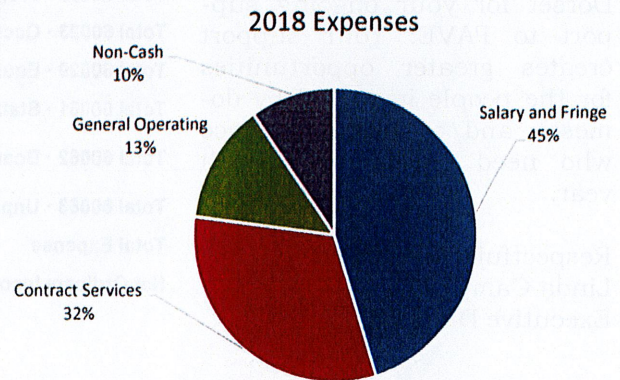
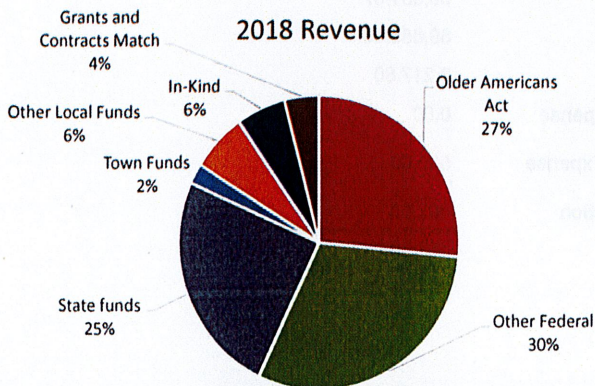
Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management staff helped 17 elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) “Senior HelpLine” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.

2018 IN REVIEW



Project Against Violent Encounters
 services for survivors of domestic & sexual violence

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) is committed to providing compassionate support, practical services and the pathway to healing and safety for countless victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout our communities. Our organization has grown from a domestic violence hotline to the multiple and comprehensive support services we now provide. These services include 24 hour hotline, court and social service advocacy, case management, emergency financial assistance, access to legal services, access to emergency housing, supervised visitation, parenting classes, community awareness, school-based prevention education and more.

The hotline is still where it often begins and our volunteers remain the backbone of the support we offer. In the past year, we provided 6 Dorset residents with comprehensive services, 4 initially contacting us through the emergency hotline. These residents received advocacy services including emotional support, safety planning, housing services, civil and legal advocacy and emergency financial assistance. In addition, 4 adults and 4 children received supervised visitation services through our Family Time Center.

Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. Our emergency shelter program provides families with short-term housing and case management services with the goal of obtaining safe, permanent housing. In the past year, we provided 42 adults and 33 children with 3,016 nights of shelter services.

To stop the generational cycle of abuse, we must start early and invest in prevention strategies that provide healthy parent-child relationships, friendships and dating relationships. Through our education and empowerment programs - pre-kindergarten to college; Nurturing Parenting classes; Women's Support Groups; Healthy Mind, Body and Family workshops and Financial Literacy Program, we helped over 3,500 children, teachers and other adults learn new skills and techniques.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and families served, I thank the residents of Dorset for your ongoing support to PAVE. Your support creates greater opportunities for the people impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence who need our services each year.

Respectfully submitted
 Linda Campbell,
 Executive Director

3:32PM
 7/17/18
 Accrual Basis

Project Against Violent Encounters
 Profit Loss
 July 2017 - June 2018

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Total 4010 · Contribution - D/S	28,699.99
Total 4050 · Contribution - Board	8,443.06
Total 4060 · Contribution - Family Time	2,945.38
Total 4100 · Grant Income	407,809.59
4200 · Contracts - State	15,225.00
4500 · Deferred Grant Income	19,270.88
4550 · Interest Income	748.28
Total Income	<u>483,142.18</u>
Expense	
Total 60001 - Salaries	222,069.32
Total 60002 · Employee Benefits	50,892.17
Total 60014 · Operations Expense	25,227.15
Total 60015 · Program Services	80,531.07
Total 60023 · Occupancy Expense	69,655.46
Total 60029 · Equipment Expense	3,217.80
Total 60061 · Staff Fundraising Expense	0.00
Total 60062 · Board Fundraising Expense	500.00
Total 60063 · Unpaid Grant Obligation	405.00
Total Expense	<u>452,497.97</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>30,644.21</u>



Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA)

Dorset Marble Preservation Association

In the spring of 2018, we restored the marble sidewalk on the north side of Church Street. The old marble was extracted and reset, and pieces of old marble were found to replace segments that had deteriorated beyond salvage.

Reports from property owners have been positive, as the sidewalk now drains properly and is safe for pedestrians.

In July, our masons completed the final phase of marble sidewalk replacement at The Wilson House.

The Town Office has been very helpful in providing staff and equipment for excavation and lawn remediation. This saves us money in each project. We share the cost of each project with property owners. We are grateful for the private contributions we have received, and to the voters of Dorset who give us most of the money we use in our ongoing effort to restore the town's sidewalks.

Roger Squire
President, Dorset Marble Preservation Association

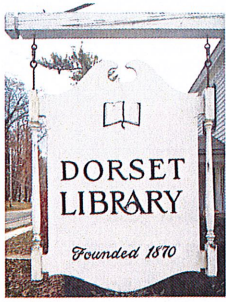
2018 Financial Report

Revenue

Beginning balance 1/1/2018	\$27,579
Town appropriation	15,000
Grants and contributions	5,000
Property owner reimbursements	<u>9,583</u>
Total	\$57,162

Expenses

Sidewalk restoration	\$35,941
Marble purchase	1,000
Maintenance & repair	<u>1,115</u>
Total	\$38,056
Bank balance	\$19,106



The Dorset Library continued to grow and expand its services to the community during 2018. New members joined in higher numbers than previous years and attendance at events and programs expanded as well... from the Halloween Haunted Basement to the Dog Days Picnic. Anyone in the community who has not yet attended a library dance party or poetry reading should watch the library's website and newsletter for upcoming events in 2019. The library knitting group meets every Tuesday and new needle artists are welcome to join in the fun. Story time for toddlers happens each week with stories, crafts and snacks. During the past year, Superheroes of all ages took over the library for a party that included an obstacle course. Several poetry salons highlighted local poets as well as a special guest reading from the winner of the Barnard Women's Poetry Prize. Additionally, movie, book discussion and game nights brought millennial community members together to share the library.

We have also been forging relationships with community organizations like the Dorset Historical Society to create joint programming. This year we co-hosted famed Vermont author, Joseph Citro. Additionally, the library has been utilizing the new and improved services offered by the Vermont Department of Libraries. This connection affords the library the ability to access unlimited resources; Vermont newspapers, databases, inter-library loans, e-books and other state library services. Library staff members are now able to help patrons research family history, Vermont history and local heritage. The library also partnered with the Vermont Department of Health to offer free assistance with proper medication disposal.

The library's main mission is to create a collection of books, educational materials, movies, audio books and even family entertainment (such as our yard game collection) for the community. This year has seen an expansion of all our collections. The 2018 season saw the library wrapping up the monumental process of becoming energy efficient for the upcoming years; new windows and insulation of the basement and attic sealed the library against the cold winters. We expect 2019 to bring more community relations, more innovative programs, and a more comfortable library for your reading enjoyment.

4000 Revenue	Jan-Dec 18	Budget 2019
4020 Art Sale Income	1,693	2,000
4030 Book Sales	415	500
4040 Conscience Fund	289	250
4050 Donations & Annual Fund	26,534	21,000
4080 Town Appropriations & Grants	20,000	20,000
4060 Bequests/Gifts	50,100	35,000
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Total 4000 Revenue	99,031	78,750
 6000 Expenses		
6000 Administration	25,572	23,750
6500 Personnel	108,739	102,500
6600 Library Materials	21,972	23,750
6700 Building & Grounds	44,105	38,350
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Total 6000 Expenses	200,388	188,350
 Surplus/Deficit	 (101,357)	 (109,600)

Note:

- 1. All of town appropriations are restricted to library programs and materials, which directly benefit community citizens.**
- 2. Budget deficit is covered by the Library's endowment.**



The Dorset Players has been and institution in Dorset since it was founded in 1927. The Playhouse was built in 1929. The Dorset Theater Festival is a professional equity company that continues to rent the Playhouse during the summer months. In 1999, The Dorset Players and The Dorset Theater Festival undertook a three million dollar restoration of the historic Dorset playhouse. In June 2001, the newly restored playhouse opened and has

been in constant use ever since. The Dorset Players and the Dorset Theater Festival produce programs and events throughout the year for local citizenry as well as visitors to the area. There have been many challenges over the years and although the Dorset Players have maintained the structure with grants and donations as best they can, there comes a time when that is not enough. Some of the issues before us are the roof, the exterior of the building, energy efficiency inside the building, the parking lots and grounds as well as other internal systems. We ask the town for help with our parking lots and grounds, which have to be graded every year and keep plowed and sanded during the winter season. This insures the safety of, not only users of the Playhouse but for any local citizen who uses them a well.

DORSET PLAYERS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 8/1/18 TO 7/31/19

INCOME:

Production.....	70,425
Fundraising/Donations.....	132,700
Membership.....	10,000
Playbill Advertising.....	15,450
Theater Rental.....	12,884
Other.....	662
TOTAL INCOME.....	241,121

EXPENSES

Production.....	35,975
Administrative.....	40,600
Building and Grounds	155,467
General Theater.....	3,000
Playbill.....	7,079
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	241,121

DORSET PLAYERS INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 8/1/17 TO 7/31/18

INCOME:

Production.....	59,435
Fundraising/Donations.....	48,816
Membership.....	9,835
Playbill Advertising.....	11,925
Theater Rental.....	13,358
Other.....	374
TOTAL INCOME.....	143,743

EXPENSES

Production.....	27,067
Administrative.....	39,735
Building and Grounds.....	50,827
General Theater.....	3,092
Playbill.....	5,029
Depreciation.....	8,576
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	134,326



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Helping Northshire Neighbors Since 2004.

Dorset Town Report

December 2018

Steering Committee

Kathy Malley, Co-Chair
Elizabeth Karet, Co-Chair
Rob DiCrosta
Phyllis Gottdiener
Micki Lisman
Dee Myrvang
Martha Thompson



Executive Director

Robin Galguera

Neighbor to Neighbor's mission is to assist our neighbors to live independently by providing no-cost volunteer services that help to cultivate relationships.

Since 2004, Neighbor to Neighbors and our group of volunteers has provided vital services to older and disabled residents of the Northshire. In 2018, 90 care recipients received friendly visits, transportation to appointments, and help with chores around the house and yard. In addition, we held monthly social events that allow care recipients to enjoy a delicious lunch and some form of entertainment.

Twenty-seven Dorset residents are either volunteers or Neighbor to Neighbor care recipients. At our monthly events this year, care recipients enjoyed things like a bus trip to have lunch in Weston and to visit the Vermont Country Store, shared stories with Long Trail School students, musical bingo, and two concerts by the Arlington Middle and High School Chorus.

Our volunteers provide all of our services free of charge. We receive funding through local towns as well as through private, corporate, and foundation donations. We also wrote and received a grant from the Tarrant Foundation this year. We continue to receive requests for our help and add new care recipients each month. We often speak with care recipients who praise our work and who count on us to keep them engaged in the larger Northshire community.

On behalf of the Neighbor to Neighbor steering committee, our dedicated volunteers, and, most importantly, those we serve, Neighbor to Neighbor is most grateful for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Galguera
Executive Director

Neighbor to Neighbor
P.O. Box 226
Manchester Center VT 05255
802/367-7787



neighborvt@comcast.net
<https://neighbortoneighborvt.org>

Neighbor to Neighbor Income and Expense Report: December 2018

Income

Grants	\$5,000.00
Fundraising Events	\$7,500.00
Individual Contributions/Foundations	\$15,000.00
Corporate Contributions	\$10,000.00
Support from Towns	\$3,000.00
Support from Houses of Worship	\$1,500.00
Interest Income	\$100.00
In-Kind Donations	\$18,000.00

Total Income \$60,600.00

Expenses

Care Recipient Events	\$1,000.00
Classes/Seminars	\$100.00
Computer Tech Support	\$100.00
Copier Maintenance and Supplies	\$750.00
Database Management	\$100.00
Depreciation	\$600.00
Education/Conferences	\$100.00
Fundraising Event Expenses	\$3,500.00
In-Kind Contributions: rent, property maintenance, bookkeeping	\$18,100.00
Insurance: Liability	\$1,800.00
Office Supplies	\$700.00
Payroll Taxes & Workmen's Comp	\$2,900.00
Petty Cash	\$100.00
Phone & Internet	\$750.00
Postage	\$1,100.00
Printing/Publicity, Advertising/Newsletter	\$1,500.00
Salaries	\$24,700.00
Travel: local and regional	\$200.00
Utilities	\$2,000.00
Volunteer Recognition	\$500.00

Total Expenses \$60,600.00



ANNUAL REPORT 12/2018
Monica Knorr – Board President

Habitat for Humanity International (HfHI) is a global non-profit housing organization whose vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works in all 50 of the United States and in 70 countries. Since its founding in 1976 by Linda and Millard Fuller, Habitat has helped more than 13 million people achieve strength, stability and self-reliance through safe, decent and affordable shelter.

Bennington County Habitat for Humanity (BCHfH) is an affiliate of HfHI. BCHfH works in partnership with Bennington County residents who cannot otherwise become homeowners or afford needed home repairs. An applicant's need for better housing, income, and willingness to partner with BCHfH are paramount when choosing qualified homebuyer partners. Each adult partner family member must complete 200 hours of sweat equity. Homebuyers pay an interest free mortgage thru monthly payments that include escrow for property taxes, insurance, and Homeowner Association fees, where applicable. Homebuyers' monthly payments never exceed more than 30% of their income. The monthly mortgage payments help build more homes.

BCHfH is locally run and locally funded. With the exception of some contract services, Habitat homes are built by local volunteers. Area businesses, service providers, and individuals help build, donate materials, and provide financial support. Town appropriations purchase building supplies and materials for our local projects.

Fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018) was a good year for BCHfH. We had two houses under construction in the first half of the fiscal year and finished those houses in the second half of the year. The Palmer family moved home in April 2018 to the North Branch neighborhood of Bennington, and the Sausville family was able to close on their house shortly after the end of FY18. The Sausvilles and Palmers are now neighbors. We also hired a full-time Construction Manager in late May 2018, and this new staff position has helped us build and repair more houses each year. We began our ninth home in the Jennifer Lane neighborhood in June 2018. We are partnering with the Southwest Vermont Council on Aging to build ramps for people who want to remain safely in their own homes. These folks income qualify through our Habitat program, and we have discovered the work is rewarding, especially since several of the people we partnered with needed a ramp in order to come home from health care facilities. We continue to build in both the Jennifer Lane neighborhood of Manchester Center and in the North Branch Street development of Bennington.

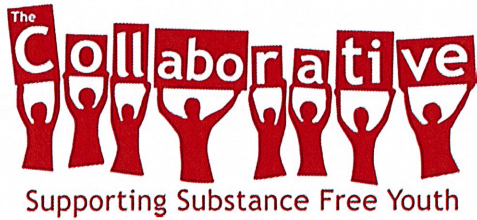
Our Resale Store in Manchester sells new and gently used furniture, building supplies, appliances, housewares, tools, and home improvement products that have been donated to us. We sell items at reasonable prices, thereby affording shoppers with quality furnishings they can afford, and we keep items out of the landfill. The proceeds from the store provide meaningful support for our construction programs.

Five Dorset residents serve on our Board of Directors and many Dorset residents have helped build our local Habitat homes. We encourage Dorset residents to apply for homes and home repair projects. We are grateful for the Town of Dorset's continued support. None of the projects would be possible without the support we receive from the local community. Together, we do make a difference in the lives of hard-working, lower-income area residents. Our website address is www.benningtoncountyhabitat.org.

Respectfully submitted by Monica Knorr, President, Board of Director

Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity
 Town Reports
 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018
 Cash Flows

	2018 Actual	2018 Budget
Contributions & Other Income	\$65,094	\$106,989
Restricted Contributions/Grants	102,276	99,780
Fundraising Events	46,206	9,500
Resale Store Fundraising	98,031	100,000
Interest & Other Income	14,874	3,000
Mortgage/Loan Payments Received	<u>92,226</u>	<u>89,340</u>
Total Cash Flow In	<u>\$418,707</u>	<u>\$408,609</u>
Construction, Property Development & Program Operations	\$325,745	\$443,087
Fundraising and Resale Store Operations	129,990	61,797
Administrative & Other	<u>146,194</u>	<u>155,569</u>
Total Cash Flow Out	<u>\$601,929</u>	<u>\$660,453</u>
Net Cash Flow/(Budgeted Use of Surplus)	<u>(\$183,222)</u>	<u>(\$251,844)</u>



The Collaborative promotes the development of a healthy involved community supporting substance free youth in a caring environment.

Dear Dorset Residents,

The Collaborative appreciates your vote of confidence on your vote for the 2018 budget. In 2019, The Collaborative marks **twenty years** of providing quality alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention education and substance free events and programs for area youth. Since 1999, we have grown from a small after school program to provide a wide range of individual, youth, and family programs focused on preventing youth substance use, supporting families and creating a healthy community.

We are requesting funds for The Collaborative mission to support substance free middle and high school youth. Over 400 middle and high school students participate in programs and events that include student empowerment groups, broomball games, movie nights, Refuse to Use, and pick up game nights at the Manchester Recreation Facility and activities during out of school time. The Collaborative is committed to healthy, happy, and resilient children and teens; who can grow up to be healthy, happy, and resilient adults. Combining education with activity alternatives encourages positive lifelong habits.

We are requesting your approval of \$750 in your town's budget to continue to provide substance free events and substance use education. We appreciate your involvement. Please contact us to find out about other ways to Get Involved!

Sincerely,

Maryann Morris

Executive Director

	RTU 17-18	Towns 17-18	Total
Income			
Indiv/business contribution	85.00	0.00	85.00
Foundation/trust grants	27,000.00	0.00	27000.00
Federal grants	24,084.12	0.00	24084.12
State grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local government grants	0.00	6,000.00	6000.00
Program Fees - Childcare	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Fees - RTU	14,340.00	0.00	14340.00
Special events	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	65,509.12	6,000.00	71509.12
Expense			
Payroll Processing Fees	100.00	56.00	156.00
Salaries & wages	30,382.15	4,833.20	35215.35
Payroll taxes & Other Fringe	11,235.00	346.77	11581.77
Accounting fees	425.00	0.00	425.00
Enrichment	9,810.38	0.00	9810.38
Camp Assistants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional fees - other	550.00	0.00	550.00
Contracted Services	625.00	0.00	625.00
Camp & EDP Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	565.05	0.00	565.05
Software	212.00	200.00	412.00
Equipment	2,884.54	0.00	2884.54
Telephone & telecommunications	799.15	177.00	976.15
Postage, shipping, delivery	544.18	0.00	544.18
Printing & copying	210.00	101.00	311.00
Curriculums	126.35	0.00	126.35
Marketing Materials	1,762.36	0.00	1762.36
Incentives	250.00	0.00	250.00
Staff Local Travel	1,322.26	100.00	1422.26
Event Supplies	404.24	67.41	471.65
EDP & Camp Expense	0.00	18.62	18.62
Bank Charges	289.41	0.00	289.41
Insurance - non-employee	500.00	0.00	500.00
Staff development	1,798.00	100.00	1898.00
Advertising expenses	750.00	0.00	750.00
Other expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	65,545.07	6,000.00	71545.07
Net Gain	-35.95	0.00	-35.95



Your Community Media & Training Center
www.gnat-tv.org

(Arlington, Dorset, Londonderry, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Stratton, Sunderland, Weston, Winhall)

Thank you for your past support of GNAT. Your financial support enables us to provide video coverage of your local government meetings.

GNAT is a 501c3 Not for Profit Organization created by community members in 1995. GNAT employs local citizens to videotape the meetings and makes these meetings (and other educational, civic and community events) available to all citizens on our cable channels and on our website: www.gnat-tv.org.

In addition to our meeting coverage, GNAT offers free and low cost media services and provides a platform for local voices to be heard. Residents, government entities, community organizations and schools within our eleven-town service territory may produce and broadcast non-commercial television programs. GNAT maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment and provides technical training. GNAT maintains a vibrant **youth program** including internships, media production camps and school collaborations. **The News Project** provides local news and information (in 2018 GNAT Produced 255 local News Project programs).

Local media coverage is vital to our democracy. We ask for your financial contribution to help support the work we do. Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration and support.

Watch Online: www.gnat-tv.org

Service Area / Comcast Cable Channels
Channels 15, 16 & 17: Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Sunderland & Winhall
Channels 8,10 & 18: Stratton
Channel 8, 10: Weston & Londonderry

Mission

To provide public access to media technologies, equipment, training, and local information for our regional community.

Vision

To facilitate and foster free speech, to promote and facilitate civic and cultural engagement and to be the community resource for new media technology and training.

2018 Usage Data

432	Equipment & Facility Reservations
182	Training Sessions
394	People Trained
50	Community Video Announcements
461	Community Bulletin Board Announcements
634	Local Public Programs Produced
191	Government Meetings
167,866	Online Video Views

GNAT Statement of Financial Activities Summary Year Ending September 30, 2018

INCOME

PEG Access Operating Revenue	\$413,094
Program Service	\$5917
Fundraising / Other Income	\$26,390
Net Assets Released from Restriction (Acquisition of Capital Assets/Expense)	\$23,067
Total Unrestricted Revenue, Gains & Other Support	\$468,468

EXPENSE

Payroll Fees, Taxes and Salaries	\$304,080
Rent / Utilities / Insurance	\$74,037
Production/Program Supplies	\$12,999
Equipment / Depreciation	\$25,982
Small Equipment	\$2015
Other Operating Expense	\$68,451
Total Expense	\$487,564
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	(\$19,096)

PEG Access Capital Revenue	\$41,309
Net Assets, Released from Restrictions	\$23,067
Increase Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$18,242
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$509,774
Net Assets, End of Year	\$508,920

DORSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year 2018 was again one of significant and varied activity for the Dorset Historical Society. Your Historical Society continued to play a major role in the cultural calendar of the Dorset community, and this year we worked in close collaboration with the Dorset Town Office, the Library and the local schools.

Our well attended Third Thursday monthly luncheon lectures by an interesting group of speakers (mostly local residents) covered many topics of local historical interest. Our museum exhibits this year included a depiction of Dorset textiles from the 1790's to 1970's, a description of historic homes along Church Street with photos of them through the years, work by Dorset artists of the 1800's, and photos from our Hunt Gilbert collection of Dorset scenes from the early twentieth century. Our permanent displays include Jessica Bond's artistry and stencil collections, Fenton Pottery, and our award winning display of the role played by marble in the history of Dorset.

Our community involvement in 2018 included working with area schools, and our sharing of programs with the Dorset Library. Our online maps of historic sites in Dorset grew, and can be found at our website under the heading "Dorset History GO!" We sponsored three Dorset quarry walks during the summer, a hike along the Mad Tom Trail, and a walking tour of East Dorset. Our Ice Cream Social continued to attract a large crowd to the lawn at Bley House, and we were contributors to the Halloween celebration in Dorset.

Our annual membership appeal this year attracted 267 families from Dorset. Visitors who signed the guest book at Bley House came from 18 states and Ireland.

In 2019 you can look forward to several new exhibits at Bley House.

The Board of Directors of the Dorset Historical Society

	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Membership Income	\$39,951.00	\$28,000.00
Museum Proceeds	1,136.50	1,550.00
Special Gifts	1,330.10	1,000.00
Dorset Town Grant	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Income	\$49,917.60	\$38,050.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Programs and Exhibits	\$ 4,735.39	\$ 6,400.00
Newsletters	2,046.87	3,000.00
Administration	12,894.82	13,525.00
Facilities	6,152.76	9,225.00
Utilities	<u>2,989.80</u>	<u>2,700.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$28,819.64	\$34,850.00
NOTE – Dorset Town Support	\$ 7,500.00 (provided)	\$ 7,500.00 (requested)

VNA & HOSPICE

of the Southwest Region
Serving Bennington and Rutland Counties

Our family caring for your family since 1946

November 10th, 2017

Town of Dorset

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF DORSET:

In 2017, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, formerly known as Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice provided Bennington County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

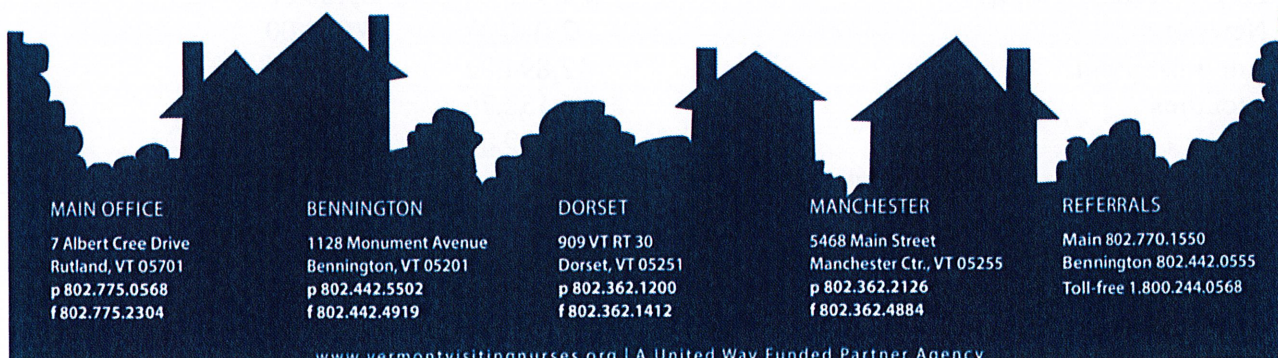
In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Bennington County's most vulnerable individuals.

In 2017, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 147,928 visits to 3,342 patients. In the town of Dorset, we provided 1,194 visits to 56 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director

Carrie Allen, President of the Board of Directors



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VNA & HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION, INC.

Statements of Operations

Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Operating revenue		
Patient service revenue	\$ 19,086,826	\$ 17,533,898
Provision for bad debts	<u>(186,500)</u>	<u>(158,000)</u>
Net patient service revenue	18,900,326	17,375,898
Net assets released from restriction for operations	11,551	9,913
Other operating revenue	<u>1,556,879</u>	<u>1,411,994</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>20,468,756</u>	<u>18,797,805</u>
Operating expenses		
Salaries and benefits	15,083,086	13,773,337
Other operating expenses	5,630,086	5,341,454
Depreciation	<u>162,008</u>	<u>171,373</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>20,875,180</u>	<u>19,286,164</u>
Operating loss	<u>(406,424)</u>	<u>(488,359)</u>
Other revenue and gains (losses)		
United Way and municipal appropriations	270,464	246,822
Contributions, net	352,918	442,748
Investment income	106,339	89,905
Net assets acquired from Manchester Health Services	1,089,192	-
Change in fair value of investments	477,268	161,239
Loss on disposal of assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,028)</u>
Total other revenue and gains (losses)	<u>2,296,181</u>	<u>930,686</u>
Excess of revenue and gains over expenses and losses and increase in unrestricted net assets	<u>\$ 1,889,757</u>	<u>\$ 442,327</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Bromley Observation Tower

The observation tower at the top of Bromley Mountain was taken down in June 2012, due to structural and safety concerns. The Green Mountain Club, Manchester Section, is spearheading the fundraising effort to rebuild the tower. As the previous tower was an asset in attracting tourists to this area, outdoor recreation is becoming an increasing draw for tourists to this area during all four seasons, and tourists are a major part of our economy, we request that the Town provide a one-time donation of \$2500 to the fund for reconstruction of the tower.

In 1959 Fred Pabst had a chairlift built to the top of Bromley Mountain to both serve the ski area in winter and bring tourists to the summit in summer. A wooden tower with a large viewing platform was built between 1960 and 1962 to provide a 360 degree unobstructed view of mountains in four states. In the spring of 2012, after 50 years of use by thousands of visitors, the tower was deemed structurally unsound and was removed.

On a clear day, visitors would see:

- South to Stratton Mountain, Glastenbury Mountain, Mt. Snow in Vermont and to Mount Greylock in Massachusetts.
- East to Okemo and Ascutney Mountains in Vermont and Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire
- North to Pico, Killington, Shrewsbury Mountains, Styles Peak, and Green Mountain in Vermont.
- Northeast to Mt. Mousilauke, New Hampshire and on a really clear day to the White Mountains of NH.

West to Mount Equinox, the Valley of Vermont, the Adirondacks, and Lakes George and Champlain.

The old tower also provided a platform above the tree canopy for bird watching. Some of the best bird watching happens from above tree canopy sites. Replacing the tower will bring back this excellent bird watching platform.

The summit of Bromley Ski Area is part of the Hapgood State Forest, managed by Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The Long Trail and the Appalachian Trail cross the summit of Bromley Mountain and are managed by the Green Mountain Club in Vermont. Bromley Resort, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the Green Mountain Club have been working over the last few years on a plan to replace the observation tower. Plans include a new tower of steel construction located about 20 feet north of the site of the previous tower.

The total cost to build the new tower is \$262,000.

As of December 31, 2018 we have raised \$229,299.

We are in the process of hiring the requisite engineering and construction personnel and beginning the permitting process. We are aiming to have the tower built in 2020, though with the permitting process this could be pushed back to 2021.

Thank you for considering this second request for support of the Bromley Observation Tower reconstruction, which will help us reach our final goal.

The Green Mountain Club

BENNINGTON COUNTY

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

“WORKING TOGETHER  MAKING A DIFFERENCE”

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless (BCCH) respectfully asks to be placed on the March 2019 Town Meeting ballot for funds in the amount of \$1000. The voters of Dorset have generously voted to support BCCH in the past and we hope they will do so again in the coming year.

BCCH gratefully acknowledges the Town of Dorset’s support for Bennington County families and individuals experiencing Homelessness. BCCH strives to prevent and end homelessness by providing emergency overnight shelter, short term emergency housing, and transitional housing. We are committed to providing more than just a bed. Our programming provides the building blocks necessary for people to become self-sufficient so that they may sustain permanent housing and remain independent. Because we strive for sustainable solutions, clients are required to participate in coordinated case management with our staff and partner agencies. Other offerings include life skills classes, employment readiness coaching, budgeting and credit repair.

BCCH currently houses 65 people each night in our two shelter facilities: 966 Main Emergency Shelter, Thatcher House Family Shelter. Of the 298 individuals we served last year, almost 52 were children in families. By day, 966 Main operates as a drop-in center where those in need can gain access to clothing, bedding, and personal care products. They are also able to utilize the kitchen and bathroom facilities, meet with a case manager, and use the computers to search and apply for employment opportunities.

A portion of the BCCH annual budget is made up of state grants. The remainder of the budget is made up of town funding appropriations, foundation grants, and donations from our community. Town participation is a crucial part of our annual budget and it is our hope that the Town of Arlington will include BCCH on the March ballot for town funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher Oldham
Executive Director
Bennington Coalition for the Homeless

**Bennington Coalition for the Homeless
2017 Operating Budget**

Bennington Coalition for the Homeless		Proposed 2018/2019 Operating Budget						Comments/Notes	
Bennington, Vermont		966	Thatcher	McCall	General	G & A	Total 2019	Total 2018	
a/c #	G/L Account	Main	House	House	Fund		Opr Budget	Opr Budget	
Operating Income:									
35221	OEO G/A Grant	\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 190,000	
35231	HUD-VSHA/COC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,064	2018 Last year of this grant
37203	ESFP formerly FEMA	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 19,000	Grant applied for
38101	Town Appropriation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ 28,000	\$ 31,750	
38212	Donations-Monetary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 52,495	
38207	Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,420	\$ -	\$ 30,420	\$ 65,000	
38315	Resident Rent & Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,400	\$ 4,000	
38511	Foundation Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 78,684	
38801	Gain/Loss on sale of Asset	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Total Income	\$ 99,500	\$ 87,500	\$ 38,400	\$ 58,420	\$ 5,000	\$ 373,820	\$ 496,993	
Operating Expenses:									
61201	Salaries-Regular	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
61202	Salaries-Direct Care	\$ 114,433	\$ 43,693	\$ 39,531	\$ -	\$ 10,403	\$ 208,060	\$ 272,964	(with 3% proposed increase)
61212	Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
63101	FICA Match	\$ 7,095	\$ 2,709	\$ 2,451	\$ -	\$ 645	\$ 12,255	\$ 16,925	formula, based on salaries
63102	MEDI Match	\$ 1,659	\$ 634	\$ 573	\$ -	\$ 151	\$ 2,865	\$ 3,958	formula, based on salaries
63511	State U/E	\$ 4,806	\$ 1,835	\$ 1,660	\$ -	\$ 437	\$ 8,302	\$ 11,465	BCH unemployment rate is 8.4%
63521	Workers Compensation	\$ 1,048	\$ 400	\$ 362	\$ -	\$ 95	\$ 1,810	\$ 2,500	formula, based on salaries
64101	Legal & Accounting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,400	\$ 14,400	\$ 29,000	
64105	Consulting Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
65110	Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	
65120	Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 500	
65415	Staff Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	
65210	Equipment Maint/Repairs	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200	
65220	Equipment Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 430	\$ 430	\$ 830	
65230	Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
65320	Computer & /Software Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 250	
65410	Meetings/Trainings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
65420	Dues/Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	Chamber membership
65441	Insurance D&O	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	
65442	Insurance General Liability	\$ -	\$ 950	\$ 950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	
65450	Office Supplies	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	ofc supplies, bank fees, misc
65456	Fundraising Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,000	
65458	Public Relations/Marketing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	
66101	Program Supplies	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	
66105	Client Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	Increase - serving more people (bus tk/deposit assistance)
66106	Program Support Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	Turning Point-Collaborative pass thru
67211	Staff Travel Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
67212	Staff Mileage Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	
68101	Building Rental	\$ -	\$ 28,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,500	\$ 29,700	
68200	Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,050	\$ 7,970	

**Bennington Coalition for the Homeless
2017 Operating Budget**

Bennington Coalition for the Homeless		Proposed 2018/2019 Operating Budget						Comments/Notes	
Bennington, Vermont		966	Thatcher	McCall	General	G & A	Total 2019	Total 2018	
a/c #	G/L Account	Main	House	House	Fund		Opr Budget	Opr Budget	
68320	Heat/Fuel	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500	
68331	Water/Sewer	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	
68332	Trash Removal	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,100	
68410	Building Repairs/Maint	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	Reset aside amount mthly to BOB as reserve
68510	Building Depreciation	\$ 8,172	\$ -	\$ 15,267	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,439	\$ 19,118	
68510	Building Insurance	\$ 3,032	\$ -	\$ 1,230	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,262	\$ 4,263	waiting on Ins. Binder from L & T
68620	Mortgage Interest	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,380	
	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 164,345	\$ 99,721	\$ 85,574	\$ -	\$ 43,511	\$ 392,222	\$ 496,993	
	Admin Allocation								
	Total Expenses	\$ 164,345	\$ 99,721	\$ 85,574	\$ -	\$ 43,511	\$ 392,222	\$ 496,993	
	Operating Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ (64,845)	\$ (12,221)	\$ (47,174)	\$ 58,420	\$ (88,511)	\$ -	\$ -	

BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS





Northshire Rescue Squad
P.O. Box 26

Manchester Center, VT 05255

Phone 802-362-1995 Fax 802-362-8175

Email: NorthshireRescue@gmail.com

Manchester Rescue Squad, Inc, operating under the name Northshire Rescue Squad (NRS), is a private non-profit organization that provides primary EMS coverage to Manchester, Dorset, Danby, Mt. Tabor and parts of Winhall as well as mutual aid coverage to neighboring EMS services.

We still provide the communities we serve with paramedic level service and strive to keep abreast of the ever changing medical technology available for the pre-hospital setting. NRS prides itself with having the most technologically advanced equipment available.

In addition to providing emergency medical coverage, mutual aid to neighboring EMS services and scheduled medically necessary transfers when available, NRS also provides education to the community in the form of CPR, AED (Automated External Defibrillation) and First Aid courses.

Call per town fiscal year 2017-2018

Arlington	21	Rupert	1
Bennington (SVMC)	7	Rutland (RRMC)	7
Danby	89	Sandgate	2
Dorset	148	So. Poultney	1
East Dorset	49	Stratton	2
Granville	1	Sunderland	1
Londonderry	1	Tinmouth	3
Manchester	837	Winhall	21
Mount Tabor	9	Perkinsville	1
Pawlet	2	Wallingford	1
Peru	3	West Pawlet	2
		Total	1209

Michael Casey, NRP



Northshire Rescue Squad Town Report Update

NRS strives to provide the highest quality professional emergency services / personnel for all our residents. This is particularly important since we are located a good distance from the hospitals serving our communities.

Unfortunately, being a long distance from hospitals makes it challenging for any EMS provider to make ends meet.

While we strive to operate as efficiently as possible, Medical Receipts only cover a bit more than half of operating costs.

We rely greatly on support from the residents of our communities in the form of Annual Fund contributions & Subscriptions – typically covering more than 20% of total costs. Financial support from our Towns roughly covers an additional 20% of costs – keeping our doors open, and allowing us to be there when our neighbors are in need.

If you are not already enrolled in our Subscription Program and/or wish to contribute to our Annual Fund – please go to NorthshireRescue.org to learn more.

<u>Northshire Rescue Squad - 2017/18 Financial Results</u>		
Income		
Medical Receipts		\$496,498
Medicare Provider Tax		-\$16,192
Municipal Support - Appropriations		\$185,779
Community Support		
Annual Fund & Subscription Donations		\$94,811
Subscriptions		\$80,075
Investment Income		\$13,072
Miscellaneous Income		\$4,977
Total Income		\$859,020
Expenses		
Wages (Medical Staff)		\$450,737
Payroll Taxes		\$34,195
Employee Medical Insurance / Benefits		\$63,689
Insurance (W/C, Property, etc.)		\$52,486
Accounting & Bookkeeping		\$10,750
Billing - medical services		\$55,370
Occupancy Costs (incl. \$43,000 rent)		\$61,026
Dispatch - Town of Manchester		\$62,000
Vehicles Maintenance/Repairs		\$25,746
Medical Equipment & Supplies		\$29,846
Communications/Repairs		\$5,107
Total Education		\$1,279
Total Office Supplies/Software		\$4,745
Uniforms		\$4,853
PR/Fundraising/Postage & Printing		\$4,302
Depreciation		\$35,764
Misc Expense		\$7,629
Total Expense		\$909,436
Net Income / Loss		-\$50,416

Northshire Rescue Squad is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. You can find out more about the Squad at NorthshireRescue.org and follow us & Like us on Facebook @NorthshireRescue.



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Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary on May 5, 2018 with 22,700 volunteers participating and 225 tons of litter collected throughout the state. Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's help to continue the annual tradition of cleaning up our roadways and waterways, while promoting civic pride. The tradition of Green Up Day began in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May 2020.

Green Up Vermont also offers a statewide educational component for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit [**www.greenupvermont.org**](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from cities and towns is an essential part of our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, an educational component, and promotional outreach.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate sponsors and individual donors. Individuals can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [**www.greenupvermont.org**](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Keep in touch with Green Up Vermont news by joining our newsletter, liking us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and following our blog by visiting our website.

Save the dates: Green Up Day, May 4, 2019 and 50th Anniversary Celebration, May 2, 2020. A Vermont tradition since 1970!

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is pleased to announce the 22nd year of funding for towns to improve fire suppression capabilities. The goals of the program are to:

- Save lives, by reducing response time and improving both public and firefighter safety.
- Enable fire fighters to have quicker, easier, and safer year round drafting capability.
- Reduce risks to property and natural resources, both public and private.
- Lower insurance premiums, both public and private.

GRANT INFO:

- The maximum grant award is \$5,000 per project/system. 25% local match is required.
- The installation of new dry hydrants & other types of rural water supplies is still the priority of the program, but eligible projects also include repair/upgrade, replacement, relocation of existing rural water supplies, and new in 2019 is "drafting site" development, whether previously grant funded or not.
- We have application deadlines of February 1st, April 1st, June 1st, and August 1st, 2019. Please submit your application(s) by the appropriate deadline and it will be processed in the order it was received.
- We no longer mail unsolicited application packets to Fire Departments and Towns. Please visit www.vacd.org/programs/rural-fire-protection and download the application packet or contact Troy Dare, Program Manager, at 802-828-4582 - dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com to have an application packet mailed to you.

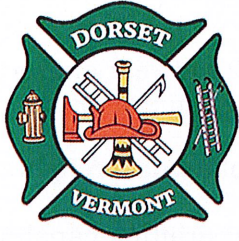
Vermont Towns & Fire Departments are eligible for grant funding. If approved for funding, after sites have been assessed, designed, and estimated, two signed agreements will be required:

1. Landowner authorization if the project is to be constructed on privately-owned land. Please see the example included in this packet. An editable version is available online at www.vacd.org/rfp.
2. A grant agreement between the Town or FD and VACD that outlines the project implementation plan, final award amount, and approved budget.

Project completion will involve submitting:

- Total project expense documentation including local match and copies of invoices & receipts.
- Project photos before, during, and after completion.
- News article or other public announcement summarizing the project.
- Final inspection that includes: a maintenance log started with results from the first back-flush and test of the system, proper guard posts, signage, painting of any exposed PVC pipe, and any other site specific requirements such as water source capacity and access.

Troy Dare
Manager & Engineering Technician
Rural Fire Protection Program
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
14 Crab Apple Ridge, Randolph, VT 05060
Cell: (802) 828-4582 - dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com & www.vacd.org



Dorset Fire District #1



In 2018, the firemen of the Dorset Fire District #1 logged a total of 726.5 hours of in-house training and an additional 112 hours of training at the Vermont State Fire School.

Fire Chiefs

Chief: Shawn Hazelton
 1st Assistant: Colin Stabile
 2nd Assistant Joe Clark

Prudential Committee

Ben Weiss: Chairman
 Roger Squire: Treasurer
 Abbott deRham
 Milton McWayne
 Steve Jones

The Dorset Fire District #1 serves over 1000 property owners in the Town of Dorset and operates the Dorset Water Company, providing water to approximately 180 customers. Our next annual meeting will be held on May 13, 2019.

The fire department responded to 122 calls in 2018, with the following breakdown:

Type of Call	Amount
Accident with Injuries	10
Brush Fires	5
CO ² Alarm	7
CO ² Problem	3
EMS Assist	6
Fire Alarms:	
Cooking	4
False Alarms	19
Fireplace	3
Other	14
Furnace Malfunction	1
Good Intent Calls	5
Hazmat	4
Mutual Aid:	
East Dorset	15
Manchester	7
Rupert	1
Danby	2
Pawlet	1
Wells	1
West Pawlet	1
Smoke Condition	1
Structure Fire	3
Trees Down in Road	1
Trees on Wires	1
Vehicle Fire	0
Wires Down	5
TOTAL	122

DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1-FIRE DIVISION 2019/2020

	FY18 FINAL	FY19 BUDGET	FY19 TO DATE	FY20 BUDGET
REVENUES				
DEL. FIRE TAX	\$17,101.34	\$0.00	\$2,513.44	\$0.00
INTEREST	\$414.01	\$0.00	\$65.19	\$0.00
TOWN APPRO.	\$179,898.00	\$179,898.00	\$89,994.00	\$179,650.00
MISC.	\$2,001.00	\$0.00	\$4,041.25	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$199,414.35	\$179,898.00	\$96,613.88	\$179,650.00
ADVERTISEMENTS	\$196.11	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
FIRE PREVENTION	\$ 1,045.91	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
INSURANCE	\$ 14,264.25	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 13,249.49	\$ 17,250.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,009.99	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 997.57	\$ 1,100.00
POSTAGE & PRINTING	\$ 251.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 80.82	\$ 200.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 6,022.50	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 27,000.00
CLERK/MGR FEES	\$ 1,612.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,797.50	\$ 10,000.00
DAM FEE	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DISPATCH CONTRACT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,900.00	\$ -
FUEL	\$ 1,892.43	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 803.19	\$ 2,000.00
EQUIP - MAINT.	\$ 30,723.83	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,785.09	\$ 20,000.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,339.17	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,413.56	\$ 20,000.00
TRUCK PAYMENT	\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
TRUCK SINKING FUND	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 33,688.00	\$ 33,688.00	\$ 34,750.00
FIRE HOUSE MAINT.	\$ 11,311.54	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,149.62	\$ 10,000.00
FIRE HOUSE SUPPLIES	\$ 568.12	\$ 300.00	\$ 111.94	\$ 300.00
UTILITIES	\$ 12,464.28	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 5,443.06	\$ 10,500.00
DUES/TRAINING	\$ 7,416.79	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 782.18	\$ 5,400.00
MEALS	\$ 43.29	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,284.00	\$ 3,500.00
FEC	\$ 11,680.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,500.00
PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 967.04	\$ 3,150.00	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00
MISC. EXPENSE	\$ 279.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 5.72	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 178,287.75	\$ 179,888.00	\$ 108,741.74	\$ 179,650.00



East Dorset Fire District #1

East Dorset Firefighters responded to the following calls in 2018:

Mutual Aid:

79	Calls in Dorset District	
14	Calls in Manchester	
14	Calls in Danby	
1	Call in Rupert	
1	Call to Assist Northshire Rescue	

East Dorset Fire Department Response for 2018:

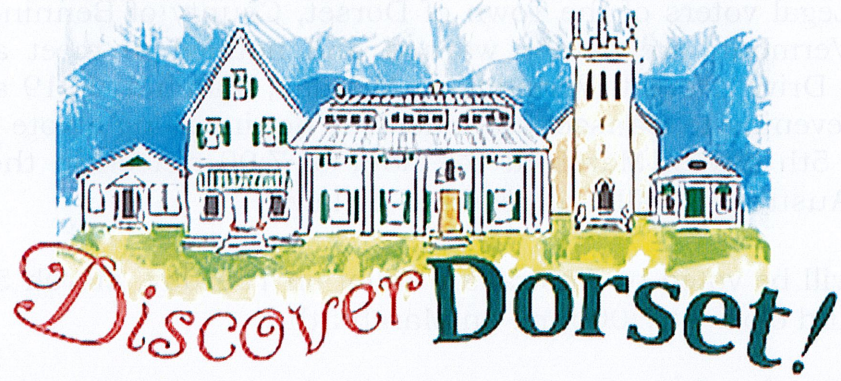
1	Woods Rescue	1	Burn Pot on Stove
1	Wire in Roadway	9	Automobile Accidents
3	Structure Fires	1	Uncontrolled Burn
3	Alarm Calls	1	Power Surges

The Fire Department is always in need of additional members. As the Chief of the Department, I would like to thank the members of the Department for the time they give to the community.

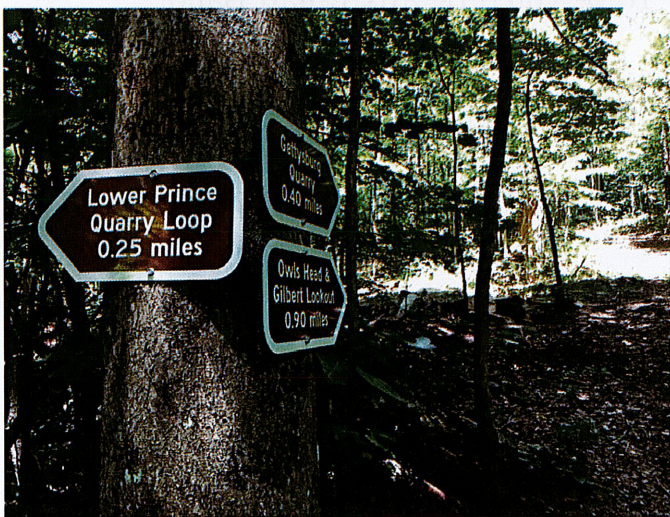
Howard Towsley, Jr.
Chief

EAST DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1 ~ FIRE DIVISION

ACCT. #	EDFD #1 COMPARATIVE BUDGET	BUDGET FY19	ACTUAL FY19	BUDGET FY19/20
FIREHOUSE				
2000	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,363.48	\$ 7,500.00
2100	UTILITIES	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,817.37	\$ 7,000.00
2200	SUPPLIES	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
2201	ALARM MAINTENANCE			\$ 2,000.00
APPARATUS				
3000	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,024.47	\$ 10,000.00
3001	NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,357.75	\$ 15,000.00
3002	FUEL	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,742.35	\$ 5,000.00
3003	RADIOS	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,336.95	\$ 3,000.00
3005	TRUCK SINKING FUND	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
3006	TRUCK PAYMENT	\$ 35,017.00	\$ 35,017.19	\$ 35,017.00
PERSONNEL				
4000	PROTECTIVE GEAR	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,118.77	\$ 7,000.00
4001	AIR BOTTLES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
4002	DUES/TRAINING	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 652.00	\$ 1,500.00
4004	MEALS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
4200	FEC	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,859.52	\$ 8,500.00
ADMINISTRATION				
5000	PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,550.00
5001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 900.00	\$ 851.00	\$ 900.00
5005	ADVERTISEMENTS	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
5200	INSURANCE	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 5,525.42	\$ 19,000.00
5201	ADMINISTRATION/CHIEF	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5202	FIRE PREVENTION	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
5203	AUDIT	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
	TOTALS	\$ 144,067.00	\$ 94,666.27	\$ 146,817.00



Town Warning & Budget





2019 Town of Dorset, Vermont Warning

Legal voters of the Town of Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset, Vermont on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot, and on the 5th day of March at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law.

ARTICLES 2 & 4 will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 5th. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on March 5th.

Article 1. To hear and accept reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same.

Article 2. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot. Officers to be elected as follows:

- Moderator, Town..... 1 year term
- Selectman..... 3 year term
- Selectman..... 1 year term
- Selectman..... 1 year term
- First Constable 1 year term
- Town Agent..... 1 year term

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the collection of property taxes in two (2) installments on September 10, 2019 and March 10, 2020. Payments not received will be subject to 1% interest on September 14, 2019 and 1% interest and 8% penalty on March 14, 2020?

Article 4. Shall the voters approve the recorded Select Board's official budget as submitted with the Town report? To be voted by Australian Ballot.

Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROCC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?

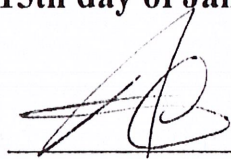
Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?

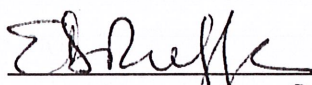
- Article 9.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?
- Article 10.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?
- Article 11.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to the Dorset Historical Society to support its activities and continued efforts to serve as a cultural resource to our community?
- Article 12.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- Article 13.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region (formerly known as Dorset Nursing Association) for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 14.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery?
- Article 15.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) for support and defray of costs related to videotaping and television cable cast of the Select Board, School Board, and other municipal meetings?
- Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to The Collaborative for support of its substance free events and educational programs to middle and high school youth?
- Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to the Dorset Marble Preservation Association for the purpose of restoring Dorset's marble sidewalks?
- Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Players Inc. to help sustain the property maintenance fund for the ongoing repairs to the Dorset Playhouse? By Petition
- Article 21:** To transact any other business, to properly come before this meeting.

So approved on this 15th day of January, 2019. By the Dorset Select Board.

Henry L Chandler



Elizabeth Ruffa



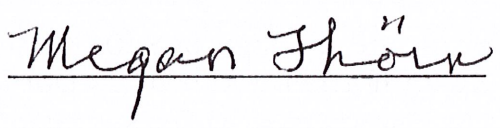
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Thomas Smith



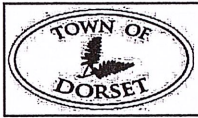
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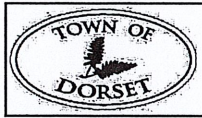
Town of Dorset
Town Budget FY2020

	Previous/ Current Year			Upcoming Year
	FY18	FY18	FY19	FY20
	Adopted Budget	Actual Budget	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget
Selectboard				
Selectboard Salaries	6,300.00	6,600.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
Misc Expense	400.00	994.45	400.00	400.00
Legal Expense	7,500.00	24,399.88	7,500.00	12,500.00
Tax Sale Expense	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	1,200.00
Recording Clerk	-	107.84	-	-
VLCT Dues	3,295.00	3,295.00	3,366.00	3,400.00
Total Selectboard:	18,695.00	35,397.17	18,766.00	23,800.00
Town Manager's Office				
Town Manager Salary	75,000.00	77,884.74	79,500.00	81,885.00
Administrative Assistant Salary	50,000.00	63,192.43	53,000.00	55,000.00
TM Clerk Expense	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
TM Office Expense	3,500.00	3,587.58	3,500.00	3,800.00
Vehicle Expense Reimbursement	3,500.00	3,350.49	3,500.00	3,500.00
TM Phone - Life Insurance	1,200.00	1,100.00	1,200.00	2,500.00
Training - Travel - Dues	2,500.00	1,656.26	2,500.00	2,500.00
Postage	2,300.00	4,453.22	2,300.00	3,500.00
TM Fund	1,800.00	782.85	1,800.00	2,000.00
Total Town Manager's Office:	140,050.00	156,007.57	147,550.00	154,935.00
Town Clerk & Elections				
Town Clerk Salary	56,000.00	56,417.10	57,700.00	63,000.00
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	9,500.00	7,953.75	9,500.00	9,500.00
Office Expense	2,000.00	2,025.99	2,000.00	2,000.00
Record Preservation	3,000.00	2,644.61	3,000.00	3,000.00
Postage	700.00	471.50	700.00	700.00
Training - Travel - Dues	3,000.00	2,992.22	3,000.00	3,000.00
Vault Preservation Projects	8,500.00	9,871.43	5,500.00	5,500.00
BCA Worker Salary	800.00	180.00	1,200.00	600.00
BCA Expense	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Town Meeting Expense	600.00	1,197.75	1,200.00	500.00
Ballot Printing	600.00	318.60	1,200.00	700.00
Tabulator Programming	2,000.00	-	3,000.00	1,500.00
Tabulator Maintenance	-	537.00	-	-
BCA Postage	250.00	20.40	250.00	150.00
BCA - State Abatements	250.00	1,862.59	250.00	250.00
Total Town Clerk & Elections:	87,300.00	86,492.94	88,600.00	90,500.00
Town Treasurer & Outside Audit				
Treasurer Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
Postage	500.00	395.00	500.00	500.00
Outside Audit	12,500.00	11,600.00	12,000.00	12,500.00
Town Report Printing - Mailing	3,200.00	1,724.72	4,000.00	3,000.00
Total Treasurer & Audit:	19,200.00	16,719.72	19,600.00	19,100.00



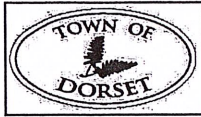
**Town of Dorset
Town Budget FY2020**

	Previous/ Current Year			Upcoming Year
	FY18	FY18	FY19	FY20
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Proposed
Assessors				
Assessors Salaries	65,000.00	52,784.76	66,500.00	68,000.00
Reappraisal Expense	-	34,053.38	95,000.00	95,000.00
Office Expense	1,500.00	2,757.66	1,500.00	1,500.00
Mileage	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Training - Travel - Dues	1,000.00	515.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tax Mapping	1,000.00	-	500.00	500.00
Computer - Software Support	3,500.00	4,417.27	3,500.00	3,800.00
Postage	500.00	533.79	300.00	500.00
Total Assessors:	73,500.00	95,061.86	169,300.00	171,300.00
Planning & Zoning				
Zoning Administrator Salary	23,000.00	21,095.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
ZBA Clerk	500.00	170.00	500.00	300.00
PC Clerk	500.00	64.64	500.00	300.00
DRB Clerk	1,800.00	533.35	1,800.00	1,200.00
Office Expense	2,000.00	524.72	2,000.00	1,800.00
Planning Consultant	5,000.00	5,554.76	6,000.00	6,500.00
Mileage	800.00	974.60	800.00	850.00
Training - Travel - Dues	800.00	155.00	800.00	600.00
Postage	500.00	114.62	500.00	400.00
Ads - Printing - Notices	1,800.00	1,643.02	1,800.00	1,800.00
Regional Planning	3,667.00	3,667.00	3,741.00	3,825.00
DRB Expense	500.00	-	500.00	300.00
Board Education Expense	800.00	-	800.00	800.00
Total Town Manager's Office:	41,667.00	34,496.71	42,741.00	41,675.00
Town Office Building				
General Office Expense	3,200.00	4,804.86	3,500.00	6,000.00
Equipment	1,500.00	1,055.84	6,500.00	2,500.00
Town Website	250.00	245.25	375.00	375.00
Heat	2,500.00	2,919.67	2,200.00	2,800.00
Electric	2,000.00	1,344.60	1,800.00	1,800.00
Phone	2,500.00	3,161.46	2,800.00	3,000.00
Water	750.00	643.70	834.00	750.00
Maintenance	8,500.00	7,781.78	6,000.00	6,500.00
Town Office Renovation Study	2,000.00	937.50	-	-
Total Town Office Building:	23,200.00	22,894.66	24,009.00	23,725.00
Public Safety				
Constable	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
Animal Control	1,500.00	432.80	1,500.00	2,500.00
Health Officer	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,800.00
ACO/ Constable Expense	400.00	50.00	400.00	400.00
Law Enforcement	102,000.00	101,991.50	102,000.00	105,000.00
Radar - Speed Signs	-	10,547.90	-	-
ACO/ Constable Mileage	200.00	11.77	200.00	200.00
Street Lighting	11,000.00	10,773.14	11,000.00	11,500.00
Animal Boarding Fees	600.00	-	600.00	600.00
East Dorset Fire District - Fire Contract	144,067.00	144,067.00	144,067.00	146,360.00
Dorset Fire District - Fire Contract	179,888.00	179,938.00	179,888.00	179,888.00
Fire Dispatch & Appropriations	-	-	-	10,200.00
Northshire Rescue Squad	38,500.00	38,082.00	44,382.00	45,762.00
Total Public Safety:	479,555.00	487,094.11	485,437.00	504,410.00



Town of Dorset
Town Budget FY2020

	Previous/ Current Year			Upcoming Year
	FY18	FY18	FY19	FY20
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Proposed
Insurance & Bonds				
Health Insurance - Current Employees	103,700.00	102,571.10	115,000.00	121,500.00
Health Insurance - Former Employees	33,500.00	30,683.05	32,000.00	22,500.00
Dental Insurance	6,800.00	6,540.77	6,600.00	6,600.00
Vision Insurance	-	-	-	-
PACIF Insurance	51,000.00	47,970.50	53,500.00	50,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	-	-	-	-
Total Insurance & Bonds:	195,000.00	187,765.42	207,100.00	200,600.00
General Services				
Payroll Taxes	37,700.00	38,887.86	38,500.00	41,000.00
Employee Retirement - VMERS	23,200.00	24,296.41	23,200.00	25,500.00
Recreation - Staff & Events	-	-	-	25,000.00
Recreation - Programs	50,000.00	53,064.88	50,000.00	50,000.00
VYCC Internship	-	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
NATs Trails Support	-	-	-	10,000.00
Wilson House - East Dorset Village Expense	-	-	-	-
Green Space & Streets	3,500.00	3,353.61	3,500.00	3,500.00
Mad Tom Garden	-	-	-	-
Marble Sidewalks Expense	-	-	-	-
Old Cemetery Maintenance	600.00	932.83	600.00	1,000.00
Solid Waste Expense	24,000.00	15,237.44	22,000.00	20,000.00
Interest Expense	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
County Tax	49,000.00	50,489.46	50,000.00	51,000.00
Employee Christmas	700.00	700.00	700.00	800.00
Contingency	2,000.00	275.15	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bank Service Charge	200.00	54.00	200.00	200.00
Town Event - Picnics	2,500.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Forest Expense	-	5,670.00	-	-
Raptor Lane Expense	-	102,219.50	-	10,000.00
Total General Services:	195,900.00	295,181.14	220,200.00	269,500.00
Budgeted Appropriations				
East Dorset Fire Department	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	-
Dorset Fire Department	-	-	-	-
Memorial Day	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
July 4th	-	-	-	-
East Dorset Fire Dispatch	3,500.00	3,600.00	3,800.00	-
Dorset Fire Dispatch	3,500.00	3,600.00	3,800.00	-
Green Up Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Northern VT Conservation District	-	-	-	-
Dorset Economic Development	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	20,000.00
Conservation Commission Association	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Bennington County Industrial Corp.	-	-	2,031.00	2,031.00
Total Budgeted Appropriations:	12,650.00	9,750.00	15,281.00	22,781.00



Town of Dorset
Town Budget FY2020

	Previous/ Current Year			Upcoming Year
	FY18	FY18	FY19	FY20
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Proposed
Highway Department				
Road Crew Wages	194,000.00	199,258.22	203,000.00	210,000.00
Overtime Wages	21,500.00	24,171.81	21,500.00	22,500.00
DOT Testing	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Equipment Replacement Fund	145,000.00	145,000.00	155,000.00	175,000.00
Town Garage Electric	2,500.00	3,378.59	2,000.00	2,500.00
Town Garage Water	725.00	728.00	550.00	725.00
Town Garage Maintenance	3,500.00	1,369.89	3,000.00	3,000.00
Route 30 Garage Re-build	60,000.00	60,000.00	50,000.00	-
Equipment Repairs - Supplies & Parts	40,000.00	53,628.32	40,000.00	45,000.00
Fuel - Gas - Diesel - Oils	42,000.00	44,270.33	40,000.00	42,000.00
Federal Fuel Tax	-	463.36	-	-
State Fuel Tax	-	-	-	-
Trees - Mowing	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	5,000.00
Training - Safety	500.00	60.00	500.00	500.00
Highway phones	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Gravel Road Surfaces	28,000.00	17,594.77	28,000.00	28,000.00
Highway Construction Reserves	100,000.00	100,000.00	105,000.00	125,000.00
Cold Patch	100.00	102.32	100.00	100.00
Gravel Roads - Striping - Cracksealing	10,000.00	15,321.61	10,000.00	10,000.00
Storm Emergencies - Misc.	4,000.00	1,096.13	4,000.00	4,000.00
Engineering Expense	5,500.00	8,102.65	5,500.00	30,500.00
Lane Road Culvert Expense	-	-	-	-
Road Salt	70,000.00	72,015.27	70,000.00	70,000.00
Winter Sand - Gravel	38,000.00	30,940.38	38,000.00	38,000.00
Chloride	15,000.00	10,913.24	15,000.00	15,000.00
Culverts	1,500.00	497.76	1,500.00	1,500.00
Equipment Rental	800.00	-	800.00	800.00
Road Signs - Guardrails	1,200.00	2,031.63	1,200.00	1,200.00
Bridge Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
State - Road General Permit	1,500.00	240.00	1,500.00	1,800.00
Total Highway Department:	795,025.00	796,784.28	805,350.00	837,325.00
Voter Approved Appropriations				
BROC	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Homeless Coalition	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
RSVP	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	-
Council on Aging	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Center for Restorative Justice	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
PAVE	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Neighbor to Neighbor	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Dorset Historical Society	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Habitat for Humanity	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
School Facility Use Fee	76,000.00	76,000.00	76,000.00	-
Community Food Cupboard	-	-	-	-
East Dorset Cemetery	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
GNAT-TV	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Dorset Village Library	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
VNA & Hospice - Dorset Nursing	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
The Collaborative	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Dorset Marble Preservation Association	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Dorset Playhouse	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	20,000.00
Bromley Fire Tower	-	-	2,500.00	-
Total Voter Approved Appropriations:	173,700.00	173,700.00	174,700.00	114,200.00



**Town of Dorset
Town Budget FY2020**

	Previous/ Current Year			Upcoming Year
	FY18	FY18	FY19	FY20
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Proposed
DETAIL OF REVENUES - By Source				
Assessors Income	250.00	144.75	250.00	250.00
Town Clerk Fees	30,000.00	23,657.10	30,000.00	28,000.00
Vital Records	-	1,996.00	-	-
Penalty on Taxes	32,500.00	26,229.18	33,000.00	32,000.00
Town Forest Donations	-	-	-	-
Town Forest Grants	-	-	-	-
State Aid Highways	95,000.00	94,147.22	95,000.00	95,000.00
Liquor Licenses	850.00	1,270.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dog Licenses	1,800.00	2,488.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Animal Control Fines	-	-	-	-
Interest (Late Taxes)	35,000.00	55,219.87	35,000.00	35,000.00
Unanticipated Income	-	2,165.60	-	-
Mad Tom Garden Donations	-	-	-	-
Wilson House Donations	-	100.00	-	-
DMPA Donations	-	-	-	-
Zoning Income	9,000.00	12,955.12	9,000.00	10,000.00
State Owned Properties	22,500.00	25,195.61	21,500.00	22,000.00
Federal Owned Properties	12,500.00	15,267.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
State Land Use Tax	25,000.00	41,649.00	25,000.00	28,000.00
Current Use Tax	-	-	-	-
DFD No. 1 Agreement	-	11,712.47	12,000.00	13,500.00
Interest Revenue	2,500.00	2,300.60	2,500.00	2,500.00
Weight Permits	400.00	445.00	400.00	400.00
Solid Waste Revenue	-	100.00	-	-
Sale of Equipment	-	-	-	-
Traffic Fines	9,500.00	14,417.18	9,500.00	13,500.00
Municipal Education Grant	800.00	-	800.00	800.00
Better Backroads Grant	-	10,000.00	-	-
Storm Water Grant	-	7,901.51	-	-
Dorset Quarry Grant Revenue	-	-	-	-
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	-	34,053.38	95,000.00	95,000.00
Other Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Previous Year Surplus	65,000.00	65,000.00	53,012.00	15,000.00
Total Non - Property Tax Revenues	342,600.00	448,414.59	438,462.00	407,450.00
PROPERTY TAXES				
Town Budget Expense	2,255,442.00	2,397,345.58	2,418,634.00	2,473,851.00
Less Town Budget Revenues	342,600.00	448,414.59	438,462.00	407,450.00
Total Amount Taxed	1,912,842.00	1,948,930.99	1,980,172.00	2,066,401.00

ANNUAL REPORT NOTICE

The Taconic and Green Regional School District has produced an Annual Report that will be available to the public on Friday, February 15, 2019.

A Notice to Voters postcard was sent to the households of registered voters of Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland and Weston with annual meeting and report information at the end of January.

The report will include the following:

- Annual Meeting Warning
- School Board Report
- FY18 Year End Summaries for all Town School Districts
- FY20 Budget for the Taconic and Green Regional School District
- FY20 BRSU General Budget
- FY20 BRSU Special Education Budget
- BRSU Treasurer's Report
- Tax rate historical information for all towns
- Enrollment Report
- Audit Report
- Superintendent Report
- Principal Reports (Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland)
- Board Member information
- Board Goals and Norms
- Minutes from the Taconic and Green District Meeting in February 27, 2018

The Taconic and Green Annual Report will be available at the following:

- Online at <https://goo.gl/6TTm4J>
- Request via info@brsu.org or 362-2452
- Local Town Office
- Manchester Library
- Pick one up at one of the following Taconic and Green schools – Currier, Dorset, Flood Brook, Manchester, Sunderland
- Pick one up at the BRSU Office – 6378 VT Route 7A, Sunderland, VT Shaw's in Manchester

**Taconic & Green Regional School District Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7pm
Manchester Elementary Middle School**

2018 DORSET TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES

In accordance with the legally warned notice, the annual meeting of the Dorset Town School District, was called to order at the Dorset School, Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Dorset School to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

Kevin O'Toole, School Moderator called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. David Chandler, Schoolboard Chairman spoke to those in attendance. He explained that the school board as we have known it will cease at the end of this school year. Going forward, we are now part of the Taconic & Green School District. He thanked the Dorset residents for their support and encouraged the support in the new endeavor. There was no discussion. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Article 1. To elect two school directors for a term that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016.

Vickie Haskins	221
James Mirenda	232

2018 Town Meeting Minutes

In accordance with the legally warned notice, the annual meeting of the Town of Dorset was called to order by Moderator, Kevin O'Toole at the Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset, Vermont on Monday, March 5, 2018 at the hour of 7:02 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot, and on the 6th day of March at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law.

Article 1. To hear and accept reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same.

A motion was made by Lee Fox and seconded by Clarissa Lennox. Clarissa Lennox asked what the assessor does in a year where a reappraisal is being done. Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager explained that the assessor does the daily work while the appraiser will be doing the reappraisal work. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 2. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot. Officers to be elected as follows:

Moderator, Town.....1 year term	Kevin O'Toole..... 251
Selectman3 year term	Henry Chandler 251
Selectman1 year term	Elizabeth Ruffa 210
Selectman1 year term	Megan Thörn 214
First Constable.....1 year term	Ryan Matteson..... 233
Town Agent.....1 year term	Kevin O'Toole..... 250

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the collection of property taxes in two (2) installments on September 11, 2018 and March 12, 2019. Payments not received will be subject to 1% interest on September 15, 2018 and 1% interest and 8% penalty on March 16, 2019?

A motion was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by Bonnie Burke. With no discussion, the motion carried.

Article 4. Shall the voters approve the recorded Select Board's official budget as submitted with the Town report?

Terry Tyler asked about the \$76,000 budgeted for the School Facility Use Fee, and why are we still asking for this since we will not own the building as of June 1st. Rob Gaiotti explained that in the future we will be billed on an hourly basis and therefore monies were budgeted for this and any extra will be used for rehabbing the soccer field. Clarissa Lennox asked what the \$15,000 for the Marble Sidewalks is for. Rob Gaiotte explained that it will be used for repairs. She then asked about the increase in law enforcement coverage. Rob Gaiotti explained that the increase is due to having more coverage than we had in the past. Abbott DeRham then explained how money transferred from the general fund to cover costs of the school and money spent at the local level is less costly than having the school cover the costs. Jim Salsgiver then explained that the school facility fee will be approximately \$10,000 in the future. Terry Tyler asked if the land behind the school and in Manchester will be absorbed by the new school district. Jim Salsgiver explained that the plan is to sell the Kelleher Property (Manchester) and keep the land in back of the school for a backup septic system if ever needed.

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Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?

A motion was made by Lynne Worth and seconded Jordan Dickinson. By acclamation, the rules of the meeting were suspended and non-resident Sheila Mullineaux, spoke on behalf of BROC and explained that they assist many residents with weatherization, help residents find and maintain housing, help with taxes, meals on wheels and a variety of functions such as fuel assistance and help with electrical bills. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?

A motion was made by Ruth Stewart and seconded by Marilyn Kinney. Elizabeth Karet spoke on behalf of Neighbor to Neighbor. They currently serve about 80 residents in the region. They provide rides and companionship to many home bound residents. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?

A motion was made by John Levecchia and seconded by James Salsgiver. John Levecchia stated that they provide meals on wheels and have provided over 1,000 meals this past year. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?

A motion was made by Jordan Dickinson, and seconded by Rosalie Fox. Jordan Dickinson referred those in attendance to the report on page 27 of the Town Report. He then spoke of the court diversion program and asked the town to continue to support this great organization. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?

A motion was made by Ellen Maloney, and seconded by Katie Brooks. Ellen Maloney then spoke about the program and that they are the only providers of homeless shelters in Bennington County. They currently maintain three homes in Bennington, and have helped over 323 individuals this past year. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?

A motion was made by Sheila Childs and seconded by Katie Brooks. By acclamation, the rules of the meeting were suspended and non-resident Laura Wilcox spoke on their behalf and stated that 9 Dorset residents were served this past year. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 11. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to the Dorset Historical Society to support its activities and continued efforts to serve as a cultural resource to our community?

A motion was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by Marilyn Kinney. John Cave then spoke on behalf of the historical society. He corrected the town report on page 30 and stated that visitors from 31 states and 5 countries have come to visit the society. He thanked the town for its continued support. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?

A motion was made by Ruth Stewart, and seconded by James Salsgiver. Ruth Stewart then spoke and stated that their name has been changed to Bennington County Habitat for Humanity. They recently finished their 24th home in the county. They are always looking for more families to assist. With no further discussion, and motion carried.

Article 13. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region (formerly known as Dorset Nursing Association) for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?

A motion was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by David Sands. Terry Tyler then noted that the Dorset Nursing Association was rescued financially by RAVNA, the parent company of VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region. David Sands then spoke and stated that this is a great service to the town and they provide Hospice to many residents in our area with very little cost. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 14. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery?

A motion was made by Abbott DeRham and seconded by Terry Tyler. Abbott DeRham then spoke about the wear and tear on the cemeteries, and Ruth Stewart spoke that there are 6 old cemeteries in the town and this helps maintain the others as well as the East Dorset Cemetery. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 15. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?

A motion was made by Kit Wallace and seconded by John Cave. Alan Lindsey spoke on behalf of the Library. He then stated that the Library had another very successful year and many restoration projects have been completed on the building. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) for support and defray of costs related to videotaping and television cable cast of the Select Board, School Board, and other municipal meetings?

A motion was made by Chip Watson and seconded by Jordan Dickinson. Bob Niles spoke for GNAT and asked for support for its programs. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to The Collaborative for support of its substance free events and educational programs to middle and high school youth?

A motion was made by Sheila Childs, seconded by Abbott DeRham. Victoria Silsby spoke for the Collaborative. The Collaborative sponsors the Refuse to Use Program and free skate nights at Riley Rink for middle and high school students. With no further discussion, the motion carried

Article 18. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to the Dorset Marble Preservation Association for the purpose of restoring Dorset's marble sidewalks? By Petition.

A motion was made by Bill Faesy, seconded by Roger Squire. Roger Squire stated that there is approximately 6000 feet of marble sidewalks in Dorset and about 400 feet are in good shape. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 19. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Dorset Players Inc. to help defray the cost of maintaining the Dorset Playhouse at 104 Cheney Road?

A motion was made by Lynne Worth and seconded by May Soohoo. Elizabeth Karet asked the town for continued support and stated that the Playhouse is in its 90th year. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 20. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the replacement of the observation tower on Bromley Summit. (Located on the Long Trail, in State Forest Land and built with the supervision of the Green Mountain Club; the nonprofit whose volunteers are caretakers of the Long Trail)? By Petition.

A motion was made by Chris Brooks and seconded by Ruth Stewart. Katie Brooks spoke on their behalf and asked for support. Abbott DeRham asked what the total cost will be? Katie Brooks stated that the total cost is \$262,000. Rosalie Fox stated that she is not sure that Dorset should be funding something that is not in Dorset and not benefitting the residents of Dorset. Katie Brooks then stated that the trail in East Dorset does lead from the Mad Tom Notch to the proposed tower. Savannah DeRham then stated that most of the appropriations in the town are for elderly people and if you want younger people to be involved, you need to support activities for the younger population. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 21. Shall the voters adopt the following resolution?

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, flooding, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the town urges the State of Vermont to:

- a. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines.

2. That the town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:
 - a. Enlisting state support in weatherizing town buildings and schools and installing alternative energy, such as roof-top solar, to town structures.
 - b. Other initiatives to improve the quality of life while helping to reduce overall use of energy.

A motion was made by Rich Thompson-Tucker and seconded by Sanfra Weiss. Jonathan Fine stated that although this is an advisory vote, he strongly supports this resolution and believes this motion is the first step in the right direction. Clarissa Lennox asked if this was a goal for all citizens or just governmental buildings. The response was a goal for all of us by 2010. Letitia Scordino supports this resolution and hopes this resolution passes and that it is not taken lightly. By acclamation, the rules of the meeting were suspended to allow minors Kia Hansen & Aisha Navarrete to speak. Kia Hansen then spoke about her concerns for the future of our planet. Aisha Navarrete then spoke about the state of the earth and her concerns for her future and how our actions today will affect the earth for the next hundred years. Abbott DeRham then spoke that 90% is a large goal to state and for those who may want the change, will be against wind power, hydro power, or solar power. Ellen Maloney then stated the State of Vermont has put this goal in its Energy Plan. Kathleen DeRham stated her concern with the wording about the tick-borne diseases. Terry Tyler then stated his concerns with the wording and made a motion to amend the article and to remove number 1 of the resolution, seconded by John Cushman. Jim Hand stated that the goal is already there, we are simply urging the State to achieve the goal. Dan Rosen supported Jim Hand's comment. Letitia Scordino felt there is no reason to amend. The amendment failed. The original article then passed without any further discussion.

Article 22: To transact any other business, to properly come before this meeting.

Luanne Hardy made a motion and was seconded by Nancy Faesy. Luanne Hardy asked if the \$96,000 for the reappraisal cost was enough and where that figure was generated from. Rob Gaiotti spoke that this is half the cost and the balance will be in the next budget. Nancy Faesy spoke about the energy car show coming to Dorset in June. Rosanne Moran then thanked the Dorset School Board for their support of the school community. Elizabeth Karet also thanked the School Board.

A motion to recess until 7 am, March 6th was made by Kevin O'Toole at 8:40 p.m. He asked all those in attendance to please stay to hear the remarks of the School Board.



LONG TRAIL SCHOOL

We raise heroes. We expect our students to shape the arts, sciences and commerce of tomorrow, to build families and communities, and to make a difference. We here at Long Trail School, as students, faculty, staff, families and volunteers, look at ourselves not only as members of a school family but as stewards of the future.

For more than four decades, we have offered our students opportunities to self-challenge, learn and grow. Today we educate nearly 200 students from over 43 towns and 5 countries. Families seek us out for our unparalleled creative and intellectual challenges and embrace our respectful learning environment. A plurality of our students will be the first in the family to attend college.

As Vermont's first IB World School, we work to help all students embrace the world as learners who are:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

These qualities and skills will serve our students – and our communities - as they move beyond our campus. We strive every day to imbue students with a sense of purpose and place. In this regard, student organizations work with local agencies and faith groups to assist others. Fundraising for particular causes supplements volunteer hours to clean roadsides, spread holiday cheer and connect with town members. Our students team with community leaders to make a difference. They are becoming meaningful world citizens.

Thank you for caring about our students and school. We invite you to visit our campus. Please email Irene Goyette (igoyette@longtrailsschool.org) to set up a convenient time for you. You are welcome to reach me directly at slinfield@longtrailsschool.org or 802.867.5717.

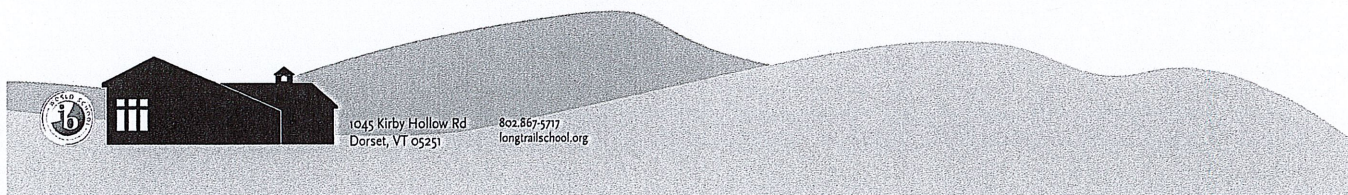
Grateful for the commitment of tuition funding from area towns, we remain committed to the children of this region who benefit greatly from the compelling educational experiences we offer. Your investment in a Long Trail education is an investment in the future of our communities and in the children of our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Seth Linfield, Head of School

John Moser, Board of Trustees, Acting Chair



Long Trail School
Statement of Operations
Years Ended June 30

	AUDITED 2016-2017	UN-AUDITED 2017-2018
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Total Tuition and Fees	\$3,687,705	\$3,742,597
Program Support Revenue	509,202	451,510
Financial Aid	(731,621)	(830,224)
Auxiliary Programs	48,818	47,648
Contributions**	377,770	319,644
Investment Income for Operations	147,928	168,287
Total Support & Revenue	<u>\$4,039,802</u>	<u>\$3,899,462</u>
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Educational and Supporting Programs	\$3,058,403	\$3,230,579
Auxiliary Services	34,199	34,849
Total Program Support	<u>3,092,602</u>	<u>3,265,428</u>
Supporting Services		
General Administration	958,861	1,075,975
Fundraising	154,803	168,487
Total Supporting Services	<u>1,113,664</u>	<u>1,244,462</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$4,206,266</u>	<u>\$4,509,890</u>
OTHER REVENUE AND GAINS	\$428,916	481,862
NET OPERATING RESULTS	\$262,452	(\$128,566)

**The 2017-2018 Contribution Line does not include the pass through amounts that: recognize the pledge to cover construction of the fieldhouse nor the restricted contributions for the bond retirement.



Dear Sending Town Voters:

We are pleased to submit to you our 2019-2020 sending town tuition of \$17,490, which constitutes a 2.49% increase from the current year. This compares with our tuition for non-sending towns of \$19,490.

We arrived at this sending town tuition number based on our strong desire to continue to be a source of strength to our sending communities. Our primary cost drivers, teacher salaries and benefits, will increase at 2.8% and over 11%, respectively, but we are confident we can cover this gap through additional fundraising and prudent cost management.

BBA's tuition has increased 2.3% annually since the 2015-2016 school year, and over the last decade, the average increase is 2.74%. These figures represent not only our immediate sensitivity to the cost pressures faced statewide, but our long-term commitment to maintaining affordability.

During the past decade, thanks to our capital fundraising efforts, we have invested millions of dollars in facilities. We have created special programming at the Mountain Campus and the Dene Farm at Hildene, invested in sound and projection systems in our Riley Center for the Arts, purchased Steinway pianos, and more. We became an iPad school and have put iPads in the hands of every single student, expanded athletic offerings, constructed a state of the art turf field, renovated our fitness center, and now we embark on a \$20 million building program to expand our capacity, enhance academic offerings, and provide more space together as a community.

In addition, most recently we raised \$100,000 at our fundraising gala in May to directly support public elementary schools by creating an education innovation fund.

We raise close to \$1 million annually to support operations, and we augment annual fundraising with an endowment draw of approximately \$800,000. Additionally, we bring in students from around the globe to enhance cultural diversity and understanding while providing \$3 million in additional revenues.

BBA provides outstanding educational opportunities to young people in our communities. We strive to be a source of strength to our communities, and the support we receive from these communities is one of the greatest sources of strength for our school.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster

Seth Bongartz
Chair of the Board



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